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## Controversy Surfaces at Board of Directors Meeting

By Theodore Allen Webb

As the majority of Glenville State College students travel to their classes and trudging through their safe, daily routines, carrying some remembrance of a few choice lessons their professors urgently uttered, many Generation-Xer's stay shockingly unaware of the issues which face them.

At the recent West Virginia State College System Board of Directors meeting held Tuesday, October 29, in GSC's Heflin Center Verona Maple Room, these issues were brought to the floor.

"Over the last two years, on numerous occasions, the GSC Faculty Senate has made the Board of Directors aware of several incidents, issues, and concerns on campus which we feel has resulted in the students of Glenville State College not being served in the best possible manner," related GSC Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor of Business Cheryl McKinney.

"In 1994, 74.3% of the Faculty Senate issued a letter of no-confidence in the leadership of this institution, which was supported by over 50 pages of faculty input," McKinney continued in her address. "We are very perplexed that we have yet to receive a direct response to our concerns."

"In addition, the area of communication (between faculty and administration) continues to be an area of concern. While the Senate has an ad-hoc committee which prepares suggestions to improve the climate of communications on campus, events

continue to unfold which call into question the campus communications structure."

"For example, recently an article in The Charleston Gazette reported that legislative auditors have uncovered some questionable transfer of funds involving the college's athletic department and Alumni Foundation.

"To date, there has been no institutional response, either internally or externally, to this article. So students, employees, and alumni are left with many unanswered questions which do not reflect well on the institution." (emphasis added).

Indeed, according to *The Gazette* article, the "questionable transfer of funds" involves over \$163,000 of hard-earned student and tax-payer money. This \$163,000 was mysteriously transferred from various college accounts to the athletic department. Among the funds taken are \$94,000 from GSC's Higher Education Resource Fee and \$51,000 from other student fees.

As stated at the Board of Directors meeting in response to McKinney's questions, GSC officials agree the athletic department needs to repay the HERF funds, but they also DON'T believe the funds taken from student fees need to be repaid.

And what other important, but undiscussed issues, were uncovered during this same Board of Directors meeting?

Let's try the snack bar.

In response to the Board's invitation to student speakers, student B.J. Strickland spoke:

"The professors at GSC are the most dedicated, wonderful teachers I've ever had," Strickland shared.

"Our main concern is the moving of the snack bar. There are two reasons why this won't work. First, the move will make life harder for students with special challenges. For example, I have a serious balance problem which noise disrupts completely. If the snack bar is moved to the game room, the noise from the bowling, video games, and pool will cause me problems."

"Secondly, many students are forced to drive to GSC very early in the morning to find a parking space. They need a quiet place to eat and study. They can't study in the noisy gameroom. And it is mainly commuter students who use the

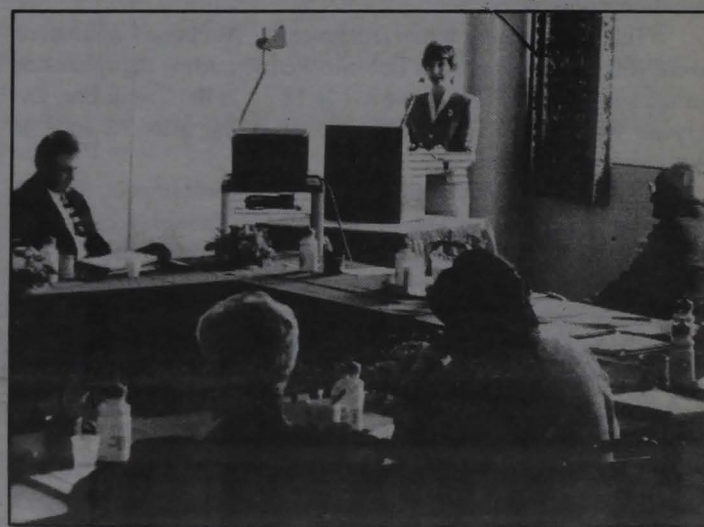


Photo by Carl Wilson.

Cheryl McKinney speaks at the Board of Directors Meeting.

snack bar. Commuters make up 80% of this school's enrollment. But they were not really asked for their feelings about moving

the snack bar."

Following Strickland, Stu-

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## Cross Country Coach of the Year—



Photo contributed.

Rick Conklin.

By Angela Greenlief

Friday, November 1, at the WVIAC Conference Meet, Glenville State College's Rick Conklin was chosen as Cross-Country Coach of the Year. The meet was held at Camp Creek State Park in Bluefield. This is Conklin's second year as cross-

country coach at GSC.

Before Conklin was chosen as Cross-Country Coach of the Year, GSC men's team won the competition at the meet. There were nine coaches eligible to be chosen for this honor. Conklin respectively said "It's an honor to be picked from peers." Conklin pointed out that many of these people have coached for many more years than he. He also said "It's easy to become coach of the year when you have dedicated runners, like I do."

Conklin first became introduced to this sport three years ago when he became assistant coach to the cross-country team. He said "I'm relatively new to

the sport. I have a lot of respect for the sport of cross-country." Conklin pointed out that there is a distinct difference between running track and dealing with the obstacle and elements of cross-country.

GSC's cross-country team had placed second for the past two years, but they won this year.

"They worked very hard, and they were very focused," Conklin said. "They're dedicated. They want to run and enjoy running."

The cross-country team goes through very rigorous workouts to prepare for their meets. They concentrate both on

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## From the Editor's Desk

Gene Brega

# What Time is It?

As you walk around campus scurrying to classes, if you don't have a watch set to Eastern Standard time, you may not think you have time to chat with a friend when you look up at the hall clock. You realize you blew off your friend for nothing when you realize that the clocks are anywhere from five to ten to fifteen minutes fast. Sorry, Luke. Is there a GSC standard time?

An eerie silence has come over the college. Have you noticed? As you go through your day of classes and study, something is missing. What is it? It is something that you should be tuned in to as regular as the rising of the sun when you go take up study at GSC! It is something that has been a tradition through most, if not all, of this century.

Talk about timing: a flier announcing, "Attention Commuters, there will be a meeting with Bob Stockett regarding the relocation of the snack bar on Thurs., Nov. 7 at 12:30 in the Snack Bar, Everyone Welcome," was posted in the snack bar after 12 noon on Wednesday, November 6.

This was evidently designed to have the most impact, to reach everyone concerned. If you are a Tuesday-Thursday commuter you would have found it posted as you walked in the lounge. If you were a Monday-Wednesday-Friday commuter you would have had to make an extra trip...if you saw the approved flier placed in such timely fashion. If you were a student in LBH or Pickens Hall or a faculty member who wished to have a say, you were welcome, too, and would have found out in time to hear about it in the paper a week later.

B. J. Strickland mentioned some conversations with Mr. Billips, who praised her speaking ability before the State College System Board of Directors meeting last week. According to Strickland, "Dr. Billips said it was the first time he'd heard of it (the move of the snack bar-commuter lounge to the bowling alley). "He said Mr. Stockett hadn't talked it over with him. He's been real upset about the whole thing."

That flier was not posted anywhere besides the commuter lounge—not LBH, not Pickens, not AB, not even downstairs in the Jelfin Student Center.

Action without preparation of the ground only frightens and repels.

"They treat me like a mushroom," Travis Tritt sang. "They fed me bull and keep me in the dark."

What time was it on October 25, 1991? It was time GSC celebrated another "Victory in Gas Resource Development," when as Well No. 3 was drilled on GSC property. The first two had saved the college "in excess of \$.5 million." Where did that money go? How much will Food Service save in moving the snack bar? And anyone ask that question of Bob Stockett?

What time is it? It sure isn't 1968, when students questioned their elders in massive numbers, but the next time you hear the clock tower chime, it will be time...to set your watch!



