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I Hate Hamlet--Thou Wilt Most Surely Laugh!

By Terry L. Estep

Wednesday night's performance of the Paul Rudnick play, *I Hate Hamlet*, is living proof that a fine ensemble cast can provide two hours of prime entertainment.

The play—set in a loft apartment in Greenwich Village—begins with the arrival of actor Andrew Rally (Jamie Atkins). His career as a television doctor has faltered, and he has been offered the role of Hamlet in a Shakespeare in the Park production. Rally has misgivings about the role and the possible demise of his career. Atkins once again displays his skill for comedy in this role.

Encouraging him in the endeavor is his girlfriend, Deirdre McDavey, played by the delightful Susan Hunter. Deirdre is a hopeless romantic, as well as a 29-year-old virgin with a clear fetish for the character of Hamlet. Hunter displays the character's innocence well.

Lisa Belknap, as real estate broker Felicia Dantine, proves herself as a comic actress with her snappy Bronx accent. Dantine is clearly not a Shakespeare fan. She is only interested in celebrities and is thrilled to be able to sell the home of actor John Barrymore—famous for playing Hamlet—to another actor embarked on Shakespeare's most famous role. Belknap especially shines during the seance scene.

Rally's agent, Lillian Troy, also encourages Rally to accept the role of Hamlet. The European powerhouse is skillfully played by April Estep. Right before the seance, Estep delivers this reporter's favorite line: "Don't ask me about great ideas...I'm German."

To aid Rally in his quest to play Hamlet is the ghost of John Barrymore, played by Chad Nichols. After a stunning entrance, the fun begins. Barrymore must help Rally be the best

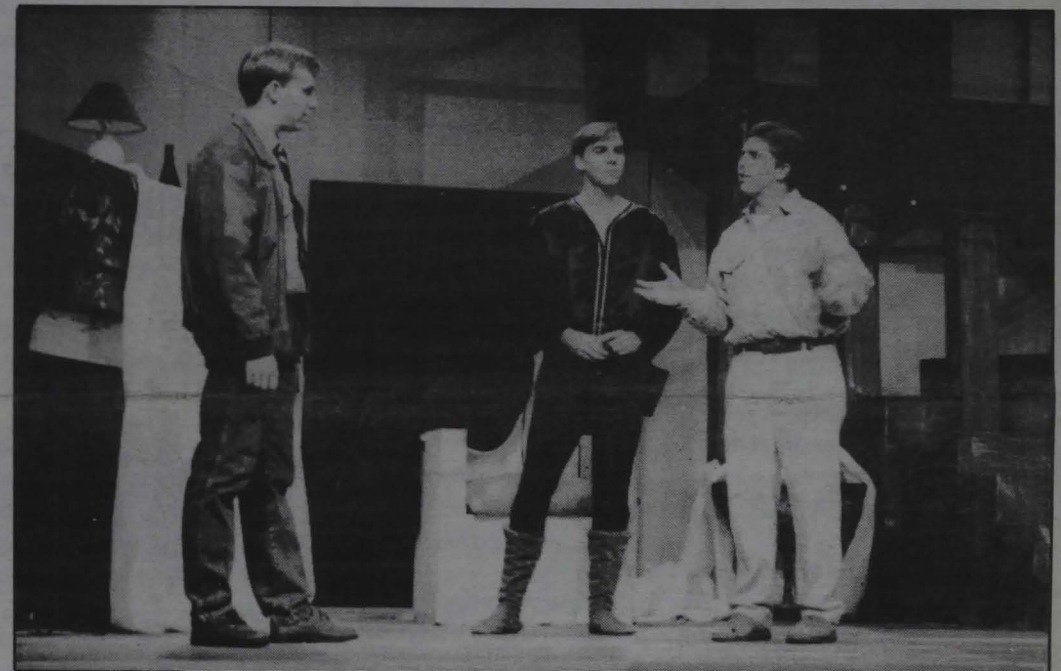


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Drexell King, Chad Nichols, and Jamie Atkins, debate the finer parts of being Hamlet.

possible Hamlet "of his generation," and will not leave the loft until Rally performs. Nichols clearly enjoys the role of the hammy actor back from the

grave.

Rounding out the cast is Drexell King as Rally's smarmy L.A. opportunist friend, Gary Lefkowitz. The laid-back, any-

thing-for-a-buck friend tries to convince Rally that playing Ham-

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GSC Student's Body Found: Suspect of Car Theft Arrested

By Gene Breza

GSC student Jennifer Selman's body was found Thursday, Oct. 10, in a mine refuse pond near Little Birch in Braxton County.

Selman had been missing since Oct. 6, when she left work at Pizza Hut in Summersville at 11:30 p.m. for the 22-mile trip home to Cowen. She was enrolled at the Nicholas County Extension as a full time student, taking 13 hours of classes.

William Harrison, known as "Florida Joe," was arrested at

about 12:30 p.m. and held under \$150,000 bond. He told a magistrate he has been in the area about 18 months. The 24-year-old was charged with the theft of the state car believed to be connected to the death of the 18-year-old Cowen student.

The high bond stemmed in part from outstanding warrants lodged against Harrison in other states. Police in Webster Springs were investigating several other people after his arrest, and as of Tuesday hadn't yet taken him to the Central Regional Jail.

Selman's body was found by two brothers trying to piece together the facts surrounding the theft of the state car from the Division of Highways garage in Cowen. The Salisbury boys spotted her body under the water of a Anchor-Oneida refuse pond while searching on their four-wheelers. Police believe Selman was murdered near the pond.

Fresh out of high school, Selman was an honor student, a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, a band member,

and most recently a show girl in the Webster County High School marching band.

Enrolled in the two year general studies course at Nicholas County Center, she had planned to follow in her sister's footsteps and become a nurse.

Selman's car was found with the engine running and the driver's side door smashed on WV route 20. According to State Police Sgt. R.D. Hinkle, someone had apparently forced her vehicle off the road into a ditch on Oct. 6:

Later that day a burning car was discovered which had been stolen from the state garage in Cowen. The stolen car appeared to be the car that rammed Selman's.

Authorities have not been able to find any motive for the crimes as yet. Any information in this case should be reported to the WV State Police.

Information in this article was gathered from the WV State Police, Nicholas County Extension director Robert Bailey and reports from the Charleston Gazette.



From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

The Letter to the Editor:

When to Write: What it Takes

This may be your last chance to state your opinion. When you graduate and finally become employed, many reasons arise which may inhibit your expressions. Just to say you love GSC or hate it is exercising that muscle which will be ready to act when something more pressing occurs.

The college experience is possibly the most free in a person's life. The few years between parental control and the responsibilities of employment and child rearing afford a window of opportunity which will only open many years later. The intellectual stimulus of class opens the mind and encourages thinking.

When strong feelings develop into convictions, or you have need to clarify some detail you cannot ignore, a letter to the editor is in order. It is empowering to get these feelings off your chest. Very often, though, lack of the big picture hinders writing for fear of appearing the fool.

