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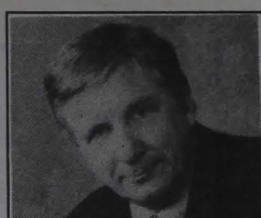
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GSC to "pioneer" 21st Century education reform

By Theodore Allen Webb

Through an extensive education reform initiative called School-to-Work, GSC's Community and Technical College Division, under the direction of Provost Dr. Nolan Browning, will be a key athlete in the exciting race to win West Virginia's educational system laurels in the 21st Century.

School-to-Work is the focus of the state's Jobs Through Education legislation and is also part of the national school-to-work effort. Entitled "Making Career Connections," the new broad-based School-To-Work campaign will combine education, business, and labor to provide more opportunities for all area students.

To this end, the program intends to revamp the current educational system by attaching a specific career focus to a program of study. The goal is to create a better linkage between school and work.

According to a School-to-Work pamphlet published by the West Virginia Department of Education, this process will begin in kindergarten and continue through adulthood. Upon graduating high school, students will be prepared to either enter a two-year associate degree program, a four-year degree program, a certification program, or join the workforce.

"This initiative is an effort to establish a linkage between the secondary school system, the higher education system, the real world of business and industry," states Browning. "In essence, it's making the system a whole lot more practical. We

want to eliminate the 'general track' students who just take a bunch of courses to get through school and who are not really prepared for any type of work. Instead, these students will have a career path and definite options when they graduate."

According to Browning, the school-to-work integration will be accomplished through three "core elements:" school-based learning, work-based learning, and connecting activities.

School-based learning is composed of traditional classroom learning (what's going on right now in the schools) with a greater applied approach. Work-based learning includes getting students to participate in business, industry, and/or governmental agencies through internships and other programs. Connecting activities endeavor to bring school-based and work-based learning together through reform in the secondary school guidance counseling system.

"The idea with this new structuring of the guidance system is to integrate it into the curriculum," Browning says. "And that would make a better connecting activity if, for example, teachers would be advisors, much like what occurs here at the college."

Through these elements, School-to-Work would encourage students to choose a career early and gain the appropriate knowledge and experience needed to pursue that career.

Moreover, School-to-Work will take the current curriculum and teach it in terms of "career clusters." According to

Browning, most of the school systems are adopting six career clusters: health, human services, business/marketing, science/natural resources, engineering technology, and arts/humanities. The clusters are further broken down into "career majors," which are then separated into specific occupations.

"It's a way of sorting out things so you have a hierarchy of labels with which to look at curriculum," Browning explains.

"A major misconception with this is that some people feel that we're 'tracking' kids by putting them in a cluster in which they cannot change. But that's not true. If the system is

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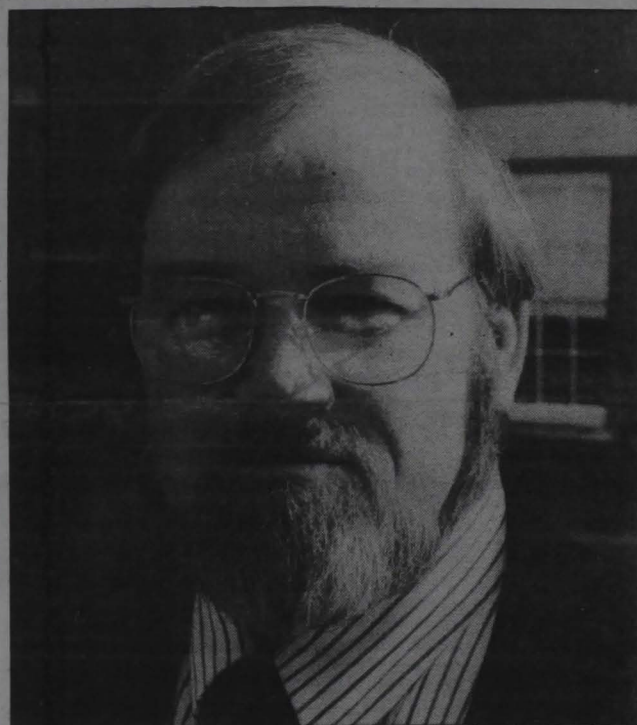


Photo by Gene Breza

Nolan Browning

GSC--125 Years of History

By Lisa Belknap

Ask any student about their school and you will either see pride or hear apathy. The college a person attends has an everlasting effect on who they are and how others perceive them; therefore, the reputation of an institution is vital to higher education.

It is because of this ingredient that for almost 125 years strong-willed traditional and nontraditional students have overcome the odds to attend Glenville State College.

"The history of this school is so incredibly rich," says Public Relations director Mark Loudin.

On February 19, 1872, the college was officially recog-

nized. In those days tuition was free; however, one would have to take a boat to reach the almost inaccessible school.

While many things have changed in 125 years, some things haven't. A vast number of commuters--the majority of GSC's student body--tax themselves daily in order to receive the cost effective, quality education that the college offers. Others are coming from as far away as California, Japan, Bulgaria and Ethiopia.

