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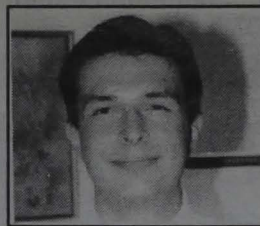
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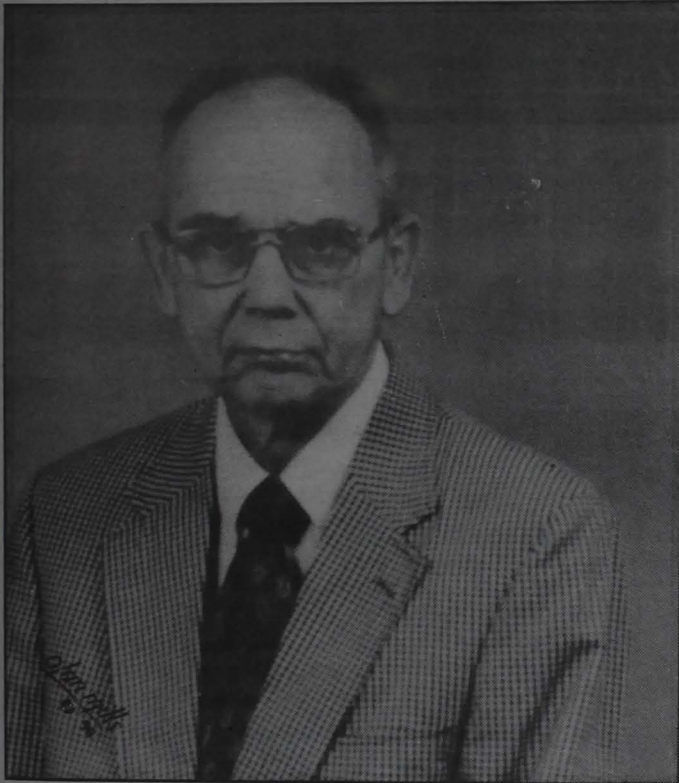
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MEMORIUM FOR DR. JOHN A. CHISLER

By Eric Ware

Dr. John A. Chisler, former science Professor at Glenville

sion. Memorial services were held at Ellyson Mortuary at



Dr. John Chisler

Photo contributed

State College, died Friday, Sept. 13, 1996, after a short illness, in Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Chisler completed his undergraduate and doctoral work at The Ohio State University after attending Glenville State. Chisler recently retired from GSC with 31 years of service, of which he served as chairman of the Math and Science Divi-

Glenville, with Rev. Richard Van Horn officiating, and at Alderson Baptist Church at Craigsville.

Surviving family members include: wife, Ruth Creasy Chisler; daughters, Jennifer Borsch and Judy Halbrook; mother, Helen Wilson Chisler; sisters, Mary Jones of Spencer, Patty Ellis of Clarksburg, Ann Brady of Manassas; and six grandchildren.



Photo by Gene Breza

The Geo Metro and the Chevy Lumina after Monday's accident.

Rash of Accidents at GSC

By Gene Breza

At approximately 9a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, Jill Harmon and Kim Bennett were headed to Charleston from Glenville on Route 5. They were at the beginning of the recruiting season for GSC.

Around the bend past Trio Petroleum and before the upper entrance to the new Gilmer Co. industrial park, they ran into a new, green Geo Metro. Out of control, sliding backwards and sideways across the yellow line into other lane, Harmon and Bennett had no choice but to collide with the Metro.

Luckily for the driver of the Metro, the collision crushed the rear of the car on the driver's side. It was crushed nearly in

half. Damage to the college vehicle was to the front end. Both vehicles are said to be a total loss. Firefighters arriving on the scene took the driver of the Metro to a hospital for evaluation.

Harmon and Bennett were taken to Med Brook Medical Center in Bridgeport and given X-rays with a check up. Bennett complains of shoulder and back pain and Harmon is bothered by knee and back pain. They were out on the road the next day recruiting.

There is a report of an accident last week when Professor John Williams was pulling into the Gilmer-Calhoun Career Center. Apparently a vehicle attempted to pass Williams while he was completing the turn and

smacked into the GSC Chevrolet Lumina driven by Williams.

On Sunday at 11a.m, Jesse Dougherty lost control of his 1993 Nissan 300 ZX, as he drove into Glenville and plowed into the meadow past the horse barn on the Arbuckle Farm, nearly missing a gas well head protruding from the ground. The GSC student walked away uninjured. "I ran off the road to the right," he said, "and I overcorrected." He tried to pull it back on the road with numerous spins on the wheel to one side and then the other but he finally lost control, careening backwards into the meadow, knocking over a tree and having his driver side door ripped off by another.



From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

On the Edge

We are standing on the edge of a globe.

"As changeable as the iridescent soap bubble flying through the air in the rays of the cheerful sunshine, the earth floats in space, animated by numerous different kinds of movements, a veritable plaything of cosmic forces." (From *Men of Other Planets*, by Kenneth Heuer, p145-146)

As the Earth spins about the Sun at 18.5 miles per second, the Sun is heading for the bright star Vega at 12 miles per second, which means the Earth describes a spiral path towards that star. While the local star cluster (that's us) moves towards the constellation Cygnus the Swan at 180 miles per second, the whole mass of stars in our neighborhood spins on one edge of the Milky Way Galaxy. You may have noticed the bands of a lighter shade on very clear nights with no moon which run across the night sky.

While Heuer's book postulates the reasons why men of other planets cannot be the same as earth men, earth men wonder why the other guys don't think the same way they do.

Why do some men (men is used here in the broad generic sense) take themselves so seriously and brush off everyone else as crumbs off the table. How do they somehow assume such self-important attitudes that harden their faces, arteries and impose a certain dominion which makes others cringe in fear.

It is time to lighten up, do some primal scream therapy or take a walk in the woods. If you hear whispers, something about no clothes, it's time to laugh at yourself. Go have a beer they tell me.

They has become me! Oh my! But you know who I mean, them.

"On this globe circulate 2 billion (1951) intelligent beings, who do not know where they came from or where they are going,...." So lighten up.

Dear Editor,

I must express my disappointment with our government's passage of the Defense of Marriage Act last week. This Act, which for Federal purposes defines a marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman, should rightly be titled the Exclusion of Homosexuals Act.

This bill is nothing more than a hot-button election year issue designed to garner more votes for conservatives.

The Hawaii Supreme Court will not hand down a decision on same-sex marriages for another year at least, so there is no real hurry.

Marriage is not simply a sacrament, but a civil arrangement. If two heterosexual couples are married--one by a minister and the other by a Justice of the Peace--they are equals legally, if not morally. If lawmakers felt they had an obligation to God to pass the Act, they should think again; denying marriage to same-sex

Dear Editor,

As I sit down to my computer, I feel unworthy of the task of trying to convey all that Dr. John Chisler meant to me. Dr. Chisler served as Division Chairman of the Science Department for almost thirty years. He gave much of his life to this college and to the students attending it. The following is a tribute to one of the greatest men I have ever known.

I remember my first days attending Glenville State College. I was a timid freshman when I first met Dr. Chisler. I approached him about taking a job in the science hall. Little did I know that the day I met him would change the course of my life. I ended up with the job and his advice; if you need a break, take one, we're not strict around here. From then on, he was always there when I needed advice or just someone to listen to me. Dr. Chisler knew a lot about ev-

erything, and it was fascinating just to listen to him. If I had a question on any subject, I would bring it to him. He'd lean back in his chair and cross his hands over his stomach and proceed to answer me.