Once a determination to express yourself arises, it can take on a life of its own. You walk around blurting expletives (cuss), reach to heaven for help and roll over and over in sleep. A "few choice words" then begins to develop into sentences which won't offend the ears of the innocent. This is the time to take to the computer or pick up a pen--before you cool off and the succinct communication you have need to deliver slips from memory. The sentences you have written will be the core around which your letter will be based.

Then, cutting a hour or two loose to organize your thoughts and complete your letter can be tough and may try the strength of your convictions, but the satisfaction of writing a letter to the editor will surely be worth it.

Dear Editor,
This letter is in reference to an inaccuracy in the October 10 issue of the *Mercury*. In the headline of a front page article about last month's total lunar eclipse, your paper states that it was "The Last Eclipse This Century." However, the next total lunar eclipse will be in January 2000, which will be the last year of the current century, not the first year of the next one.

A century is defined as a period of 100 years, and our present calendar began with the year 1 AD. So, it follows that the end of the first century was the year 100, and the end of the second century was the year 200, and so on, until one concludes that the year 2000 will be the last year of this century. Therefore, the total lunar eclipse in January 2000, not September, will be the last one of this century.

Please try for a higher level of precision in your use of language. Thank you.

Peace and long life,
Dave O'Neal

Dear Editor,
I'm writing this angry letter to voice my concern over the LACK of angry letters to *The Mercury*.

Is anyone out there? Is anyone offended by anything we've printed? What about Tom Kennedy? Now, Tom is a good friend of mine, but there has to be at least ONE person on campus who thinks Tom is a liberal schmuck. Why haven't we heard from you? If this week's NRA article doesn't bring 'em in, I guess nothing else will.

In the old days, when Todd Longanacre regularly spewed his right-wing clap-trap, we had angry letters every week. I know this is a liberal campus, but we must have a few Bible-thumping readers who feel at least a little angry.

Turn the other cheek, by all means...but send us an angry letter first. We won't be offended if you tell us we're going to hell. In fact, we're looking forward to it! Well, I am, anyway.

Come on, people!
Terry L. Estep



What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

The Aim of the NRA

In most endeavors and areas of interest, there are usual extremes sulking in the peripheries of common sense. The majority of West Virginia hunters and target-shooting sportsmen do not support the violence advocated by the militant factions in this county but by supporting the National Rifle Association, gun enthusiasts are aiding these terrorist groups without ever knowing it. *Mother Jones* magazine recently published a story revealing the identities of those on the NRA's board of directors, and these individuals represent much more than the preservation of the Second Amendment.

While the president of the NRA is Marion Hammer, a 57 year old grandmother who is surreptitiously used to promote the connection between guns and family values, the control of the organization is in the hands of the vice president, Neil Knox. Knox, with the help of *Soldier of Fortune* publisher, Robert K. Erown, took control of the NRA in 1991. Knox has since been quoted as supporting militias and blaming the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King on an antigun conspiracy.

The *Mother Jones* article goes into great detail concerning the members of the NRA's board of directors, but it is sufficient to say these people support the efforts of the militias in this country while also harboring blatantly racist views. It is this connection between militias and racism that should concern everyone. These militant organizations want to eliminate justice for minorities and weakening the federal laws which make that justice possible.

The NRA and the paramilitary groups it supports realize this even with the help of assault weapons and armor-piercing bullets, will not be possible to push the national government out of the way by military force. Instead, the only plausible way to change things from inside the government. Enter the NRA's political action committee, the Political Victory Fund, which is the nation's largest PAC. In 1994, the Political Victory Fund spent most of its monetary resources on the GOP--the year the Republicans took over the Congress. With the large amounts of money and votes that the NRA commands, there is little wonder as to why many Republicans are in favor of proposals put forth by this interest group.

Is it wrong to check to see if a person buying a gun has a criminal record? When weapons capable of killing large numbers of people in a short period of time are available to the public, are we safer? We are definitely in need of some common sense when it comes to things as powerful as guns, and it is time for gun enthusiasts to say that they have nothing in common with the NRA.



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AROUND THE BEND: Mad as Hell!

By Eric Ware

Now they've done it! The administration has decided for us once again and this time it hits close to home. Last week, a decision was made to remove the snack bar -- and, yes, everyone in there -- and locate it downstairs in the bowling alley. Why did they do this?

According to Lisa Belknap's interview with Bob Stockett, Stockett maintains that the removal and relocation is purely an "economical one," and, not only that, no "negative feedback" came from the subject?

Stockett also further states that, according to the Senate Bill 547, the state instructed schools to cut back on expenses. If this is so, what are commuters paying each semester with activity fees and athletic fees? What about other funds we pay each semester, such as parking tickets?

You want negative feed-

back, well here it goes!

Each student pays a parking permit of \$10 a year. The ratio of commuters to on-campus students are about 3:1, or roughly, 80% commuters. Take this percentage, multiply the number of students by \$10 per permit and do the math. If the administration claims funding goes to roads and parking, look at the parking below the AB building and the potholes on the roads surrounding campus. Where's the money going to? What about the money saved when commuters don't go to games or special events? If it is economically beneficial to move the snack bar to Pioneer Alley, then give us proof.

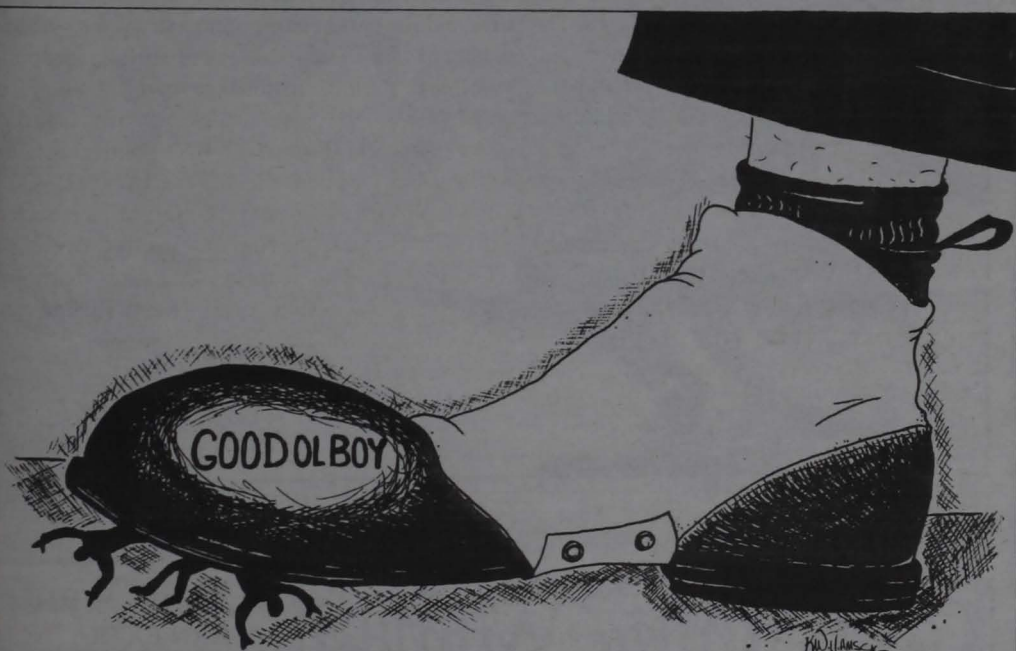
Here's something else for the administration. The limited space, even with renovations, of the kitchen area and dining area

in the bowling alley is too small.