These determined individuals are graduating and moving into a spectrum of careers ranging from medicine to music, law and politics. With every success, the institution becomes an even bigger player in

the world around it.

This year students, faculty and staff will have a chance to demonstrate their pride and view the college's history.

A celebration is being organized in honor of GSC's 125th birthday, fully equipped with a reenactment ceremony held in Charleston. According to Loudin, WDTV, based in Clarksburg, the Associated Press and the *Glenville Democrat/Pathfinder* will be providing the college with publicity by running a series of stories and articles.

"Homecoming is going to be very special this year," says Loudin. "And commencement will have to special speakers," he adds with a smile.



From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

Don't Read This

If you're planning to graduate this May, no one is going to send you a little reminder, to say:

"Dear Student, You have been working hard for four years. You will have all the credits you need to graduate in May this spring, won't you consider taking the big step to the admissions office to pick up an application?"

Yes, YOU must apply to graduate. You get an application at the admissions office. The app. is a piece of paper upon which you indicate; the name you wish to be addressed by at commencement and the time you want to commence. Then you sign and date it. There are no big signs around campus to say the **DEADLINE** is **February 7**. But the **DEADLINE** is **February 7**. It is printed on the Glenville State College events calendar in the February 7 date square as "Last Day for Making App. for May Grad."

There are people we know too well who are walking around with a confident air stating firmly, "I'm going to graduate in May." Lucky are they, who bump into some well grounded individual (a former graduate who has been through all the possible hoops and seen all the loopholes) who asks of the bubble headed aspirant, "Did you apply yet?"

On another topic; We at the *Mercury* must apologize to the senior art major and minors along with thier professors, for not covering your gallery show. The assignment was given the first week we were aware of it. Our reporter let us down. Please forgive us. Alas, it is over.

Now; we must know the truth: It is in the quest of scientific knowledge that we conduct this survey of great psychological interest and import.

The Question is: Did you ignore this column because of the headline?

Yes

No

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Dear Editor:

It has often been asserted that a little bit of knowledge can be a dangerous thing. Seldom has this observation been more appropriate than in the example of the confused rambling of one Jim Senyszyn in the January 23 edition of the *Mercury*.

Mr. Senyszyn's letter literally abounds with errors and confusion. Most notably--

1) The teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5 are summed up in 5:48, in which his followers are urged to conduct themselves perfectly, even as God would act. These teachings are goals, admittedly ambitious ones; they are not laws with which followers are to be punished.

2) Solomon and David were very well acquainted with the law, for David (II Samuel 7) and Solomon (I Kings 8) each had the Ark of the Covenant in their possession. It wasn't that they were UNAWARE of the law; it is rather that they CHOSE to DISOBEY the law. More importantly, each was punished for this transgressions (II Samuel 12, I Kings 11). Solomon may well have been the author of the Song of Solomon; it is also quite possible that he wrote Ecclesiastes, which takes somewhat different view as to the possibilities of fulfillment through one's senses; see especially Ecclesiastes 2.

(3) Mr. Senyszyn's use of phrases like "Bible thumpers" and "sanctimonious prude" is about as appropriate as using the "N" word to describe a person of African heritage or calling Roman Catholic Christians "fish-eaters." Such behavior and language is reprehensible, repugnant, and never justified, no matter what the context.

(4) Finally, Mr. Senyszyn apparently believes that Christians are persons who fear and avoid sex, and negatively judge those who do participate in sexual activity. Nothing could be further from the truth. We love sex, and participate in it as often as possible! We do, however, begin this activity only after we have been joined together in marriage, and restrict this activity to our spouse for as long as

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What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

What Are Moderates Moderating?

A character from one of Robert Heinlein's novels said that moderation is for monks. While I admit that too much moderation can make for a very dull life, in the political arena, a prudent approach to problems is usually a good idea. I suppose it was this desire for moderation that, in the last election, the American public gave Bill Clinton a conservative, Republican Congress to deal with. However, President Clinton is not a liberal; he is the type of politician who is afraid to inhale without first taking a poll to see if it will later be acceptable to exhale. Polls are geared toward the segments of the population that consistently vote and that means polling results usually lean toward the conservative right. What we end up with, here, is a moderated conservative agenda at a point in time where we need moderated liberal social policies.

With the resignation of Robert Reich as Labor Secretary, the last voice for the average working person in this country has been silenced in the White House. It was Mr. Reich that brought the term "corporate welfare" into vogue by explaining how Congress has no problem giving away billions of dollars in tax cuts and subsidies to wealthy corporations, while cutting back on tax programs that help low-income wage earners. Robert Reich wanted everyone to know that the gap between the rich and poor is widening at an ever-increasing rate with no one doing anything about it. Well, Mr. Reich is not working for the President anymore; I guess he wasn't moderate enough.

Our Labor Secretary was not being an alarmist. Twenty-five years ago the average CEO made about 35 times more than the average manufacturing employee. Today, the average CEO makes more than 150 times what the average employee makes, and we still have to hear how downsizing, cutting benefits, and using minimum wage workers are necessary strategies in keeping businesses profitable. While upper management jobs provide time for workouts in the corporate gym, janitors who were making a livable wage are fired in favor of service agencies offering minimum wage help.

