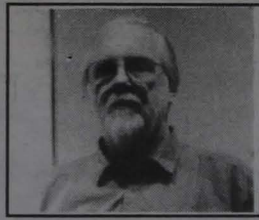


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American Boychoir Comes to GSC

By Angela Greenlief

GSC's Cultural Affairs group recently presented the American Boychoir in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The event took place Wednesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. Approximately 140 people were present to listen to these 28 boys perform.

The boys began their performance dressed in red and white choir gowns, singing "The Apple Tree," a carol written by Elizabeth Poston in the early part of the 20th century. Their conductor was Dr. James Litton, formerly from West Virginia.

All of the songs from the first section of the performance were written specifically for boys' voices. The songs came from all periods of history and all areas of the world.

After the first five songs were performed, two boys were chosen to speak to the audience about themselves and their school while the others changed clothes. Paris Brewer, from Cleveland, Ohio said "We want to show everyone in America what a typical boy choir is like." Dr. Litton told the audience about some of the places they have toured and where they have been recorded.

A great deal was spoken of the American Boychoir School. Litton commented, "They have an opportunity to have a very special education." When one of the boys ran through their average daily schedule, Litton responded "It's a demanding schedule, indeed, but it manages to keep them out of trouble."

Litton explained, though, that "This is a special tour." The group is touring West Virginia in

response to Gaston Caperton's Homecoming 1996.

The second section of the performance brought the boys back to the stage in red turtle-necks and black slacks. They sang an African folk song called "Tshatshoiaza and Slyahainba." The song was a story about workers in the fields who are cutting sugar cane when they came upon snakes. In the end, two strong men are sent to stomp out the snakes. While singing, the boys acted out the story by jumping back and then forward, stomping. Some audience members found this amusing.

Three more songs were performed before intermission. One was a Scottish folk song, then a melancholy poem written by a 12-year-old girl, and finally a lighthearted Serbian folk dance.

After intermission, the boys

returned to sing songs from America. The first three were African-American spirituals: "Wade in the Water," "Over Yonder," and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Two old American songs were performed, along with the "George Gershwin Song Medley" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." During the medley, the boys did a humorous dance choreographed by Craig Dennison, the Associate Music Director.

The American Boychoir received two standing ovations at the end of their performance. John Walkup, a piano teacher here at GSC, said about the choir's singing, "I think it's a unique, beautiful sound." Chris Hopkins, a GSC student, said "I wish I had half the talent they do. They are so talented for as young as they are. They're great."

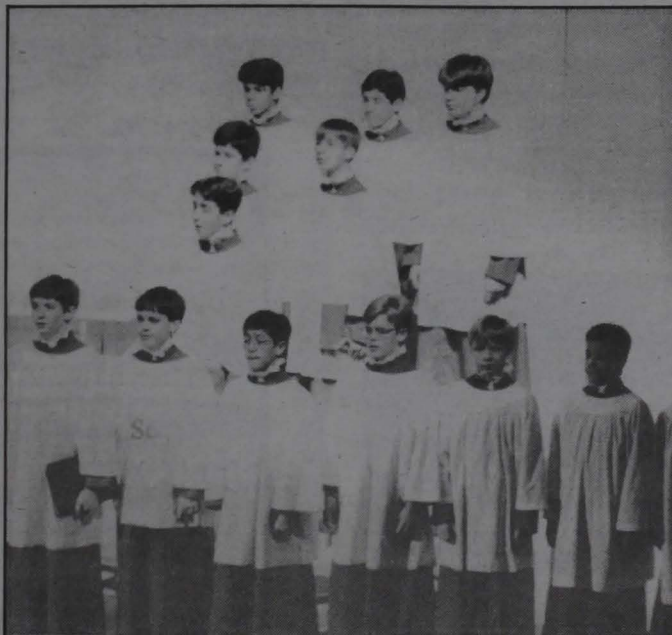


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The American Boychoir entertains GSC students.

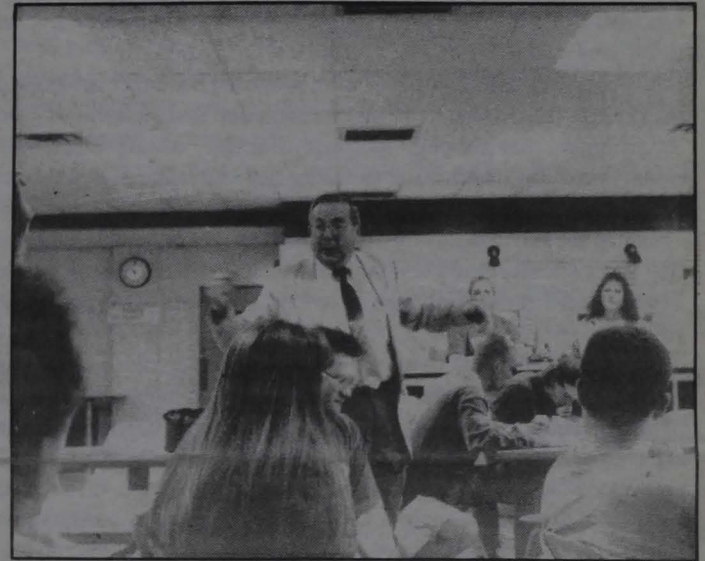


Photo by Gene Breza.

Dr. Billips shares concerns with students over snack bar issue.

Stockett Hears Snack Bar Concerns

By Angela Greenlief

A meeting was held Thursday, November 7, in the Heflin Center Snack Bar to address commuters' concerns over the snack bar being moved to the bowling alley. Students gathered around to speak with Student Congress President Mark Allen and Bob Stockett.

Stockett began the meeting by telling commuters "I'm not sure where things got out of hand," referring to the discontent among many students over the loss of the snack bar. He went on to say, "During my tenure here, there has not been enough business to keep the snack bar operational." However, Stockett commented "I'm not closing off your area."

Many new ideas for the snack bar were mentioned, including putting in computers for the commuters to use in the evenings. Josh Bonnett had suggested putting in a coffee shop for the students; Bonnett was

not present at the meeting, however.

Stockett also stated, "We can put sandwich vending machines in." This idea received a negative response from some students, who felt vending machine food is not very appealing. Coletta Blankenship commented, "Anyone that's eaten it knows it's a lot of crap, anyway."

Commuters expressed their displeasure at not being asked how they felt about this plan, explaining that this move would affect them much more than students in the dorms. Stockett responded, "Like I told you, it's not a done deal."

One student asked how the college could save money moving the snack bar, considering the remodeling in the bowling alley which would have to take place. Stockett responded that he was "not looking at overall cost as far as moving things."

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From the Editor's Desk

Gene Brega

From Left to Right--The Spectrum

The political spectrum is the means most people use to categorize political ideas. I don't necessarily agree with the spectrum concept, but let's see what we've got before thinking to change it.

The history of the concept can give us insights into what "conservative" and "liberal" mean.

Way back in 1789, in France, at the time of the French Revolution, "...Aristocrats who supported the King sat to his right, while radicals, members of the Third Estate, sat to his left. Thereafter, the same seating arrangement persisted at French Assemblies. The term 'right' was soon understood to mean reactionary or monarchist, and the term 'left' was used of revolutionary deputies or those who held egalitarian views" (from *Political Ideologies* by Andrew Heywood).