For the two years that I knew Dr. Chisler, I watched him courageously fight a losing battle with diabetes. Even though it was slow going, everyday I would watch him fight his way up the flight of stairs to the bacteriology lab. I never would have let him know but I pretended to be slow myself. I stayed right behind him so that if he needed me I would be there for him as he always was for me. It was sad to listen to Dr. Chisler talk about trout fishing in the mountains. Because of his health he could no longer do it. There was one thing I could never figure out. When he talked about those things, he never seemed sad, he would just joke and say he'd have

to go during deer season or he'd make it there next summer.

There are no words I can say to do justice to Dr. John Chisler. Therefore, I will make a feeble attempt and say that in his career he touched many lives and those that he touched, he changed for the better. Without his encouragement, I would never have been brave enough to apply to medical school, and for that I thank him. I also want to thank him for being a friend to me during my years at Glenville State College.

I know he is watching over me and waiting in heaven to see if I get accepted this fall. I picture him fly-fishing from the clouds and grinning his little grin.

I never got to tell Dr. Chisler good-bye, so that this is not only a tribute, but a final good-bye from just one of the many people whose lives he touched.

Hilary Miller

Dear Editor,

I am writing because I am concerned about a problem that I have noticed in the last two years at Glenville State. The problem I am speaking of is the TEN MILLION YELLOW-JACKETS that seem to congregate around every freaking trash can on this campus!

Is there nothing that can be done about this insect plague? Isn't there some type of spray that can be used to wipe them

out?

I am sick and tired of standing around, minding my own business, and having a yellowjacket come buzzing at my face. Standing outside is problematic because of them. I do not care about pollination or the circle of life--they must be "taken care of."

Hey, I saw that killer bee movie, and I'm not just a paranoid freak. Save us!

Mark Cutlip

The *Mercury* must extend an apology to Mark Allen and Student Congress for remarks which appeared in the front page article entitled "Allen Ascends to Political Power." The editorial remarks were not needed and generally were degrading. My only excuse is that the front page story was "found" in the *Mercury* office at 2:30 a.m. I did edit it, but not enough.

Gene Breza, Editor

couples on strictly religious grounds is a violation of the separation of church and state, and cannot be allowed to stand.

The institution of marriage is under no danger from the inclusion of same-sex couples, and I find it difficult to give them the blame for our nearly 50% divorce rate. That blame properly belongs in the camps of domestic abuse, alcohol abuse, lack of serious commitment, no-fault divorce, and irresponsible conduct.

Terry L. Estep

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A Move Up In The Military World

April Kidd

One of Glenville's professors was presented a great honor on August 15. Mr. Oliver of the Criminal Justice department was promoted to Captain.

He commands the 305th Military Police Guard Company in Mt. Zion, West Virginia. The company serves under the 320th Military Police Battalion.

Mr. Oliver received his commission in the US Army Reserves in May of 1989 from Radford University.

Professor Oliver has served his country during Operation Dessert Shield/Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia/Iraq/Kuwait theater. He was awarded

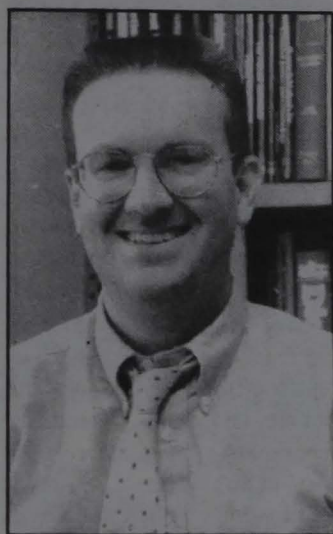


Photo by Carl Wilson
 Captain Will Oliver commands the 305th Military Police Gaurd Company in Mt. Zion, WV

the South West Asia Medal (two bronze stars), the Liberation of Kuwait Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters), and the Reserve Overseas ribbon.

He has graduated from the Military Police Basics and Advanced Individual Training School, the Military Police Officer Basic Course, and the Military Police Officer Advanced Course. He has both a Masters and Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Radford University in Virginia. Mr. Oliver is currently working on his post graduate work at West Virginia University.

GLENVILLE ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET

By Lisa McCormick

The lure of teaching in a small-town college brings a Purdue University doctor to Glenville State College. Dr. Jay Wesley Jackson, the newly tenured assistant professor of general and social psychology, arrives fresh from West Lafayette, Indiana after receiving his doctorate in social psychology. That's not including his stops along the way in Chicago and New York this past summer.

Though Jackson is more than amply qualified in his specializations researching, and documenting findings related to inter-group relations, social identification, and stereotypings, he hopes to polish up some of his teaching skills at Glenville.

So when asked about what drew him here, he talks about how he hopes to have a better teacher-student interactions at a

smaller college.

"The overall positive feelings I recieved," he also comments, "from Dr. Holt and Dr. Peterson during my initial interview was also a deciding factor."

Is teaching at a small college all he hopes it would be?

More so, according to Jackson, especially since the students here have been exceedingly "accomodating and helpful."

When asked about his overall opinion about GSC's Social Science Department, he speaks of it's advantages and disadvantages. His department, he comments, "is more general in scope and exposes a variety of angles and perspectives to the students".

The disadvantage, Jackson replies, is that GSC needs a more "concentrated" field of study in psychology, and that this division is not research oriented. How-

ever, Jackson hopes to start some research on measuring social identity, and has been pleased with his students' enthusiastic offer to help in his studies.

On a more ambitious note, he is currently working with Glenville's prosecuting attorney to aquire a grant that would allow some student involvement in domestic violence cases. Such an internship opportunity for first-hand experience, hopefully fall through, Jackson intends to make some sort of contribution to the community.

Speaking of social endeavors, Jackson has gladly accepted Dr. Dave Corcoran's challenge at a game of racquetball and looks forward in teaching the journalism professor a thing or two about the game.

"I personally would like to know when and where," he muses.

Breathe Some Life Into Your Weekends

Tom Kennedy

The American Lung Association of West Virginia is sponsoring two events in which you can help fight lung disease and have fun while doing it.

Starting on Saturday, October 5th, the 6th annual "Trail of the Tunnels" will give the mountain bikers in the area a chance to enjoy the autumn weather, biking along the North Bend Trail.

The 55-mile trek starts in Salem, WV, and ends in Walker, WV, on October 6th, 1996. To ensure 100% fun and zero aggravation, the biking event is fully supported with guides, mechanics, medical personnel, and a communications network. Meals, snacks, accommodations, and entertainment are included and each participant receives the 1996 Trek T-shirt and group photo.

The entry fee is \$25, and each trekker is required to raise at least \$175 in sponsorships to benefit the American Lung Association of West Virginia. The

entry deadline for this event is September 20.

For those who would rather enjoy the fall while walking, on October 12th, the American Lung Association and the West Virginia Scenic Trails Association will hold its 16th annual "Allegheny Trek for Life and Breath."

The three-day, 27-mile hike begins at Laurel Branch in Monroe County, WV, and follows the Allegheny Trail to Sugarcamp Farm, WV. The Allegheny Trek is supported by qualified personnel, and, as with the bike trek, each participant receives the event T-shirt and group photo to compliment their great memories.

The entry fee is \$15 and each hiker is asked to raise at least \$150 in sponsorships. Entries should be received by September 27th.