We can only speculate as to why the gap between rich and poor is spiraling out of control, but one thing seems to be obvious: there is no limit to greed. Since I don't think we can expect the private sector to reach a point where employers and stock holders will actually feel guilty about the gross inequalities between themselves and their workers, we need a moderating force. Whether it be laws that help rebuild the power of labor unions or wage and labor laws that affect the business world directly, some moderation is in order.



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Around the Bend:

Not Enough of a Good Thing.—

By Eric Ware

Last year I saw the power of the press first hand. In a past Around the Bend I wrote an argument to the administration concerning the questionable movement of the snack bar. What I saw as a result flattered me, intensified my reporting, and made me hammer away at this typewriter. Action, that is what I and many others saw! We got our answers, we got our meeting, we got our results!

It just saddens me that this spirit is missing in one of the most important areas a commuter has got, and that's the Student Congress. As far as I know, the commuters are not represented. We have an open chair, an empty voice, and a struggling cause.

What causes do commuters have? It seems that the snack bar issue is one of our greatest threats — no communication. Who's communicating with whom? There's the issue of standing up for our rights in the parking drama that occurs every year. Each year is a new and exhausting beginning.

When will they start expanding on this campus and stop handing out too many

parking passes?

There's the issue of fighting for our economic struggles. As a commuter we pay for many expenses, especially athletic fees. This incorporates going to the game, having time at the pool, using the recreational rooms and weight rooms at our convenience, and comprises many other activities as well.

From experience, I have no time for these uses and wonder how the savings on these events hasn't led to further construction on the parking areas or fixing the roads, even widening them? The hole in the parking lot below the AB building is large enough to get lost in. Why hasn't this been fixed? It's been two years!

As a commuter, I find that one problem exceedingly exists: communication. If we don't ask questions, we don't get answers. The door swings both ways, whether one likes it or not.

Basically, let's go to our Student Congress and ask these things. Let's elect our commuter representative. Let's have our voice and let it be heard.

Communication...it's the key to problems and solves most anything. It's a matter of when to voice ours and listen to theirs.

By Lisa McCormick

3,000. That's the enrollment projection for the fall of '97 if Dr. Phillip Cottrill's recruiting strategy is successful.

Dr. Phillip Cottrill is the Director of Enrollment Management, and the initiator of a new plan to attract more students to Glenville.

"Glenville's enrollment has been on a steady decline for the past eight years," says Dr. Cottrill.

"WVU would like to have our students." The decline in students is due in part because Glenville is now in competition with all of the colleges in WV, and also because the number of high school graduates has been declining.

A lower student enrollment means a lesser amount of money for the college to work with. "We are half a state college and half a private college. The state only pays for about half of our budget, the students

pay for the other half," explains Dr. Cottrill. An interpretation of this could spell out a possible increase in student tuition, book fees, and miscellaneous fees in the future if student enrollment continues to decrease.

"The aim is to increase the current enrollment of 2,068 to 3,000. We don't want to increase so much that we lose one of Glenville's greatest assets—one-on-one teaching," says Dr. Cottrill. To accomplish the increase, the strategy includes help from three different sources.

One of the sources will come from the two full-time recruiters employed at Glenville: Jill Harmen and Kimberly Bennett. The second source will come from volunteers from the faculty.

"One faculty member from each division will go to the high schools to demonstrate and lecture about their field," says Dr. Cottrill. He also sees how the

faculty could help high school students understand the concept of what college life is like.

One of the departments that will have a stronger emphasis placed on will be the Education Department. "The demand for teachers in the future will be great, so for the next couple of years a new emphasis will be place on this department," exclaims Dr. Cottrill, "That's not excluding all of the other fields Glenville has to offer students."

The third source will come from the students themselves. "Everyone should work to maintain enrollment. Students need to talk up Glenville."

Considering the determination and the great response from the faculty members, combined with the students' and the recruiters' help, the new strategy is sure to be a success.

The thing most students will be wondering is--Where will all of these 3,000 students park?

SOMEDAY WE'LL DO EVERYTHING BY COMPUTER!!



Sidewalk Bubblegum ©1996 Clay Butler

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we are both living.

If--and only if--Mr. Clinton HAS been unfaithful to his wife, he has already destroyed her trust in his character--which may, in fact, be punishment enough.

Michael T. Amory
Wesley Foundation

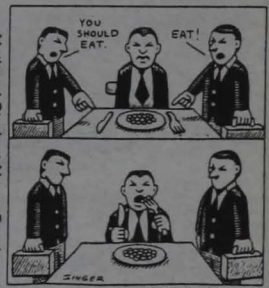
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THE "I'M GONNA" COUPLE



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Graduating Seniors Caution! Deadline!

February 7, 1997 is the last day to apply for May graduation and diploma. Pick up your applications at the admissions office today if you plan to graduate. When you're finished filling out the application return them to the admissions office ASAP. Do not delay or you won't graduate in May!!

One More Hoop!

Hear Ye Hear Ye! Below: just a friendly reminder

If, for any reason, you fail to qualify for graduation on the specified date, but expected to meet requirements for a future date, YOU MUST REFILE-- applications are **NOT** held over.

