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Your Finals!

The Mercury

The student newspaper of Glenville State College

Have a Good
Break...See ya
in the Spring!!

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GSC Concert Choir Performs

By Terry L. Estep

On Wednesday night, the Glenville State College Concert Choir performed to a modest crowd in the Fine Arts Auditorium. With Keith Haan at the helm as conductor, the choir presented a fine selection of seasonal music.

The concert opened with the 15-member Chamber Singers' performing *Timete Dominum* and concluded with two Christmas songs. Adina Asleson accompanied them.

The meat of the show was Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*. Far from being simply a part of a church service, Faure's composition

was also designed to be a concert piece, Haan explained. Faure toyed with structure, arranging or removing sections for various performances.

The full choir, accompanied by Hiedi Cowan, delivered the piece with alternating power and gentleness to great effect.

The second movement featured a solo by Chris Simpson. He had another solo in movement six, "Libera Me." His strong and tranquil voice conveyed the sense of a man awaiting God's judgment after the requiem has been sung and the body has been interred.

Christina Kirby's soprano

solo comprised the fourth movement, "Pie Jesu." She has a truly beautiful voice, and it is to be hoped that she will be featured in future concerts.

After the final movement, the Concert Choir sang "Beautiful Savior," with a solo by Amanda Sedlock. The show officially ended with what has become Glenville State College's unofficial signature piece, "My Home Among the Hills." The choir has appeared in television commercials for GSC singing this song...nothing to sneeze at.

Keith Haan expressed his appreciation to the Concert Choir.



Photo by Carl Wilson.

The GSC concert choir performing for GSC on Wednesday night.

GSC Officials Say Report "Much Ado About Nothing"

By Theodore Allen Webb

Can a small incident get blown out of proportion like a chance event in a Shakespeare play?

According to several GSC officials, the answer is a resounding YES.

An article written by Phil Kabler in the October 14 *Charleston Gazette* asserted that a recent legislative audit report "revealed some questionable transfers of funds between the college's athletic department and its alumni Foundation."

The article went on to say the athletic department owes the college over \$163,000 from fund transfers which include \$94,000 from the Higher Education Resource Fee and \$51,000 from other student fees.

In addition, Kabler claimed that GSC is owed "16,085 from the foundation or Pioneer Athletic Club, a branch of the foundation."

However, while college officials agree that the funds borrowed from GSC's HERF need to be repaid, several of those involved strongly disagree with the way Kabler reported the audit.

"The Pioneer Athletic Club doesn't see where the *Gazette* got the \$16,085 figure," stated Assistant Athletic Director and coach Steve Harold. "The Pioneer Athletic Club doesn't owe \$16,085! It only owes about \$3,500. This *Gazette* article seems to be making a much bigger deal of the issue than it really is."

"The Pioneer Athletic Club is an excellent, upstanding organization," Harold continued. "To imply or send the perception the club is not doing its job is misleading and unjust. The Pioneer Athletic Club has many honest, caring community citizens who work hard to help GSC students earn scholarships."

GSC Athletic Director and Pioneer football coach Rich Rodriguez agreed.

"There's an impression of impropriety that simply isn't true," Rodriguez commented. "No one was short-changed."

Foundation Director Ed Hamrick also took exception to the *Gazette* article.

"The only direct relationship between the Pioneer Athletic Club and the alumni Foundation is the fact that the Foundation keeps the club's account," said Hamrick. "The Pioneer Athletic Club is not a branch of the Foundation, as stated in the *Gazette* article. Even more importantly, the transfer of funds doesn't have anything to do with the Foundation! It only concerns the athletic department and the college."

According to Bob Hardman, GSC's Business Manager, legislative audits are normal financial procedure which

take place about once every two years at all state colleges.

The audits cover all college departments, not just the athletic. GSC's last audit occurred in 1991, so this latest audit covered from 1991 to June 1994.

In fact, Hardman says the audit in question was completed about a year ago, and the report was only recently released the day before the *Gazette* article appeared.

"The transfer of funds found by the audit occurred in different years between 1991 and 1994," stated Hardman. "The transfers were caused by highly successful seasons in athletics. Because of these successes, there were extra expenses like travel, insurance, and lodging for players."

"Unfortunately, this was before GSC athletics were with the NCAA. When the extra expenses came up, we were affiliated with the NAIA, which does

not reimburse as well. The athletic department's annual budget (among the lowest in the state at \$300,000) could not cover all the expenses, so funds were borrowed from other college accounts which had excess resources. Most of the HERF funds used in the transfers paid for insurance premiums and athletic association dues."