For additional information and registration materials concerning either of these two events, call (304)342-6600 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

YOUNG WOMEN AND SEXUAL HEALTH

Angela Greenlief

One out of every five women has reproductive tract infections (RTI's), and young women under 25 are more susceptible because their immune systems are immature. RTI's can go undetected for years, and may eventually lead to (PID) pelvic inflammatory disease or infertility. This is why it is important for young women to ask their doctors about being tested.

The American Social Health Association (ASHA) publishes a great deal of information concerning sexual health, which can be ordered by calling 800/972-8500. Most of this material is focused towards young women because they are more easily infected.

Honesty with your doctor is imperative when dealing with RTI's. Doctors may ask about your sexual practices and partners, which may lead to embar-

assment. However, doctors are sworn to keep all information about their patients private.

Young women at GSC concerned about being tested for RTI's may wish to contact Dr. David Proctor of the Gilmer Family Practice (462-5708). Also, the Gilmer County Health Dept. is constantly taking on new patients. "We have family planning and immunizations for any body, and age," said Carol Beam of the Health Dept. "We also have family planning for males," she added.

If a reproductive tract infection is detected, follow the doctor's instructions and be honest both with the doctor and your sexual partner. Delay intercourse until cured, and do not let others take the medication specifically prescribed to you.

Doctors may at times

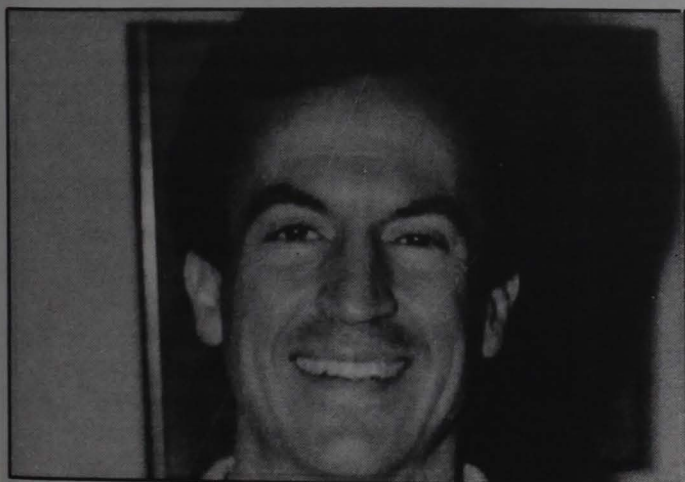


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Pioneers Stomped by ETSU

By Frank Konig

In a true test of character, the Glenville State College football team made the long trip to Johnson City, TN to play the East Tennessee State University Buccaneers. ETSU, affiliated with the Southern Conference of the NCAA Division I-AA, had the obvious advantage.

The game got off to a quick start for the Buccaneers. After just two minutes of the 1st quarter, ETSU reached the endzone when tailback Jeff Woods ran it in from GSC's one-yard line. Rod Smith, under constant pressure, committed one of his two interceptions with 2:38 left in the 1st, which was run all the way down the field, widening the score 14-0.

GSC began clawing away at the lead in the second quarter. Smith hit Carlos Feralls from the 14 yard line for the Pioneers' 1st touchdown. A defensive stop,

and a shift of momentum on to Glenville, Smith committed his second interception of the night. The ball was run for ETSU's third score of the game. Momentum gone, ETSU struck again with a 25 yard passing play from Greg Ryan to B.J. Adigum. The halftime score stood at 28-7.

The Pioneers did not get on the board again until 3:30 left in the third period when Smith and Robert Talley connected for a 23 yard pass. By this time ETSU's lead was expanded 17 more points.

ETSU, on their way to victory, scored two more touchdowns and finished the game ahead 49-17. The Pioneers only netted 301 yards total offense while allowing 362 by the Buccaneers. It was the diverse attack, 224 yards rushing and 138 yards passing along with the two interceptions that helped ETSU handle the Pioneers.

Glenville's Own

By Frank Konig

The dream of every athlete, whatever the sport may be, is to compete in the "Big Leagues." For one former Glenville State athlete, that dream has come true. Scott Otis, the 1995 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Athlete of the Year in football, now resides in Baltimore playing quarterback for the Ravens.

Coming out of high school, Otis was a highly-heralded athlete from Connecticut. An All-Connecticut, All-Central Connecticut South first-team choice as quarterback, he also excelled in track and field as one of the state's top javelin throwers. After his senior year in high school, this heavily-recruited football star chose West Virginia University.

Otis redshirted his first year at WVU before taking the role as second string quarterback. In his next two years, he attempted only two passes and played in only two games. Al-



Photo by Carl Wilson

Lady Pioneer spiker sends the volleyball to opponent.

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Lady Pioneers off to Great Start

By Frank Konig

During a busy weekend for Pioneer athletics, the GSC Lady Spikers were in action on home turf. Playing a quad match including College of West Virginia, Ohio Valley College, and Waynesburg of Pennsylvania, the women improved to 7-4.

The team really worked well together to overpower their opponents in each of their matches.

Assistant coach Chup Robinson denotes, "This is the best the team has played as a unit so far. Everyone got a chance to play and get some experience."

Games going toward their

power rating begin after the weekend and this momentum will help. The WVIAC works differently from other sports. Every game won against conference opponents gains the team power rating points. The teams with highest rating receive a chance to compete in post season play.

As it stands now, the Pioneers are off to the best start since 1992. After next weekend they will have the opportunity to go to 11-4 on the year.

Tonight the women are at College of West Virginia in Beckley, and over the weekend they travel to Alderson Broaddus for their annual tournament.

hurry an examination, allowing little time for patient's questions. However, it is important to ask questions. Ask about your medical history, such as previous examinations and body changes.

Ask about the examination, completely familiarizing yourself with what is involved, and ask about changes your sexual lifestyle may be causing in your body.

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Cross Country Meet Gets National Coverage

By Frank Konig

The Glenville State College Cross Country team was at California University (PA) last weekend for the annual Cal U Invitational. Pioneers fared well in a meet that received national coverage from USA Today for its unfortunate mishaps rather than the actual results. The women improved one team position over last year while the men posted consistent results, finishing third among WVIAC foes and eighth overall.

A total of 14 teams were in attendance competing against GSC, including WVIAC conference rivals WV Wesleyan, Wheeling Jesuit, Concord, Alderson Broaddus; St. Vincent, and Baldwin Wallace from Ohio; Lock Haven, Clarion, Carnegie Mellon, Pitts-Johnstown and home team California, all from Pennsylvania.

After an unfortunate incident—which led to the national exposure when fifty high school girls were stung when they ran through a patch of bees' nests in the first race of the day—offi-

ciala made amendments to the course.

The course was a winding trail through both wooded areas and open fields. The women completed two laps of the course for a total of 3.1 miles, the standard for college meets.

There were 130 women competitors. Bobby Hatcher was the top Pioneer finishing 97th with Mandy Valentin following in 111th place after making a late charge in the last mile. Tanya Johnson place 116 overall. Tina Mallow completed the course in a time of 27:45, 123rd overall. The last of the Pioneers was Amy Thomas, and she finished 126 capping an overall consistent team effort.

Coach Rick Conklin was pleased with the women's performance, "We are right where we need to be, this was an opportunity for the women to compete in the first of the season and get a taste for competition."

The men's field was considerably tougher this year in contrast to last year's event. The winning time was 24 seconds

off the course record. The men do an extra lap of the course, leaving a distance of 5.1 to be covered.

The men's team placed two runners in the top 25 and one just nine seconds out of 25th place. Daniel Edgell was the top Pioneer finishing 18th while David Bee placed 25th. Jimmy Galloway narrowly missed the top 25 and finished 35th, David Ramezan, Michael Bee and Brent Gargus finished the race 56th, 70th, and 108th respectively.