Correction

In the first part of the feature article, "Mysliwiec Remembers Movement," it was written that GSC sociology professor Dolores Mysliwiec has an M.Ed. from Duquesne University. The article should have specified that Ms. Mysliwiec also has an M.S. in Sociology from ITT in Chicago and that she did doctoral work in sociology at the University of Akron. She would like it to be known that her extensive academic knowledge of race relations springs from her studies in sociology, not education.

Glenville Basketball Lacking Leadership

The inconsistency of both basketball programs of Glenville State can in part be attributed to youth and inexperience but a key ingredient missing is the presence of on-court leadership.

Both squads consist of mostly freshman and first year players unfamiliar with the system. Each program has the experience to lead but the experience has yet to step forward. "When we have found ourselves in a crucial point in several games, we haven't had a leader to provide direction," states Men's Head Coach Gary Nottingham.

The same can be said for the women's program. After a three game winning streak which consisted of an upset victory over the top ranked squad from Alderson-Broadus, the women lost big on the road to Bluefield State College 72-51.

After returning from the winter break the Lady Pioneers won four of their first six games before the loss to Bluefield which was followed by a loss at home to a nearly evenly matched 4-11 team from Concord College 79-60.

This streak could in part be attributed to freshman Tara McHenry's three game 21.1 average, an effort which earned her a WVIAC Player of the Week selection. But it is very uncommon for a team to be led by a freshman game in and game out. "To be successful a team must be able to look to the older, more experienced players," states Head Women's Coach Steve Harold. "That leadership has not been consistent."

This past week the men split their two outings with a 72-65 victory over Bluefield State and a 81-68 loss to Concord leaving them 3-6 since the break and 6-12 overall. The loss of three players early in the season, one having two years of experience, leaves the pool of experience even more shallow.

For both teams there have been individuals who have shown much improvement but a team without a leader is a team which can only accomplish limited success. With the season more than half over for both programs, hopes of a productive season are not out of reach. Wills and desires have been known to overcome great odds.



Photo by Carl Wilson
Coach Nottingham instructs his team during a 20-second time out.

Coach to be Hired

Wednesday, January 29, the Department of Athletics at Glenville State College announced five finalists to be interviewed for the vacant position of head football coach.

The five finalists for this highly sought after position were selected from more than 50 applicants. Elimination of applicants was done, through the evaluation of a screening committee consisting of representatives from college administration, faculty, staff and student body.

The five finalists are as follows:

Bruce Hayhurst--Hayhurst has served as Glenville's offensive coordinator for the past five years and was named as the interim head coach following Rodriguez's departure.

Warren Ruggiero--Ruggiero comes from NCAA Division II playoff semi-finalist Clarion University where he is the offensive coordinator.

Kevin Donley--After leading Georgetown College of Kentucky to a NAIA national title, Donley served as head coach at California University of PA where he has recently been relieved of that position.

Chris Boden--Boden recently spent one year wide receiver coach and assistant offensive coordinator at Valdosta State, Georgia.

Brad Senter--Senter comes from Newberry College of North Carolina where he served as head coach.

Interviews began Wednesday afternoon and will continue through Friday. The position is planned to be filled by early next week.

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The Mercury needs new writers for the Sports page. We need one for men's sports and one for women's. This position is now open to interested parties.

If you have an interest and are willing to learn the basics of journalism and can cover home and away games, contact Gene Breza at ext. 133.

Ski Trip Planned

On Sunday, February 2, there will be a ski trip which costs \$15. The price includes the lift ticket, the skis, and the lessons. Those going will be leaving at 9 a.m. and will be returning around midnight. If you are interested, you must sign up before January 30th. Sign up will be in the Heflin Center between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and in the Residence Halls between 6 p.m.-10 p.m.



The Reel World

Bret Wood

Jerry Maguire Heading for Oscars?

Tom Cruise and his new film *Jerry Maguire* may be nominated for the Academy Awards on March 24. It might be asked, is *Jerry Maguire* good enough to win an Oscar? Decide for yourself. Tom Cruise stars as Jerry Maguire, a high-profile sports agent working for some of the most powerful names in the sports industry. He is the kind of slick, fast-talking jerk that has turned sports into the greedy, backstabbing business it is today.

He is riding high with his job, beautiful girl, and friends. That is, until he has a breakdown. He wrote a mission statement on how the sports agents should work. It had become too cold and impersonal, sweet-talking everyone when you should come out with the truth. "Fewer clients are better." This enlightenment cost him his job. He decides to start his own

business with only one assistant, the love-struck accountant Dorothy (Renee Zellweger) and one client--Tidwell (Cuba Gooding, Jr.), an unknown football player with an attitude. This leads to a romantic comedy. Tom Cruise shows his great acting ability by portraying the sports agent's swing through every emotion there is. Cuba Gooding, Jr., is the man, showing a comedic family man with all the right moves. Renee Zellweger is beautiful and plays a wonderful partner to Cruise.