Dear Editor:

It has recently been brought to my attention that one of GSC's finest English professors, Dr. Nancy Zane, will be taking a leave of absence next year. I would like to take this time to say, on behalf of the many other students I have talked with, that she will be sorely missed.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to take one of Dr. Zane's classes, I will explain why it is so special. I am an English major, therefore, a great deal of literature interests me. However, I understand that those who don't share my passion find the task of reading so many works in such little time quite tedious and often just boring.

And yet, I have watched many students, even self-professed nonreaders, complete one of Dr. Zane's classes with a better grade than they have ever received in an English course. Many may wonder why that is, but I believe the answer is quite simple.

Dr. Zane simply inspires you to want to learn. You don't read each selection just because she tells you to, or because you want to make a good grade. You read because you want to see what you can get out of the material for yourself.

Also, you know that the next day in class everyone will be encouraged to share their own interpretations in a discussion that will lead back to the central theme.

What's this, the students' opinions count for something? That is exactly it. Some dead critics words are not the Gospel. And yet, in these discussions, with Dr. Zane's subtle guidance, the students unknowingly analyze all the major themes that the critics have debated for decades. However, it becomes more meaningful to them because they have discovered these themes for themselves.

That is why Dr. Zane is so special. Her classes are lively because you want to learn, and are encouraged to participate. It is not easier because it is fun. In fact, she has expected as much from me (and often more) than the various English teachers I have had through the years.

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## What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

# The Ties That Bind

With the elections behind us and our minds recuperating from the blitzkrieg of political ads, I figured that I would refrain from my usual polemics and, instead, address a strictly male concern: the suit and tie. Why have we, the past and present male populations, persisted in this idea of what is considered proper attire? Unlike women, who are able to blame men for many of the injustices that they endure, we have no excuse; men have created and controlled the social institutions of our societies since day one, and one of those institutions is, unfortunately, the suit and tie.

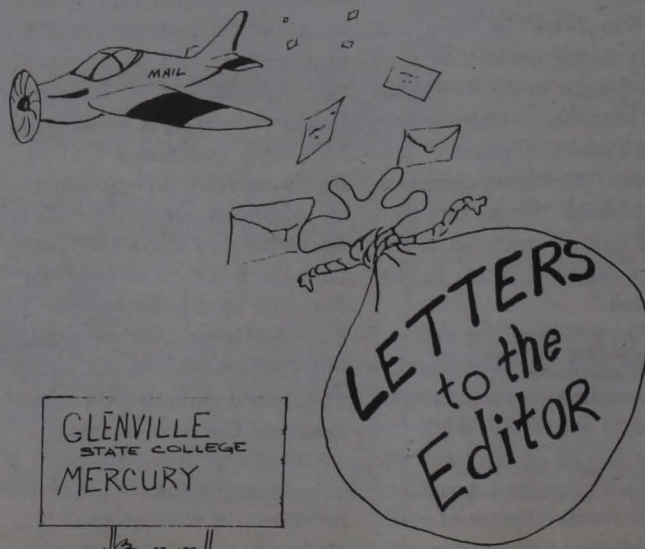
Now, I know there are some men who do not feel complete unless they are wearing a jacket and tie, but these guys are the vast minority, and I can only suggest that, maybe, some form of psychoanalysis might solve the problem. But herein lies the enigma: if it is merely a lunatic fringe that enjoys dressing for discomfort, why hasn't the suit and tie gone the way of powdered wigs? Could it be that there are more men out there than are letting on who actually enjoy looking like some sort of android?

I suppose it is the irony that bothers me the most, in that women, who are subject to the limitations of a male-dominated society, actually have more freedom over their appearance than men have. Take a typical job interview situation as an example.

Decorous attire for a woman could include everything from slacks and blouse to a dress. She would also have a wide assortment of shoes to pick from, and even her hair could be almost any style from very short to very long. On the other hand, to even be considered for a job, men have to look like a bunch of clones from a bad science fiction movie.

It is bad enough having to wear those horrendous dress slacks and funny brown, shiny-leather shoes, but it is the dress shirt and tie that lends a masochistic slant to men's attire. Think about it: it's not sufficient to button a shirt tightly about our throats; we have to complete the process of slow suffocation with a knotted piece of cloth around our necks.

Could it be that the shirt and tie routine is a subconscious collective attempt at seeking atonement for the wrongs that men have done in this world — a sort of mass hanging? Well, I don't want any part of it. I think it is time to remove our ties to a tradition of ludicrous attire and hold a ceremony to celebrate our individuality...that's right: a tie-burning party. Just the thought of all that burning polyester lifts my spirits.





Letter to the editor continued  
from page 2.

It is simply, as the education people will tell you, that when you want to learn, you learn more.

You will be missed, Dr. Zane.

Sincerely,  
Amy Jo Rowan Smith  
Dear Editor,

A fire occurred in an unattended dorm room at Louis Bennett Hall at 10 p.m. on 30 October, 1996. It was safely contained and extinguished due to the swift reaction and efficient teamwork of the Louis Bennett Hall staff. I would like to personally extend my gratitude toward the following Resident Assistants and Office Workers for their dedication and courage; Marlan Zwohl, Munir Ingram, Robbie Buffington, Jason Gordon, Eric Ross, and Rondel Cihfield.

Sincerely,  
Michael Newell, Residence Director, Louis Bennett Hall

### From the I Ching

Abundance has success.  
The king attains abundance.  
Be not sad.  
Be like the sun at midday.

It is not given to every mortal to bring about a time of outstanding greatness and abundance. Only a born ruler of men is able to do it, because his will is directed to what is great. Such a time of abundance is usually brief. Therefore a sage might well feel sad in view of the decline that must follow. But such sadness does not befit him. Only a man who is inwardly free of sorrow and care can lead in a time of abundance. He must be like the sun at midday, illuminating and gladdening everything under heaven.

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## Porcelain Paradise

By Kevin Lake

With midterms gone and the semester's end quickly approaching there's not much time left for the improvement of grades. After considerably failing nearly every midterm test offered by GSC. I am forced to face this grim reality. My original goal of getting straight C's that I had set for myself back in August has all but vanished.

I was sitting in class last week worrying about my grade dilemma, (why I decided to go to class I don't know), when I overheard two students talking. The first was telling the other of how they had heard that if your roommate dies you automatically get a 4.0 GPA for that semester. Suddenly I came up with the solution to my problem. I would kill my roommate, John.

The next morning I lay awake in bed and listened for John to leave for class (why he decided to go to class I don't know). When I finally heard him leave I jumped out of bed and began setting my deadly traps.

I've heard and read of people in African countries dying of dysentery so I figured it would work in West Virginia too. I took an entire bottle of ex-lax and mixed it into a kettle of home made vegetable soup John's grandmother had sent back to school with him the weekend before.


After realizing how terrible it would be to die by excreting yourself to death I decided I would quicken the process by placing a pipe bomb on the commode that would be detonated when the lid was raised. By the way Mr. Bomber, I forgot to have Mr. Presley thank you for the bomb when he delivered it to my apartment, so thanks. Its amazing who lives up the hollows of Gilmer County.

I later decided that death by explosion would be nearly as terrible as death by excretion so I came up with yet another idea. I took the empty keg from our Halloween party the night before and propped it above the door so that when John came home it would knock him into an unwakable sleep. I then left for the bar because it was almost noon.

After a few too many "Pepsi Lights" I left the bar and went home to grab a bite to eat. I had forgotten about the empty keg until it was too late. I opened the door and entered a world of darkness.

Of how much time passed by I am unsure, but when I regained consciousness I was lying on the couch with John, like the great friend he is, nursing and feeding me back to health. I had actually began to feel bad about attempting to kill him until I realized he was feeding me home made vegetable soup. Knowing I would have to empty my stomach of it contents or die of dysentery I got on my hands and knees and crawled to the bathroom to induce vomiting. As I raised the lid to the commode I was once more forced into a world of darkness.