"The first meet is always a good chance to see where everybody stands. The conference looks very competitive. Last year we finished well and this year should be no different."

Unbeknownst to the student majority, the GSC Cross Country team was ranked nationally last year, and with the nucleus returning, expect big things from them this year. Next week the men and women are competing at Davis & Elkins. Come out and show your support.

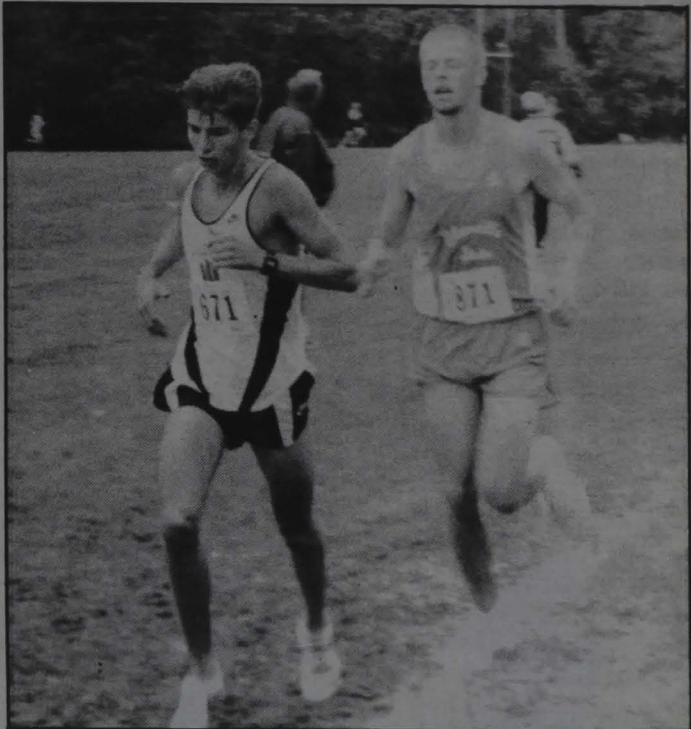


Photo by Frank Konig

Daniel Edgell (871) strides it out at the Cal U Invitational.



Photo by Frank Konig

Michail Bee (left) and Daniel Edgell (Right) set a pace.

I don't know why my imagination takes me where it does. I just feel lucky to get a single idea for a novel that I can write about. When I get one, my ruminations and daydreaming grow and lead to other things, and I feel that there is a book there. I'm just so fortunate that I want to write it. I've never had more than one idea for a book at a time.

-Joseph Heller

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though he is regarded as a very capable quarterback, his playing time was too limited.



In 1992 Otis transferred to Glenville State College, which was affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). He immediately took over as the number one quarterback and began his assault on the WVIAC record book like no others before him.

In his career as a Pioneer, Otis completed 426 of 705 passes for a total of 5661 yards. He tallied an amazing 56 touchdowns with only 22 interceptions. With a comple-

tion percentage of 60.4 on his career, Otis' name was destined for the record books. Behind his lead, Otis took the Pioneers to the 1995 NAIA championship game against Western Montana. Otis established himself as the most efficient signal caller in the history of the WVIAC

In his senior season Otis was scouted by numerous professional teams because of his athletic ability, strength, size, and his instincts on the field. In accordance with tradition, Otis is another by-product of the explosive arial offense Glenville has always displayed.

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Nottingham moves to Careers Office

Theodore Allen Webb

Former director of Student Support Services Jennifer Nottingham has changed positions and will be working in the Careers Office this year.

dentials to employers.

The handbook goes on to say that these services are available to *all* GSC graduates and that seniors should register prior to graduation. Students can re-



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Jennifer Nottingham, the director of the careers office.

According to an interview done by Jeremy Dean last week, Nottingham was a director at the Careers Office in 1989. She left in 1992 to go to Student Services where she had an office in the administration building. Her former position came open again this year, and she decided to return.

"I like the position because I get to do more counseling with the students," Nottingham says. "I like helping them realize their career dreams."

Nottingham's new workplace is located in the Careers Office in the Heflin Center. The Careers Office is operated by GSC to help students find meaningful employment.

According to the Glenville State College student handbook, the office has a database of employers, arranges recruiter visits, provides assistance with resume preparation and sends cre-

quest that their information be sent to prospective employers.

In addition, the Careers Office does personal career counseling and helps students make decisions about their futures. First year students can complete a program to help discover their talents and abilities.

The Careers Office conducts resume and interview workshops, trying to have at least three a semester. A job fair will be held in Morgantown on September 27. Students can attend and hopefully find gainful employment.

Nottingham emphasizes that collegiate tutoring is also done from the Careers Office. If any student needs or wants to be a tutor he or she may fill out an application.

"Students are coming by our office, but we need more," Nottingham encourages. "It is to their advantage to come."

Array of Change: On Campus

By Gene Breza

An impressive array of changes by GSC Physical Plant Dept. has added to the beauty, strength and physical integrity of the Glenville State College campus. A walk starting from the football field and ending at Pickens Hall will reveal quite a few of these changes.

After you jog around the reconditioned track, you will head for the 2400 sq/ft addition called the Health and Fitness Center (weight room) which was built on to the Field House, by funds donated by Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Morris.

As you walk by Eberle Hall a new concrete entranceway can be seen to your right leading into the lower floor of the building.



Photo by Chris Kenna

The new sidewalk at Pickens Hall shows GSC pride.

When you approach the steps of the Physical Education Building you will hear the sound of a motor humming, the exhaust plume of the gas burn-

ing 454 Chevy engine will steam up the wintery days.

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JOSH BONNETT NAMED NEW HOUSING DIRECTOR

By Eric Ware

"We're doing many things as a whole in the Residence Halls...and we're more unified." For Josh Bonnett, GSC's new Housing Director, these "many things" are not easy tasks. Bonnett's position incorporates more than Housing Director, but also Activities Director, a "two-fold job" that takes much determination and patience. A marketing major from Troy, WV, and a graduate of Gilmer County High, Bonnett is trying to keep the GSC spirit alive on weekends by promoting a new concept of "Nature Time Series."

This program promises activities for all students who love to explore the outdoors, go on weekend trips, or play a variety of games and sports. Activities, Bonnett replies, that are "focused on students."

"All these activities came about...by students," Bonnett says. "Any student that has ideas, please let us know. This year, we're planning a trip to Cedar Creek Campground, with new camping equipment the college has bought for such events...This came about from students last year wanting camping trips." Students have taken a trip to Sea

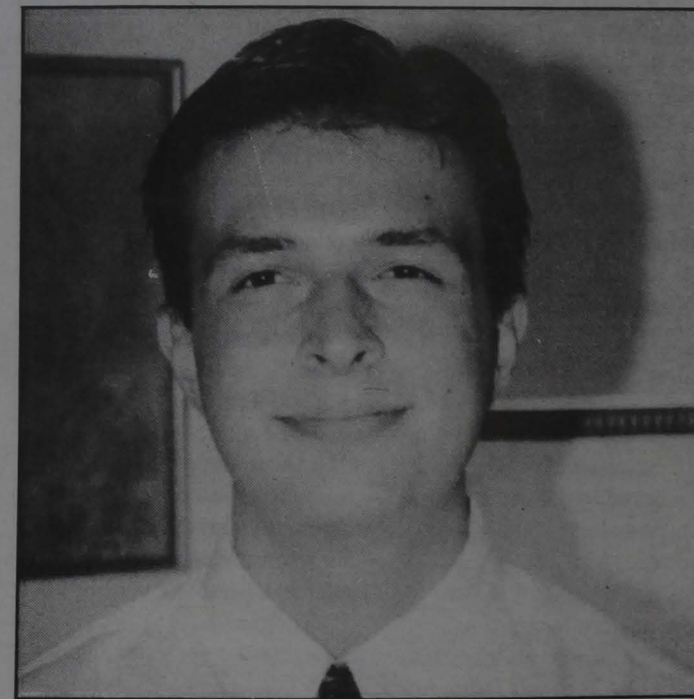


Photo by Carl Wilson.