Is everyone ready? Starting next week, the first of the legendary *Star Wars* films returns to the big screen. Twenty years ago, George Lucas brought together a cast of people that will forever be etched in our minds and hearts. The new versions contain enhanced sound and visual effects...plus new footage. *Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* will open afterwards.

How About a Little Big Head?

By David Weese

I was sitting at home wondering how to begin this week's article--you know, something to actually make the public stop and read? That's when I came up with the idea for the title. Big Head is from the band's name--Big Head Todd And The Monsters--and the CD is "Sister Sweetly."

This CD has been around since 1993 but I caught up with it in the Spring of 1996. To me, Big Head Todd is one of those bands that you have to slip in on people when nobody is looking.

I mean if you were in the

mall and just happened to find it, I think the name itself would probably scare you off. And besides that, other than a few concert advertisements, this band has received very little air play, which brings us back to the age-old question, who decides what's good and has worth? The boys from MTV? How about the radio D.J.'s? Whoever it is, they've missed the mark on this band. I'm not really sure how to describe this band's music: happy, melancholy, groove, mellow, jazz, rock? It's all in there. You could get up and dance or sit back with a few candles and

take a mind trip; either way, it's satisfaction guaranteed.

Don't let the fact that you haven't heard this band on the top 40 discourage you. They may not be in the popular "mainstream" of music, whatever that is, but they're definitely worth listening to.

Though "Sister Sweetly" goes back a few years, the band does have updated material. Just check your "local" mall's music store and I'm positive you'll find something...and remember: the name is Big Head Todd And The Monsters. Until next time, C-YA!



Off the Shelf

Jerry L. Estep

Quicker Than The Eye

Let's come straight to the point: Ray Bradbury is one hell of a storyteller, and any topic he decides to tackle is handled with artistry and sheer magic. Most people know him for *The Martian Chronicles*, *Fahrenheit 451*, and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. Many of his stories have been turned into episodes of *The Ray Bradbury Theater* (now showing on The Sci Fi Channel). The man infuses every story with the wonder of a child...and I just love him. Okay, that said, I'll tell you to go out and buy a copy of his new (and long-awaited) short story collection, *Quicker than the Eye*. Almost every one of these stories is a jewel of fun.

My all-time favorite is "The Very Gentle Murders." In this story, an elderly couple plot to kill each other. The twist is, they're very open and congenial about it, offering to make alibis for each other and having a merry old time. They hate each other, but there's a certain amount of respect. They also host a number of parties, and the occasional party guest gets caught in the cross-fire of their little war. In one golden moment, the wife asks the husband for the whereabouts of his danish. He tells her he gave it to the new maid. After she admits that she poisoned the danish, they hear a crash from the kitchen. The husband then utters my favorite line: "She's not new anymore."

There are other great stories. "Underseaboat Doktor" contains a sub-commander turned psychoanalyst who yells "Dive! Dive!" when he gets the narrator on the couch. The analyst has a periscope installed, and by the end of the story he has changed positions with his patient. "Another Fine Mess" is a fond good-bye to beloved entertainers, as two ladies realize the stairway outside their building is haunted by the ghosts of Laurel and Hardy. "The Finnegan" is an almost Sherlock Holmes-style tale of a giant trapdoor spider that eats children. "The Electrocution" is a story of a circus performer whose jealous husband may or may not be planning to murder her during a performance.

It is such a good collection. Whether you want to ration them out at the rate of one story a night or just devour them all at once, you are sure to enjoy a feast of the highest order. He has a collection of essays, *Journey to Far Metaphor*, coming soon. I am looking forward to it. You can find the book at your local Waldenbooks, order it from the Towne Book Store, or ask your local lightning rod salesman.

Fill. verb. To make full; to occupy; to pervade; to supply with an occupant; to hold; to eliminate spaces.

Senior Recitals



Photo by Heather Ware.

The Division of Fine Arts presents Darlene Evans Moore (soprano) and Christopher Simpson (baritone) in their Senior Recital.

They will perform on Sunday, February 2, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. Admission is free.

Comedians Preview

By Eric Ware

Comedians Tammy Pesca-telli and Michael Cheselka will be performing at GSC February 4 at 9 p.m., sponsored by the Pioneer Program Board.

After opening up for Rosie O'Donnell, Pauly Shore, and appearing on the "Susan Powter Show" and the "Danney Bonaduce Show", Pescatelli has been known for her outrageous antics and off-beat humor.

"I've always loved and appreciated comedy," she says.

"I've always been sarcastic and...quick with one liners."

A native of Cleveland who toured with Sam Kinison's Outlaws of Comedy in venues of 300 to 6,000 seats, Cheselka's show could be described in few words: lots of laughs.

"I still try to do the same thing in front of a club or concert audience," he states. "I don't lecture, but I do presuppose a certain level of intelligence. Like David Bowie says, the future belongs to those of us who can hear it coming."

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A consul from the Consulate General of Japan in New York will be coming, in March, to the campus of West Virginia University in Morgantown to meet the needs of all Japanese people in West Virginia on passport renewal, passport reissue, etc. The consul will be on the WVU campus on Thursday, March 30.