Therefore, there will be a limited amount of seating, thus a decrease in profit. How can the bowling alley take in profit in light of these facts? How much will remodeling cost? Will it exceed the amount students are willing to pay for the limited selection of the menu? How can the administration factor these facts into their "hasty" decision and still believe it will be profitable for this school!

Students, do you want your snackbar removed? Then act now! Write letters to the editor, write letters to the administration! Form protests, write up petitions, take action now! It's our college. It's our funds. It's our mistake if we sit and do nothing. We are all part of this college and have a say. Take your voices and let them be heard!

"We deserve a place to stay..."
--Students angered by decision of snackbar removal.



"If only Charlotte could get 'em off us..."

From the *I Ching*

It is the law of heaven to make fullness empty and to make full what is modest; when the sun is at its zenith, it must, according to the law of heaven, turn toward its setting, and at its nadir it rises toward a new dawn. In obedience to the same law, the moon when it is full begins to wane, and when empty of light it waxes again. This heavenly law works itself out in the fates of men also. It is the law of earth to alter the full and to contribute to the modest. High mountains are worn down by the waters, and the valleys are filled up. It is the law of fate to undermine what is full and to prosper the modest. And men also hate fullness and love the modest.



A Piece of the Pie

Joe Troneva

A Thousand Miles Away from Home?

It is probably really hard for the American people to imagine being so far away from home. They can't imagine what the international students have to face when they leave their own countries and families.

Even before talking with the other international students on campus I knew how it felt being away from home. All of the difficulties they are experiencing are so common to me.

When we come to America, the first problem we face is the language barrier. This is the biggest problem for the Japanese students. Most of them come here barely speaking English. It is very hard for them to communicate with the other people. Another thing that makes it more difficult for the Japanese students is that they speak to each other in Japanese.

Most of the other international students come to America, speaking and understanding English. For some of them, like the Irish and Canadian students, English is not a problem because it is their native language. Every international student, in order to be accepted at Glenville State College, has to have a score of 550 on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test. If one doesn't achieve that score, he or she has to attend an ESOL (English as a Second Language) class until receiving the needed score. Almost all of the Japanese students attend this class, and even after that they have difficulties with the language.

The second biggest problem for international students is being away from home, family and friends. It is hard to adjust to a new culture and new life-style and we have to handle all of these problems by ourselves. The only way we keep in touch with our families is through letters, because telephone calls are very expensive and most of us can't afford them. Our Mummies and Daddies are not next to us when we need them. We have to handle our own problems, and most of the time we are afraid that we are not making the right decisions. There is nobody to encourage us when we are scared and feel insecure. We don't have anyone to talk to when we need to. All of us have to grow up and become adults overnight.

On holidays, most of the international students are not able to go home because of visa and financial problems. Usually we see our families and friends in the summer and only for a few months.

Being away from home, the international students feel sad and lonely. Most of the American students don't understand how we feel and keep a distance from us. No matter how hard we are trying to make American friends, it doesn't always work.

It is a fact that we are different, but in my opinion it is going to be an asset for this society if it knows people from foreign countries. People can learn more about our countries and culture, which can help them to understand us better. The people from Glenville are very friendly, but the problem is that they are not willing to become more involved with somebody who is different. All the international students come to America very excited to meet new people and we are disappointed when people reject us.

The purpose of this article is to show the American students at GSC how hard it is for all the international students to be in America by themselves. It is not easy to be on your own and to see that people don't understand how we feel.

In my opinion, the people here should be more open-minded and understanding to the international students. That makes the adjusting period easier for us.

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Hunting Season Opened on Bobcats

By Frank Konig

Coming into last weekend, Glenville State College had been defeated by Wesleyan three out of the last three years. Scheduling the Pioneers as the homecoming match up, the Bobcats were looking to history for an advantage last Saturday. History was unavailable and the Pioneers outscored Wesleyan 42-35.

The setting could not have been more perfect. It was sunny with a slight wind, so there could be no excuses on this day. The Pioneers lost the coin toss and were forced to kickoff. After exchanging possessions, the Bobcats complete a 63-yard drive with a 28-yard jaunt into the end-zone by J.C. Pickney.

The Pioneers answered when Rod Smith connected with Carlos Ferralls from the 3-yard line on the following possession.

Wesleyan rounded out the first quarter scoring with a 44 yard pass from Scott Gasper to Robert Epps. After one period, Glenville was down one touchdown but poised to strike back.

Almost 1:30 into the second, Smith handed off to Tyrone Roseberry for a 9 yard score. Justin Barnes missed the "Point After," leaving GSC down 13-14. The defense made big plays, forcing the Bobcats to relinquish the ball and allow the Pioneers to strike once more. "Our defense had some good serieses in the second and third quarters," Coach Rich Rodriguez denotes.

"They were able to give our offense a number of possessions. That is the key for us."

Kenny Hinton was the receiver Smith chose to end this drive. Striking from the Bobcat's 22 yard line, the Pioneers were back on top.

The defense clamped the Bobcat offense, and with 21 seconds left in the first half, punter Robbie Buffington and the Special Teams left Gasper to take a knee at their own 2 yard line. The second most proficient offense in NCAA Div. II, Glenville was ready to show its true colors in the second half.

After taking the lead in the second quarter, the Pioneers never looked back. Smith connected with Roseberry for a five

yard strike. It was not until early in the fourth quarter that either team had an opportunity to score. Willie Dodson juke and bounced off the Bobcats for his first of two touchdowns in the game, and Barnes would not miss another PAT.

It was in this fourth quarter that Wesleyan's offense caught its second wind. Gasper spotted Epps breaking up the side and placed a perfect pass in his arms. He extended that play into the end-zone from the midfield. The second play into the Pioneer's possession, the ball popped out of Ferrall's hands as he was tackled out of bounds and returned by Roman Slater all the way down field.

The momentum had

changed and the Pioneer were biting their nails. Slater stepped up and put the Wesleyan fans back on their seats with a 50 yard strike to Dodson for a second touchdown.

The offense, complemented by the solid defense, accumulated 594 yards. Rodriguez said, "I thought our offense was patient and what the Bobcat defense gave us but I think we can still play a lot better."

The Pioneers' next game is against Fairmont State for Homecoming celebration. It was a big win, but the Fairmont State game is even bigger. "We have an excellent team and it will be a tremendous challenge for us," explained Rodriguez.

'Surely,' said she, 'there is some magic in wealth, which can thus make persons pay their court to it, when it does not even benefit themselves. How strange it is, that a fool or a knave, with riches, should be treated with more respect by the world, than a good man, or a wise man in poverty!'

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Woodlot Management

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Post-Season Preparation

By Frank Konig

The Glenville State Cross Country team was separated this weekend. The men's team went north to Slippery Rock University while the women's team traveled to WV Wesleyan College. As the season winds down, preparation for the Conference Championships and then regionals.

The women participated at the annual Wesleyan meet, looking to continue improvements that have materialized throughout the year. Although they did not field a complete team by CAA standards, four of the top runners competed.