The new House Director, Josh Bonnett.

World, and a trip to see the Charleston Alleycats ballgame is planned.

Also slated for this year are a variety of comedians, paid for and sponsored by the GSC student Congress, and more programs involved with the RA's, involving recreational, educational, cultural, and social activities.

However, a job in two pro-

grams is no easy task and takes long hours.

"I'm very excited about these programs," says Bonnett. "Believe you me, it takes long hours to plan. I meet with the RA's every week to discuss new ideas. I'm real excited to be here and have the best RA's. I couldn't ask for anyone better...The RA's are very professional."

SAACS Minutes

On September 10, SAACS President Michele Hanson brought the meeting to order. Fifteen people were present, including seven new members. Treasurer Ronnie Lays announced that there was \$3,06 in the SAACS account.

The three Standing Committees were established. In the Fund-raising Committee, the members are: President--Kim Payne, Vice President--Shelly Jones, Mary Jane Floyd, Rob Humphrey, Earl Reynolds, and R Crihfield. The FC's future projects are a car wash, yard sale, and the Kiss-a-Pig Contest.

In the Recruiting Committee, the members are: President

--Jimmie Carpenter and Vice President--Shawn Anderson. The RC's future projects are putting together chemical demonstrations for GSC in the Amphitheater, Gilmer, Lewis, and Webster County High Schools.

The members in the Activities Committee are: President--Dave Tingler and Vice President--Alice Linger. The AC's future projects are putting together a Walk-a-Thon with the Down Syndrome Foundation, getting a guest speaker from Ohio University, and planning a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Pittsburgh Conference.

The By-Law Revision Committee was also formed.

The members are: President--Michele Hanson, Vice President--Jimmie Carpenter, Dave Tingler, Shawn Anderson, and Alice Linger.

SAACS candidates for the Homecoming Court were nominated: Homecoming Queen--Michele Hanson, Senior princess--Shelly Jones, Junior Princess--Dawn Lancaster, and Sophomore Princess--Kim Bayne.

For further information on committee meeting times or membership, please contact Dr. James Goll at 462-7361, Ext. 231. SAACS meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in 5H400. All are invited to attend.

Peace Corps Worker Teaching Physics at GSC

Gina Kerby

Glenville State College has a fresh, new face in the science hall this year. Dr. David C. Bradford is the new assistant professor of physics. Experienced, well traveled, and not short on ideas, his future at GSC will offer new vistas for both the college and himself professionally.

After attending high school in St. Louis and Columbia, Missouri, he earned his B.S. and Ph.D. in physics at the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC).

Prior to teaching, his work experience began in an exciting way. For two years, Dr. Bradford worked in the Peace Corps as a methane gas technologist in Ecuador. While in South America, he visited Peru, viewing the ancient Incan ruins.

He was also an investigator for the Food and Drug Administration for two and a half years.

Professor Bradford's teaching career began in the summer of 1991 when he worked as an instructor at the University of Missouri's School of Medicine. He taught the physics component of the Pre-medical Science Enrichment Program for minority and/or disadvantaged undergraduates.

Next, he worked as a graduate teaching assistant at

UMC and was responsible for maintenance, updating and setup of introductory laboratories and lecture demonstrations for five semesters. He also instructed introductory labs and super-tutor.

For a semester, he was employed as a visiting physics instructor at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, where he taught Introductory Physics, Modern Physics, and Classical/Quantum Mechanics.

After that, he labored as a graduate research assistant at UMC. Last summer, he researched technical and logistic problems facing rural Missouri communities at the Office of Community and Economic Development, Central Electric Power Cooperative in Jefferson City, Missouri.

His last job, before coming to GSC, was a physics instructor position at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He taught upper division and introductory physics classes and updated, devised, and incorporated computers in his lab experiences.

Dr. Bradford lives in Glenville with his wife, Jane, and their two and a half year old daughter, Jessie. When he's not teaching, he enjoys playing basketball,

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Homecoming Parade Floats

This year's Mardi Gras Homecoming is just around the corner, so the best time for your club to start planning your float for the parade is right now. Building and entering a float will not only be a good time for the members of your organization, but will also provide an opportunity to showcase your group before the students of GSC.

Not only that, but trophies will be awarded to the top three floats in the parade. If your organization places in the float competition you will always have this monument in your club archives, showing your school spirit.

With such a broad theme as "Mardi Gras" it should really be easy for your group to come up with a lot of festive ideas to use on your float.

Just think of the giant masks and brightly colored decorations that go along with that festival. Wouldn't your group love to be a part of that exciting tradition?

Just remember to have your float ideas turned in to Susan Chapman at the Alumni House by Monday, September 30th, and be ready for the Mardis Gras.

Going Hunting

By Hanna Tsegaye

I can spend what seems like an eternity reminiscing about that moment and the feeling that filled up inside of me when I knew that I had pleased my father.

It happened to be the first day of hunting season, one of those crisp clear November days when the tips of the grass are covered with frost and the steam is rising from the fields. Sneaky, our little hunting dog, had just jumped a rabbit. My heart pounded as the dog brought the bunny around in a circle, back toward me and the other hunters, friends of my father. We were strung out in single file at the edge of the woods, facing a field of tall elephant grass. We could see the rabbit coming toward us from

our left, bounding through the grass, heading for a fence on our right and safety in the woods beyond. Four of the hunters were to my left, my father a few yards to my right.

As the rabbit came into firing distance, the hunters, one by one, began taking shots at the frightened bunny - four shots, four misses. Now, the rabbit was nearing the fence. My father, one of the best marksmen in the place, didn't even raise his gun. He was waiting for me to shoot. I did, and I hit the rabbit a few yards in front of the fence.

All Dad said was, "Good Shot," but I knew he was proud, especially since all of his friends had missed it. What happiness my mind has taken about that experience.

Pioneers in Nursing

Pioneers in Nursing held their first meeting Thursday, September 12. We had a very good turnout. At this time, we are planning weekly meetings on Thursdays at noon, 107 SH. Our membership is open to anyone (Freshman through Senior) who is interested. You don't have to be in the Nursing program to join; just have an interest in the medical field and the practice of caring. The purpose of our organization is to promote caring and wellness on campus and throughout the community.

During the meeting we managed to accomplish a few important tasks. We elected officers for the 96-97 term, as fol-

lows: President--Mike Frame; VP--Heather Moore and Trudi Weekly; Secretary--Norma Stewart and Mindy Lance; Treasurer--Brandy Moore and Robyn Dorsey; Historian--Geneva Lamb, Melissa Stover, and Patricia Butcher; Recorder--Donna Hiles and Anessa Boyd.

Homecoming activities were also discussed. Nominations were taken and accepted, and we would like to wish the nominees the best of luck. We plan to have a great organization this year and look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact one of our members or advisers Theresa Cowen or Allison Witte.