"It's not illegal to borrow funds from other accounts," Hardman replied when asked about the legality of the transfers. "But, the funds in question should have been paid back within the fiscal year they were borrowed. The athletic department is more closely monitored now, and we're on a three year plan to pay back the borrowed funds. In fact, we're comfortable with the audit results which were nothing real serious, and we're taking actions to correct the things the audit found wrong."



From the Editor's Desk

Gene Beza

Carry On

As the Glenville State College school year winds down, we remember the ten page papers we have to write and look forward to Christmas with loved ones. We can also think of all the friendships we have made or strengthened, the classes which broadened our minds, the professors who made or broke us, and the way it all went down at GSC in the fall of 1996.

We came to these hills in the midst of the green-green summer, which gradually gave way to a fall, which was not as colorful as it could be due to the large amount of moisture. The leaves finally fell away baring the stark beauty of the Central West Virginia landscape. It seems I can almost throw a rock into those still green meadows across the river, which are on the same eye level as *The Mercury* office.

The mixed smells of frying cafeteria food and dark room chemicals is a combination that spells *The Mercury* to me. It has been a challenge to put out this paper, which has consumed my Wednesday nights and early Thursday mornings, once till 7 a.m., when Chuck Dunbar comes in to take *The Mercury* to the printers in Spencer. I thank all the people who have made this fall's *Mercury* one of the best, even if I must say so myself. We have some core people who, week after week, put in hard hours, to make sure you all get a quality paper. Yes, there are mistakes, but not that many.

Carl Wilson makes many extra trips back to school to record, photographically, the athletic events and fine arts performances, you will remember into posterity. Terry Estep has typed and edited till he can no more, every press night, often writing several of the articles, as he will tonight. Colleen Vance, second in command typist, brings her little infant Chloe, faithfully gets the news you use, out there. April Rector and Mark Cutlip, are a usually dynamic duo, who always stay to the end into wee hours, laying out *The Mercury* in good style. Frank Konig has helped a lot of us become more computer literate, while writing all--I mean *all*--the sports stories, driving us nuts sometimes when he comes in late with them.

I thank all the reporters and columnists who sometimes must brave intimidating situations to get the facts. Our cartoon artist, Kurt Williams, is really getting good. I've noticed *The Charleston Gazette* has come out with some editorial cartoons of its own recently. Eric Ware, the buffer between management and labor, keeps the wheels turning "Around The Bend," keeping all the reporters in work and takes the heat when something has seemed to go wrong.

Rick Conklin has been there for us this year on top of his million other jobs. And Julie Minnigh keeps me rolling in the halls, everytime she comes in, always bugging us for pictures. *The Mercury* celebrated its sixty-eighth birthday last week on November 27. Happy Birthday. Last year's editor, Sandra Gibson, had a party last year to celebrate. I wonder if you have missed her down-home, caring, editorial style.

Please have a warm and safe holiday and break. We'll see most of you in January.

Carry on.

From the I Ching

Only that which has been honestly acquired through merit remains a permanent possession. It can happen that such a possession may be contested, but since it is really one's own, one cannot be robbed of it. Whatever a man possess through the strength of his own nature cannot be lost. If one enters the service of a superior, one can avoid conflict only by not seeking works for the sake of prestige. It is enough if the work is done: let the honor go to the other.

Dear Editor,

This letter is not one of complaint, but more of disappointment--disappointment in the various types of discrimination that occur on this campus, specifically among our student leaders. Student leaders being Student Congress, Resident Assistants, club presidents, etc.

I recently applied for a Resident Assistant position at Pickens Hall and was denied an interview. I would not be writing this letter if I honestly felt that the application screening process conducted by the twelve member panel was an educated and open-minded one.

Informants have brought three items to my attention pertaining to my denial for an interview that support the suspicion that the process was not an educated and open-minded one.

The first reason I will mention is actually somewhat childish: that I can be hateful at times. I ask you the reader this, is it not human nature to be hateful at times? Every one of us are guilty of this infraction.

The second reason, if I were to get the position, is that the occupants of the floor would not respect me because, reason three--and what sources feel to be the focal point of the denial to be interviewed--I am gay.

This is actually an insult to the intelligence and acceptance of those individuals, because they were never given the opportunity to decide for themselves.

There have been Resident Assistants who have not been respected, for various reasons, in the past. In fact, are the Resident Assistants employed now respected as much as feared? Respect is not a guarantee to anyone--it is an item that must be earned. Respect is a privilege, not a right.

As long as we sit back and keep silent about the discrimination that occurs on this campus, whether it is based on sexual preference, race, gender, etc., it will continue.

By not speaking out, Glenville State's motto, "Pioneering Into The Twenty-first Century," is being pushed into a realm of darkness by ignorance, narrowmindedness, and fear.