Once more I awoke on the couch with John feeding me home made vegetable soup. Needless to say I am writing this addition of Porcelain Paradise from the neighbor's porcelain thrown. The way things are going it appears as if this one may be the last.



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### A Piece of the Pie

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva

### The Major Focus of International Students

It may be interesting for the American students to know what international students are choosing as their majors. All of us come from different countries and have different interests. That's why I decided that this week's article is going to be on this matter.

It is hard to say that all of the international students choose a certain area of education. Of all the majors offered at Glenville State College, the ones that are mostly picked by the international students are business administration, associate in arts and bachelor in science.

On campus right now there are 20 Japanese students and nine of them chose to be associates in arts. The rest spread between business administration and bachelor of science. Like the two students from Ireland, the Canadian students chose either Business administration or bachelor of science. The girls from Ethiopia are interested in general studies and administrative science. Both the girls from Bulgaria and Eritrea chose business administration, specialized in accounting.

It will be reasonable if one asks why international students choose these majors. Well, the answer is very simple: we enjoy studying them and hope for full success in the different areas. International students choose the majors mentioned above because we find them interesting and we think that the market is looking for people with degrees in those majors. We think that Glenville State College will give us a good education and we will be competitive professionals with a big chance for bright careers.

All of the international students come to America because we think that here we can receive a better education than in our own countries. We believe that in America we have more chances for a good life. With our hard work we would like to prove that we are not any different from the American students when it comes to studying. The international students hope that as soon as we graduate from college we will be able to find good jobs and stay in America, the country of opportunities. After I talked with the other international students I realized that the final goal of all of us is to become an American citizen and have a better life than our parents.

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# The Other Side of the Bridge

By Steward Truelsen

When he was renominated in Chicago, President Clinton spoke of building a bridge to the 21st century. Many of the factors that will shape our lives in the early part of the century are already in place. Bridge construction is well underway, but it may not be too late to alter the plans.

British journalist Hamish McCrae crossed the bridge to the future in his book, "The World in 2020," published by Harvard Business Press. In looking at the U.S., McCrae identified some of the changes he thinks are necessary for economic prosperity.

Americans' need to save more money tops the list. That may be hard to do, however, because he also expects Americans to be highly taxed through at least the first decade of the next century.

His admonition to save is interesting because it was just reported that credit card delinquency rates are at an all time

high. Another change he recommends is a reduction in government regulation. McCrae says government must start taking into account the costs of intervention and regulation and balance the gains against the costs.

A growing world population will put pressure on food, energy and water supplies. McCrae believes the world can feed itself through 2020, but he is a lot less optimistic beyond that. Food production won't be evenly distributed. The U.S. will still be called upon to be a major supplier to the world.

The most serious resource problem in 2020, according to McCrae, will be a shortage of fresh water. He doesn't suggest taking water away from agriculture, however. "Further increases in irrigation are vital for the world's food production," he says.

As we cross the bridge to the 21st century, McCrae is predicting more problems with urban sprawl and the decline of

inner cities.

McCrae postulates that much of the U.S. will be made up of edge cities, semi-urban agglomerations inhabited largely by professionals in the workforce. Although the issue isn't addressed in this book, a continuation of urban sprawl for the next 25 years would seem to put more pressure on farms and farmland.

In the year 2020, American influence over the rest of the world will likely have declined from what it is today.

McCrae says the American people will choose the extent to which this takes place. When it comes to issues like entitlement spending, drugs, education, family values and the like, Americans have choices to make.

As McCrae says, "These choices will frequently involve some sacrifice of short-term gratification for long-term prosperity." The choices we make will finish construction on that bridge into the next century.

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dent Congress president Mark Allen presented a different opinion on the same issue:

"The students in the dorm would definitely benefit from the move of the snack bar to the game room. But we are the minority. I think the commuters do have a valid point."

Allen then went on to address some other concerns:

"We don't have much representation in Student Congress for commuters who make up 80% of the enrollment. We don't have hardly any non-traditional or minority students at all represented in Student Congress. There are also problems on campus. It is a student concern that the faculty and administration are not communicating properly."

Immediately afterward, ACS chair and Board member Ann McCutcheon asked Allen why the students of Glenville State College have not been represented at the ACS meetings.

"You need to have a representative to attend the ACS meetings," McCutcheon told Allen. "There's no excuse for not showing up. We work with student issues, but GSC's Student Congress has not sent a representative for months!"

"Our representative was supposed to be going to the meetings this summer, but we learned he was actually skipping them," responded Allen. "He's resigned now, and we're trying to find a new one."

The Mercury editor Gene Breza was not the only person at the meeting to express the following concern: "I'm the editor of The Mer-

cury and was only made aware of this meeting last night by word of mouth."

Aside from Breza, Strickland, and Allen, there were NO other student presentations.

According to an editorial written by Breza in the October 31 Mercury, copies of a memo supposedly inviting students to attend the meeting were circulated early Tuesday morning in the snack bar (of all places), just two hours before it began.

Breza said that he was not made aware of the meeting in time to advertise it in the student newspaper. And there were no fliers or posters on campus or in the community advertising the important meeting.

In addition to the blatant vacuum of student input, there were many faculty members who could not attend because the 60-minute morning meeting time of 9:30-10:30 a.m. conflicted with class schedules, a time some faculty members mentioned was the most heavily scheduled on campus.

This point was brought up along with the issue that 60 minutes was not enough time for the Board to truly listen to the numerous and consequential concerns of those souls who will ultimately feel the greatest effect of the Board's decisions: the GSC students, faculty, and staff.

Student issues which were not discussed at the October 29 Board of Directors Meeting.

1. The \$30 hike in full-time student tuition and increase in dormitory room fee.
2. The requirement that students attend class during the November 5 Election Day while nearly every other state and governmental institution is closed.

3. The extra \$408, on top of the \$3348 room and board costs international and other students who cannot go home must pay to live in the dormitories during Christmas and other holidays.

Every writer thinks he is capable of anything. Scratch a Faulkner or a Hemingway and you'll find a man who thinks he can run the world.

--Norman Mailer

I only write when I need the money. I hate to work. If I got enough money, I don't write. What's the sense of making it if you can't spend it?

--Mickey Spillane

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National Student News Service

The typical student loan borrower now accumulates more than \$10,000 in education debt, according to a new analysis by USA Group Loan Services, one of the nation's largest student loan administrators.

The report shows an average Stafford loan balance of \$10,146 for undergraduate students who left four-year institutions during the first half of 1996.

That average is 15 per-

cent higher than the average Stafford loan balance of \$8,858 for the same period in 1995.

Stafford loans are the largest component of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), which provides education loans through private lenders.

Many students and governmental leaders are promoting a new direct lending program which eliminates the "middlemen" of banks and institutions from the process.

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## American Mosaic: A New Option—

By Angela Greenlief

This semester a new English class is being offered which focuses on literature from minority groups. English 201, American Mosaic, is part of the general studies program and can be taken in place of English 202.

This class, which is taught by Mandy Wasserman, explores writings from *New Worlds of Literature*, Carlos Castenada's *Journey to Ixtlan: The Adventures of Don Juan*, and Ralph Ellison's *The Invisible Man*.

The poster for this new class poses Rodney King's question, "Can't we all just get along?" The human literature of the American Mosaic class is "something our legislature expects us to do under Senate Bill 547," as Language Arts Chairperson Ed Palm noted. One provision of this bill is to promote good citizenship among today's students.

Palm also said "We haven't done enough along these lines in the past at Glenville." However, "Students here at GSC now have a choice." The traditional English 202 course focuses on Western literature, "enduring and significant," as Palm described it.