FCA

The GSC huddle of Fellowship of Christian Athletes met September 17 at 8:30pm in room 206 of the P.E. Building.

President Bob Wible gave an uplifting program on dealing with discouragement and led the group in some singing. Some of Wible's original tunes were enjoyed as well.

On Sept. 18 at 7:30am. The huddle met at the GSC

Flag pole to pray for our country, our school and personal concerns. This is a National FCA tradition.

Best wishes to all teams competing this weekend and special thanks to Coach Burkhamer for leading pre-game prayer meeting last week.

Remember B.J. Hurt's favorite scripture this weekend ...Philippians 3:13-14.

Comic Stylings?

April Estep

Forced and uneasy laughter was heard in the Fine Arts Auditorium of September 11 when comedian Randy Riggle brought his act to Glenville. Riggle, who has opened for acts such as Ellen Degeneres and Dennis Miller, made it painfully obvious why he doesn't have his own show...He's just not that funny.

A few bits brought genuine laughs from the audience, including a backwards version of the Cinderella fairy tale called "Rinderella." The majority of his show, however, contained recycled jokes about men and women, lackluster impressions, and "Oh, what a funny life I had in rural Pennsylvania!" Although the evening was not a total waste, the bottom line is that admission was thankfully free of charge.

A few bits brought genu-

YO! Take Note Homecoming Election Extension

Due to the fact that the Homecoming Nomination process was extended by one week, the Homecoming election will be extended by one week to be held:

Monday, Sept. 30 & Tuesday, Oct. 1

*according to the student handbook Article V, Section 4

Voting in all elections under the direction of Student Congress shall be by secret ballot and shall take place over a period of two days. On the first day, polls will be set up in the lobby of the Heflin Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and polls will be set up in the residence halls from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. On the second day, polls will set up in the lobby of the Heflin Center only from 2 a.m.- 10 p.m.

Which means campaigning will be extended to Sept.30.

From the *I Ching*

ENTHUSIASM: It furthers one to install helpers and to set armies marching.

The time of ENTHUSIASM derives from the fact that there is at hand an eminent man who is in sympathy with the spirit of the people and acts in accord with it. Hence he finds universal and willing obedience. To arouse enthusiasm it is necessary for a man to adjust himself and his ordinances to the character of those whom he has to lead. The inviolability of natural law rests on this principle of movement along the line of least resistance. These laws are not forces external to things but represent the harmony of movement immanent in them. That is why the celestial bodies do not deviate from their orbits and why all events in nature occur with fixed regularity. It is the same with human society: only such laws as are rooted in popular sentiment can be enforced, while laws violating this sentiment merely arouse resentment.

Again, it is enthusiasm that enables us to install helpers for the completion of an undertaking without fear of secret opposition. It is enthusiasm too that can unify mass movements, as in war, so that they achieve victory.

From *I Ching*: Wilhelm/Baynes edition.

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Taking a *Maximum Risk*

rent Wood

This week's movie review is the film *Maximum Risk*, directed by Ringo Lam, and starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Natasha Henstridge. Jean-Claude (*Blood Sport*, *Sudden Death*) plays a French police officer with Russian heritage. One day a murder victim turns up. He is shocked to find his own face looking back from beneath the sheet. After confronting his mother, she tells him his twin brother who had been separated from him at birth. So begins his investigation into his brother's murder and past. This leads him to New York City and a crazed taxi driver. The fun begins when Van Damme is led into Little Odessa, a part of New York controlled by the Russian Mafia. He is mistaken by the people of his area, the Mafia, and Alex, played by Natasha Henstridge (*Species*). Alex was the lover of Jean-Claude's brother, Mikhail, and mistakes one for the other. When the leaders of the Russian Mafia decide to pressure them, the chase begins. With only Alex and the taxi driver at his side, he must outsmart the Mafia, a steroid-pumped killer, and crooked FBI agents. Only a safety deposit box holds the keys to getting out of the situation and learning the truth about his brother.

This movie was a change from Van Damme's other motion pictures; it pushes for a well-written storyline and actual drama, something the majority of his movies lack. The action scenes were fewer but better made. With the majority of this movie taking place in France or the Russian part of New York, viewers were given an opportunity to accurately experience other cultures. It is worth seeing if you are an action fan or infatuated with Van Damme.

Scott Thesis in Library

Charles Scott's Masters Thesis from Ohio University on the "Ash Can School" has been permanently placed in the reference library of the Robert Henri Museum and History Walkway. The Board of Directors of the museum in Cozad, Nebraska, has acknowledged Mr. Scott's contribution to its research material and praised his work. Congratulations, Mr. Scott.

Symphony Coming

The Wheeling Symphony will be performing on Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m. GSC students may purchase tickets at the main office of the Fine Arts building for \$2. The guest artist will be Larry Elgart.

Adjudicator:

WVMTNA

John Mark Walkup spent Saturday, May 4, adjudicating 19 piano entries in the West Virginia Music Teachers Association District I Spring Auditions. The event was held in Morgantown on the WVU campus. The state association is a division of the Music Teachers National Association of which Mr. Walkup has been a member for five years.



Off the Shelf

Jerry Estep

The *Star Trek: Invasion* Concludes

The third novel in the *Star Trek: Invasion* series is also the strongest. *Deep Space Nine: Time's Enemy*, encompasses the most ambitious plot of the four novels. Captain Sisko, Dr. Bashir, and Lt. Dax are called to a Federation outpost in order to aid an investigation. Federation scientists have discovered the *Defiant*, Sisko's warship, embedded in the ice of a comet. Tests indicate that it has been there for thousands of years.


Complicating matters, the bodies of Sisko and Bashir are found on board, as well as Dax's Trill symbiont—a small slug-like creature containing the knowledge and memories of Dax's previous seven hosts. By piecing together Bashir's logs, the trio discover that their next trip through the Bajoran wormhole will lead to their deaths and the destruction of the *Defiant*.

A group of Maquis terrorists flee to Deep Space Nine after being attacked by a group of space-dwelling cybernetic wasps. These wasps are revealed to be the Unclean—who drove the Furies from the Alpha Quadrant thousands of years ago. The authors of this novel, who write under the pseudonym L. A. Graf, have written one of the finest, detailed *Star Trek* adventures I have ever read.

Book Four, *Voyager: The Final Fury*, is the wrap-up novel of the series. In the Delta Quadrant, Captain Janeway and her crew discover the planet of the Furies. The Furies are preparing to create an artificial wormhole that will propel their entire planet—and its fleet of mighty starships—into the Alpha Quadrant the all-out extermination of the Federation. Lt. Redbay, the *Enterprise* crewman lost through the wormhole in Book Two: *The Soldiers of Fear*, is rescued by the crew.

Quite frankly, *The Final Fury* is lousy. There is no suspense involved in this novel, because obviously the Furies will not be allowed to enter the Alpha Quadrant. The author instead fills the novel with Janeway struggling to justify the deaths of billions of sentient beings in order to save the Federation from destruction. What could be a thoughtful deliberation becomes a whiny diatribe in the hands of author Dafydd Ab Hugh. Hugh is the author of *Incident at Arbuk*, another wretched *Voyager* novel that made me feel cheated for even giving it my attention.

Still, the *Star Trek: Invasion* series is a good way to coordinate the storytelling efforts of talented writers into one large adventure. Another four-part series, *The Day of Honor*, is scheduled for next summer and will involve an obscure Klingon holiday. I look forward to reading it.




