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Happy Valentine's  
Day...

# The Mercury

The student newspaper of Glenville State College

...all you  
Lovebirds!

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## Superstar Director Dennis Wemm

By David S. Weese

What's the buzz down at the Fine Arts theater department? For those of you who haven't heard by now, it's the GSC production *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

I finally caught up with the production's director, Mr. Dennis Wemm, who took the time out of his busy schedule to give me an interview. He had this to say about why he picked this production, and the response he has received from faculty and students:

"Mr. Haan and I felt that this was the right time for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, that it would be a good show to do this year. We don't get to do rock'n' roll too often around here, and I think it will really do well.

"We have had great support from the faculty and staff (though none auditioned as we had hoped they would), and we've gotten great support from the local community; two ministers from the Glenville area--Bob Anderson from the Methodist Church, and Mike Amory from the Wesley Foundation--are in the show. They play the evil priests."

How were the auditions? "We had a very good response for the auditions from the very start. We had just the right number of people to show up, and the people who auditioned were almost perfect for their parts."

What do you think student response towards the show will be like?

"We feel the show will really do well in that aspect because it asks a lot of questions that people have been asking for ever. We would like to encourage students to come see the



Photo by, Heather Ware

The Cast of Jesus Christ Superstar

show, because we think that they will be completely surprised about everything they have been told or have heard about the story

in the past. And besides all that, it's gonna be wall-to-wall music.

How much will the show resemble the 1975 original

movie, and how does it compare with other musicals you have done on the GSC campus?

"The stage production will

be on the same level as the movie, but in a different style. It will have the same ensemble, but if you look closely you'll be able to see the same people keep popping up throughout different parts of the show. We have done as much artistic planning on this show as we have ever done in the past. We hope that this production will at least be on the same level as *A Streetcar Named Desire*, or *Anything Goes*.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

"Only the entire college community in their support."

And one more question on everybody's mind, when will you be doing *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?

"We've gotten a lot of requests, and I feel that as soon as we get enough popular support, we could do it."

So, there you have it. *Jesus Christ Superstar* is coming to a stage very near you on February 26...be there!

## Feb. 11 Student Congress Meeting

By Gene Breza

(In an effort to keep students abreast of GSC Student Congress actions The Mercury has been forced to cover the weekly meetings. A request was made Jan. 13 by the editor, this writer, to amend the SC constitution — in order to have Student Congress minutes sent to The Mercury. Dr. Billips assured The Mercury no such thing was needed, that all we needed was to ask. Secretary, Norma Stewart seemed reluctant cooperate. We received minutes of that meeting — the next week -- no more were re-

ceived. This is The Mercury report of the meeting.)

President Marlan Zwoll conducted the meeting. He brought up the subject of the induction (into Student Congress, the banquet) ceremony programs, referring to the preprinted agenda. There were invitations to consider and programs for the tables. Dr. Billips advised having them printed at the campus printing shop.

Changes proposed to the SC constitution were approved 18 to one.

The Student Congress election ballots are printed and

sample ballots were asked to be posted around campus. A copy will be sent to The Mercury. It was mentioned that three commuters were on the ballot. The elections will be Feb. 24 and 25.

Billips gave some pointers about running the election. He said to make sure the ballot box is always attended so that no one stuffs it. Jennifer Nottingham offered her time to those who might need relieved during balloting.

Zwoll asked Billips about what can be done to fix the "Grand Canyon" on the street in front of Pickens Hall. Billips said

it is a Glenville city road and that often the city will wait so that the college repairs it. He said that the college will call the Glenville mayor or that the college may step in and do it themselves.

Zwoll brought up a security/safety problem brought to his attention by the seven man security guard/campus police staff. There was confusion about how the system is set up

At present, (Zwoll explained after the meeting) security calls from Louis Bennet Hall must be telephoned to Pickens

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### From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

## It Ain't All Been Done!

When do the birds start to sing? When Cupid makes his fling...of arrows? Birds begin to sing in the morning of Groundhog's Day after being silent since when? That is the theory. Who will prove it? You get a sound sensitive tape recorder set up in several locations and collect some original data. The recorder has a light sensitive breaker which turns the recorder on only for the hour after sunrise. You set it in a sheltered spot away from most traffic. It will record data for a long time, especially if you have it set up with a solar panel. The data is whatever makes any sound. You write the number, intensity, and duration of bird song from the tape.

Many young people feel oppressed by the weight of all that has been done in the world and see little room for any impact they can make. There are many older people who feel the same. The difference is...you have got a head start...to make an impact.

The above example requires some equipment. You don't always need it. There are still things to be discovered by direct observation. That little bug that imitates lichen so well and seems so insignificant is playing a part in the ecology and will be crawling up a cherry tree this summer.