The book says that the modern spectrum no longer is so simple as to mean the difference between revolution and reaction. It gives the example, that although the right-wing may usually mean reactionary, seeking to hark back to earlier and better times, fascism, on right fringe, is revolutionary. Do we see militias here?

On the other hand--the left hand, that is--Heywood points out that some socialists and communists, usually progressive or revolutionary, have resisted change to defend a welfare state or prevent reform.

The spectrum also reflects varying political values, often paralleling economic values. "Left-wingers are committed to a belief in human equality and the possibility of achieving it. Right-wingers are characterized by their belief that equality, is either undesirable or impossible." Economic values, vary from state control of all wealth, in communism, to a laissez-faire market in conservative thought, with an admixture of the two in socialism and liberalism.

In West Virginia, we have state control to make sure big business flourishes, (a sort of businism). I suspect this development has its roots in the antebellum South's sociological defense of slavery. A Virginian, George Fitzhugh, considered the North's freedom as a failure, and rejected egalitarianism and individualism in favor of social hierarchy while Senator Hammond of South Carolina said in 1858 "there had to be 'mud sill' upon which to erect a civilized, cultured life" (from Irwin Unger's *These United States*).

In the end Heywood points out the weakness of linear nature of the spectrum. "...the linear spectrum has sometimes been criticized because ideologies at its extremes, communism and fascism exhibit similarities." A horseshoe shaped spectrum has been proposed. Others have added a second axis to account for totalitarian as opposed to democratic values. But I propose a new idea and henceforth I shall be known as an *ideator*. I propose a globular concept where all political ideas are put in the world and spun.

(Thanks to Mike Smith who gave me an extensive breakdown of Western politics and lent some books, one of which I used above.)

Dear Editor,

I would like to take just a moment of time and space to thank everyone who helped and encouraged me while I was preparing to audition for a job at Kings Island. I really am overjoyed by the support that was shown in my time of need. I would like to thank a few special people that were more than helpful to me.

First, Dennis and Nancy Wemm--you inspired me to go for it and just give it my best and to try, even though I was unsure about myself. Second, Mr. Walkup, Cris Gravely, and everybody else who helped me with my music preparation. Third, the rest of my family and friends (Chad Nichols, Brent Wood, Steve Thomas, and many others), who believed in me even though I failed to get the job.

You've all been great and I hope someday, when I succeed (because someday I will), I can fully thank you for your being there. Again, thank you all for being there and all you've done. Don't give up on me, because I won't.

Sincere thanks,
Chris Hopkins

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What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

A Need for the Affirmative

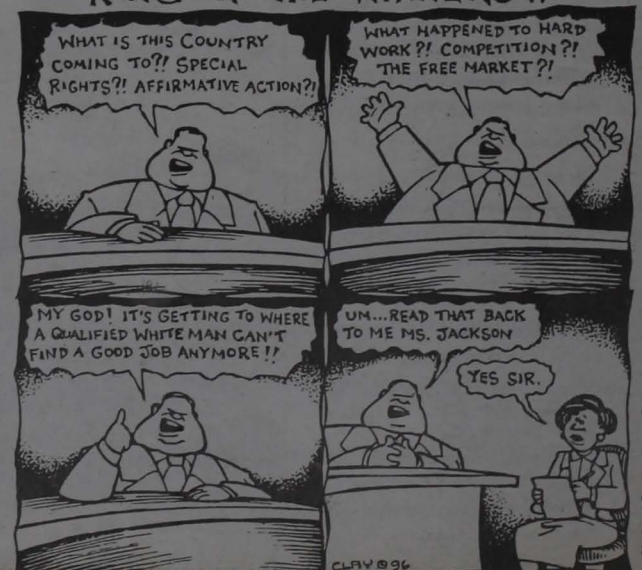
In last week's elections, California voters agreed to end affirmative action policies in their state. Whether or not the Supreme Court decides to uphold the results of the California initiative is a moot point since if the people do not support the idea of affirmative action, it will not work. Affirmative action laws were designed to eliminate discrimination in the work place, but no one was that naive to believe that such a thing could be accomplished. But what affirmative action *does* do is to improve the opportunities of those in our society who are prone to be discriminated against.

The recent Texaco scandal in which top executives have been recorded discussing discriminatory promotion policies for African-Americans is a cogent example of how discrimination is alive and well, even *with* affirmative action laws. Anyone who thinks that there is no need to help minorities get their fair share of opportunities in our country either thinks much too charitably of humans in general, or supports the idea of discrimination. Think about it: we, as a country, could not even pass a constitutional amendment that simply stated women should have equal rights to men. The really sad part of the ERA fiasco is that many women have gotten so used to their inferior role that they did not believe they should have equal rights and failed to vote for the amendment.

I know that there is an element of reverse discrimination in affirmative action laws and maybe something can be done to fine-tune the laws to make them more fair. But without some sort of protection for those who are considered different from the group that is in power, the powerless will be subjugated or largely ignored. Maybe prejudice is part of a genetic memory from when humans lived in tribes, and anyone outside the tribe posed a possible threat to security...I don't know. What I do know is that prejudice seems to run rampant among humans, and given the power to act on it, prejudice almost always leads to discrimination or worse.

The "civilized" world prides itself on its systems of fairness and justice, but we must remember that these systems are human made and do not come naturally. We should also remember that, in all likelihood, the concepts of sharing and sacrifice came about as necessities to better serve ourselves by strengthening the whole. If it is hard for us to justify affirmative action through true altruism, than maybe we can look at the economic advantages of having as much of the population as possible living up to its full potential. The need for affirmative action laws is an ignominious reality for the human race, but a reality all the same.

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Porcelain Paradise

By Kevin Lake

Last weekend my roommate John, our neighbor Julie, our friend Todd (a young man who resides in LBH and isn't really our room mate but lives with us anyway) and I were sitting around our apartment facing a grave dilemma. It was nine o'clock on Friday night and we were completely sober. Though we were craving a case of "Pepsi Light" worse than a total slacker craves a C in a general studies course, we faced one obstacle. My girlfriend of the week, Amber, was coming over at midnight and she always got on to us for indulging.

Suddenly Todd came up with a solution. He motioned we get a case and drink it really fast then hide the cans when she got here.

"Yeah," said John. "That's what we did two weeks ago when you had that blind date over. We didn't even have to hide the cans."

"That's because she was really blind," I told him.

It didn't take much arm twisting to convince me though. I took up our always even collection of John's dollar, Todd's quarter, Julie's smile and my \$13.25 and headed to Go-Mart.

The events of the next three hours passed as quickly as my last five years of college. We were right in the middle of slam dancing to Metallica when we heard a knock at the door.

"Oh no, it's her," I shouted. "You guys hide the cans and I'll stall her at the door." I ran to the bathroom, gargled some mouthwash, then headed to the door with tears in my eyes from the painfully bruised ribs my friends gave me while slam dancing.

"Hi, Honey," she said as she gave me a kiss. "What's wrong? Why are you crying?"

"Oh, me and the guys just got finished watching *Ol' Yeller* again."

"I love an emotional man," she said as she gave me a hug, in turn adding pain to my ribs.