The Wesleyan course was wide open, winding, hilly

course that tested all the components a cross country runner needs to excel. The first Glenville athlete to cross the line was Bobby Hatcher. Closely following was Tina Mallow and Tanya Johnson. The fourth GSC runner was Mandy Valentine.

Dawn Petty, the fifth runner, could not compete in this meet but allowed the four other runners to pace the conference field. "We haven't had a race in which all five runners have made great strides," states Coach Rick Conklin. "Hopefully this will happen at the conference meet."

The men ran in the 6.2 mile race at Slippery Rock University, PA. This race was longer

than the standard five distance. It is the site of the Regional Championship meet which the men are expected to compete at.

This was not a race intended to show the Competition how good Glenville can be, but more of an evaluation of regional course and competition. "With this being a longer race and the WVIAC Championship only three weeks away, the plan was to develop a sense for the course," says Conklin.

The Cross Country team hosts the first Glenville State Invitational the weekend-after-next, where most of the Conference foes will make their way around the course at Ceder Creek.



Photo by Rick Conklin.

Lady Pioneer's competes in Wesleyan Cross Country meet.

Winning Ways Continue

By Frank Konig

It took only one short week for the Glenville State Lady Spikers to break the school record for the most wins in one season. Last Tuesday, the Pioneers were on the road at Ohio Valley College to compete in a mid-season clash.

The fifth time they have met OVC, Glenville entered the gym ready to play. It was one more chance for the Pioneers to demonstrate their dominance, and for Ohio Valley to take a lesson.

The first game was too easy. The Lady Spikers handled OVC soundly with a 15-1 thrashing. In front of the home crowd, Ohio Valley would not waiver. Sensing the over confidence in the visitors, they quietly struck back, beating GSC 11-15 in the

second game.

This would prove to be the wake up call the Pioneers needed. Behind the strong play of Cheryl Stout who tallied 12 kills, 7 digs, and 2 blocks, Ohio Valley had no chance in the third game and lost 15-3. The fourth game was much of the same. Although giving quite a fight, the home team could only manage eight points.

On this night many players would shine. Carrie Kirkpatrick added 8 kills and played a major role in 5 blocks. Affolter netted 9 digs, and Tina Jones had solid play with 5 service aces, 3 kills, and 6 digs.

Last night, the Lady Spikers traveled to Salem-Teikyo University to battle the Tigers. Off to a slow start, Coach Osborne needed to ma-

nipulate the line up in order to find the right mix. "Afolter and Rodeshiemer came off the bench and gave us the spark we needed," he said. "It seems that every game somebody new steps up and gives a lift."

The Pioneers dropped the first game 6-15, but regained composure and took the next three 15-10, 15-13, 15-8. Cheryl Stout led the Pioneers again with 12 kills and 18 digs. Roedersheimer had 8 kills, Amanda Simmons had 6 blocks, while Michelle Smith delivered 23 assists.

The Lady Spikers improve their record to 18-11 overall and 4-4 in WVIAC conference play. The next opponent for the Spikers is Fairmont State at home, which should be an exciting match.

GSC Dorm-Bowl

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the first GSC Dorm-Bowl on Wednesday, October 23. The Dorm-Bowl is a football game between teams from Louis Bennett Hall and Pickens Hall. The game will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Rec Center on Mineral Road, beside the golf course. Good luck to both teams.

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Faculty Senate Discusses Workload Policy and Equity

By Eric Ware

The faculty senate held their meeting October 10, at 12:30pm in the Ball Room, to address the topics of a Workload Policy and Equity Proximity drafts being developed.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl McKinney. Cathy Butler read the minutes. The workload committee then addressed the Senate to discuss the finishing draft they prepared. The Workload Policy draft outlines several provisions in areas of professionalism and responsibility, accountability, and evaluation as emphasized in any fun-

damental workload policy.

The draft further reads that teaching "is the central role of the faculty members...and (GSC) has always focused on faculty teaching and student's learning." The GSC workload policy, as stated in the draft, is based on a number of assumptions, including: a professional climate; basic principles and ethical responsibilities for their actions; teamwork and individual effort; and other features primary to the teaching at GSC.

Another discussion centered on the Equity Proximity draft developed to question the

intent of raises and benefits given for years of service comparable to marketability. The question of how years should factor in giving raises as compared to the marketability of classes is an important one. Also, how are classes to years scaled on productivity?

"They've stated that it (Equity Proximity) is based on years of productive service," replied Mr. Basset, "...whereas, what do they (conclude) is productive service?"

Dr. Orr asked to table the issue until the next meeting, slated for October 15.

Hail To The Queen!

By David Weese

If you have ever met Amanda Jo Sedlock, you would know in an instant what kind of person she is. Who is she, you ask? Amanda, who this writer met at Glenville State College last semester, is charming, intellectual, and a genuine warm and caring person, just to name a few of her characteristics.

Now, just in case you don't know who Miss Sedlock is, she is the 1996 Glenville State College Homecoming Queen.

A 1993 graduate of Midland Trail High School and now is a senior at GSC, Amanda majors in music education, K-12. She loves playing the piano and singing, especially gospel in the church choir. Also enjoying watching football, she prefers college teams to professional.

Being a senior, this is Amanda's last year at GSC. When asking her about her election as homecoming queen, she replied, "I was totally caught by surprise. My mom and dad are so proud, there's no one back home that I can tell, they've already told the entire community. This is the perfect end to a wonderful college experience."

Now that Amanda's college career is almost over, what were some of the collegiate experiences that impressed her? "Mr. McKinney would have to be my favorite professor. Mr. McKinney has such enthusiasm



Photo by Gene Breza.

Homecoming Queen, Amanda Sedlock.

and love for music. He has a way of getting all of the students to enjoy themselves and to appreciate music."

Continuing she says "And my favorite class would have to be applied piano lessons, taught by Mr. Walkup. Mr. Walkup is constantly giving me new chal-

lenges, and it's always one on one. I get to express myself through my music, and I learn more about expressing myself as a musician.

And of course, the wonderful people I've met here at GSC. I have met so many people from different cultures and walks of life. By meeting these people, I feel it has given me insight into the world around me, and this has helped me to grow as an adult and an individual, expressing my own ideas, and opinions."

Is there anything she would like to say to her fellow classmates and friends? Her reply was, "I am honored to represent GSC during Homecoming 1996. To know that I was chosen by my peers is an honor that I hold in a high regard. As a fellow stu-

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Domestic Violence Seminar

On October 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the small ballroom, the Criminal Justice Club will be sponsoring a Criminal Justice seminar: "Domestic Violence - The Police Response." This is a timely seminar as October is Domestic Violence Month.

Once again, Will Oliver has coordinated the seminar with the assistance of two of his friends from the Arlington County Police Department, Arlington, Virginia. Officers Don Fortunato and Bob Barnett will be the presenters. They will mix video, slides, overheads, with lecture, and they will take questions from the audience. For more information, contact Will Oliver, ext. 142.

FCA

Glenville State College Fellowship of Christian Athletes would like to welcome all Alumna to the 1996 Homecoming activities.

October 22 at 8:30 p.m., Mr. David Mastro will be our guest speaker in Room 206 of the Physical Education Building.