Sincerely,
Richard Clark



What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

Degrees of Memorization

What's left? Not much. The fat lady is practicing some scales and next week we take our final exams for the semester. One more time we must practice our rote memorization skills, which brings me to the point. I hate to memorize.

Not only is memorizing as boring as being a professional dishwasher on Thanksgiving, but it is the supreme exercise in futility. How long do most of us remember those seemingly endless bits of information? A week...two weeks. But memorization is as substantial as it is inane, and the reason for this paradox is a paradox in itself because the reason is both good and bad.

First, for the bad...the reason why memorization skills are used to quantify knowledge is economics. Colleges survive by receiving tuition and state funding, so the more people wanting to go to college, the easier it is to get funding and the more income is made from tuition. Now, the true test for knowledge is what a person *does* with information and not how much or how fast a person can dump a load of facts on a piece of paper. But to develop a real test for knowledge would be difficult and not many people would pass it; this would not do well for enrollment.

Don't get me wrong. The reason why so many students would find it difficult passing tests of real knowledge is because we are (for the most part) trained to recite--not to do. Many of us will not really know how to do our jobs until we are out in the real world doing them for a while. It is then that we will really realize that the amount of information retained from many of our sixteen week courses could have been learned in a fraction of that time while actually doing the job.

However, colleges are businesses, and it is not economically feasible to worry about imparting true knowledge to students. If you think I am talking out my posterior, think about this: The college credits you are earning today are yours forever. If you quit school and get a job and twenty years later decide to go back to school, you will not (for the most part) have to retake those courses. How much of those courses will you remember in twenty years. In ten years? Did you ever wonder why no one really cares?

If you remember, I said there was a good reason for holding on to our system of knowledge based on memorization and test scores. The best way to really impart knowledge to someone is through what used to be the apprentice system. Unfortunately, apprenticeship often took longer than four years and people like lawyers and doctors had to go to college first and memorize more things than we will ever have to. In addition, people had to know someone to get an apprenticeship, which hampered equal opportunity.

It would seem that there is no way around memorization when it comes to school. I have a feeling that part of the problem is that everyone before us had to memorize information they knew they were going to forget, so, damn it, they are going to make sure we have to as well. I really have no answers on how to eliminate memorization from school. It's just that with final exams so near I felt I had to bitch a little. I feel better now.

Happy Holidays from
those kooky kids at the
Mercury office!

Dear Editor,

Recently, I wrote a letter to GSC student newspaper advisor Rick Conklin outlining the benefits of a GSC/Mercury Internet connection.

The letter included an idea to create a *Mercury* web site. The web site would expand the *Mercury's* vital communication channels and establish a valuable link to other college newspapers and journalism students throughout the world.

In addition, a *Mercury* web site would be a great place for potential GSC students, alumni, and other interested citizens to learn more about the college (administrators and those

in the cashier's office should drool when they imagine all those eager, young high school students discovering the extraordinary advantages of GSC via the college's web site. What great college advertising that would be!) If past and current *Mercury* issues were posted regularly on the Internet, a web site could provide a priceless tool for those doing research or seeking more information.

I've heard that GSC is working on a web site for the overall college. If that is so, why couldn't a *Mercury* home-page be added as a supplement? A *Mercury* home page could be a fantastic addition to a GSC web

site. Users could click on the GSC web site and learn about the college newspaper as well.

As a GSC student and *Mercury* staff member, I would like to see our college and student newspaper on the cutting-edge of modern technology, not on the back-burner of yesterday. The possibilities and benefits of a GSC/Mercury Internet web site connection are obviously countless and consequential, so any costs involved would be well worth its creation.

I'm sure other state colleges throughout the nation are taking advantage of this technology right now. If GSC doesn't want to get left in the dust, we'd better rev up our engine and race to the information superhighway! The students of GSC can only reap the rewards.

Theodore Allen Webb

Editor's Note: An internet hookup is in the works. I've been informed that Mr. Conklin and staff have been working on this for a month and a half. Thanks for looking out for us, Tedd.



A Piece of the Pie

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva

International Student's Turkey Day

Before I start this week's article I would like to apologize that it is not about Japan as I stated in my last article. I'm going to write a series of articles on different countries represented at Glenville State College. I thought about it, and I decided that I couldn't leave Thanksgiving unmentioned because it is a new experience for the international students. I'll start the series next semester. I thought the American students would be interested in reading how the international students spent Thanksgiving Day.

As people from different foreign countries, the international students are unfamiliar with Thanksgiving and its traditions. In my opinion, it was very interesting for every international student who actually spent Thanksgiving Day in an American home, because most of us have heard about it on television or read about it in a book or a magazine.