Science is not the only area where the future is lying in wait. America still struggles to understand criminal behavior. Humanity is struggling to understand people who study human behavior...sort of sneaking up on the fox, sneaking up on the groundhog.

Lord God Almighty--Lady Liberty has lost her way and doesn't know where to find it. The country -- the world is groping its way through a fog of blinding, binding corruption yoking choking everyone in its path. Is there a political scientist out there to see through it?

In keeping with the spirit of the hour, educators need to find away to help corporate America out of their desperate plight for trained workers on demand, in order to save them from the tremendous costs incurred in training a throw away work force which must be retrained. Somebody needs to say, when enough is enough, without fear of losing his or her job!

A video documentation course could be offered at GSC. Talk about Pioneering into the 21 Century, why nearly every field of study here could benefit from physical education to environmental studies!

As Bill Pitzer, a GSC graduate now working for a world wide syndicate out of Bridgeport said, "College is what you make it." The world is too. It ain't all been done!

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Dear Editor,

I wish to clarify some of the misquoted statements attributed to me in the Enrollment article in the January 30 issue of *The Mercury*. In my undergraduate days here at GSC, I served proudly on the *Mercury* staff under the direction of Professor Virginia West. Miss West was a stickler for accuracy...for all we did in preparing the *Mercury* issues.

The projection enrollment figure of 3,000 students came from a statement of mine about the facility capacity here at GSC. If I might quote myself: "We can grow in enrollment with our present facilities until we reach about 3,000." In no way did I state or imply that GSC should have an enrollment of 3,000 by the fall of 1997.

I said nothing about the enrollment trends for GSC during the past eight years. Our total enrollment has remained steady, with slight variations, during the past eight years. I did discuss the steady downward decline of teacher education enrollment since 1990. I also stressed my belief that this decline should soon reverse itself as the job market for certified teachers, a GSC forte, returns.

We did not discuss student fees, book costs, or miscellaneous fees.

I do commend *The Mercury* for initiating the timely and important article about our enrollment trends. When future articles are written about the functions of the Admissions/Records Office, I would ask that the *Mercury* staff allow me to proof the article and check statistical data before publication.

Sincerely,  
 Phillip Cottrill, Registrar

Dear Editor:

It has been brought to my attention some possible discrepancies in an article I wrote for the January 30th *Mercury* edition--"Enrollment up from 2,068 to 3,000." The article disclosed mainly two things that are still in dispute: whether or not Dr. Cottrill said that Glenville's enrollment has been on a steady decline for the past eight years and whether or not he said that 3,000 recruited students is the 1997 goal for the fall semester.



### What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

## Dodging Cupid's Arrows

The more I read of Sigmund Freud's theories, the more I believe that this man was in need of a psychiatrist; however, some of his ideas concerning sexual repression do seem to hit the mark. What else would outcries for "moral" decency occur simultaneously with the outflow of erotic images from the advertising and entertainment industries? The professionals that sell products and entertainment are not going to use salacious strategies if sex does not sell. And with sex being used to sell everything from toothpaste to automobiles, I think it is safe to say that the public is responding quite favorably to Madison Avenue's pandering.

Good examples of this repressive relationship with sex are the people who watch afternoon soap operas while complaining about all the sex on television and in the movies. In fact, these afternoon shows about sexual fantasies and infidelities have become so popular that they are now on in the evening as well. Since we are obviously so enamored with sexual images while, at the same time, complaining that we are getting too many of them, what we are really saying is that we like what we see but don't like that we like it; to me, this sounds like sexual repression.

Repression of any kind results in pent-up emotions that are usually released in undesirable ways. Did you ever wonder why there are so many cars on the road that are capable of traveling at twice the legal speed limit--or so many pick-up trucks driven by men who rarely haul anything?

Yes, there's a lot of sexual tension out there, but what can we do about it? Well, short of mass hypnosis and the restructuring of our social institutions, we can start out small. We can realize that our desire for human intimacy is normal and raise it from lascivious depths to that which is sublime. Human sexuality can be a physical epiphany, a physical metaphor for the sharing of souls, but it takes a relinquishing of our psychological barriers and an equal commitment of give and take by both parties.

Friday is Valentine's Day--a time to take Cupid's arrows at point-blank range. Take a full gulp of life's experiences along with the bitter dregs, for it is this bitterness that creates the seduction of the wine; break some rules, for it is then that you know you are in love. Good love need not last forever; it only needs to be good while it lasts. Happy Valentine's Day.

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At first, I saw this as a matter of who's right and who's wrong, but after talking to a few people and disclosing the issue, and after re-reading my own notes, I've come to the conclusion that some vagueness and possible misunderstandings have perhaps caused this whole issue.

Though the goal of 3,000 students was discussed, it was discussed in the present tense, and since no other dates were mentioned as the deadline to accomplish this goal, it was a natural assumption that Dr. Cottrill meant to reach this goal for 1997.