The room reserved for the occasion is "Whitewater Room" on the ground floor of Mountainlair. Consul Endo will be there from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If your passport is going to expire within the next six months, you should process for its renewal at this time. It is vital that you send to New York an application form, photos, etc. at least three weeks before the consul comes to WVU.

He will bring your new passport on October 3, 1997. If you need to renew your passport, contact Prof. Minami, Dept. of Foreign Languages at West Virginia University, as soon as possible to get an application form and other necessary information.

You are required by Japanese law to send a "Zairyuu Todoke (Resident Report)" to the Consulate General of Japan. The Consulate General must have your "Zairyuu Todoke" at hand before they can process for your passport renewal. If you have not yet sent a Zairyuu Todoke to the Consulate General, please contact Prof. Minami, also.

Minami's office is 317-E Chitwood Hall, WVU (304-293-5151 Ext. 5537). Minami's home is 380 Dorsey Ave. Morgantown (304-296-1698).

Social Science division productive, achieves remarkable enrollment

By Theodore Allen Webb

According to a report in GSC's Social Science division newsletter, the Social Science division has accomplished phenomenal enrollment figures for the spring semester.

Entitled "Social Science Faculty Productivity," the article says the average class size in the division is nearly 35 students per class. At minimum, 9.75 faculty are slated to produce 2925 credit hours (9.75 faculty times 300

credit hours per faculty). This means the division is generating 4245, or nearly 50% more than the minimum expectation.

"Full time faculty are also averaging nearly three unique preparations, and that is before we factor in all of the arranged and other special classes being offered," the newsletter says. "Remarkably, we are paying for the services of only three adjuncts to teach classes on campus."

Moreover, the report congratulates the faculty who are teaching arranged classes, sponsoring internships and/or work experiences, and directing independent student projects.

"With an average teaching load of nearly 16 hours per faculty member, our productivity is outstanding, especially when we consider that only one, three-hour off-campus course qualifies for overload compensation," the report acknowledges.

TKE News

By Dave Bragg

Well, it's a little late, but welcome to another semester and another chance to Rush TKE. For all of you out there who have been wondering what we're about, here's your chance to find out. You still have until Spring Break to think about it and decide if you've got what it takes. We have lots of things planned for this Spring and you can become part of it just by finding a TKE and asking. It's been a while since we've submitted an article. Instead of covering what you've missed, I'll start at the beginning of the semester.

On January 21, the Iota Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity had its first meeting of the semester. Some new officers were elected, so here is the list of officers as of January 28: Prytanis--Jeff Davis; Epiprytanis--Calvin

Martin; Grammateus--Jason Bennett; Crysochylos--Wesley Bourne; Histor--Dave Bragg; Hypothetes--Dave Taylor; Py-lortes--Jeremy Rodriguez; and Hegemon--Pete Drew. Committees were set up at this meeting, too.

On January 28, the Iota Omega Chapter had a meeting. Many fraters were present and a few potential associate members. Many fund raisers were discussed and some planned. Pay attention for a golf tournament, raffles throughout the semester, a softball tournament, and a red carnation sale for Valentine's Day.

Most parts of our meetings are open to people who are thinking about Rushing, so every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Rm. 206 of the Phys. Ed. building, you have the opportunity to come down and check us out. So Rush, what else do you have to do?

Students Win Internships

By Gwen Harmon

The Social Science Division congratulates three students who have won legislative internships for the upcoming legislative session. There are two legislative internship programs offered by the state of West Virginia.

T.J. Drake and Jason Gordon were chosen for the Frasure-Singleton program. This gives students the ability to work for one week in March for a legislator while legislature is in session.

sion.

"I'm really excited!" T.J. Drake said. "It will be a good learning experience."

The Judith Herndon legislative fellowship program, awarded to Sandra Gibson, gives the opportunity to spend a semester working with the legislature in Charleston.

Sandra Gibson likes journalism, so she will be working with West Virginia public T.V. and radio covering the legislature.

"Hearts Afire" Valentine's Day Dance

It's not your ordinary GSC dance! Featuring D.J. Von. Sponsored by the Powerline Pioneers. Date: Feb. 13, 1997 Place: Ballroom: 8-11pm Price: \$5/Couple or \$3/Single Semi-Formal or Formal Queen and King of Hearts Nominations. Any organization or dorm can nominate a King or Queen for the "Hearts Afire Dance". Deadline for nominations is Feb. 13. Nominations are \$1. Come and Join the Fun!



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The Delta Zeta Sorority will be selling Valentine Candy Grams from February 7 until February 13. For only \$1, you can send your sweetheart a bag of candy with a personalized message. The sale will be held in the Heflin Center Lobby during lunch and dinner hours. The candy Grams will be delivered February 13, 1997 after 5:00p.m.

"Oh, what I wouldn't give to be spat at in the face! Sometimes I hang awake at night dreaming of being spat at in the face."

--Monty Python's *Life of Brian*

THE MERCURY is selling Valentine ads which will be running on the 13th of February just in time for Valentine's Day. The size of the ad will be either 1 column by 2 inches or 2 columns by 1 inch. The cost will be 15 words or less for \$1. They will be placed throughout the paper as space is available. Ads must be in by Monday, February 3rd at noon in order to prepare them for that week's paper.