The name "American Mosaic" comes from an essay called "Multiculturalism—Myths and Realities," by Hugh B. Price. In this essay, Price debates the idea of America as being a great melting pot. Instead, he says that the different cultures of this country make up a mosaic; all of us are American citizens, but each of us should have the right to retain our ethnic background.

Wasserman said about this class, "This is the first literature class I've ever taught. My ex-

pectations have been met and then some. I have an exceptional group of students."

Discussions concerning the different stories have been extensive. The students have responded with equal interest to the various authors.

Wasserman was careful from the first day of class to stress that, "The object is not to draw ethnic lines. This can get very political if you're not careful." This has not been a problem with her students, though. Wasserman said of her students: "They're really open minded. They don't seem to have any social biases."

Palm describes her as having "a unique position around here." She is not only an instructor, but also a student.

Wasserman received her education in multicultural studies at Tolendo, which is, as Palm stated "much farther along than us here at GSC." However, she is now pursuing a degree in secondary education. Wasserman said "I want to be as viable as possible, and I really love teaching."

The American Mosaic class is offered this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45. Next semester, the class will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Although the class can serve as a substitute for English 202, it can also be taken as an elective, which Palm encourages education majors to do.

## U.S. Geological Survey Earth Sciences Internship Program

If you are an undergraduate or graduate student studying geology, geography, computer science, computer graphics, oceanography, civil engineering, biology, chemistry, or related fields, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Sciences Internship Program offers you the unique opportunity to do hands-on research with some of the nation's top scientists at one of the numerous USGS facilities throughout the United States. The program is administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU).

The Department of the Interior sponsors this program in order to prepare college students and recent graduates for careers in areas of interest to USGS. The USGS's mission is to provide geologic, topographic, and hydrologic information that contributes to the wise management of the nation's cultural resources and promotes the health, safety, and well-being of the people.

Appointments provide opportunities for interns to participate in USGS mission-related programs, projects, and activities. Participants will gain valuable experience during

their internships with USGS, interact with outstanding professionals, and become familiar with national issues while making personal contributions to the search for solutions. Stipend levels range from \$19,000 to \$38,000 per year depending on the academic status of the students. Opportunities for approximately 100 students will be available during the coming year.

Appointments are available for all levels of education ranging from two years of college training to the postdoctoral level. Eligibility is limited to students and recent graduates (within one year) of accredited U.S. colleges and universities. Individuals interested in an internship should submit an application consisting of: a resume; three reference letters sent directly from the sources (not by the applicant) to ORAU (address specified below); unofficial transcripts from all postsecondary institutions (official transcripts may be required at a later date); detailed list of computer skills.

Internship opportunities become available on a continual basis, so application materials are accepted throughout the year and kept on file to be con-

sidered for future openings.

Send all application materials to: Oak Ridge Associated Universities Attn: Ernestine Friedman, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117.

For more information, students may contact Ernestine Friedman at (423) 576-2358, E-mail: friedmae@orau.gov; or Deborah McCleary at (423) 576-4813. Her E-mail address is: mccleard@orau.gov.

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### Corrections

We apologize to Nathaniel VanNoy for our misspelling of Mark Allen's name in his story, "GSC Well Represented at WVSPA Conference" on page 6, of the October 31, issue vol. 68, No. 9.

We also would like to apologize for the "Vote for the Wild" story, by Gene Breza, not being completed in the October 25, issue Vol. 68, No. 8. There was a computer error and the end of the story was lost and the problem was not realized until it was too late.

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## Comedian at Large—

By April Estep

On November 4, comedian Carey Long returned to the Glenville State College campus. Sadly, the performance was virtually the same as last year's, but Long's performance was fresh and extremely funny.

The audience was entertained by every word that came out of Long's mouth. Freshman Margarita 'Moe' Tzoneva said, "He's the best comedian we've

had so far. I hope he comes back next year."

Most of Long's act was about the differences between men and women, especially their differences when choosing clothes. His vocalizations of the different people from his life, particularly his mother and girlfriend, were priceless.

Let's hope that GSC can get more acts like Carey Long in the future.



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Returning comic Carey Long yuks it up with the GSC crowd.

## West Virginia Words—

By Gwendolyn Harman

Flatwoods Mayor John Clise and Jeremy Dean are currently involved in an internship with the language department and David Corcoran, Ph.D, the publisher and editor of the Glenville *Democrat* and *Pathfinder*. Their faculty advisor is Dr. Barbara Tedford.

Clise and Dean are starting a literary newspaper entitled *West Virginia Words*. It will be published quarterly. The first issue is expected to come out in mid-November and will be distributed at no charge all over the state, to colleges, universities, high schools, writers guilds...etc.

John Clise stated, "I wanted to promote West Virginia writers. There really isn't a state-wide paper of any sort for writers to share their works."

Jeremy Dean stated, "It is essential for West Virginia writ-

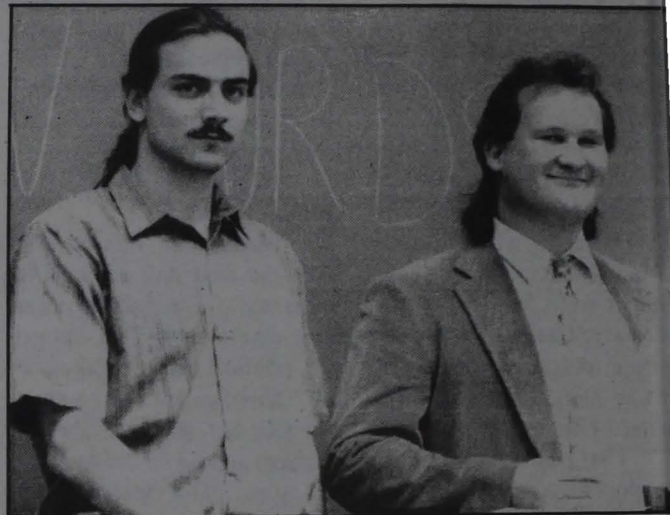


Photo by Carl Wilson.

Jeremy Dean and John Clise, creators of *West Virginia Words*.

ers to have such an outlet to share creative talents. We want to work towards promoting amateur writers."

*West Virginia Words* will be accepting submissions of short stories, poetry, and essays pertaining to stories and thoughts

of West Virginia. They also will be accepting donations and advertising. Submissions may be sent to: *West Virginia Words*, P.O. Box 458, Glenville W.V. 26351, or drop it off at the Glenville *Pathfinder* office on Main Street.

## Dawkins Attends Conference—

By Marty Armentrout

Ms. Jenny Dawkins, Instructor of Computer Science, attended the annual Community & Technical College Fall Conference held at Oglebay Park on October 17 and 18.

Dr. Nolan Browning, Provost of Glenville State Community and Technical College, presided as the outgoing President of the WV Community College Association.

This conference was held in concert with a meeting of the West Virginia Council of Adult Education and the West Virginia

Department of Education. The theme of the conference was "Integrating and Utilizing Technology In Our Colleges."

The impact of technology on the achievement of students was the primary focus of presentations at the two-day conference, with emphasis on how technology is transforming and enhancing education from kindergarten to adulthood.

Ms. Dawkins was the lucky winner of the door prize drawing—a weekend for two at Oglebay Park. Congratulations, Ms. Dawkins!

## Trillium Deadline!

The deadline for submissions to the *Trillium*, the Glenville State College literary magazine, is December 17.

If you have stories, poems, plays, or photographs to submit, contact Barbara Tedford in the Language Division office; submissions may also be made to Terry Estep, Box 2443 Wagner.

## Student Voter's Coalition

Magistrate R.W. Minnigh of Gilmer County will be attending the first meeting of the S.V.C. as a guest speaker. This meeting is being held in room 208 of the AB building, on Wednesday, November 13. All voters are welcome to attend.