"That's the kind of guy I am," I said as I winced in pain.

After she told me how considerate I was for always brushing my teeth before she came over I rolled my eyes behind her back and helped her carry her things for the weekend into the living room. Like last time, she brought enough luggage to supply a small unit of Bosnian soldiers. This time she also brought her karaoke machine.

We wasted no time in plugging in the machine and crucifying every song we knew for the rest of the night. Todd started off by transforming the pre-chorus to Metallica's "Wherever I May Roam," from "Rover, wanderer, nomad, vagabond, call me what you will," to "Roll me over, this old bag of bones, roll me down the hill."

Knowing he could do better, John put in Garth Brook's "Mama Loved Papa," and changed "Mama was a looker, Lord how she shined, Papa was a good'n but the jealous kind Papa loved Mama, Mama loved men, Mama's in the graveyard Papa's in the pen," to "Mama was a hooker, Lord that's a shame, Papa was the good hearted jealous kind, Mama loved Papa, Papa loved men, Mama's in the backyard, Papa's drinkin' gin."

Julie and Amber sucked. They actually knew the words to the songs they sang.

My turn was last for the evening. I decided to sing a slow one--Bon Jovi's "I'll be There for You." I turned, "I'll be there for you, these five words I swear to you, when you breathe I wanna be the air for you, I'll be there for you, I'd live and I'd die for you, steal the sun from the sky for you, words can't say what love can do, I'll be there for you," to "I'll be there for you, fee fie foe I swear to you, when you breed I wanna be there with you, I'll be there for you, I'd live and I'd die for you, run and hide from the sky for you, nerds can't stay but love can do, I'll be there for you."

Amber's bringing her karaoke machine back this weekend, so if you'd like to find out just how well you know the words to your favorite songs feel free to stop by.



A Piece of the Pie

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva

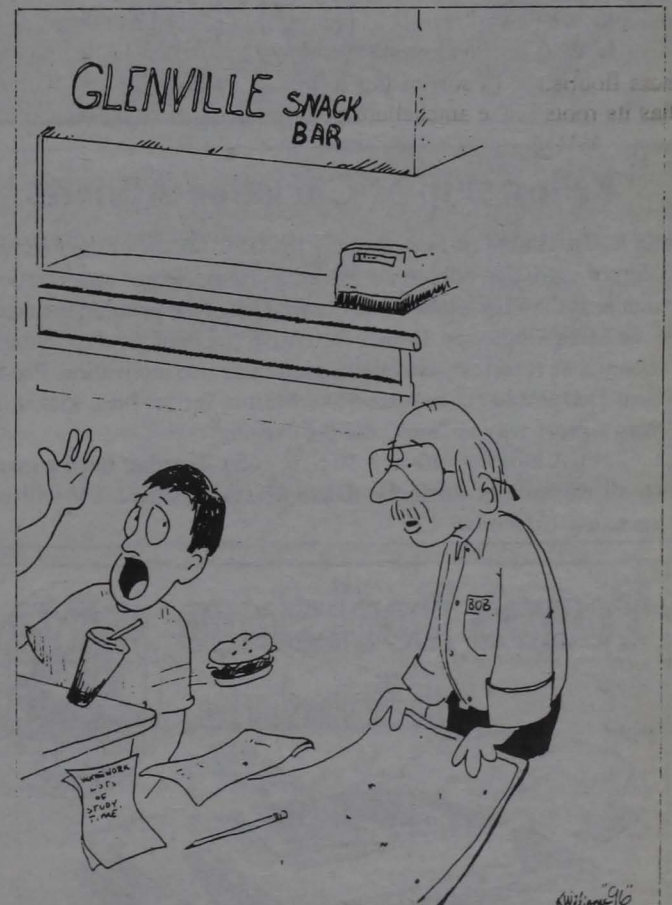
"Is that in West Virginia?"

When an international student comes to America, the first question he is probably asked is where he comes from. With a little fear, he pronounces the name of his country, hoping the other person knows where it is. Sometimes we ask, "Do you know where that is?" Very often, we see uncertainty in people's eyes and receive the wrong answer. I guess every international student feels a little heart pain at that moment, but with good manners explains the right answer.

I'll never forget my first time in America, and I was asked the question. When I said I was from Bulgaria, I was asked if Bulgaria was in Africa. I was ready to die! I thought that everybody knew where Bulgaria was. I got very angry and instead of explaining it nicely, I said "Open the atlas and see for yourself." Soon, I realized that most people did not know where Bulgaria was and, instead of getting angry, I started explaining its location.

I suppose that every international student has experienced that at least once. That is the reason why I decided it would be a good idea to write an article about every country our international students come from. I think that American students will be interested in knowing a little bit more about Japan, Ireland, Ethiopia, Canada, Eritrea and Bulgaria, about the customs, the life, and the food.

Next week, expect the first article in the series--Japan. I hope that everybody will enjoy my articles and that they will help American students understand us. Understanding can then lead to friendship, and we will have more fun staying in America. Enjoy the reading!



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From the *I Ching*

After times of completion, when a new power has arisen and everything within the country has been set in order, a period of colonial expansion almost inevitably follows. Then as a rule long-drawn-out struggles must be reckoned with. The territory won at such bitter cost must not be regarded as an almshouse for people who in one way or another have made themselves impossible at home, but who are thought to be quite good enough for the colonies. Such a policy ruins at the outset any chance of success.

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Rams Block Sole Possession of Title

By Frank Konig

The 1996 football season would not have seemed right if it had not been for the rain, wind and snow last Saturday at Pioneer Stadium. The Shepherd College Rams were in town to battle the Pioneers. The Rams were the only team standing in the way of sole possession of the WVIAC title that the Pioneers wanted so badly.

Glenville State would have definitely attained the WVIAC title had they won, but it was not meant to be. Taking Shepherd into overtime, the Pioneers had nothing left after fighting back to tie the game in the second half.

Glenville took the early lead when Rod Smith connected with Willie Dodson from 44 yards out. Shepherd College answered

right back with a 41 yard strike from Chad Broadwater to Colby Cloude.

The back-and-forth action continued until Broadwater made three passing touchdowns in a row. The first was a 15-yard strike to Tim Ready, the second was again to Cloude, and the third was back to Ready.

The emphasis on defense was to stop running back Damian Beane, who is the top rusher in the nation, and mission was accomplished. Beane only managed yards on 26 carries.

With the score 13-27 in favor of the Rams and only 4:37 left in the game, many fans had given up. Fairmont State College beat Wheeling Jesuit, forcing Glenville to either win or share that title.

In a last stretch of heroics,



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Pioneer linebacker, Chuck North (#39), rallies squad members on sideline.

Smith orchestrated two awesome drives. The first was a three-play, 75-yard destruction of the Shepherd defense. Smith capped it off with a passing touchdown to Kenny Hinton. The second was again three plays but only 43 yards after the Glenville defense forced an important turnover.

Smith connected with Dodson once more in the endzone and tied the game 27-27 and left overtime to decide the outcome.

Glenville won the toss and elected to take the ball first. In three plays, Tyrone Roseberry punched the pigskin in from the 1 yard line. Barnes nailed the extra point and put the pressure on the Rams.