Send a message to a loved one or just a note to a friend through your student newspaper. Drop off submissions and money to THE MERCURY office care of Rick Conklin, Advisor.



DEP Director is Guest Lecturer

By Gene Breza

The Director of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Dr. Eli McCoy, was a guest lecturer for instructor Ed Hamrick's ENVR 254, Regulations: Local/State/Fed. class. The lecture was held at the Lewis County extension at 6:45 p.m., on Tuesday, January 21. This class was attended by President William K. Simmons who shared the honor of welcoming this WV State department head, with Dr. John Williams and Dr. Nolan Brown.

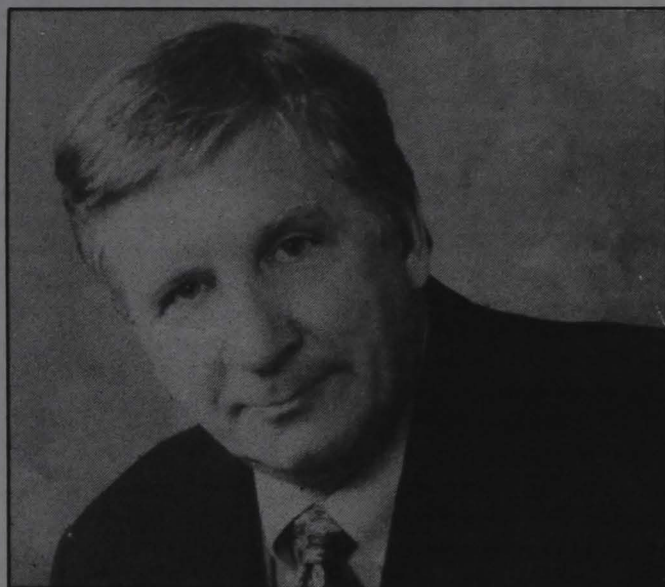
McCoy outlined the various state offices within the DEP, interspersed with witty anecdotes and clichés. He cited federal legislation created after major disasters, such as the 1972

Buffalo Creek Dam Disaster and the Louisville sewer explosion. McCoy shared many insights that could only be generated by a long-time employee of the department. He quipped knowingly with President Simmons about the competition of division heads for administrative dollars. He said, "In the army, 20% of the men are the front-line fighters, the rest keep them directed and supplied."

Hamrick's ties with influential movers and shakers stems in part from his tenure as DNR director. Several other speakers are to speak before his class. Greg Tieman of Roy F. Weston Company spoke about private sector opportunities relating to the environment on January 28. Local attorney Phil Reale and

Bob Radabaugh of Radabaugh Environmental Services will talk about oil and gas permitting and reclamation on February 4. Renowned environmental attorney and principal author of the class text *West Virginia Manual of Environmental Law*, Dave Flannery, of the law firm of Jackson and Kelly will discuss facility citing and air quality regulations, February 18. Finally Ken Ellison, Deputy Chief at the WV Waste Management Office will discuss legislation on brownfields and underground storage tank program.

The speakers will perk class interest in the regulatory field, and perhaps help students find internships. For more information, call Ed Hamrick at 462-4125.



Dr. Eli McCoy

Photo contributed.

Mysliwiec Remembers...Continued

By Tedd Webb

This is the conclusion of an interview conducted by Tedd Webb with Delores Mysliwiec. The first part ran in last week's issue of The Mercury--Ed.

What did you think of Dr. King?

He was charismatic to black people and white people. He became a reluctant symbol. When you heard Dr. Martin Luther King speak, you listened because he spoke tremendously well.

He was associated with the earlier part of the Civil Rights Movement which many white people are more comfortable with because it was non-violent; whereas, in the second half, there were violent confrontations provoked by both white and black groups.

How did you feel when Dr. King was assassinated?

I would say that for anybody somewhat concerned about the Civil Rights Movement, when he was assassinated, it had the same effect on us as when President Kennedy was assassinated; with one difference. And the difference was when King was assassinated, one also worried, oh my God, are there going to be riots and are people going to die?

But then again, the movement kind of lost some focus there when he was killed.

It changed the focus, yeah. I think as long as he was alive, it may have taken a little longer for the

black power groups to become popular because he so dominated the thinking, and he was so associated with the Civil Rights Movement. And after he died, there wasn't any one person who ever captured that kind of position.

Do you feel that racism is something that will always be there? What do you think about that? The future?

I think that what we can work to eliminate is discrimination. People will always see differences. People will always love and hate.

Unfortunately, it seems that human beings have a remarkable ability that when they begin to accept one group, they find another group to hate. You know, it's blacks, it's Jews, it's Catholics, it's women, it's homosexuals.

I don't think there'll be a time when any generation will be able to sit back and say, "Oh, well we're done." As soon as you do, there's a resurgence of hate. The best you can do is to make it so legally and socially unacceptable that those few people who harbor these extreme views keep their mouths shut simply because of the social unacceptability.

Somewhere in the 70's and 80's there was a complacency that said we had done everything that needed to be done. In the school systems, most of those curriculums on teaching tolerance just faded away. And I think people in my age group were responsible for that.