Most of the international students spent Thanksgiving at friends' homes and were witnesses of the preparation of the Thanksgiving meal. For me, it was very exciting to see how the turkey and the rest of it was prepared, because we don't have such a holiday in Bulgaria. Even though this is my second Thanksgiving spent in America, I would love to say that there is a difference between the celebration in Connecticut and West Virginia. I was very fortunate to be invited to the homes of April and Terry Estep. I spent the break at their house and was accepted as one of the family. I was involved in the preparing of the Thanksgiving dinner and I cooked a Bulgarian potato salad. It was a wonderful experience and I had a very nice Thanksgiving. I would like to thank the Esteps for accepting me in their home and not letting me be alone on such a holiday as Thanksgiving.

A Message from the President...

As this year draws to a close, final exams will become history, and you will be looking forward to the holidays and another new year of challenge and opportunity.

Christmas is a very special time. The excitement of childhood is rekindled in all of us as we share the spirit of the season with family and friends.

As President of Glenville State College, I get too few opportunities to express my appreciation for the fine student body we have at Glenville. I am proud of you, and I do appreciate your positive attitude and the fine image you project for the College.

Have a safe journey home. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

William K. Simmons
President

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Will have examinations on:

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Lady Pioneer Basketball

By Frank Konig

Last week was an opportunity for Glenville State's student body to go home and spend a relaxing week with their respective families and prepare for final exams which begin next Thursday.

This hiatus was not enjoyed by the women's basketball team, who remained on campus until Wednesday preparing for a tough conference schedule.

They began their weekend on the road at California University of Pennsylvania. The long road trip was made in order to face another highly-ranked team, the third top-notch opponent on their brutal non-conference schedule.

ence schedule.

Battling heavy foul trouble and committing 27 turnovers, the Lady Pioneers could not surmount the California offense. In the end the Pioneers relinquished the game, 56-73. The Lady Pioneers allowed 21 more shot attempts than they attempted as a result of the high turnovers.

After spending nearly a week together, the young Lady Pioneers who list only four returnees on their roster, came together as a unit against Ohio Dominican College the following Wednesday. Ohio Dominican, a formidable foe which has NAIA affiliations, was expected to test the Pioneers.

The defense by the Pioneers was relentless. They forced Ohio Dominican to shoot only 29% from the floor in the first half and 30% for the game. They caused 24 turnovers and showed great team work by accumulating an astounding 24 assists as a team in the 69-42 win.

The first win of the season could not have come at a better time as Glenville prepares

to meet WV Wesleyan at home. Head Coach Steve Harold said, "This was an exciting, entertaining game. We played very well and together as a team."

Last night was the first conference game for the Lady Hoopsters. Matched up very well against the Bobcats of Wesleyan, the Pioneers were looking to take positive steps. The game was close throughout, and

the key turned out to be free throws. The Bobcats shot 75% from the line versus the Pioneers who only made 42% of theirs on the same amount of attempts.

The Pioneers could not make a comeback and fell 46-54. Next up for the Pioneers is another conference game against University of Charleston on December 7 at 5:15.

Busy Thanksgiving for Men's Basketball

By Frank Konig

The men's basketball squad had a busy Thanksgiving break. They were on the road against Ohio Valley College, the first meeting of the two this year.

The Pioneers got off to a good start, hitting 48% of their field goals and playing tenacious defense. Then in the second half the Pioneers went cold and Ohio Valley heated up. Knocking down 30% of their 3 point attempts, they outplayed the Pioneers and won the game 60-57.

The men's team was on the

road against St. Vincent the following weekend which also would be a true test for the Pioneers. St. Vincent, always a perennial power in the NAIA league, would not be denied at home. St. Vincent shot 56% from the field which would make any team tough to beat.

After five straight road games, the Pioneers could look forward to playing Route 33 rival WV Wesleyan at home. The home court advantage would prove to be inspiring. The Pioneers came out of the gate

smoking, they hit 53% of their field goal attempts and cleaned off the glass netting 43 rebounds on the game.

Coach Nottingham received a quality game out of newcomer Jeff Finch. He played over 37 minutes and scored 18 points as 3 Glenville forwards got themselves into foul trouble. Larry Snodgrass also turned in a strong performance. He scored 13 points, led all players with 9 rebounds and had 3 steals in only 24 minutes.

Next in line for the Pioneers is University of Charleston, part two of the double header on December 7th.

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For more information concerning the specific awards and the Merck & Co., Inc. students can contact Jacqui Burton at (703) 205-3476.