## Teacher Education Advising Day

On Friday, November 15, students may meet with teacher education advisors from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to prepare for pre-registration. Students are required to bring a tentative schedule to the appointment.

November 11-14: Students may sign up for appointment during advisor's regular office hours.

## Armentrout Attends Leadership Seminar—

Marty Garrett Armentrout, Chair of Glenville State College Division of Business, was a delegate to the Leadership Development Seminar held at the 1996 Southern Business Education Association (SBEA) Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, on October 17-19.

SBEA is a regional affiliate of the National Business Education Association. The purpose of SBEA is to serve its members involved in instruction, administration, and research in business education by providing leadership training, conferences, and publications to assist them in developing competent, pro-

ductive people to function in a global, competitive economy.

Leadership development is an important aspect of services of SBEA. Ms. Armentrout represented the state of West Virginia as a delegate. She participated in the seminar which addressed a variety of topics on effective leadership in business education.

Over 450 business educators attended this convention and participated in a variety of sessions addressing distance education, telecommunication, information management, hands-on computer technology, and leadership development.


November 8, 7:30 Men's Basketball Game: GSC vs. Charleston Sportsman AAU. Exhibition game. Free admission.

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# Spotlight on Student Director: Jeremy Burks

By Annie McCourt

As a student director for the one act play, *The Real Inspector Hound*, Jeremy Burks has been pretty busy lately, but he was nice enough to take time out for this interview. Burks, 21, is a Behavioral Science major from Pocahontas County, West Virginia. His real love, though, lies in the theatre.

Burks became interested in the theatre in his second year at GSC, when he was offered a part in the musical production of *Fiddler On The Roof*. Since *Fiddler*, Burks has appeared in several theatrical productions including, *Three Musketeers*, *Bad Habits*, *Prelude To a Kiss*, *Scapino*. He will be appearing in this week's play *Bloody Jack*. Burks is also the master

carpenter for the GSC theatre department.

Burks has also been theatrically active outside of our GSC's campus. He has done rigging in Washington, D.C., for A. Mitchell and Company with several GSC alumni, as well as several community plays; and what he considers his greatest accomplishment, working this summer as a scenic carpenter for one of the United States' largest theatre fests: The Williamstown, MA Theatre Fest at Williamstown College.

The highlight of Burks' reign was meeting the famous playwright Arthur Miller. "I just walked up to him and shook his hand. I was in awe," Burks said.

When asked for a quote about *The Real Inspector*

*Hound* Burks relayed, "It's a trip."

The play was written by Tom Stoppard in the 1970's. He started the play as a college student and continued writing it as the pieces fell together. It is set in Muldoon Manor located in a forest complete with swamps, and totally isolated from the rest of the world.

The cast includes Annie McCourt, Gerrie Johnson, Drexel W. King II, John Justice, Cris Gravely, Lisa Belknap, Chris Kenna, Dave Bragg, and Nikki Lynch.

"I just know it is going to be a great play," Burks said. The play will be showing November 19th and 20th, the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving Break.

## Armentrout Honored with Award—

Ms. Marty Garrett Armentrout, Chair of Glenville State College Division of Business, has been honored as the recipient of the West Virginia Community College Association Outstanding Contributor's Award for 1996. This award was recently announced at the West Virginia Community College Association Conference at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV.

Ms. Armentrout has been a strong supporter in the development of the Community and Technical College at Glenville State College. She has worked hard to establish two year programs within the Division of Business that lead to viable productive careers as well as provide linkages for continued education. Under the leadership of Ms. Armentrout and Dr. Nolan Browning, Provost of the Community and Technical College Division, the Business Technology Administrative Office Support Systems curriculum is being revised. Ms. Armentrout has also guided the development of Small Business Administration, Marketing/Retailing, and Management as program options in the Administrative Science degree. Since May of 1996, Ms.



Photo by Carl Wilson.  
Marty Armentrout.

Armentrout has also led professional development and training of faculty in the use of Instructional Performance Systems Incorporated (IP SI) software.

Chair Armentrout also serves as Associate Professor of the Division of Business and has been a faculty member at Glenville State College for 20 years. Her education includes an A.B. in Education from Glenville State and a Master's Degree in Business Education from Marshall University. She is currently pursuing doctoral studies.

## To Residence Hall Students

The Residence Halls will be closed on Friday, November 22, at 5 p.m. and will reopen Sunday, December 1, at 12 noon.

The noon meal on Friday, November 22, will be the last meal served. Dinner will be the first meal served on Sunday, December 1.

### Checkout Procedure:

Before you leave the Residence Hall for the break please be sure that:

(1) You have UNPLUGGED everything in your room (clocks, stereos, etc.)

(2) You have TURNED OUT all lights.

(3) Your curtains and windows are CLOSED.

(4) Your door is LOCKED (and windows, also). Please note that the college IS NOT responsible for anything stolen from your room. We will be checking your rooms to see that you have complied with the above requests.

## Sunrise Walks

At 6 a.m., meet outside the Pickens Hall Male House Director's Apartment, next to the Wanger office of Pickens Hall.

Walk "The Loop" and still have time to get ready for work or those 8 am classes. Early morning exercise is a wonderful way to begin one's day, and when shared with a group can be the basis for the beginning of a very positive day.

Even though the idea of getting up this early to walk, exercise, etc., is hard to rationalize - there are mental, physical,

and tangible incentives for participating. One's mental outlook can be improved by having the time to think through ideas that he/she is usually too busy to imagine.

The physical benefits include increased metabolic rate and overall low-impact physical conditioning. The tangible benefits will vary by month - with GSC paraphernalia given to those who participate regularly. Should you have any questions and/or suggestions, feel free to contact Josh Bonnett at ext. 269.

## Mr. Denny Pounds to Speak

By Marty Armentrout

Mr. Denny Pounds, manager of Glenville McDonalds, has accepted an invitation to be a guest speaker for students at Glenville State College. On November 13, 1996, at 3:15 p.m., he will be present in room 208 of the administration building to share more than 20 years of business experience with interested students. Pounds will share aspects of the management training program of

McDonalds, his expectations of employees, and what he considers to be a desirable work ethic for success in business. He will also elaborate on the aspects of a franchise such as McDonalds compared to other forms of business organization.

The Glenville State College Division of Business is looking forward to Mr. Pounds' visit and extends the invitation to any interested individuals to attend his presentation.

## Adopt An Angel Program

By Jerry Lee Burkhammer II

Can you imagine Christmas without the ripping and tearing of wrapping paper as little children try to open their presents? Neither can I. And although presents are not what Christmas is truly about; giving from the heart with love is.

From November 5th through December 6th, 1996, the GSC Panhellenic Council will be working with the Gilmer County Community Resources Department to sponsor the "Adopt and Angel Program." The program allows gifts to be bought by people from the community for children whose families are less fortunate or presently going through some rough times.

To adopt an "Angel," just go to the Ampitheatre located between the science building

and Louis Bennett Hall. When you get to the Angel Tree just follow the steps outlined there. Once you've gotten your Angel, just purchase your gift, wrap it, and bring it to student services in the Administration Building with the Angel firmly attached to your gift. From here student services will make sure the Community Resources Program gets the gifts for proper distribution.

Remember, you can help to make this a special Christmas for a child by adopting an Angel from the tree located in the Ampitheatre.

Special thanks to Ed Grafton for donating the Angel Tree, maintenance for making the tree stand, and Rose Turner, and Gina Hoard for helping get the Angels ready to hang on the tree.



# Fourth Straight Title Clinched

By Frank Konig

History was made Saturday, on the football field as the visiting WVU-Tech Golden Bears were run off after being pounded 48-0. The offense was very effective, and the defense was too strong for the Bears. It was as though The Pioneers could do whatever they wanted.

A win against WVU-Tech would guarantee a WVIAC co-championship at least. A win this weekend against Shepherd College would clinch sole possession of the unprecedented fourth consecutive title.