You have switched roles with those you were fighting when you

were young, those professors and others who were entrenched in the institutions during that time.

I think there is a certain amount of conservatism that comes with aging, or maybe just the wisdom to know that you can't make changes as quickly as you want to. At least when I was younger it was this way, you know, the "great white liberal syndrome" as we used to refer to it, in that we believed, we honestly believed we would be able to eliminate racism in the United States.

Yes, but that was what it took to make the kind of changes you were trying to make.

And I would argue that that's why with college students particularly, when I see the youth, I thank God that the idealism is still there, and it is. It may not be that cause, but some cause. And this is the age when you should have the idealism. God help us if, at your age, you're not idealistic. Where do you go from there?

Yeah, youth is powerful. And when you study history it seems like almost every great movement that ever took place was primarily younger...

Always.

And it involved the youth, for good or ill.

And you know what else it does, some people say, "Oh my God, look at that, people have already asked those questions!" Well, we always need people to re-ask the questions people have forgotten the answers to.

Student Congress Elections

Student Congress nominations are now being accepted in the Student Services Offices. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 7, at noon.

Election time is February 24 and 25.

See pages 32 and 33 of the GSC Student Handbook for qualifications and responsibilities.

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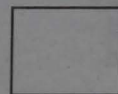
Student Congress Debate!

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The *Mercury* and Student Congress are proposing a presidential debate for the office of Student Congress President.

The panel will include the *Mercury* editor, a Faculty member, an administrative rep, and a classified staff member.

WILL YOU BE THERE?



Yes



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Please clip and return to The Mercury office.

National Condom Day

The American Social Health Association will sponsor National Condom Day on Valentine's Day, February 14, reminding couples to "love responsibly" by protecting one another's sexual health.

"As a romantic occasion, Valentine's Day is an appropriate time to focus on the importance of safer sex," said ASHA president Peggy Clarke. "We encourage sex partners to talk openly about the sensitive subject of sexual health and to use condoms to protect one another from sexually transmitted diseases."

Among types of condoms, the male latex condom is considered the most effective in preventing STDs. The female condom, which is made of polyurethane, is also considered very effective for STD prevention. A male polyurethane condom is now available, although its effectiveness against STDs is still being tested. Natural membrane condoms are not recommended

for STD prevention.

A nonprofit organization, ASHA offers two free brochures on condom use through a toll-free number. "Condoms, Contraceptives and STDs" discusses the relative benefits of various birth control methods in preventing pregnancy and STD infection. "Better Sex, Healthy Sex" encourages couples to use condoms to make sex healthier and more enjoyable. Either brochure can be ordered by calling 800/972-8500.

Free, confidential information about STDs is available through the National STD Hotline, operated by ASHA, at 800/227-8922.

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designed the way it is intended, students could move about from cluster to cluster or occupation to occupation."

Browning affirms that, along with its other parts, School-to-Work will emphasize "Technical Preparation," which is preparing students for specific college associate degree programs while still in high school.

"We developed a new associate degree here at GSC a few years ago called Environmental Technology," relates Browning. "We developed that in a collaborative way with the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. Rather

than trying to take an existing degree that we have here and have the high schools adjust, we worked to build a six-year program, which is a four-plus-two curriculum. And we asked what needed to be taught in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades which would better prepare these students to come to GSC and get the Environmental Technology degree."

"And so the effort within our service region as a community college is we are working with the nine counties we serve to establish more of those four-plus-two type curricula."

The organization and implementation of School-to-Work in our area will depend heavily upon careful planning and leadership in the state's 11 community and technical college districts, as established by Senate Bill 547. As Central West

Virginia's primary institution of higher education, Glenville State College will be the leader in serving the educational needs of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Webster, and Upshur counties.

In order to fulfill this leadership role, a School-to-Work committee will be established to advise and work with high school faculty. Browning will serve as its chair.

"The committee will serve as a catalyst to help facilitate School-to-Work," remarks Browning.

Funding for School-to-Work is slated to come from national grants which will be distributed to the individual counties by the state.

For more information about the West Virginia School-to-Work initiative, please call 1-800-982-5627.

Clark Hall Tech Lab Hours

Mondays: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesdays: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Operation

Native Talent—

The WV Chamber of Commerce, WV Roundtable, Inc., The WV Development Office, The WV Association of Career and Employment Professionals, and AT&T will jointly sponsor Operation Native Talent, a statewide job fair for WV college and university graduates, at the Charleston Civic Center, Thursday, February 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More than fifty employers from WV and other states will be present to accept resumes and to conduct brief interviews with students. A list of employers is available in the Office of Career Services.

All seniors, except education majors, are strongly encouraged to participate in the job fair. Students need to register with the Office of Career Services where they will receive job search skills information. A separate job fair for education majors will be held on-campus in April.

For details, call Jennifer Nottingham or Eleanor Nicholas at ext. 118 or 462-4118.

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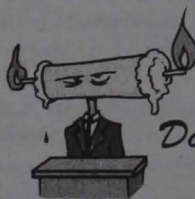
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