On the first play of the Ram's overtime drive, Broadwater spotted Cloude in the endzone and found themselves down only one point. The Rams went for all or nothing by trying for the two-point conversion. Beane came through and ran right through the stunned Pioneer defense.

After the game, Coach Monte Cater of Shepherd said, "We were at their place and thought that we probably couldn't stop their offense again the way it was going, and we felt this would be the only chance we would have to win."

Coach Rich Rodriguez said, "We are disappointed that we lost the Shepherd game, but I am proud of the way our players came back in the fourth quarter."

This brings another football season to a close, as we say good-bye to 13 seniors and look forward to next year for WVIAC dominance.

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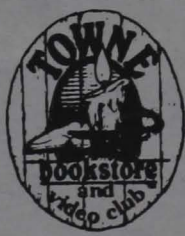
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

On Thursday, November 7, the GSC huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes attended a "Home Team" appreciation dinner at the Charleston Civic Center. One of the featured speakers was Mike Singletary, former Defensive standout for the Chicago Bears. His testimony was tremendous and also motivation. President Bob Wible got to meet Mike Martin, former NFL kicker. It was a great way to "kick" off the evening.

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Lady Spikers End Impressive Year

By Frank Konig

The regular season came to an end for another Glenville State Athletic program for the 1996 season. The impressive year for the Lady Pioneer Volleyball Squad finished with a match at home against Shepherd, and an away match against Concord.

At home, the Lady Pioneers were poised to win an important match against the Shepherd Rams which would give them some extra momentum going to Concord and then the Conference Tournament.

Ready to attack, the Lady Spikers took the first two games 15-10 and 15-12. Behind the spirited play of Jodie Beall and

Tina Jones, this match seemed to be too easy. Sure enough, all good things turned to the worse.

The Pioneers dropped the next three games straight: 10-15, 10-15, and 7-15. Beall and Jones led the team in kills with 20 and 14 respectively, while setter Michelle Smith gave 32 assists and Beall added 10 blocks.

Traveling down to Concord College, the Lady Pioneers would meet a strong crowd on this Parents' Night. This win was important. After losing the match to Shepherd and the tournament only a week away, Glenville was in dire need of an uplifting match.

After losing the first game --which the ladies used as a type

of warm-up-- they hammered the Lady Mountain Lions, 15-10, 15-12, 15-11. A balanced contribution from all sides, it was Cheryl Stout and Becky Chevront who led in the offense department with 16 and 15 kills. Smith had a good game again, handing out 30 assists and Bealle who had five blocks.

This weekend the Lady Spikers are off to Summersville for the WVIAC Championship tournament, and Coach Kenny Osborne is optimistic: "I was very pleased with our effort against Concord. That was a big win on their floor on Parents' Night. I feel we are in a good frame of mind going into the tournament."

Men's 1996-1997 Basketball Schedule

NOVEMBER			
16-17	Pittsburgh University at Johnstown Tournament	Away	
19	Slippery Rock University	Away	8:00
23	Ohio Valley College	Away	3:00
30	St. Vincent University	Away	7:30
DECEMBER			
2	WV Wesleyan College	Home	7:30
7	University of Charleston	Home	7:30
9	Ohio Valley College	Home	7:30
14	Bluefield	Away	7:30
JANUARY			
8	Fairmont State College	Away	7:30
11	Shepherd College	Home	4:00
13	West Liberty State College	Away	7:30
15	Salem-Teikyo University	Away	7:30
18	Alderson-Broadus College	Home	7:30
22	Davis & Elkins College	Away	7:30
25	Bluefield State College	Home	7:30
27	Concord College	Home	7:30
29	WVU Institute of Technology	Away	7:30
FEBRUARY			
1	Wheeling Jesuit College	Away	4:00
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Head Coach Gary Nottingham

Women's 1996-1997 Basketball Schedule

NOVEMBER			
15	McDonald's Classic	Home	6:00
16	McDonald's Classic	Home	
20	Bowie State University	Away	6:00
23	California University (PA)	Away	6:00
26	Ohio Dominican College	Away	7:00
DECEMBER			
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22	WVU Institute of Technology	Home	2:00
24	1st Round of the WVIAC Women's Basketball Tournament	(on campuses of the highest rated teams)	

Head Coach Steve Harold



Photo by Carl Wilson

Lady Pioneer shows determination diving for a dig.

GSC Cross Country Team Comes in Tenth-

By Frank Konig

On the first weekend of noticeable winter weather, the Glenville State Cross Country Team made the trip north to defend the WVIAC championship at the NCAA Div. II Northeast Regional Meet.

Well prepared for this course and the meet, the men were going north with the intention of showing the northern powerhouses that cross country in West Virginia is for real.

Among a field of thirty-two complete teams, the Pioneers were matched up against teams from as far north as Maine and New Hampshire.

The men's team finished tenth overall, beating out Wheeling Jesuit, Millersville, California (PA) and others. Coach Conklin said, "We should take pride in our achievements, especially over those schools who have larger budgets and better facilities. It just goes to show how much heart our runners have."

David Bee was the top Glenville runner. He completed the grueling six-mile course in 37:01, running at a 5:58-per-mile pace and finishing 32nd overall. Jimmy Galloway was the second Pioneer to cross the line in 57th overall with a time of 37:48.

Daniel Edgell and Daniel

Ramezan finished in 63rd and 73rd place, respectively; freshman Brent Gargus was 152nd out of a field that consisted of 229 runners.

This course is different from the courses the team would encounter over the regular season. This was a mile longer, making the runners work a lot harder. In the WVIAC the courses are only five miles.

This team will lose Galloway and Edgell to graduation next year. They return the nucleus including three sophomores and one freshman. Next year, they can set their goals as high or higher.

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Not sure of how to begin your search for education grants, work-study or other financial aid? Having trouble filling out the financial aid applications? Need advice on shopping for education loans? College Answer has the answers.

Families with access to the Internet can also find those answers by visiting Sallie Mae's

interactive World Wide Web site, a source of information on planning and paying for college. The site features interactive calculators to help families forecast college costs, figure expected family contribution, or compute monthly loan payments.

There is also a planning calendar for high school freshmen through seniors to help them get ready for college every step of the way, as well as a personal finance tutorial to help them manage their money responsibly once in college.

Families can get answers to their questions by calling College Answer toll free at 1-800-891-4599, or by visiting Sallie Mae's Web site at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

Student Spotlight: Director Chris Kenna—

By Annie McCourt

Slight of build, but not of dramatic talent, Chris Kenna is another student director of the fall one-act plays.

As a 22-year-old interdisciplinary and theatre major, Kenna is kept pretty busy, but he never allowed that to stop him from performing in several GSC productions. Kenna relayed, "Drama to me is a means of communication. You can use it to make light of a serious situation or make a serious situation easier to handle. It is a way to wake people up and make them see the truth."

Kenna's earlier performances include *If Men Could Play Cards As Well As Women Do*, *Three Musketeers*, *Beached*, *Scapino*, *Who Can*

Fix The Dragon's Wagon, and *Bloody Jack*.

"I've always wanted to be involved in the theatre," Kenna said, "but I never really got a chance in high school (Nicholas County)."