The field was good, the weather overcast but cold. Glenville was ready and recieved the kickoff. The Pioneers scored first. Rod Smith connected with Wilkie Perez from 6 yards out to complete the 12 play 71 yard drive. Smith, the second best total offense quarterback in NCAA Div. II, orchestrated a

well balanced offense utilizing the running game with 45 carries and the passing game with 30 attempts.

Willie Dodson scored on the next possession, one of three consecutive rushing touchdowns.

Tyrone Roseberry got back to back rushing scores from 6 yards and 1 yard out. Justin Barnes, the 15th best placekicker in NCAA Div. II would be perfect on this day, hitting four-for-four on extra points.

In the second half, the Pioneers kept the tempo high. Smith hooked up with Kenny Hinton for a 34 yard touchdown at 6:13 of the third quarter. Hinton was the number one reciever on this day as All-American Carlos Ferralls was nursing various injuries. Hinton made 10 catches for 166 yards and the one score.

Defense was a positive aspect of the Pioneers game

package. The defense allowed only 88 yards on the ground and 76 yards through the air. Emerson Wallace would not allow anyone to pass him; he accumulated nine tackles including numerous ones that were felt all the way up in the press box.

Scott Hammond was the recipient of the third touchdown pass thrown by Smith, who ended the day 20 of 26 for 313 yards. Jason Wible, the second string place kicker, was given a chance to score his first point as a Pioneer and he would not be denied.. With that kick, the score stood 42-0.

The Pioneers scored once more in the fourth. Pat McHugh took over the offense from Smith behind the line. Marquis Williams took the ball at the 14 yard line and charged toward the endzone.

At the four-yard line the ball was pried lose and bounced



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Jason "Bob" Wible, #69, celebrates kicking the extra point.

where Williams would have liked to have been, the endzone. Josh Hartman pounced on it to score his first touchdown of the year and the last of the game.

The potent Pioneer offense, ranked second in NCAA meets the top ranked rusher in

Damian Beane on Saturday at Pioneer Stadium.

This is the last test for the Pioneers, who are anxious to show Shepherd College and the fans that they are the number one team in the WVIAC.

## Basketball Schedules

The Glenville State College 1996-1997 Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules will appear in next week's issue of *The Mercury* on the Sports page.

## Cross Country Continued from Page 1

distance and speed. Before making a schedule for training, Conklin shows his team what he has planned and listens to their ideas. He remarked, "Their input is a major part of what happens."

Conklin is also a Publications Manager here at GSC. He manages the offices and oversees the production of the newspaper and yearbook.

He is also Director of Sports Information. He does statistic reporting and the media guides and programs for sports. Conklin is also the head coach of the women's track and field team.

The GSC team will compete in the NCAA Division 2, Eastern Regional Meet, Saturday, November 9, in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

By Frank Konig

Who could have believed that in his second season, Glenville State Cross Country Coach Rick Conklin would conquer the WVIAC Conference as the men's team did this year?

After being named the Coach of the Year after capturing the men's team title last weekend, his preparation now turns to the NCAA Northeast regionals Saturday at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

nia.

The site of the WVIAC championship was once again at Camp Creek State Park near Bluefield State College. The course was a grueling five miles. After a fast start and in the middle of the pack, the Pioneers began to make their move.

As they exited the first patch of forest, the top five Glenville runners were scattered throughout the first ten. Not a spectator's course, the runners

headed back into the forest and out our view.

As the runners started up the hill, Glenville's Lee Petty and Daniel Edgell were a close second and third, chasing Ben Ellis, who had surged ahead 30 yards.

Following the Glenville runners was a pack of ten containing Jimmy Galloway, Daniel Ramezan, and Michael Bee. David Bee and Brent Gargus had that pack in their sights as they made their way to the formidable hill.

As the runners completed the first lap, the pace slowed. Many runners found it difficult to maintain their speed due to the cold, but Glenville held strong. Down the stretch Edgell could not overcome the lead built by Wheeling Jesuit runner Ellis, but he still placed top amongst the Pioneers and second overall.

Petty finished strong to overtake the top Wesleyan runner who had nothing left to give and finished third. Ramezan and Galloway finished 12th and 13th. David Bee came across in 14th, while Michael Bee made an incredible effort and passed two conference foes to finish 17th. Brent Gargus rounded out the Pioneers in 33rd place.

Finishing with a team total of 44 points, it was the first championship and the second trip to the Regional Race making the Pioneer Cross Country team one of the most accomplished programs at Glenville State College

The women remained consistent and ended the season giving everything they had. They finished in eighth place this year, two spaces down from last year's rank..

Bobby Hatcher was the first runner to cross the line in 30th place. Tanya was 100 yards behind in 39th place.

Tina Mallow followed closely in 40th place. Mandy Valentine was next in 41th, and Dawn Petty completed the race in 46th after battling the cold.

When the scores were tallied, the Lady Pioneers had a 34 point advantage over Concord College and managed to stay out of the cellar.

Congratulations go out to Glenville State College's Cross Country team. Next week will determine how successful our men's team will be, as they will be vying for a chance to compete against the nation's best.



Photo by Carl Wilson.

(Standing, L-R): Coach Rick Conklin, Daniel Ramazan, Daniel Edgell, Jimmy Galloway, Michael Bee, Student Assistant Chris Cress. (Kneeling): Brent Gargus, David Bee.





## The Reel World

*Best Week*

### Dear God! WHY?

This film stars Greg Kinnear as a con man preying on the innocent and good-hearted. He is soon caught by the justice system and given an ultimatum: go to jail or get a job, a tough decision for a man who has never had a honest job in his life. He is given the opportunity to work in the Dead Letter Office of a Los Angeles Post Office. This is where he meets the rejects of society hibernating away. Tim Conway plays the former postal-carrier having been transferred to the DLO after biting a dog. Laurie (Rosanne) Metcalf was a lawyer forced into this job after a nervous breakdown in the court room. On Kinnear's first day at work he finds out that thousands of letters arrive every day addressed to Santa Claus, Elvis, Martians and God. In curiosity he opens one and reads it, only to pity the person. In the DLO he sees a golden opportunity to pay off his gambling debts by stealing from the tons of lost mail and packages. He bumbles the theft and ends up mailing the stolen jewelry and his pack check to the writer of the Dear God letter. When others find out they join around him, wanting to help the writers of the Dear God letters. Reluctantly, Kinnear's character decides to continue helping the ones in need.

Why were the producers thinking this was good comedy? In my many years of film viewing I have seen the best and the worst comedy films. I have both rolled in the aisles and covered my head in shame. This film barely aroused a chuckle. The other choices for selections were seeing an elephant in *Larger than Life* or traveling a hundred miles to see the modern version of *Romeo and Juliet*. I should have traveled the extra distance. Instead, I chose the cheery, feel-good Christmas film.

The writers and director of the film had good intentions, trying to show the good that man is capable of. It is sad that people in the world could not be as the ones in the film. The only high point of this film was performance of Laurie Metcalf as the psychotic ex-lawyer suffering the effects of the breakdown. At least there were great previews before the film showing the upcoming movie *Star Trek: First Contact*, which opens in theaters on November 22nd.

### An Evening of Suspense: *Bloody Jack*—

By April Estep

This Halloween, the GSC chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary theatre fraternity, sponsored the play *Bloody Jack* by Tim Kelly. Directed by Ezekiel Flowers, this play takes us through the Jack the Ripper saga that took place in London during the late 1880s.

Chris Kenna starred as Dr. Thaddeus Sargent, a kind and gentle doctor in the Whitechapel section of London. Kenna, who last graced the stage as a lusty playboy in *Scapino*, played the quiet doctor to perfection. While watching him on stage it was difficult to remember that there was a stage.