Mr. Mastro has frequently appeared on WLYJ television and everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and listen to this tremendous speaker. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the meeting.

Reminder: Nov. 7,

Mike Singletary will be the FCA featured speaker at the Charleston Civic Center. Plan to attend.

Best wishes to GSC volleyball and football teams as they compete this weekend. Also good luck to the Pioneer Powerline Dance Team in their premier performance this weekend.

GSC will be sending a card to Wes Robinson, the injured Williamson football player. Anyone that would like to send words of encouragement or financial assistance call ext. 281 or contact Coach James.

Kappa Delta Pi Induction

By Mercury Staff

The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi held its fall initiation on Sunday, October 13, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. in the Verona Maple Room.

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society in Education in which members must be have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and maintain a good overall school record. Potential candidates must also demonstrate strong leadership qualities as well as academic excellence.

Membership is by invitation only and the inductees and their families were invited to attend the ceremony. A reception was held afterwards and refreshments were served.

The guest speaker was Dean of Teacher Education, Dr. Ray Boggs whose wife is also a member.

Following his speech the new inductees took part in a short ceremony and were then officially declared members of the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

The privilege and importance of being singled out by such an elite organization was stressed. New members also received a certificate of honor of membership.

New members include the following: Colleen Boyle, Colleen Bryant, June Canaday, Sarah Dennison, Vicki Hardway, Sonja Keener, Tom Kennedy, Gloria Langford, Shana Louk, Esther Marshall, Ann Miller, Amanda Nicholas, Jo Ann Nichols, Julian Phares, Kris Phares, Robin Pumphrey, Jennifer Schwartz, Colleen Vance, Kerri Vanhorn, Sharon Wiggin, and Gloria Winland.

Criminal Justice Club

The Criminal Justice Club has begun another energetic year of meetings and planned events. The Club meets once a week, alternatively on Tuesdays or Thursdays in the social science division conference room, with one meeting a month held at Pizza Hut. It has become necessary, in fact, to choose a more accommodating location due to increased interest in the Club.

The Club is determined to become a contributing member of the community of Glenville and of the Criminal Justice professionals. To this end a number of community service events have been scheduled as well as long range goals to attend a national LAE Conference in Tampa, Florida. In the near future, the Criminal Justice Club plans to provide crossing-guard assistance during "trick or treat" and a Thanksgiving food basket for one family in each of the four counties that comprise our felony court circuit.

Cardboard Condos: Habitat For Humanity Camps In Cold

By Eric Ware

On Friday, October 4, several GSC students laid their heads down on cardboard pillows, covered up in donated blankets and bedspreads, and braved the outside 40 degree temperature that night in cardboard boxes as part of this year's Habitat for Humanity project.

A Weslyn Foundation and Baptist Campus Ministry sponsored project, students battled near-freezing temperatures to raise funding for the Habitat project; a program that builds housing for those without homes.

"We want people to be

aware of this growing project," says Diane Hancock, a representative from St. Marks, "and make people aware of this program and those that volunteer their time...to help those in need." Hancock went on, stating that many supplies were either donated or bought at discount prices, and projects are a collaboration of volunteers and and person(s) living in these homes.

"We have Bible studies, a sing, and entertainment," one student replied, "Soup and food are donated to us through various organizations." One such organization, the First Baptist Church, donated food and supplies to the

students that night.

This charity program also inspired many politicians to take action for the cause: the Carters, President Clinton and Hillary Clinton, Sen. Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich, and others. However, as Hancock replies, "This is not about politics. It's about people taking care of people, and helping them have a home."

Attending the Habitat for Humanity project were: Shelia Ables, Tammy Westfall, Molly Nicholson, Nettie Hull, Karen Smith, Lavina Ruckman, Meg Phillips, Frank Bibbee, Adina Asleson, Heather Jones, and Mike Amory.

GSC Graduate And Veteran, Sam Ballato, To Be Honored In Homecoming Parade

By Gina Kirby

This Homecoming, Sam Ballato, a Glenville State College graduate and Korean War veteran, will be riding in the Purple Heart Float.

Ballato received three Purple Hearts for his service. He had been shot in the stomach with a Chinese 51 machine gun during a battle on Old Baldy in Chorwon, North Korea. He lay bleeding for 24 hours before American soldiers found him.

After surgery, he recuperated in the hospital for three or four months, but instead of going home, he was sent back out on the battlefield.

He was then positioned in the outpost 500 yards ahead of

the front line and was to report on troop movement.

After a few days, he was assigned to sorting mail. While there, a round came in and he was shot in the buttock and leg. Exactly two years and a day after enlisting in the U.S. Army, he was sent home.

Ballato has formed a chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in the Northern Panhandle. Chapter 611, currently with 26 members, was chartered on May 18, 1993.

In order to belong to the group, you must have been awarded a Purple Heart Award and be an upstanding citizen. Ballato is married to Norita and they have five chil-

dren and four grandchildren—one of which they've raised since age one.

He is a Weirton native who now lives in Follansbee—a community whose newspaper recently honored him. However, whenever possible, he attends the college homecomings. Ballato played football for GSC when he was a student. In fact, he was an All-Conference player.

In honor of Ballato and the Purple Heart chapters, the town of Glenville has declared October 19 to be Viola Day.

Violas are silk flowers resembling violets. Everyone is encouraged to purchase one to show honor for all the dead who sacrificed their lives for freedom.

Kepford Becomes Assistant Professor

By Tracy Williams

Dr. Lori Kepford is the new assistant professor of sociology and professor of criminal justice at Glenville State College, after receiving her Ph.D from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. She initially earned her Bachelor's Degree from Ohio's Bluffton college.

When talking to Professor Kepford about Glenville and GSC, she commented about what it's like teaching in a smaller college compared with Bowling Green. "I love teaching here. There is such a stress on teaching excellence that it's a great challenge. There is an openness for schol-



Photo by Carl Wilson.
Lori Kepford.

arly pursuit. You're free to think, and free to argue. It's the best of both worlds. There is more individual instruction."

Dr. Kepford has two sons. Tyler, a 12-year-old seventh grader, is attending Gilmer county High School and Drew, 8, is a third grader at Glenville Elementary School.

Kepford to Present Paper

Dr. Lori Kepford, sociology/criminal justice, is scheduled to present a paper during the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The paper, "Presentation of Self in Prison Life," will address the inmate's conception of self. The meeting is scheduled March 11-15, 1997, at the Gault House in Louisville, Kentucky.

Homecoming Schedule

Thursday, October 17

Annual Semiformal Homecoming Dance

Greet the 1996 Royalty and enjoy an evening of Mardi Gras excitement, while dancing the night away to the music of D.J. Neil White. There will be door prizes and free food. An Admission Fee is Charged. Advance Tickets: \$2-Single, \$3-Couple; At the Door: \$3-Single, \$4 couple. Heflin Ballroom-8p.m.

Friday, October 18

Volleyball Game-GSC vs. Fairmont

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Saturday, October 19

Homecoming Festivities!

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Coronation-11a.m.

Homecoming Game-Glenville vs. Fairmont-1:30p.m.