That all changed in the fall of '93, when Kenna saw then-GSC-student Keith Miller hanging up posters for auditions for the one acts. "He handed me a flyer and then proceeded to talk me into auditioning," Kenna explained.

Kenna will be directing the play *The Best of Strangers*. When asked why he chose to start directing now, Kenna replied, "At various stages in my theatrical history, I've tried everything involved with theatre. While stage managing for

Zeke [Flowers], I got an inside view of the director's job. I got to help Zeke and he used a lot of my ideas." Kenna continues, "Mr. Wemm informed me that the class Stage Direction was being offered this semester, so I took it."

The Best Of Strangers cast includes Stefanie Johnson, Gloria Langford, Michael Brooks, Jason Woodard, Carrie Vanhorn, and Jill Kennedy. It is a play about two women in a hospital who reluctantly become friends and help each other realize and cope with the changes in their bodies. Kenna explains, "It is a slap-in-the-face truth, on the light side. I'm hoping this will wake people up and make them think, and stop being so blind and narrow-minded."

Kappa Delta Pi - On the Move

Kappa Delta Pi is on the move! With the addition of twenty new members, our chapter's resources and strengths have doubled. The privileges of membership are accompanied by responsibilities as well. It is with this in mind that Kappa Omicron Chapter has planned activities to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members.

First, the Sand Fork Elementary mentorship program will begin this month. Mentoring requires spending time with a student who needs a role model and a friend. Members interested

should contact Kris Raddiff, chairperson.

Our biennium theme of "Educators Make The Difference" initiated our planning for a banquet in the spring to honor an educator. We will be asking members to invite an educator who made the difference in his or her education for an evening of fellowship and food.

Scholarship information for undergraduates was discussed. The Kappa Delta Pi Educational Foundation is awarding two scholarships for undergraduate students for the 1997-98 school year. The criteria used to select

recipients will include written expression, need, recommendations, and school and community activities.

The J. Jay Hostetler Student Teacher Scholarship winners will receive \$250. The scholarship may be used in Fall or Spring of the 1997-98 academic year. The President's Scholarship winners will each receive \$500. Members need to apply before March.

Finally, our fund-raiser for the fall will be a holiday bake sale. A chapter bake party will be held at Mrs. Reale's house on Monday, December 9.

The baked goods will be on sale Tuesday, December 10, in the Heflin Center. Kadelpians encourage you to stop and buy some "goodies" for study day. A special thanks to Lisa Hardbarger and Kris Raddiff for working concessions at the Little Pioneers Superbowl!

Open House

The Office of Career Services and the Student Development Center cordially invites all staff and students to a holiday open house Thursday, December 5. Please visit our office in the Heflin Student Center anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for conversation and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Chad Nichols, Lisa Belknap, and Jeremy Burks show their trophies won at the Wilcox Forensics Tournament at Marietta College.

Forensics Triumphant

Chad Nichols, Jeremy Burks, and Lisa Belknap returned from Marietta College with trophies in hand after competing in the Wilcox Forensics Tournament on November 9. Chad Nichols and Jeremy Burks placed third in Dramatic Duo Interpretation with their cutting from "Botticelli." Lisa Belknap's topic for Persuasive Speaking was Global Warming and she received fourth place honors.

The competition included fourteen colleges from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and West Virginia, with over 100 people in eight events.

This is the last competition for the team this semester, but we will be traveling again in the spring. If you are interested in joining the Forensics Team, please contact Mrs. Wemm at ext. 213 or talk to any member of the team.



Eli Whitney, who invented the cotton gin, is also known as the "father of mass production."

Pioneer Nominations Opened Early This Year!



Due to a vacancy in the position of GSC Pioneer the Nominations for that position have been opened early. The election for the 1997 Pioneer will be held at the end of this semester, which means the nominations are opened now. If you are going to be a senior next year, and have the school spirit to cheer our teams on to victory then sign up to run for this prestigious position in the Student Services Office between now and 4 p.m. on Thursday November 21.

GSC Offers Students (Free) Computerized Career Planning

Jennifer Nottingham, Director of Career Services at Glenville State announced today the availability of computerized career guidance and planning systems for GSC students. The system is available at three locations on-campus: the Career Services Office, Louis Bennett Hall and Pickens Hall.

The system, called SIGI PLUS®, helps students explore career options and create a personalized educational and career plan that's right for them.

"SIGI PLUS helps stu-

dents identify what's important to them in a job," explained Ms. Nottingham. "Is making money most important? Or job security? How important is personal fulfillment or being in management?"

SIGI PLUS also shows students which occupations are best suited to their majors. "Sometimes students study for a career and find out later it's not what they thought," Nottingham continued. "SIGI PLUS provides current, reliable, in-depth information on hundreds

of occupations. Students can see what jobs are in demand, what skills employers want, and how to prepare. They can set goals and plan next steps."

The SIGI PLUS program is free to students, and it doesn't require prior computer experience.

Students who would like to schedule an appointment to use SIGI PLUS should call Eleanor Nicholas at 462-4118 during office hours, or stop by the Career Services Office in the Heflin Student Center.

Paintings by Vernon Howell

By Gwendolyn Harman

A wonderful collection of acrylic paintings by Vernon Howell is on display in the Fine Arts exhibit room. Howell is from Huntington, where he teaches. He attended Cabell County public schools and was an undergraduate at Syracuse in New York and Marshall University at Huntington.

Howell received an A.B. degree and a teaching certificate in 1959, and also received a masters in Art Education from Marshall in 1964 with postgraduate work from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of George Washington University.

Howell has 30 years' experience in teaching art. In 1989 he retired to become a full-time studio artist. "I like to paint with sponges, thick rollers, paper towels, and whatever will accent the texture," Howell commented. "I like to paint to get the full effect of the images I see."

Being selected as one of the thirty teachers picked nationally for a fellowship at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Howell's works appeared in the National Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian Institute, the White House, Huntington Museum of Art, and many other museums.

Howell also has collections of his work displayed at Thaler Orthopedic Clinic, Huntington Savings and Trust, Veterinarian Administration, WSAZ TV, and

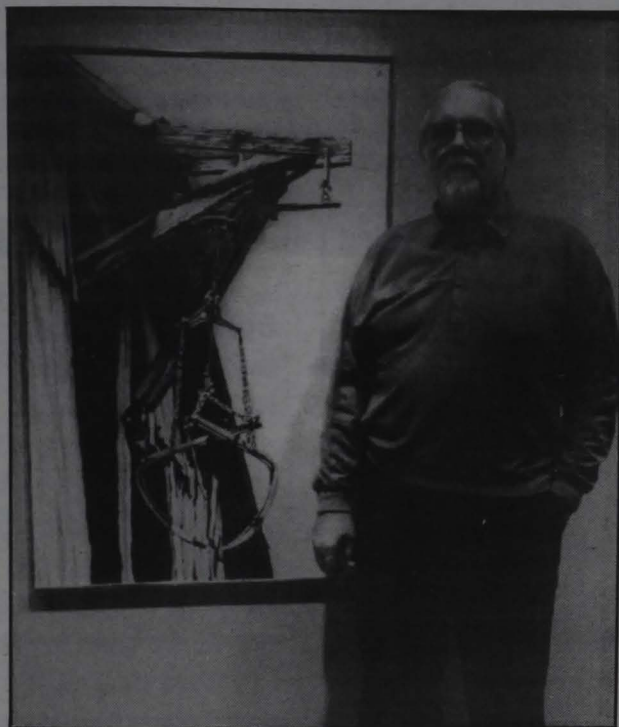


Photo by Carl Wilson.