The most welcome surprise was Heather Bland as Ellen Sargeant, the kind doctor's daughter. Bland stole the spot-



Ezekiel Flowers and Chris Hopkins of *Bloody Jack*.

light whenever she was on stage. The gold star goes to her in terms of stage presence as well as her accent. Throughout the play, many of the actors seemed to have trouble maintaining the English accent called for by the setting, but not Bland. Keep an eye out for Heather

### Student Spotlight: Ezekiel Flowers—

By April Estep

Anyone who is familiar with GSC theatre is familiar with the name Ezekiel "Zeke" Flowers. Flowers, a 22 year-old native of Lumberport, WV, is in his fifth year at GSC. Married to Glenville graduate LeeAnn, Zeke has one son, Brandon.

Zeke began in theatre in grade school and has stayed there since. He has been acting for 17 years, working backstage for eight years, and directing for two. Flowers loves every aspect of theatre, but says that directing is his favorite. "I'm kept out of a lot of good parts by my body shape, but when I direct I can put a part of me into every character, every wall, and every light on stage."

Some of Zeke's more memorable roles have earned him awards. He received runner-up best actor for his role in *Scapino*, and best actor for his role in *Prelude to a Kiss*. Flower's has also been on stage in *Rehearsal for Murder* and *Three Musketeers*. Zeke put on a director's hat for two one-act plays, *Beached* and *Teeth*, before moving to *Who Can Fix the Dragon's Wagon?* and *Bloody Jack*.

Bland in future productions.

Other delights were John Park as the suspicious Inspector Flanders, and Samantha Talbot, who bore an uncanny resemblance to director Zeke Flowers. If you didn't have a chance to see *Bloody Jack* you missed out on a great Halloween treat.



## Off the Shelf

*Jerry L. Estep*

### A Writer on the Edge

Ask most *Star Trek* fans, and they'll tell you that one of the finest episodes ever filmed for the original series was Harlan Ellison's "City on the Edge of Forever." In this episode, Kirk and Spock travel into the past to stop a deranged Dr. McCoy from changing the past. Kirk falls in love with a social worker named Edith Keeler. It is revealed that Edith must die to preserve the original timeline, and Kirk must sacrifice the woman he loves.

It's a great story, but it's not the whole story. Harlan Ellison's original script was deemed too expensive to film. The script was subjected to numerous re-writes by *Star Trek* staffers. The original screenplay is now available in a mass-market edition from White Wolf Press. Included with the Writers' Guild of America Award-winning screenplay is a lengthy introduction by Harlan Ellison, recounting the start of the feud with Gene Roddenberry that lasted for years.

Roddenberry has claimed over the years that Ellison's script was unshootable because it had Scotty dealing drugs on the *Enterprise*. As Ellison rightly points out, Scotty does not even appear in the script. Originally, Kirk and Spock travel back in time to apprehend a drug-dealing *Enterprise* crewman named Beckwith, who murders a shipmate to silence him. Ellison replaced Beckwith with McCoy in the rewrite phase.

Quite simply, this script is incredible. There are levels of complexity woven into this story that never saw the light of day in the series: not only does Spock advise Kirk of the importance of allowing Edith to die, Spock fully intends to kill her if Kirk's resolve weakens—this would have been a great examination of the cold logic that drives the Vulcan science officer. The variable in the equation is Beckwith, who tries to save Edith from the large truck that saves her life. One moment of human decency from a murderer is all it takes to change the past.

White Wolf Publishing is printing a 20-volume set of Harlan Ellison's work, spanning a 30-year career as a professional writer. The *Edgeworks* series is a must-have for anyone (like me!) who loves the work of this incredibly gifted and opinionated writer. If you've never read Harlan Ellison, give *City on the Edge of Forever* a try.

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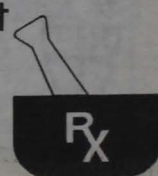
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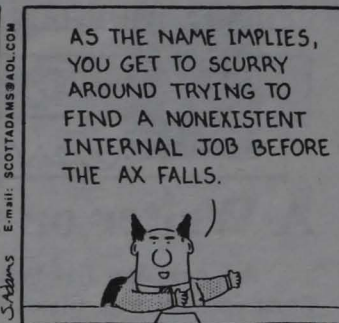
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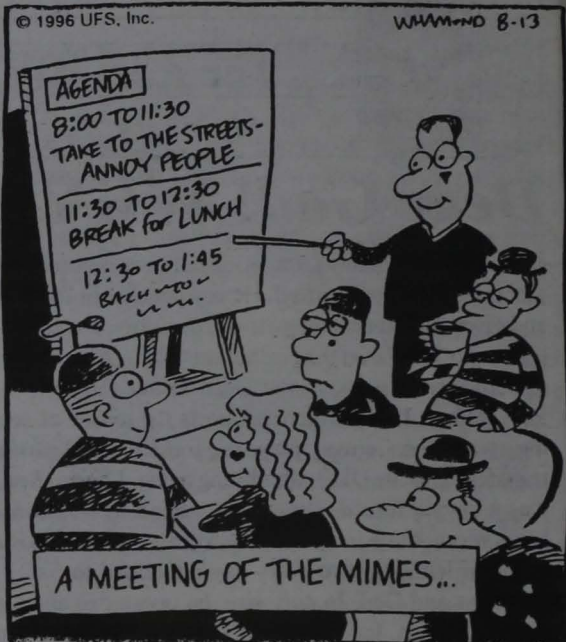




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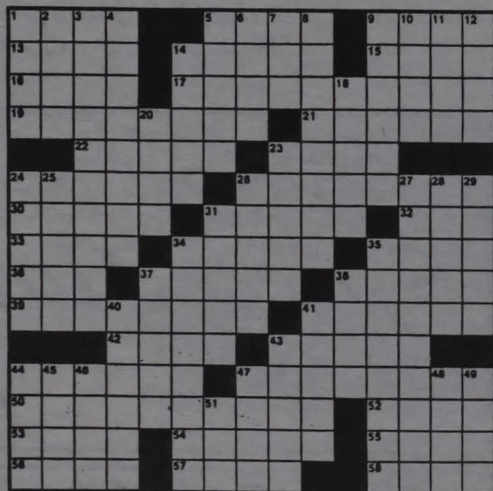
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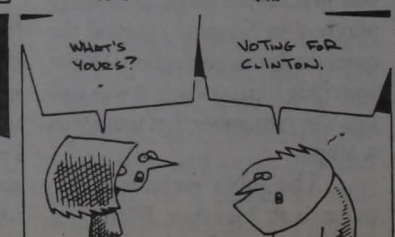
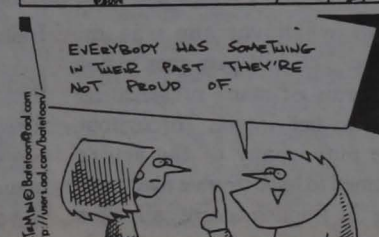
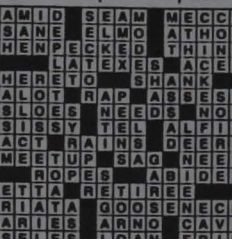
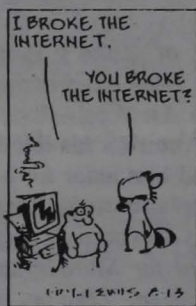
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- 44 War god
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The Darlene Moore and Chris Simpson senior recital has been rescheduled. It will now take place on Sunday, February 2, at 3 p.m.



## Chlamydia Most Commonly Reported Infection

A recent report that chlamydia was the most commonly reported infection in 1995 underscores the need for more aggressive screening and treatment of this sexually transmitted disease, according to the American Social Health Association. "The great irony is that, if it is detected, chlamydia is easily treated and cured," said Peggy Clarke, ASHA president. "We could virtually eradicate it."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which tracks 52 infectious diseases, received reports of 77,638 cases of chlamydia in 1995, more than any other infection. However, chlamydia is far more common than this figure indicates.