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The Reel World

Bret Wood

The Ghost and the Darkness

This week's review is the movie *The Ghost and the Darkness*, starring Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas. We first meet colonel Peterson, played by Val Kilmer (*Batman Forever*). He is an Irish engineer in the British Army in the year 1898. He has been assigned to build a bridge across a river in Africa, to expand the British rail system. The small train station is in the middle of the African savanna, where the waist-high grass can obscure every predator except man. A mixture of hundreds of men, including Muslims, Africans, and Indians, are paid to build the railroad. Peterson runs into trouble right off the bat: a lion attacks one of the workers and everyone looks to Peterson to deal with it. Hiding in a tree with a rifle, he kills the lion with his first shot, winning the nickname "One-shot." Later, a worker is dragged from his tent by a lion while a dozen other men sleep around him. He is taken a few hundred yards away and brutally slaughtered.

Over the next few months, more are taken in the same vicious ways. All of Peterson's efforts fail to rid the camp of the menace. After a daylight attack, in which one of his friends is killed, they discover it is two lions working together, something lions are not supposed to do. The men blame Peterson and begin to revolt, threatening to leave. Enter Remington, played by Michael Douglas (*Basic Instinct*). Remington is a world-renowned big game hunter. We then learn of the legend of The Ghost and the Darkness--two man-eaters possessed by long-dead shamans. Another disaster strikes as Peterson and Remington wait with a trap, and the camp is slaughtered, bringing the death-toll to over one hundred. When they go in search of the lion's den they find more than anyone could have expected.

This is a great film and people should go see it. Warning to children and the weak stomached: there are large amounts and blood and carnage in this film. Both Kilmer and Douglas portrayed their characters exceptionally well. Many times throughout this film I thought I would go into cardiac arrest in anticipation and dread of up-coming scenes. This movie is a must-see.

Please remember that lions and tigers rarely go berserk like the ones portrayed here. Both members of the feline family are being forced off their natural habitats by man's expansion, making it tougher for them to survive.

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I Hate Hamlet continued from page 1.

let--for free, no less--is the first step toward career suicide.

This play is truly enjoyable and should not be missed. With direction from the ever-wonderful Nancy Wemm and stage management from Cris Gravely, the ensemble successfully conveys the more subdued humor of a play that does not rely on as much action or slapstick as previous productions at GSC. Rudnick, who also penned the play *Jeffrey* and the movie *Addams Family Values*, has written a fine script.

Rally, although the main character, seems to serve as the straight man to a group of outrageous characters. This play truly draws from the talents of everyone involved. Atkins and Hunter are fine as a couple--Atkins conveys Rally's frustration over his five-month lack of sex and the weirdness of dating a girl who wishes she were Ophelia. Deirdre's transformation into a post-*Hamlet* vixen is a fine pay-off for a character who was in danger of being just another sweet-but-ditzy girlfriend.

As opening night approaches in Act Two, the characters again offer their encouragement to Rally. Under Barrymore's instruction--and considerable amounts of alcohol--Rally screws his courage to face a crowd of New Yorkers in the role of a lifetime.

Chad Nichols and April Estep share a great scene as a couple who shared a night of passion years before while Barrymore was still alive. Nichols and Estep have great chemistry as they reminisce and waltz across the stage.

I Hate Hamlet is a play that fires on all cylinders. The set and lighting are fine, but the costumes and fight choreography are standout elements. The only drawback is the sound--the voices do not always carry to the back of the auditorium. Opening night bugs should be hammered out shortly.

Purists may scoff, but Shakespeare would probably be flattered. By all means, attend this play before it is gone. You'll be glad you did.



Off the Shelf

Jerry L. Estep

Treading along *The Green Mile*

"Hey, not so fast, Estep! Didn't you review *The Green Mile* last year?" I know some of you are thinking that, but the beauty of reviewing Stephen King's six-installment serial thriller is reviewing the first book and then providing an overview of the entire series when it's all finished.

The Green Mile covers the span of a few Depression-Era months at Cold Mountain Prison. Into death row comes the enormous figure of John Coffey, a black man wrongly convicted of the murder of two little girls. Coffey is imbued with the power to heal, and his influence extends beyond his supernatural gifts. Coffey is an innocent who falls victim to the injustices and racial discrimination often imbedded in the death penalty. His fellow inmates are trouble-making murderer and a crazy little Frenchman who has a pet mouse named Mr. Jingles.

The six-part novel is narrated by Paul Edgecomb. Paul writes the tale from his 1996 residence in a nursing home. Beside providing a convenient recap of previous volumes' action by building it into the frame story, Paul's experiences in the nursing home provide thematic parallels between the past and present.

If you faithfully bought each volume as they came out, then I salute you. It is a fascinating experience to have to wait a full month for the next installment of a great novel. A boxed gift set--packaged with a screen saver for your computer--is being marketed in time for the holiday season.

I really like this novel, and it is some of King's best writing in years. The so-called "Titan of Terror" has been in a rut lately, repeating himself to a degree that longtime readers find distressing. This novel reverberates with the storytelling power that made his previous prison story, "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption," a great tale of hope and redemption.

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Who's Responsible for Raising America's Children?

By C. David Kelly

Kissing babies used to be a must for any politician hitting the campaign trail. Now that we are immersed full scale in this year's election, it's apparent that politicians are taking their baby-kissing antics one step further. Take a look on the campaign trail, and you are bound to see a bevy of kids conveniently situated near the candidates.

Tugging on the emotional strings of voters is behind all this kid hugging. The responsibility of raising America's children has suddenly become the cornerstone of today's political debate. The Republicans addressed it in San Diego, and the Democrats certainly took up the cause at their gathering in Chicago. Norman Rockwell-like images of President Clinton surrounding himself with freckle-faced children filled television screens during the president's whistle-stop

train ride to Chicago to accept his renomination.

So, where does the responsibility of raising a child rest? First Lady Hillary Clinton, proclaiming that the "family is part of a larger community," believes it takes a village to raise a child. She made that clear in her address at the Democratic National Convention. Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, says it takes a loving, supportive family--not a village--to turn today's youth into law-abiding, productive adults.

Lost in all the rhetoric and photo-ops are the real solutions to raising a responsible child. For decades, rural America has been an example of proper child rearing. If you want to meet a productive, responsible child, take a drive in the country early in the morning and watch a teenager completing his morning chores before heading off to catch the

school bus.

Visit a county fair and observe a farmer's daughter present her prized heifer in a 4-H demonstration. Or spend a day in a farm family's home and notice how the teenagers of the household balance their homework with daily farm chores.

For generations, parents in rural America have not depended on government for guidance in raising their children. Responsibility comes with the territory on America's farms. If parents in urban areas are looking for ways to turn their children into responsible adults, perhaps they should resist looking toward elected officials for direction, and discover methods of making their children more productive.

Adopting some of their rural counterparts' tried-and-true solutions would be an excellent start.

British Businesswoman Speaks To Crafters, GSC Students

By Amber Haines

On Monday, September 30, an international businesswoman concerned with Appalachian culture visited Glenville.

Anita Roddick is the owner of The Body Shop franchise based in Little Hampton, England. These shops market environment- and animal-safe products that combine traditional wisdom, ancient herbal recipes and modern scientific research.