Artist Vernon Howell with his painting, "Hay Hook."

the Huntington, Charleston, and West Virginia Museums. Some of his masterpieces include "More than Land or Sky" at the National Gallery of American Art, and "100 Years Start on Tomorrow," for which he received a special merit award.

This past year, Howell received the WV Commission on Arts and Fellowships Award for

Visual Arts and Crafts. He entered the 1996 Westmoreland Art Nationals and received an award of distinction for a body of work at Westmoreland College in Pennsylvania.

Vernon Howell's pictures will be up in the gallery until December 13. Hopefully, you will all get a chance to view them.



Interested in natural insect control? It takes 16 praying mantis egg cases per acre to keep other insects under control.

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.

Summer Program Seeks Students

Throughout the fall and winter, The Fund for American Studies will be recruiting student leaders at colleges and universities to live, learn, and intern in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1997. Undergraduates interested in living with peers from around the nation and the world, gaining relevant work experience in public policy, business, or political journalism, and studying at prestigious Georgetown University, are encouraged to apply.

Numerous scholarships are available to each of The Fund's three seven-week programs--the Engalitcheff Institute on

Comparative Political and Economic Systems, the Institute on Political Journalism, and the Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs. Each of the institutes combine internships throughout Washington, courses at Georgetown University, and unique opportunities to meet and talk with national and international leaders at site briefings, lectures, and evening dialogues.

For brochures and applications, students should contact The Fund for American Studies at (800) 741-6964 or visit our web site at <http://www.dcinternships.org>.

Hough Serves on Awards Committee

On November 1, Mr. Gerry Hough, assistant professor of business, traveled to Clarksburg to serve on the Small Business Administration's Annual Awards Committee.

The SBA had requested participation from the Glenville State College Business Division, and Mr. Gerry Hough, himself a small business owner with several years' experience, was recommended by Marty Armistrout, business division chair.

Mr. Hough and three other statewide small business representatives chose from dozens of nominees in nine categories. Among the categories to be recognized were Entrepreneur of the Year, Small Business Public Servant Award, and Publisher of the Year.

Mr. Hough and his committee members studied over one-hundred-twenty financial statements, each about twenty pages in length, to identify the outstanding qualities that would merit receipt of each award. The winners of these awards will soon be made public.

The Division of Business extends its appreciation to Mr. Hough for his representation of GSC and the Division of Business and his support of small businesses in our service area.

Do not put yourself into chains!
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The Reel World

Bob Dylan

Ransom

Ransom opened to sold out audiences last Friday. Starring Mel Gibson as millionaire airline mogul Tom Mullin and Rene Russo as his wife Katherine, *Ransom* begins with a couple who is well liked by almost everyone. It seems that Tom Mullin had made some enemies in the Airline Machinist Union. A few days later, Katherine hosts a science fair in a crowded Central Park. As they are busy mingling with the friends and acquaintances, their son Shawn wanders around the park. Then, in an instant, he is gone.

The frantic search begins, but nothing is found. An E-mail message arrives with images of their blind-folded and chained son and a ransom demand for two million dollars. In comes the FBI and Agent Hawkins, played by Defroy Lindo.

Meanwhile, we see the four kidnappers quarreling over Shawn and what to do with him. The unknown leader of the group makes a shocking and evil entry into the game. The first major action sequence begins with the cat and mouse game of delivering the ransom. The villain has every detail planned out, running Tom Mullin all across New York; unfortunately the intervention of the FBI fouls up the exchange. That is when Tom Mullin stops playing games and changes the ransom to a bounty.

Following up the success of *Braveheart*, Mel Gibson turns in an Oscar-winning performance that is so far unmatched this year. Mel Gibson and Rene Russo's portrayal of the distraught parents were horrifically realistic. Fast, sweeping cinematography of the search for their son added to the panic effect. Though this wasn't a true story, it could have been. I am not a parent myself, but I still felt a knot in my stomach and bitterness in my throat.

The most overwhelming aspect of the movie was the scene in which Mel Gibson's character thought he had killed his son. The pain and sorrow he must have felt after the gunshot was tremendous. The thoughts we shared sent many into tears. If you went to see one movie this year, it should have been *ID4*. The second should have been *Ransom*.

1997 BMI Student Composer Awards

The 45th annual BMI Student Composer Award competition will award \$16,000 to young composers, Frances W. Preston, BMI President and CEO, announced today. The postmark deadline for entering the competition, which is co-sponsored by the BMI Foundation, will be February 7, 1997.

The BMI Student Composer Awards was established in 1951 to encourage young composers in the creation of concert music and, through cash prizes, to aid in continuing their musical education.

There are no limitations as to instrumentation, style or length of work submitted. The prizes, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, are

awarded at the discretion of the final judging panel. Ten former winners have gone on to win the coveted Pulitzer Prize in Music.

The 1997 competition is open to students who are citizens of the Western Hemisphere and who are under 26 years of age on December 31, 1996. Compositions are judged completely under pseudonyms. Milton Babbitt is the awards chairman.

Official rules and entry blanks are available from Ralph N. Jackson, Director, BMI Student Composer Awards, 320 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019 USA.

For further information, contact Ralph N. Jackson at 212-830-9703

Bob Who?

By David S. Weese

Last Wednesday night was a night to remember! It was a first for some, but for others like myself, it was like old times...sort of.

What happened? Bob Dylan held a concert at the Municipal Auditorium in Charleston. Bob who? Well, that was the general reaction that I got from most people that I talked to on the GSC campus last week.

Bob Dylan is one of the most influential and popular musicians in American rock music, with his musical roots extending from folk, bluegrass, and rock'n roll. Though most of his fame and popularity were during the sixties, his music survives as he still manages to produce albums.

I'm not sure which was the downfall of this event, the fact that the concert was held in West Virginia, or just that it was held at the Municipal

Auditorium...I think the latter. Upon entering the Auditorium, one felt he was under the watchful eye of the Gestapo. Once inside you could not go back outside until the concert was completely over. Why? "So you will not give your ticket stub to someone who did not pay." Don't even think you can leave your seat, even to dance, because you would be shown promptly back by an eager, over-zealous usher. Beer? Don't think so! Oh, by the way, just try and tell an auditorium full of Dylan fans that they can't smoke cigarettes inside, and still refuse to let them to go outside between sets. Does the phrase "As thick as London fog" bring any images to mind?

But, other than these setbacks, the show was great. With an audience as diverse as they come--children, teenagers, adults, and even a few senior citizens--I think we all had a

good time.

Though Mr. Dylan left out a few of the old favorites such as "Knock'n On Heaven's Door," he made up for it with songs like "All Along The Watchtower," "Queen Jane Approximately," and "Like A Rolling Stone." Dylan showed us he can still play as he hammered away on the electric and acoustic guitars while being backed by a very professional band. His voice, though at times hushed compared to the roars of the crowd, sounded as great as he did the first time I heard him over 10 years ago.