The Reel World

Brent Spiner

"Resistance is Futile"

You will be assimilated into seeing this film. The crew of the starship Enterprise returns to the big screen, this time with a new ship, a deadly enemy, and the fate of the future in their hands. *Star Trek: First Contact* opened to a thirty-million-dollar weekend, the best in the franchise's history. Captain Picard, played by Patrick Stewart, must face his worst nightmare to save the Federation. The Borg, half human-half machine beings, have returned to destroy the Earth. Nothing the Federation had could stop the onslaught of the Borg cube except the *Next Generation* officer's experience. When the USS *Enterprise* saves the day the Borg discover the Federation was too powerful to beat in the present so they decided to travel into the past. Picard and his crew have no choice but travel back in time and fix the damage they had done.

When they arrive in the past they find a Borg ship firing on the Earth, 300 years before their time. The ship fired on a place where the single most important event in world history, the first warp flight, which resulted in the first contact with an extraterrestrial life form and peace for the human race. The Borg ship is destroyed but not until the damage had already been done. Unfortunately, while repairing damage on the planet the cybernetic beings board the *Enterprise* and prepared to assimilate the ship.

Picard, Worf, (Michael Dorn) and Dr. Crusher (Gates McFadden) must save the ship. Meanwhile Riker (Jonathan Frakes), Troi (Marina Sirtis) and LaForge (Levar Burton) must repair the warp ship and makes sure pilot Zefram Cochrane (James Cromwell) makes First Contact. Simultaneously, the android Data (Brent Spiner) is captured by the Borg and take to meet the Queen of the Borg, played by Alice Krige. She offers Data the chance to be human.

This is the best *Star Trek* film in the 30 year history of the phenomenon. This is the first, and not the last, film to feature *The Next Generation* cast without the stars of the original series. With special effects from George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, the film will be competition for *ID4* and *Twister*. James Cromwell (from *Babe*) and Alfre Woodard guest star as the pair from the past thrown into the futuristic adventure.

Alice Krige (*Sleepwalkers*) brings sensuality to the Queen Borg even with the heavy make-up she was put in. This film shows drama, comedy and action. It also leaves you with an optimistic look to our future. Jerry Goldsmith supplies a beautiful score and first-time film director Jonathan Frakes scores a gold medal. Whether you are a fan or not, this movie is a must-see.

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FREE LUNCH



By Brian Cano

OKAY, I'M GOING TO BE COMPLETELY HAPPY AND FULFILLED AFTER THREE MORE MONTHS!!



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Off the Shelf

Jerry L. Estep

Reading Some West Virginia Words

This week saw the publication of *West Virginia Words*, a literary tabloid included as a supplement to the *The Glenville Democrat & Pathfinder*. What makes this tabloid special is that it was created by none other than Glenville State College students John Clise and Jeremy Dean. Both gentlemen have gained publishing experience with their work on the *Mercury* and *Trillium*. *West Virginia Words* contains a mix of established and beginning writers.

Mary Lucille DeBerry, who recently gave a presentation here at GSC, represents the more established writers. She contributes four poems to the fledgling publication. "Bells, Drums, and Fireworks" is a call to celebrate West Virginia, its heritage, and the people who live there. Her other poems, "Evening Earrings," "Jet," and "Borrowing," are full of adjectives...and that's about all I can say. She's going for *something*. I'm just not sure what it is.

Glenville students Sandra Gibson, Tedd Webb, and Eric Ware offer poetry and prose. Gibson's poetry experiments with the physical form of the poetry on the page; like an e. e. cummings poem, spaces and capitalization are used for effect. Webb's story, "Revelation 17," is a somewhat confusing story of a young man's grief as he discovers a dead friend's writing. Ware's "Eerie Man in the Blue Mist" is a conventional ghost story about a decapitated engineer.

The real standout in this volume is "Don't Blow a Gasket," a short story by George Lies. In this story, the narrator is imposed upon when a neighbor parks a beat-up '52 Chevy truck in his yard. Anyone who has ever known an old truck like that knows how much character they have--the sounds and smells of a truck's natural death have a certain nostalgic appeal, considering I live in Boone County, land of cars-on-blocks. I have seen the depths these vehicles can sink to, and Lies captures it perfectly.

West Virginia Words is off to a pretty decent start, and I feel certain that time will see John Clise and Jeremy Dean dancing on the graves of anyone who said introducing a tabloid of West Virginia writing was a bad idea. Go and get a copy, and later on you can tell people you were there when they were just starting out.

"Older" is Certainly Better

By David S. Weese

Hello fellow students! I hope everyone had a nice break, but break is over, and now it's back to business. This week's pick is George Michael's new release "Older." I must admit that when it comes to buying new music I'm always a little skeptical because of all the past letdowns.

So, as usual I begin with a single. The first single to be released from this album was "Jesus To A Child," and to my knowledge, there have only been two releases (big mistake). I wasn't very impressed with this first single; I thought it was a little too slow for my liking. But then again, it would all depend on what atmosphere you are trying to create.