The industry attempts to minimize human impact on the environment and promote fair trading relationships with communities in need.

Roddick visited Crafters in the Glen, an organization in support of local craft making and marketing, searching for an "economic initiative" from local craftspeople, and crafts or stories pertaining to the heritage of West Virginia. The

British businesswoman hoped to trade stories of local ingredients used in home beauty care recipes.

A luncheon was arranged for her, after which she spontaneously agreed to lecture Robert Nesbit's geography class. In her quest for enlightenment about West Virginia's heritage, she asked the students what they think it means to be an "Appalachian." She got a variety of responses.

Roddick's stop in Glenville was one of several scheduled for her in West Virginia. The ten-day expedition was led by Tammy Nesbit, who arranged it in conjunction with Mountain Institute, a nonprofit development organization based in Pendleton County.

When asked how she likes the area, Roddick replied, "I adore it... It's been a joy so far."

Harper And Students Display Masterpieces

By Theodore Allen Webb

George Harper, a Glenville State College art department professor/renowned Glenville painter, and several students have been actively involved in various art exhibitions in the central West Virginia area and throughout the region.

According to a news article released by GSC's art department, Harper was exhibited in the Annual Expo '96 at Ripley during the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair in July.

In addition, Regina Pethtel, Julian Phares, and Eugene Breza, all GSC students, were accepted in the Annual Stonewall Jackson Jubilee Juried Fine Art Exhibition at Weston in August. Harper, who was also a participant at the grand gala, won a Merit Award.

Most recently, Sherrie Tingler, a GSC art major, was accepted in the 60th Mountain State Forest Festival Juried Fine Art Exhibition at Davis and Elkins College.

For her exquisite artistic finesse, Tingler victoriously took home the Student Art Award which included a \$25 gift certificate.

"I was so happy to win," Tingler said. "It made me feel so good about myself and my work."

"I take great pride in the fact that Sherrie won the Student Award in this recent show with her charcoal drawing done during our current drawing class," stated Harper.

"This is her first competition which has made her very excited about her art experience."

Harper is currently showing five of his paintings in a special invitational exhibition entitled "Dynamics of Color" in a brand new art gallery at Tamarack, the enormous crafters mecca located in Beckley.

Students interested in GSC's art program are very welcome to contact Harper or Fine Arts Division Chairperson Keith Haan.

Regina Fisher Pursues a Lifelong Dream

By Gina Kerby

Since being crowned Miss West Virginia USA, 1996, last fall, Regina Fisher has made several changes in her life, according to her sister, Leslie Fox of Arnoldsburg.

A former Glenville State college student, she now lives in Grayson, Kentucky, where she works at a horse stable and substitute teaches. In Kentucky, one is eligible to substi-

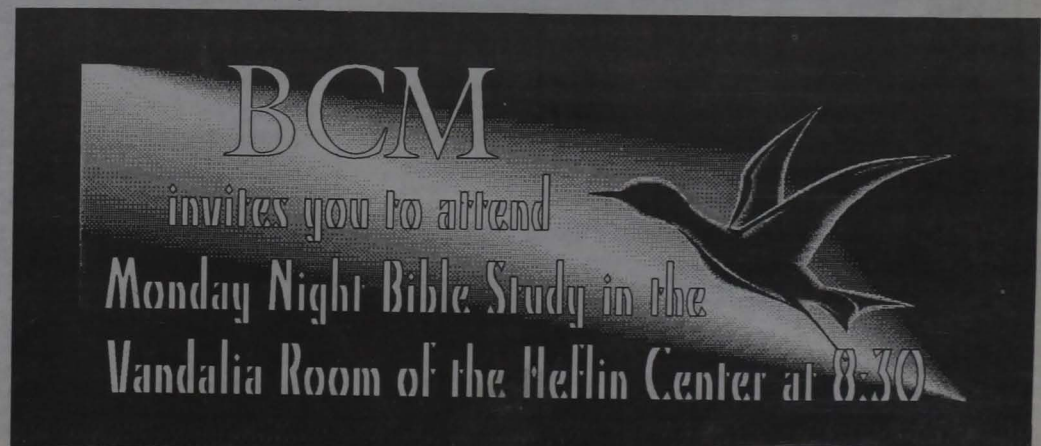
tute teach with 80 hours toward an education degree.

Throughout the past year, she has made many personal appearances at state festivals. She's also prepared horses to be shown at state and national competitions. She left GSC because she was offered a job training horses, which has always been her dream.

In November, she will crown her successor, Miss West

Virginia USA, 1997, at the state pageant in Barboursville. Beginning this January, Fisher will return to college to finish her teaching degree.

Terry Ellyson, one of Fisher's pageant coaches, relates that this is not a permanent move for her, so she still retains her status as Miss West Virginia USA. He also believes that she will be returning to Gilmer county one day.

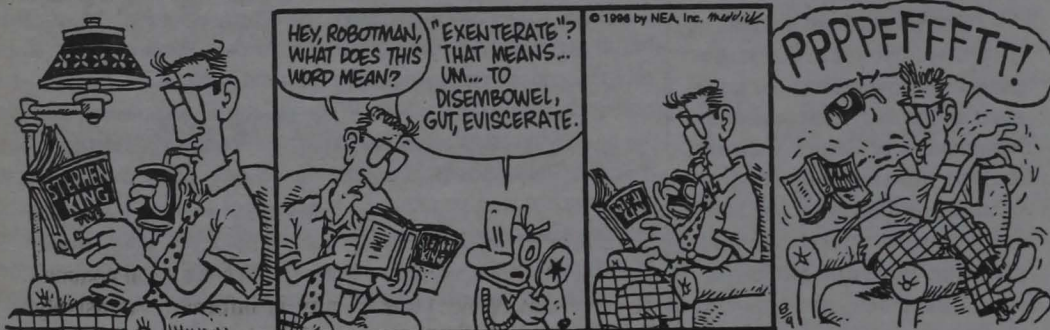


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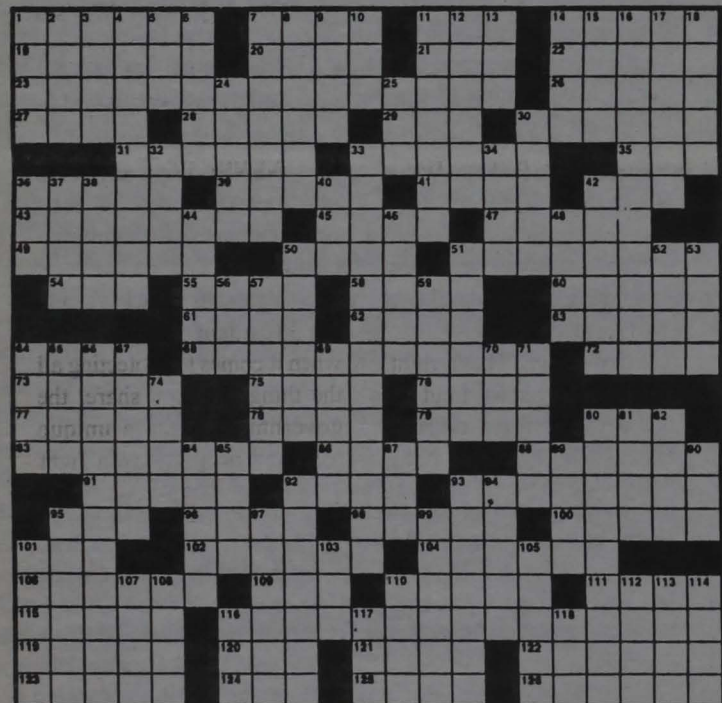
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EPA Chief Urges Students to Pursue Local Activism

(NSNS) The Environmental Protection Agency was founded in 1972 to promote public health by protecting the nation's air, water and soil. Current EPA Administrator Carol Browner was interviewed by National Student News Service Director J. Bonasia on Sept. 11. They discussed the history of the American environment movement, and the future of the environment which students will inherit. This is an edited transcript of their conversation.