Well, I hope this has inspired some of you out there to go out and find some either classic, or up to date Dylan, and to get some musical culture. And, to those familiar faces from the GSC campus that I saw at the concert (you know who you are) kudos to you!

Recital Rescheduled

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

WVU Grad Student Recital

On Tuesday, November 19th, at 7 p.m., two graduate students from West Virginia University will present a piano recital in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The free concert will be given by Laya M. Cartwright of Welch, and Tean Hwa P'ng, a native of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. The program will include works by composers Schonberg, Ravel, Haydn, Brahms, and Ginastera.

YOU MUST SUBMIT!

The Trillium, Glenville State College's literary magazine, is now accepting submissions for the Spring '97 issue.

Featuring fiction, poetry, plays and photographs, The Trillium is a showcase for the talents of GSC students. We want love, tragedy, horror, sci-fi, comedy...If you can write it, we'll consider it!

The deadline for submissions is December 17. All submissions should be typed, double-spaced, and include your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Submissions may be made to Trillium advisor Barbara Tedford in the Language Division office, or to editor Terry Estep, Box 2443 Wagner.

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TJ Drake - A Future in the Past

By Lisa Belknap

Braxton County native TJ Drake has been investing his spare time in West Virginia history—not to mention making a few bucks in the long run.

Drake was contacted by Glenville State's history professors Dr. Charles Holt and Dr. James Hilgenberg last month. The two instructors discussed a possible internship which would give Drake hands-on archeological experience.

"Being a history major, I have had internships before, but I had never done anything concerning this field," says Drake.

For the last month, Drake has found himself delving into the Civil War era through Gilmer County's Ft. Moore. It is speculated that remains of Ft. Moore—which was burnt in the fall of 1862—may exist at the site. The social science division, at the direction of Division Chair Holt, have joined with the Gilmer County Landmarks Commission

and the Gilmer County Historical Preservation Society to perform an archeological dig at the site.

The problem is that more than 100 years have passed since it was destroyed. A lot has happened to the land since then. For starters, two water towers have been constructed there.

So what has been found? According to Drake, not a whole lot. "It's somewhat frustrating to put forth so much effort and get such a small amount of return on your investment," says Drake.

"It has been very valuable to see the process in action, though. The really great part is seeing the significant number of students come forward and volunteer to work."

The first step for this history major was to visit the archives in Charleston. Accompanied by Dr. Holt and adjunct professor Carol Holt, Drake met with Sally Anderson of

Thunderbird Archeological Firm.

"She was a fascinating lady," says Drake. "She worked with me and made sure I understood everything. She was very quick to answer questions."

Drake then accompanied the archeological team with the actual dig. "I was kind of shocked when they handed me a shovel," he laughs. He then described the process called "shovel testing" which was used in the dig.

"You dig various squares of approximately a foot. Once you've done that, you sift the dirt to determine what is topsoil and what is fill."

When the water towers were constructed, much of the original land was leveled off—brushing away the remains.

While there were no big finds, Drake says Holt hopes the few smaller finds will lead to more discoveries.

For now, the future law student is maintaining his 3.8 GPA and looking toward the future.

Using a strict definition of democracy, they do not qualify. Instead, they should be called polyarchies. This would recognize that there are multiple groups that share power and would not require one to suppose that the people rule.

Smith was re-elected to the Executive Council during the business meeting.

Northwest Financial Interviews

Mike White of Norwest Financial will be on campus Wednesday, December 4th to conduct interviews for the consumer loan company.

Norwest Financial was founded in 1897 and now has assets of more than \$6 billion with more than 1,100 offices in 47 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, Central America, the Caribbean and all ten provinces of Canada.

Norwest is looking for energetic and motivated individuals willing to learn the basics of the consumer finance business

and work their way into positions of greater responsibility.

Although a background in business is helpful, they do not require it. Norwest trains its employees through on-the-job supervision and a comprehensive training program.

If you are interested in interviewing with Mr. White, stop by the Office of Career Services and register. The Career Services staff will help you put together a resume and work with you in developing your interviewing skills.

Americans like fat books and thin women.

—Russell Baker.



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Archaeology intern TJ Drake.

Oliver To Present Papers

Will Oliver, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Ph.D. student at West Virginia University will be presenting a paper at the Northeastern Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts on November 15, 1996. The conference is being held at the Boston Back Bay Hilton from November 14-16, 1996.

The paper is being led by Will's Advisor, Dr. Kevin Leyden, and Dr. John Kuwein and is entitled "Public Opinion of Crime: Who Fears Crime and Why?" The paper will look at political contextual variables, derived from the National Elec-

tion Studies Survey of 1994.

Mr. Oliver and Elaine Bartgis, Fairmont State College, received their acceptance to present a paper entitled "Community Oriented Policing: A Theoretical Framework" at the Annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference.

The conference is to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, March 11-15, 1997, at the Galt House. The paper will explore why Community Oriented Policing has become so popular throughout the world, particularly in the United States, and how this has come about so rapidly.

Fund Drive for Selman Family

Student Congress Info.

A fund drive to benefit the family of Jennifer Selman has been organized by the GSC Student Congress. The drive will run from Monday, November 18 until Friday, November 23.

Donations will be taken at various division offices on campus, as well as in both dorms. There will also be a locked box on the first floor of the Administration Building.

The money will be deposited into a bank fund set up for the family. Any assistance you can give the family at this time will be appreciated.

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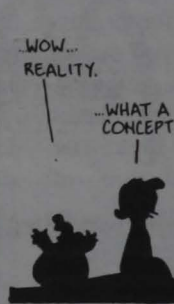
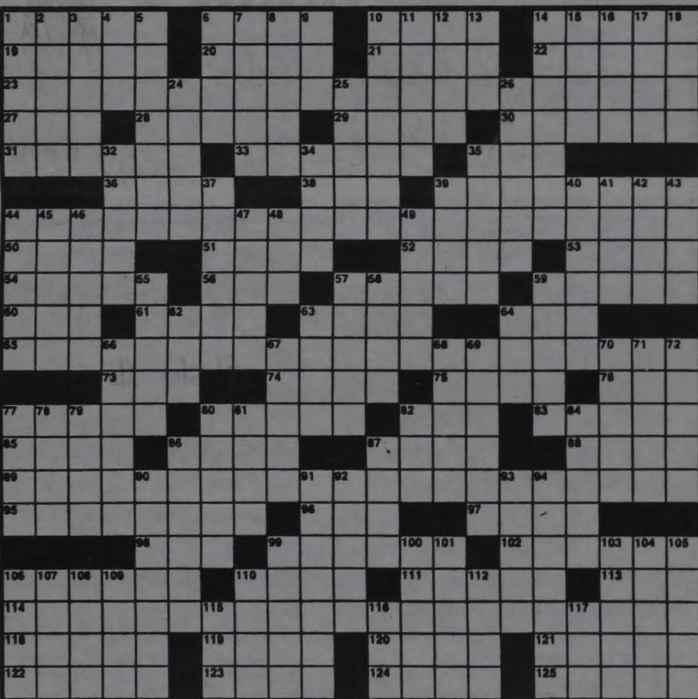
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- 15 Comic Mort
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- 32 Synthetic fiber
- 34 Birds with inoperative wings
- 35 ___ Laredo, Mexico
- 37 Texas city
- 39 Track shape
- 40 Archie Bunker, e.g.
- 41 Dedicated
- 42 Anti-Prohibitionists
- 43 Agitated state
- 44 Short last line, in typesetting
- 45 White lightning
- 46 Related on Mother's side
- 47 San's land
- 48 Schnozz extension
- 49 Literally, "in another place"