Now the second single,

"Fastlove," is what really got me hooked. This single would please any dance crowd (I wonder why "they" don't play it at the Main Event?). While I was in New York, "Fastlove" received tremendous air play, but back here in good old West Virginia you might be lucky to catch the video on VH1, let alone hear it on our outstanding radio stations. Anyway, "Fastlove" prompted me to buy the album - "Older." No letdowns here, folks. With a mixture of Jazz, Dance, and a little R&B, Mr. Michael has done it again.

With his 1988 release "Faith" fading in the distance, I thought it would be hard for George Michael to do another album as good or better. But with "Older" I think he's well on his way.

The emotional cry-your-heart out title cut, or the jazzy, mixed "Spinning The Wheel," or maybe the upbeat Latin influenced "The Strangest Thing" are just three styles this album has to offer. If you're looking for some music you can dance to, cruise around with, or use to get a little "sensitive" with that significant other, you can't go wrong with this album.

By the way, if you feel there is some music out there (and there's a lot) that I seem to be overlooking, or you just want to introduce something new to the GSC public....TELL ME!!! I'm always interested in new ideas. I can always be found on campus, or leave me a message at the *Mercury* office, I promise I'll get back to you. Until next time...Keep on rock'n!

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SIFE Attends Small Business Expo

By Marty Armentrout

On November 18, 1996, Associate Professor of Business Cinda Echard and Director of Career Services Jennifer Nottingham attended the first annual Appalachian Small Business Expo in Charleston, WV.

Echard and Nottingham, co-advisors of Students In Free Enterprise, were accompanied by Daniel Jackson, Daniel Parker, Masa Hayashi, and Stacy Schoolcraft, student members of SIFE.

Workshop topics were divided into three tracks--small business start-up, growing and expanding the business, and enterprise networks. These presentations were designed to provide new and exciting infor-

mation to add to the individual's knowledge of small businesses, improve business skills, and provide introductions to new business contacts.

Emphasis was on successful marketing, the key to any successful business regardless of its size.

The Expo was sponsored by the West Virginia Small Business Development Center and the Center for Economic Options. These organizations designed the Expo to afford small and home-based Appalachian businesses an opportunity to form new business relationships, attend workshops, and market products and services at the trade show.

West Virginia Small Business Development Center is

funded by the SBA. The Center for Economic Options is a nonprofit, statewide, community-based organization that promotes opportunities that develop the economic capacity of West Virginia's rural citizens, particularly women, and communities.

These co-sponsors will generously provide five scholarships to the GSC participants to cover the cost of registration and participation, enabling a wider degree of involvement.

The Division of Business extends appreciation to Echard and Nottingham for making this experience possible for interested business students. Special commendation to Echard for successfully negotiating the registration and fees waiver!

Honorable Mention for GSC's ACS

Editor's note: This letter was sent to the head of the Math and Science division. GSC was the only West Virginia state college to be mentioned.

I am very happy to inform you that the American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Affiliates chapter at Glenville State College has been selected for special recognition as an Honorable Mention chapter for activities conducted during the 1995-96 academic year.

One of the Society's important responsibilities is the preprofessional development of students in the chemical sciences. One way the Society accomplishes this is by offering undergraduate students majoring in chemistry or a related science the opportunity to enroll in the ACS Student Affiliates program.

This program has a current enrollment of more than 9,000 students, many of whom are affiliated with 900 chapters at colleges and universities in the U.S.

and Puerto Rico. The program offers affiliates the support, privileges, and benefits of the largest scientific professional society in the world.

Every chapter is required to submit an annual report of its activities. Based on the review of these reports, certain chapters, because of their superior performance, are selected by the Society Committee on Education for recognition as Outstanding or Commendable chapters or for Honorable Mention.

In addition to recognition, by their peers and by members of ACS, this award brings to your Student Affiliates and to your college a note of accomplishment in Chemical & Engineering News, the Society's official national news magazine, and in *In Chemistry*, the Student Affiliates magazine.

Professor Thomas Vallombroso, faculty advisor to the Glenville State College Student Affiliates chapter, deserves

special commendation. Few faculty members are willing to make the great commitment of time and energy that a successful chapter requires of its advisor.

It takes more than exceptional effort to be recognized as an Honorable Mention chapter; it takes the nurturing attention of dedicated staff. Professor Vallombroso's efforts certainly represent the best in undergraduate science education and mentoring around the country.

The American Chemical Society is delighted to have a Student Affiliates chapter at Glenville State College and would like to thank you for fostering an environment in which such important extracurricular educational activity can flourish.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the students and Professor Vallombroso for setting such a fine example for other chapters.