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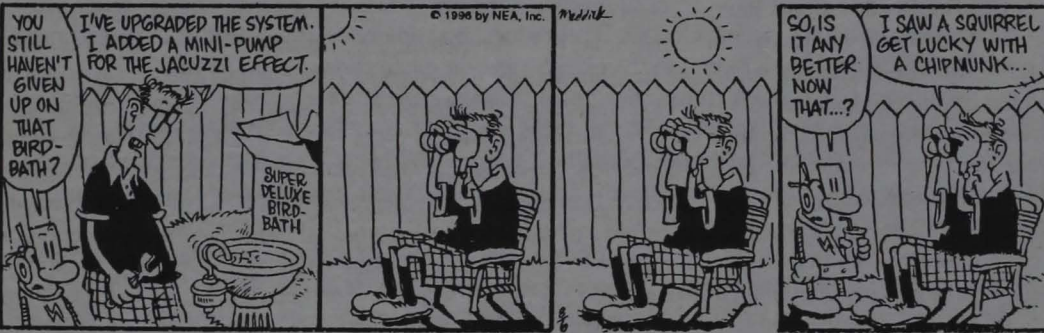
The recent production of *Gad* by Summersville native Randy Lilly featured GSC graduate Bill Anderson. Bill received his MFA in Technical Theatre from Ohio University and now teaches at Nicholas County High School where he is the sponsor of the award-winning NCHS Drama Club.

As a member of the Southeastern Theatre Conference Board, Dennis Wemm attended their meeting in Atlanta, GA, on September 6.

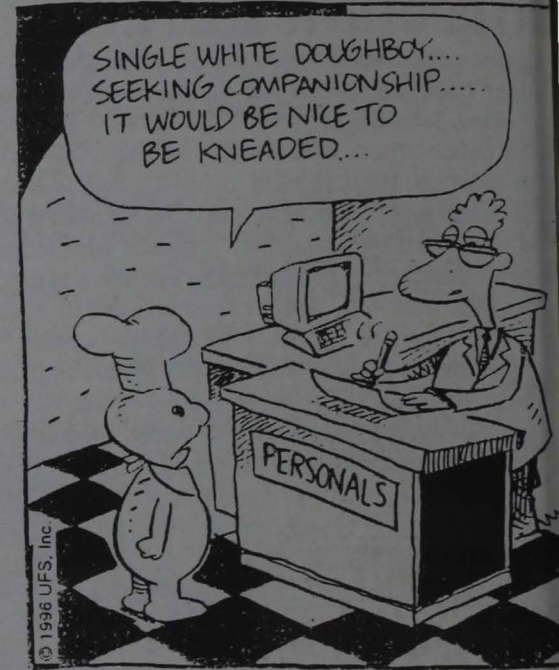
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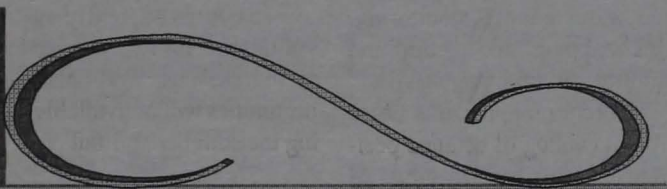
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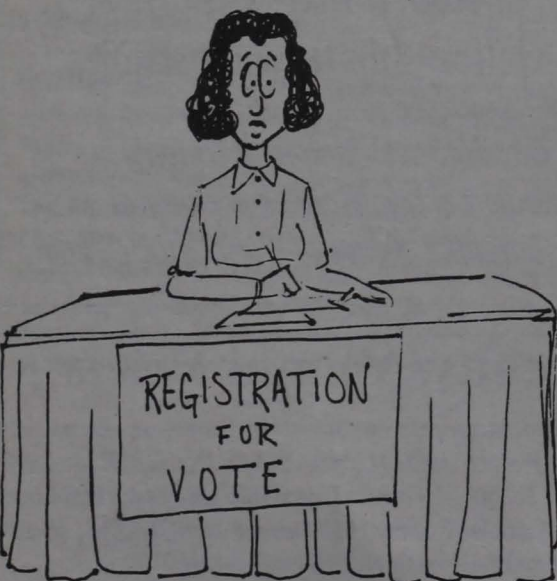
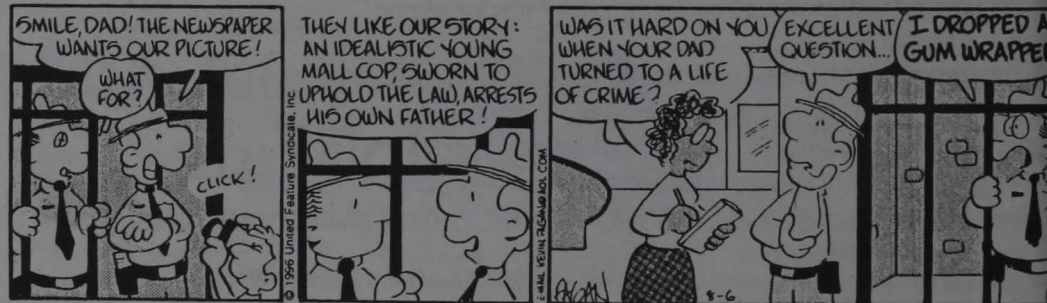
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Porcelain Paradise

by Kevin Lake

I would like to begin by thanking those individuals who contacted the *Mercury* office in regards to the absence of my column. It seems that so many people were offended by my deranged and somewhat perverted sense of humor last year that it was thought best to exclude me and my literature this year. I am back by not-so-popular demand and I thank you deeply.

I am currently in the process of achieving some self-set goals which include going to each of my classes at least once a week, getting straight C's, and staying out of jail. I set really high goals, but when you set your sights high you still accomplish something.

The only thing that may possibly interfere with my goals is the fact that I am working five nights a week as a waiter in Weston. It's an enjoyable job at times, like when older women leave me their phone numbers, but at other times it's not so enjoyable, like when older men leave me their phone numbers.

Another thing I hate about being a waiter is getting stiffed. This is when you work your tail off for a customer and they leave you little or no tip. One customer comes to mind—"Gertrude."

Gertrude comes in nearly every night just before we close and brings her six loudmouthed grandkids with her. They order about fifty dollars worth of food, destroy the salad bar, and leave more food on the floor and table than they eat. I can always count on a big fat quarter as a tip, though.

I found out that Gertrude happens to work at a bank. It is her job to pour change into the change separating machine and pick out anything that is not coins, i.e. nuts, bolts, jewelry etc. so that the machine is not damaged. I have an older sister who does the same thing at a bank in Huntington and she absolutely hates it. She says she would like to kill the people who take their change in and do not check the non-monetary objects out themselves.

One day last week while I was in a public restroom entering numbers to call for a good time into my little black book, I had a sudden flash of insight (other than the fact that the last number I copied was my sister's). I had devised a way to pay Gertrude back. After placing my little black book in my pocket, erasing my sister's number from the wall, and finishing up the poem I was writing on the stall, I headed home.

In my bedroom I have a large "Pepsi Light" can piggy bank full of change; nearly five hundred dollars. I began saving it at the beginning of the decade when I first entered college. I thought it would be cool to save it and buy myself something nice for graduation. At the rate I'm going I'll probably be able to afford a home.

I added to the change all the "Pepsi Light" bottle caps I could find in my apartment (nearly one hundred), six of those cheap aluminum ashtrays my roommate stole from Go-Mart, a dozen rusty fishing hooks, six nails, a screw (the kind that's a noun), a box of pellets (the kind you shoot birds with), four spoons, four forks, a couple of bowls (the kind you eat cereal out of), batteries from my ex-girlfriend's toys (the kind you... never mind), a few aluminum cans and some hypodermic syringes I found in my roommate's bedroom. Gee, I never knew he had allergies.