- 55 Smelling a rat
- 57 Rifleman's position
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- 59 Like Caspar Milquetoast
- 62 Hole in one
- 63 Wide-eyed
- 64 Minor player
- 66 Give a makeup to
- 67 Old toothpaste brand
- 68 ___-trump (bridge bid)
- 69 Break from work
- 70 "Big Three" site
- 71 Potpourris
- 72 Internet surfers
- 77 Salacious
- 78 Require a rubdown
- 79 PC photograph
- 80 Units of loudness
- 81 Standings column
- 82 Rocketry pioneer Willy
- 84 Brought up publicity
- 86 Snack chip
- 87 Began a triathlon
- 90 Stream spots
- 91 Legendary racehorse
- 92 Sheepish?
- 93 Seine city
- 94 Ride starter
- 99 Benedict Arnold's collaborator
- 100 Go along
- 101 Ozone, for one
- 103 Eat away

- 104 ___ back (prepares to pitch)
- 105 Run-down
- 106 Drink from the bottle
- 107 Done, for short
- 108 Bakery loaves
- 109 "Small world, ___ it?"

- 110 Hand-cream additive
- 112 New Zealand export
- 115 Doltish syllables
- 116 QB's scores
- 117 "O Sole ___"

Sorry!

There is no answer box for The Newsday Crossword Puzzle in the November 7-issue of The Mercury. We hope you can live with the uncertainty.

Sega Football Tournament

To raise awareness of the SIFE chapter here at GSC, and to generate funds for programs, SIFE is sponsoring a *Sega John Madden's Football* tournament. Prizes will be awarded, with the Grand Prize being a Sega Saturn.

Sign-up begins on November 13. For more information, contact SIFE president Drexell King at 462-7330, or SIFE secretary Takeshi Ariyama at 462-8156.

WVU Grad Student Recital

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The free concert will be given by Laya M. Cartwright of Welch, and Tean Hwa P'ng, a native of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. The program will include works by composers Schonberg, Ravel, Haydn, Brahms, and Ginastera.

Blue Ridge Shopping Trip

Start your Christmas shopping at Blue Ridge Outlets on November 16 and 17. Two fun-filled days of shopping await you at the Blue Ridge Outlet Mall! Shop such stores as Liz Claiborne, Nautica, Polo, Reebok, etc., and get your Christmas shopping out of the way! For those who don't wish to shop both days, an excursion to Harper's Ferry and Antietam Battle Field is being planned.

The cost is \$10.00 for GSC students, faculty, and staff. We will stay at the beautiful Martinsburg Holiday Inn. Participants will purchase their own meals. Sign up at the Scott Wing office or at the Heflin Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Joshua Bonnett at ext. 172 or 269.

Sunrise Walks

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

Walk "The Loop" and still have time to get ready for work or those 8 a.m. 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 the 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.

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As concerns were expressed among the commuters, Stockett said "I've got something in the planning stage and it's already out in the public." He went on to reassure them "I'm not going to stab you in the back."

Don Philips, also present, told Stockett, "They're not going to buy food downstairs and bring it up here." Sandy Gibson, a senior at GSC, pointed out "It seems like all of the area is being utilized on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays."

Students expressed concern about space, smoking, and noise in the bowling alley. They pointed out that the snack bar is used not only as a place to eat

and watch TV, but also as a place to study. They said that conversation is not a distraction in the snack bar because of its size.

Rose Pearson, from Grantsville, said "We pay a fair amount of fees to get something back." Other students agreed.

It was finally agreed that a survey would be printed up about this plan, allowing commuters the opportunity to have a say in what happens to the snack bar. It was also suggested that this survey be printed in the *Mercury*.

Near the end of the meeting, Stockett said "Monday morning I might say 'Hell's bells, I'm not moving that room. I'll lose what hair I have left.'" He then said, "I'm not going to feed you any b.s."

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Chautauqua Series Features Past and Present GSC Professors: Homecoming '96

By Dr. David H. Corcoran

The Gilmer County Homecoming '96 Festival was a success. Held Oct. 25-26, in Glenville, at the courthouse and the college, it was the first time in recent memory, that Glenville State College and the town of Glenville had worked so closely together.

A Chautauqua series hadn't been put on in Glenville since the 1930's, it takes its name from the western New York town where the late 19th Century traveling show idea was born.

Norman and Brucella Jordan--a husband and wife duo from the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia's Chautauqua Project gave inspirational performances.

Norman, who once taught Black studies at GSC, portrayed the late Carter G. Woodson, a West Virginia State history professor and founder of Black History Month. Dressed in a miner's outfit of the late 1900s, Jordan traced Woodson's heroic rise

from a common laborer in the New River's coal mines and railroads to become the first son of slaves to earn a Ph.D. degree in America.

Equally informative was his wife, Brucella, now a WVU graduate student in history, who acted out the part and read several poems of Anne Spencer, an early 20th Century Southern West Virginia school teacher. As a poet, she later contributed substantially to the popularity of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's.

Professor Nick Bassett focused on Mountain State economics: "The economic impact of Glenville State College is great throughout the state, totaling \$27.6 million." Using his recent study of GSC's influence, he observed of Gilmer County, "We're at a 'takeoff stage (mentioning the several new industries already here) and we're starting to add jobs and that feeds on itself to expand Gilmer County's economic base."

Professor Todd Nesbitt

brought along about nine of his students to hear about economic development in the Mountain State.

"The more diverse an economy is, the better off we are," he explained, outlining his idea that in West Virginia, small and large industries, computers and the internet, and a healthy environment and economic progress can successfully lead the state into the future.

Walking up to GSC's Fine Arts Building, people enjoyed Director Phil Rossano conducted the Jazz Band in a medley.

At the courthouse, Music Professor Keith Haan asked, "What do you like about music."

Tastes ranged all the way from classical to country.

"Mapping" of people's musical preferences happens at an early age, he explains, "We're fortunate in Gilmer County to have the college which provides a wide variety of musical types," he adds.

Friday's program ended with Dr. Brenda Lundy, assistant



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Dr. Meads shows a group of on lookers the Python of the Science Hall.

professor of psychology, speaking about teenage pregnancy. She notes that if the mother is depressed, her emotions can adversely affect the child, saying "If a teenage mother doesn't smile at her child, the infant may become withdrawn at three months of age."

For the final finale, Dr. Charles Holt, GSC's professor of history who had set up the Chautauqua speakers' schedule, made the college's 125-year-old heritage come to life.

"At Glenville State, there is

a sense of place where people feel comfortable," he observed.

In addition, the college's history shows that students have found a sense of the future, the value of education, ideas, their own capabilities and competition.

"Here is a world where our options are increased (through education)," he emphasizes.

Holt then listed some of the watershed events in this regional state college's past, including humorous facts like the onetime tradition of making the freshmen wear beanies.

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