Ronald C. Breslow

Criminal Justice Update

By Sarah Riffle

The Criminal Justice Club has been working to further their community service. On Tuesday, November 19, the club's meeting focused on the Thanksgiving care baskets. The care baskets consist of food donated by each member of the club.

A special thank you is awarded to Foodland of Glenville, which donated the hams for the baskets. These food baskets were designed to help disadvantaged families in Gilmer, Clay, Calhoun, and Braxton counties.

The club's future activities involve the current raffle ticket

sale for \$200 cash or a lifetime hunting license.

Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can see a member of the Criminal Justice Club for further information. The drawing for the raffle will be held on December 12.

The next club meeting will

Chi Beta Phi News

By Carla Williams

Chi Beta Phi is an honorary scientific association for undergraduates. The first chapter was organized in 1916 at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia. Alpha Iota, the Glenville State College affiliate of Chi Beta Phi, was chartered in 1964. The object of the organization is to promote interest in the sciences (including mathematics) and to give recognition to scholarly attainment in the sciences. Members participate together in events of scientific interest and in events of a social nature such as picnics and evenings in the game room.

Chi Beta Phi, Alpha Iota, has continued to grow in their efforts this semester. They opened the semester by electing officers, being; President Brian Jarrett, Vice-President Earl Reynolds, Secretary Carla Williams, Treasurer Jenny Snider, and Historian Amy Grogg. The group's first task was making its homecoming banner, for which they received second place.

Alpha Iota welcomed new members with a night at the

game room for pizza and fun. In attendance were: Mr. Peck, Dr. Caulfield & family, Dr. Bradford & family, Dr. Goll, Mr. Bame, Chris Bame, Jenny Snider, Earl Reynolds, Jodi Beall, Tim Mayle, Ken Osborne, Brian Jarrett, Carla Williams, Donna Hiles, Wendy Batson, and Shana Louk.

Congratulations goes to members Brian Jarrett, Earl Reynolds, Carla Williams, Colleen Boyle, Julian Phares, Donna Hiles, and Steven Myers for receiving National Membership to Chi Beta Phi.

Presentations of scientific interest have been given this semester by Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Caulfield. Mr. Kennedy gave a computer presentation on fractals. Dr. Caulfield spoke on the Fibonacci sequence of numbers with some nature, music and art applications.

Chi Beta Phi, Alpha Iota, would like to invite anyone interested to join in their activities. If you have any questions about membership you may see Mr. Peck or any other member. All presentations are open to everyone, so please come and join.

Last Student Congress Meeting

By Wendy Batson

Sorrowful good-byes were the focus of the Student Congress meeting held Tuesday, December 3, as Mark Allen presided for the last time, due to his December graduation.

Allen was presented with an engraved plaque and many words of appreciation. During his term as president, Allen has been willing to try new things and has worked very hard to make Glenville State a better place. His accomplishments will benefit students for years to come.

As someone was overheard saying at the meeting, "Mark Allen will surely be a tough act to follow."



Photo by Carl Wilson

Mark Allen



be held December 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Science Division Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend and all Criminal Justice members are asked to please attend this important meeting. We will be discussing the ticket sales as well as our trip to Tampa, Florida!

Christmas Around the World

By April Rector & Colleen Vance

The traditional American Christmas consists of such customs as singing carols, hanging stockings by the fire, the decorated tree, and of course the presents underneath delivered in the night by dear Santa Claus, a merry red-decked man with a white beard.

Christmas traditions are not the same all over the world. In many lands, far and near, the myth and general idea of gift giving is similar, only with slightly different names and styles.

For instance, in England

Santa is called St. Nick and carolers go singing on December 26, known as Boxing Day.

In Italy, St. Nicholas has nothing to do with Christmas but instead is a revered saint who watches over and protects seamen and travellers from trouble. St. Befana is the gift-toting lady who brings toys and things for the tots and places them on a shelf of a decorated wooden pyramid. And, instead of jumping down the chimney, she enters into an open window.

In Finland Old Man Christmas comes instead of Santa and

the holiday season begins with a sauna, or steam bath on Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas means "Houska Joulua!"

Feliz Navidad! In Mexico the first of nine parties during the season is held on December 16. A ceremony called the posada is held where friends and family depict the journey of Joseph and Mary to Nazereth.

Others ways of saying Merry Christmas: Germany--"Froehliche Weihnachten"; France--"Joyeux Noel"; China, "Kung Hsi Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan."



Photo by Carl Wilson

Campus decorations

Strickland Massages Away "Finals" Frustrations

By Gwendolyn Harmon

Need to relax for finals? Well, why not try a massage?

J.B. Strickland, a GSC student and practicing masseuse, is eager to ease your "finals" frustrations with massage therapy during finals week.