"Because chlamydia is usually without symptoms, many people are infected without knowing it," Clarke explained. Estimates of new chlamydia infections in the U.S. each year are as high as 4 million, making it the fastest spreading STD."

Chlamydia is symptomless

in 75 percent of cases among women and 25 percent among men.

Although chlamydia is not a life-threatening illness if it is treated and cured, undetected chlamydia has severe consequences, particularly for women. Over time, it can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, which can cause severe, chronic pain.

PID can invade a woman's upper reproductive tract and cause scarring of the Fallopian tubes, possibly making her infertile. PID can also cause an ectopic pregnancy, in which the fetus develops outside the uterus - fatal to the infant and life-threatening to the mother.

The second most commonly reported infection in 1995 was gonorrhea, another STD that is often symptomless and can lead to PID and infertility. Each year, more than \$3.1 billion is spent in the U.S. to treat the consequences of chlamydia and gonorrhea.

ASHA advocates routine testing for these infections for

anyone who has had unprotected sex. "Many women assume, incorrectly, that their annual gynecological exam includes a test for STDs, or that the Pap smear screens for these infections," Clarke said. "We encourage every woman who has had unprotected sex to ask her health care provider for STD screening."

At the national level, the CDC's Infertility Prevention Program has had dramatic results by providing screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea. In states where the program has been fully implemented, chlamydia infection rates have declined by as much as 61 percent. However, lack of funding has prevented the CDC from fully implementing the program in all states.

Free, confidential information about STDs is available from the National STD Hotline at 800/227-8922. To receive ASHA's free guide for women, "My Health Matters: How to Talk to Your Doctor About Sexual Health," call 800/972-8500.

## Memory Lapses

In a recent of college women in North Carolina, the volunteers kept diaries for three months, recording when they took their birth control pills each day. The pill container contained a computer chip that recorded when they took their pills. At the end of the study, about 14

percent of the volunteers reported in their diaries that they had missed three or more pills.

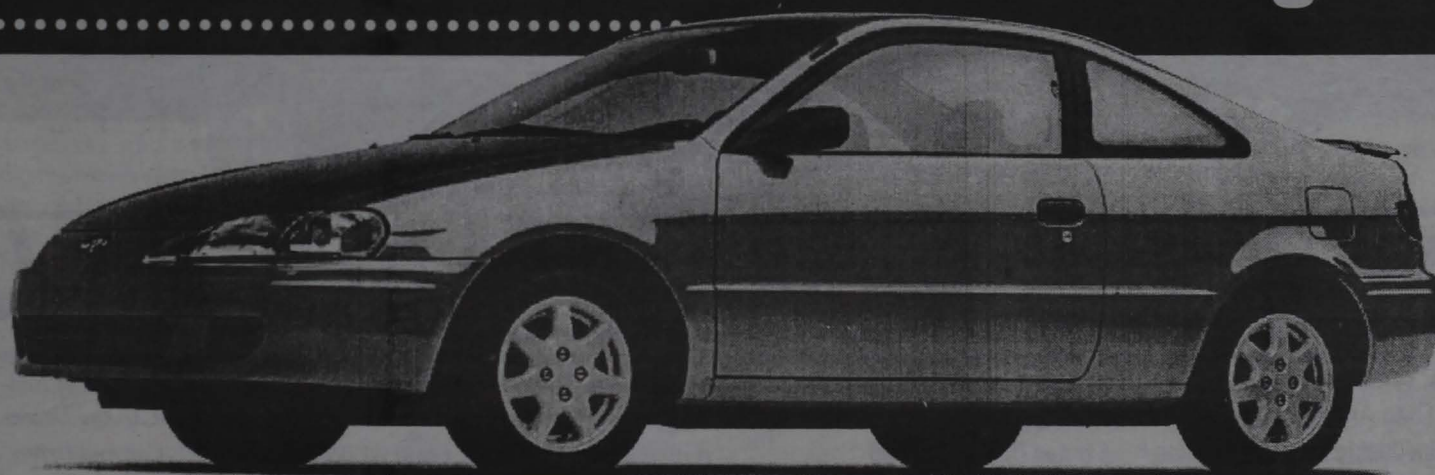
However, the computer chips reported that 51 percent had actually missed three or more pills. (Family Planning Perspectives, July/August 1996)

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## AmeriCorps: Alive and Kicking (College Debt)

On TV, you know me as Jo Reynolds, a woman famous for dating real losers.

But in real life, I know some real winners - young people who have devoted a year to serve others as they earn help paying for college.

They're members of AmeriCorps - the new, domestic Peace Corps. They tutor school kids, clear mountain trails, build homes, walk police beats, fight fires, and hundreds of other things that make communities stronger. In exchange, they earn a living allowance and an education award to help pay for college or pay back student loans.

Money for college is great - take it from someone who had a tough time paying for her own education. But that's not the only reason AmeriCorps members serve their country. I tutored children as part of a college work-study program, and I saw firsthand the difference one person can make on someone else's future. I learned that our future as a nation depends on the indi-

vidual choices we make to help one another.

We've inherited a nation that has some real challenges - and many young people are meeting them by doing great things for their communities. For example, members of the AmeriCorps Class of '95 in Kansas City, Missouri, shut down 44 crack houses, kept 175 city blocks free from drug dealing, and reclaimed a neighborhood's only park from gangs. That's real. AmeriCorps members tutored half of rural Simpson County, Kentucky's second-graders - and they raised reading comprehension from two grades behind grade level to one grade above. That's real. From the earthquakes in my hometown of Los Angeles to hurricanes in the South, AmeriCorps members respond to national disasters with emergency relief for victims. That's real.

So, they are doing good things for the people around them. What do AmeriCorps members get out of their year



Daphne Zuniga plays Jo Reynolds, a Los Angeles high fashion photographer on Spelling TV's *Melrose Place*.

of service? Sure, they get help with college costs. But it's more than that - ask them yourself. AmeriCorps members talk about what it feels like to be involved in their communities, learning how to fix problems they'd previously noticed but didn't know they could solve. They talk about what it's like getting to know and work with people from different backgrounds. They talk about how their teamwork fights apathy, how they are getting things done.

Right now, more than 25,000 AmeriCorps members are helping communities across the country. Most are working

with nonprofit groups in their own communities like City Year, Teach for America, Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and the local YMCA. Some are on closed military bases in AmeriCorps\*NCCC (the National Civilian Community Corps). Others, like AmeriCorps\*VISTA members, are working to help citizens in economically distressed areas.

And you? You can serve to rebuild your own community or apply to any of hundreds of local or national AmeriCorps programs across the country. It's tough work. Members serve full-time for a full year, putting in at least 1,700 hours (and usually many, many more). In exchange, members earn a small living allowance (about \$600 per month), and, at a year's end, an education award worth \$4,725 for college tuition or student loans.

Don't dream of fitting into a place like Melrose. Be a leader in your community. For more information, please call AmeriCorps at 1-800-942-2677.

## The Polls Are In!

By Eric Ware

Out of the 42 entries received, GSC students have ranked "Balanced Budget" as the most important issue in the recent McLaughlin Group Poll taken during the weeks of Oct. 25 through Nov. 2, with Dole as the leading candidate two points over Clinton.

Change seemed appropriate for some, as students expressed their distrust with Clinton.

"Dole seems the best candidate," Tedd Webb expressed.

Others express a different point of view: "Dole is too old for the Presidency," one student expressed, "Clinton is the best choice."

"Sometimes, in the dead of night, I look at these tiny little spaces on the page, and I realize that I have to fill them with quotes. Ha! This time, it's not about famous people! It's all about me, baby!"

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