I then loaded this huge, heavy can into my car and headed to the bank. As I walked into the lobby, Gertrude was diligently separating change with her back to me.

"Sonsa#+A*!" she exclaimed as she pulled out a wedding ring and a set of dentures. "I'd like to get my hands on the (censored) that brings this (censored) in here!"

Barely containing my laughter, I gave the teller my bank. As she carried it over to Gertrude, I slipped out of the lobby unnoticed. I could only imagine the anger Gertrude felt as she separated my change. The best thing is that to this day they do not know it was me for I did not return to pick it up. Revenge is so sweet when you're so intelligent.

WILDERNESS AREAS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSERVATION

Imagine spending this winter or spring monitoring nesting bald eagles and ospreys at Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Florida, researching the effects of avian malaria and pox virus on Hawaiian forest birds or giving guided nature walks surrounded by javelina, deer, mountain lions and black bear in Texas' Big Bend National Park.

These are some of the 1,200 expense-paid positions offered by the Student Conservation Association (SCA) throughout the year in national parks, wildlife refuges, conservation areas and other public lands throughout the United States. SCA is now accepting applications for positions offered during the winter/spring Season.

SCA's Resource Assistant Program provides a unique opportunity for college students and other adults to help conserve America's public lands and natural and cultural resources.

Working hand-in-hand with natural resource professionals, Resource Assistants (RAs) provide invaluable assistance with land stewardship and wildlife conservation projects.

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This project is an efficiency expert's dream come true. "It is amazing how quiet it is," says Glenn Reynolds, the new physical plant director. It's referred to as a co-generation plant. While the engine burns the clean efficient natural gas from the sands thousands of feet below the ground, a generator will turn delivering 60 kilowatts of electricity for college use. At the same time two different sets of heat exchangers will heat the hot water and the swimming pool respectively from the exhaust heat.

This project was Bruce Hathaway's baby, Reynolds explains. At a conference several years ago he talked to a peer at Alderson-Broadus who had installed four such plants with much success.

Down the hall in PE you'll see the pool is drained, the result of recent repairs. Maybe

Sites include more than 290 national parks and wildlife refuges as well as state and private lands.

"We provide a public service while offering an experience that volunteers never forget," says SCA Resource Assistant Program Director Wallace Elton. "They learn about themselves and often what they want to do in their future. Many alumni say this is a life-changing experience for them."

More than 20,000 SCA Resource Assistants have participated in a variety of conservation and restoration projects since the organization's founding in 1957.

Typical assignments include endangered species protection, ecological restoration, air and water quality monitoring, GIS mapping, and natural and cultural resource management.

Program applicants chose from a catalog of detailed position descriptions provided to SCA by cooperating agencies, such as the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in areas across the

country, from Alaska to Florida, Hawaii to Maine.

SCA Resource Assistants receive funds to cover their travel to and from the site, food expenses, and free housing. Housing can range from tent camps to apartments. In exchange, volunteers are expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours per week. There is also plenty of time for exploring, writing, and relaxing in some of America's most beautiful lands.

SCA Resource Assistants must be at least 18 years old. Many are college students exploring careers in conservation, and earn academic credit for their work experience. Some are older adults, looking for a chance to volunteer and try a new challenge.

SCA is currently hiring volunteers for the winter and spring seasons. Additional opportunities will be available during the summer and fall.

For more information about the Resource Assistant Program, contact: the Student Conservation Association, PO Box 550, Charlestown, NH 03603-0550, (603) 543-1700.

by winter we will see how warm the pool can be.

Walking through Clark Hall the new carpet feels fine. On through the courtyard of Louis Bennett the new set of steps will catch your eye, bedecked with insets of red key brick with which the amphitheater plaza is laid out, you won't trip on broken concrete this winter. Maintenance is watching out for us.

And what is that monstrosity there behind AB? It's the new central air conditioning unit. No more straining to hear what deRossett has to say in Gothic syllables, because of that funky old chunk a junk spitting and hissing at you from behind! And AB is gettin' a long needed paint job too. You'll be lookin' good while you're keeping your cool.

Speaking of Gothic chambers, two new speakers in the auditorium will remind us that sound in the Twentieth Century has come a long way.

We are gettin' a little tired so we pedestrate downtown for some refreshment. Watch where you are going, those orange markers are there for a reason.

Some new sidewalks have been poured down at Pickens Hall and the bricks which will spell out GSC haven't gotten laid out as of press time.

Yep, there's all kinds of other improvements out there for you to spot and some needs too. Let us be grateful for what has been improved and the maintenance folks who work hard to make things better for us all.

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VOTER REGISTRATION CONTINUES!

More than 9,000 West Virginians registered to vote through the National Voter Registration Program during the months of April, May and June of this year.

There are more than 500 sites throughout the state covered under this program. These include state funded public assistance agencies, state funded disabilities agencies, driver's license facilities, marriage license offices and military recruitment offices.

Several other organizations have also been holding voter registration drives throughout the state. "I'm excited to see the enthusiasm in regard to getting people registered to vote," reported Secretary of State Ken Hechler. "Voter registration is

something that should be available and accessible to everyone."

October 7th is the deadline to register to vote in the general election. If registering by mail, be sure the mail-in registration form is postmarked by October 7th in order to be eligible to vote in the November 5th election. Individuals who register by mail will be required to show identification such as a driver's license, military ID, or passport, when they go to vote at the polls on election day.

There were 932,111 West Virginians who were registered to vote in the primary election in May. That number is expected to increase by the general election. Persons having questions

about voter registration may contact their county clerk's office or the Secretary of State's office at (304) 558-6000. Remember, if you haven't registered—do it today.

Intern Needed

Several archaeological firms were invited to submit bids for the Fort Moore Archaeological Survey, and the Social Science Division has received a suitable bid from a firm in Virginia.

Charles Holt (history) and James Bailey (Landmarks Commission) wrote the grant and screened the bids. They anticipate that work will begin on the Fort Moore site within the next three weeks.

A paid intern is included in the grant, and applications are now being accepted. The intern will assist archaeological firms in doing local research, coordinating local student volunteers, and preparing preliminary reports. For more information contact Dr. Charles Holt.

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cycling, raising plants, and listening to music.

He is friendly, smart, and very easy to talk to—three qualities that are excellent for a teacher to possess.

When asked why he chose GSC, the new professor explained that his first teaching experience was at a small school and the size of GSC appealed to him. He likes the idea that at a small school, how well a student does sometimes depends on the professor, and he wants to make a difference in students' lives. Furthermore, he expressed that the good attitude at GSC was alluring. Plus, he admires the view of the West Virginia hills outside his office window.

The goals Dr. Bradford has for his future here are simple yet admirable. Since most graduates

of GSC go on to teach, he wants his students to get more involved in order to grasp the concept of physics. He prefers a hands-on approach to learning and wants to re-create a laboratory feel in a traditional lecture.

Bradford believes he is a "good match" for GSC. He explained that he got a clear feeling that "this campus is on the way up" and he wants to be part of that.

There are a few people whom Dr. Bradford wishes to mention. He expresses gratitude to Mike Caulfield for persuading him to interview for this position and to members of the faculty who were here to greet him and make him feel welcome. He was especially grateful to Mr. Peterson and credited him as "one of the people that made me feel like the campus was on the way up."

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