After studying massage therapy at the Asten Center Therapeutic Massage School in 1990, she has learned various therapeutic techniques such as the Swedish Massage, Lymph Massage, trigger point therapy, Myo Facial deep tension release, Sports massage, and reflexology.

"I will be setting up a dolphin chair to give students a free five minute back massage," Strickland said.

"All you need is to sit and I'll do the rest."

Strickland will only set up for a few days during finals week and dates and times will be posted soon.

Christmas Surprise

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup melted margarine
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 1/2 cups coconut

1 cup chopped maraschino cherries
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 cup chopped pecans

* Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

* Mix cracker crumbs, sugar and margarine in bowl. Press into 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

* Layer marshmallows,

coconut and cherries in prepared dish. Drizzle with condensed milk. Press pecans into top.

* Bake for 25 minutes. Cool. Cut into squares.

* Yield: 2 dozen.

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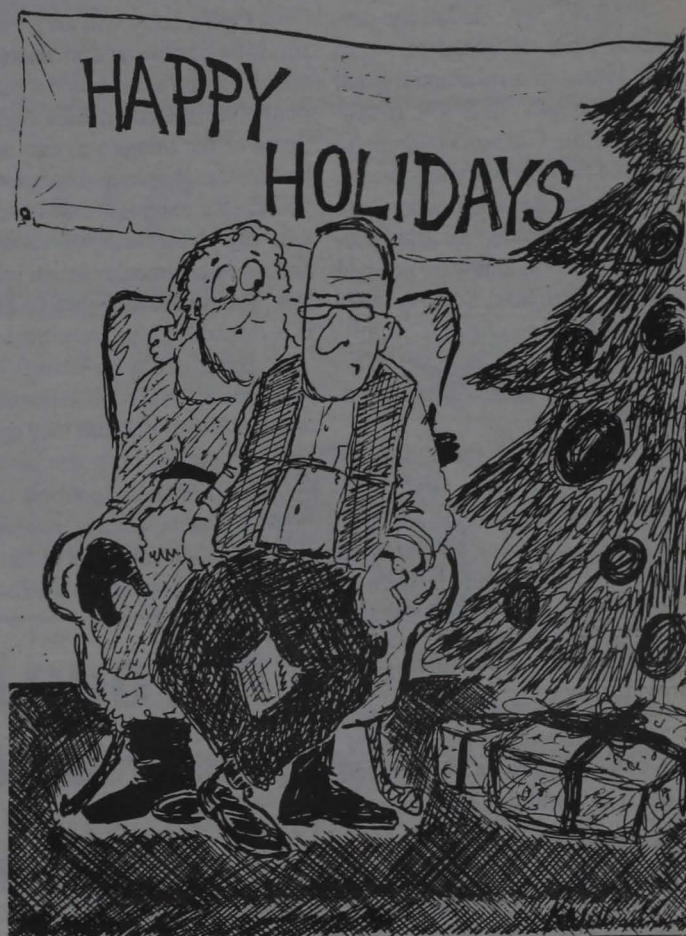
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Grant Updates Chemistry Equipment

By Gene Breza

Two new chemistry professors are delighted to report the award of a substantial grant from the WV EPSCoR Instrumentation Grants Program to update the chemistry laboratory. Dr. Bradford in conjunction with Dr. Goll submitted the grant proposal Oct. 10, and were notified of selection Nov. 8. They were one of the five out of 22 applicants to receive a grant. The total amount they will receive is \$13,100.

"We put this thing together pretty quickly," said Goll, "and we're both new here, in addition to teaching classes. I thought of everything I could do with a spectrometer. As a graduate and post doctoral fellow I used one extensively, so I knew what I would do with it in each course."

Dr. Bradford did most of the physical writing of the grant while Dr. Goll was the principle investigator for it, and provided the main justification. The equipment will be the most modern

available.

Goll's baby will be an ultraviolet-visible spectrometer, which measures how well a particular substance absorbs light. Some of the things you can determine are the amounts of compound in a sample, from which you can determine the extent and rate a chemical reaction will run. The model he hopes to get is a research grade instrument.

Bradford's getting a galvanostat and/or potentiostat, which is and/or because they can come separately or in combination. This instrument controls the current and/or voltage respectively, through solutions of ions. This allows you to do surface

chemistry, specifically, catalysis which is the plating of polymers on an electroplate (the plating of zinc on steel sheet to protect against oxidation is one example). "My goal is the preparing of conducting polymers, electro-conductive plastics that also have interesting chromatic properties," Bradford specified.

The criterion of the grant was to to incorporate modern equipment into advanced undergraduate laboratories. Goll reiterated, "Getting instrumentation is something really needed here in the chem department, and this will go a long way to help us update..."

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