Browner: 26 years ago, as a result of the first Earth Day -- the largest public demonstration in U.S. history -- people insisted that pollution stop and the government take responsibility to protect our land and water and air. We should be proud of our progress. Yet we must recognize the problems that still exist in a modern industrial society. We must be ever-vigilant.

NSNS: How would you describe the mission of the EPA?

Browner: To protect health, your community, and where you live. WE have the ability to set tough public health standards...so there is the regulatory tool.

We've expanded the public's Right-to-Know about chemicals in their communities. If you can access the EPA website you can find out about your local environmental problems, pollution in your streams zip code by zip code, and then work on solutions... We've expanded the Right-to-Know about your drinking water; and in grocery stores, you'll get information about the chemicals used on your food for the first

time.... We believe it's a fundamental right of the people to know what is in their air and water.

NSNS: You mentioned Community Right-to-Know laws. Last year the President announced a plan to add new industries to the toxics reporting list, and expand the number of chemicals that are listed. I understand the administration followed through on the first part, but we're still missing the piece about better toxics information in the workplace.

Browner: We'll have completed that (goal) by the end of the year. We're doing it. The plan was, first we would complete the work of doubling the number of chemicals reported, which we did, and the second, we would expand facilities. Third, and for the first time ever, we'd begin looking at the front end of the production process, to reduce pollution... As for Right-to-Know we've got it in drinking water and on food for the first time ever.

NSNS: Including the military? They're historically the worst polluters.

Browner: Yes, the military included.

NSNS: I know that Superfund has been a big issue for you. Under the program, you've cleaned up a lot of toxic dumps and spent a lot of money. The original basis for the program was that polluters should pay to clean up their own messes. That sounds great, but can young people

expect that scenario to play out in the long run? Who will inherit these costs...?

Browner: We believe polluters should pay for clean up. We don't think the taxpayers should be asked to pay. In our administration, approximately 70% of cleanup costs are now covered by polluters.

NSNS: What is the role of the student/citizen outside of DC? Special interest polluters have had unprecedented access to our representatives in recent times. That's what got us to the point that we're fighting environmental rollbacks, rather than introducing non-polluting alternatives. What can students do about this?

Browner: The most important thing is to become involved in activism at the local level: cleaning up beaches, planting vegetation in degraded watersheds, developing recycling programs of campuses.

NSNS: But how can concerned students compete with the kind of special interest money being lavished on politicians these days?

Browner: To compete, they vote. There is a long tradition of bipartisan support for the environment. Yet we see in this Republican Congress the cutting of numerous deals to undermine environmental standards.

NSNS: I think the Clinton administration should be given credit for environmental defense work: upholding existing laws, vetoing bad budgets. Still, there doesn't seem

to be any long range vision of the next plateau. Can our generation expect any major shifts? How is this administration going to make a mark, say, in the prevention of pollution rather than the mere reporting on or clean up of sites?

Browner: I grew up in south Florida--Miami--in the 50's. The Florida Everglades are precious. Just like the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, San Francisco Bay, they're all unique and precious. They are a resource: water. And the Everglades are a unique world treasure. There are no other Everglades anywhere in the world. Since I was young, there have been efforts to drain that area for residential building, or to accommodate sugar growers. As a result, today there is a crisis in the Everglades. Now we know the resource has not been arranged in a sustainable fashion. We've learned that ultimately these resources are finite.

NSNS: And to protect them, young people should get active locally?

Browner: That's right. When I got my start, I cut my teeth working for a citizen's group (Clean Water Action). What I saw at the grassroots level, when people were willing to work at the local estuary level, when they learned

about the history of their local environment, they were better able to make zoning decisions. They would decide not to allow certain activities in the estuary.

NSNS: So it takes federal, state and local players all working together?

Browner: Yes. It takes citizens and government working together. The strength the EPA brings to this process is an incredible wealth of technical knowledge and legal authority. The strength the individual brings is the belief that where they live has value, is important and is worth working for. When a local community is informed extensively and involved broadly, it'll make better decisions. For example, the Great Lakes. We set tougher standards than expected after hundreds of hours of community meetings, because citizens got involved.

NSNS: What advice do you have for students who want to improve their environment?

Browner: I believe, and the President believes, that when it comes to protecting all the things that we share, the government plays a unique role, and people have a right to demand that we set tough standards to protect these

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things. To students, I would suggest you learn about your lakes, your air. Ask, are you making progress? Take time to become informed and, once informed, become involved. If there is not an opportunity to get involved, then create the opportunity.

NSNS: Sometimes it seems like we are making incremental progress, but then you realize that there are so many new cancers and industrial diseases. We always seem to be playing catch-up.

Browner: We've made great progress, but it's important to realize that there's a lot to be done. Frequently, it's what you cannot see that is a lot worse than what you can see. Asthma in kids is the largest cause of child hospitalization; breast cancer and other forms of cancer are on the rise. At the EPA, we've shifted our focus to cumulative effects. In the past, we made decisions based on the case-by-case effects of specific chemicals. Now we're asking, what happens when you string those chemicals together? What happens, say, when you combine numerous pesticides on food? What is the effect on more vulnerable populations, like children or the elderly? The President has supported me in looking comprehensively at all different

types of real people, and real communities. Each area has unique systems with unique histories. The first 25 years (of the EPA) have been about one-size-fits-all. But one-size-fits-all is not adequate for the future. We have to look at specific cases and real people.

Sergeant Bourne Remembered

On Friday, October 18, at 11 a.m., a memorial will be dedicated to the memory of Sergeant Gearld L. Bourne, who died on February 24.

Bourne was a West Virginia Conservation Officer who worked for the Division of Natural Resources for 31 years. Bourne is remembered as an individual who spent his lifetime working to conserve West Virginia's wildlife resources and protecting the environment.

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- * Winners of 6-on-6 Volleyball--Congratulations, Realtre!
- * Upcoming events:

Punt, Pass, and Kick will be held at on Thursday, October 17, at 6 p.m. The event will be held on the Pioneers' game field weather permitting. Sign up at the competition site.

Flag Football begins October 21. Sign up today!

Archery begins October 31.

Aerobics classes are being held 4:15-5:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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dent and friend, I wish you all the very best and pray that your college years are as eventful and fulfilling as mine have been and

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