This, according to Dr. Cottrill, was incorrect, and that he meant that it may be reached by year 2000; that might have been the case, but it wasn't clarified in the interview.

The eight-year decline that was applied to GSC's enrollment, which was also mentioned in January's issue, is supposedly

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# Around the Bend

## Take Time for Yourself

By Eric Ware

When is the best time to take a break? Well, for me, it's when I get home at midnight and sleep. Not that I'm busy...oh, no! In fact, my schedule seems a little less than perfect. I get up for school, go to work at the paper, go to class, go to work...do you see the point? It's that way with all of us.

Most commuters have jobs just after college classes. The same for most students on campus. So time management is very important in our lives. A famous saying I remember is that time is only important to those who

know how to use it. The problem is, how do you utilize time? More importantly, when and how much time do you take for yourself?

The answer is simple. Take enough time to unwind completely. It doesn't take long for a student to feel the pressure of deadlines, tests and the workload fall upon their shoulders. Taking time out to relax, stretch, eat, sleep, even take a bath or shower unwinds our body, mind, and spirit.

So, before you lose your mind and decide to kill someone, take time out. It'll help, trust me.



## A Piece of the Pie

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva

## Ireland--The Emerald Isle

Historians believe that the first people to live in Ireland came from the European mainland about 6000 B.C.

Today, Ireland is a small, independent country located in northwestern Europe. In 1921, after a lot of fighting, Britain agreed to a treaty that allowed Southern Ireland to become a dominion (self-governing country) of the British Commonwealth called Irish Free State. The country's official name is Ireland, but it's generally called the Republic of Ireland to distinguish it from Northern Ireland. The country consists of 26 counties. Ireland is also known as the Emerald Isle because of its beautiful green countryside.

The capital of Ireland is Dublin with a population of 502,337. The national flag dates from the 1800's and has green, white and gold colors. The green and gold symbolize the country and the white is for unity and peace. The national flower is the shamrock. The two official languages of Ireland are Irish and English. The currency in Ireland is the pound. One pound equals the American \$1.50.

There are two Irish students on the GSC campus--Mr. Stephen Fitzpatrick and Mr. John Moran. Both of them are from Greystones, which is situated in the outskirts of Dublin. After an interview with Mr. Fitzpatrick, I was able to take a closer look what is Ireland today.

According to Mr. Fitzpatrick, life in Ireland is not too much different than in America. Most of the people are unemployed. For those who work, the day starts at 9:30 a.m. and is over by 4:30 p.m. Irish people don't work as hard as the Americans. More and more women start working instead of staying home. In the evenings, Irish people like to go to pubs and night clubs. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that there are a lot of pubs and night clubs, especially in the big cities. Friday and Saturday nights are the "bar" nights for the Irish. The official drinking age in Ireland is 18 but nobody asks for I.D. and usually young people start drinking at 15-16 years of age. The most popular drink in Ireland is stout-guinness. It has a very specific taste. It is a very strong alcoholic drink and according to Mr. Fitzpatrick it usually takes a person up to six months to start liking it. Also, Irish people like to drink a lot of whiskey and water.

The driving age in Ireland is 18, but Mr. Fitzpatrick shared with me that people don't start driving before they are 21. Cars in Ireland are very expensive and young people can not afford to buy their own car. Usually they drive their parents' cars.

Having in mind the early age that people get married in West Virginia, I was interested to find out at what years of age the Irish get married. Mr. Fitzpatrick told me that the average age is 30. The reason for it is because divorce is illegal by law. The average family has between four and seven children. The income per person is 25,000 pounds (\$40,000). This amount of money is enough for a family to live a decent life.

The food in Ireland is a kind of similar to that in America. I was surprised to hear from Mr. Fitzpatrick that in Ireland there are McDonald's, Burger King, Pizza Hutt, Blimpies and other fast food restaurants. Usually, when people are at work, they eat fast food. The big meal is dinner, when the whole family gets together. Mr. Fitzpatrick said it is considered very rude in Ireland if one misses dinner.

One of the things that Ireland is famous for is the Blarney stone. It is a very big tourist attraction in Ireland. According to legend, kissing the Blarney stone gives good luck for the rest of one's life.

I would like to thank Mr. Fitzpatrick for the interview, and I hope that this article gave every one of you a little taste of Ireland. The next article is going to be on Ethiopia.

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incorrect as well. The eight year decline, according to Dr. Cottrill, was to apply to the enrollment in the education department;

however, conversation also revolved around GSC's overall enrollment. Whether or not the conversation got confused with what my line of thinking was and what Dr. Cottrill meant, I can't be completely sure.

Though, I'm not admitting I purposely disclosed falsehoods, I will admit the possibility of a mistake. This, I would like to add, will be avoided in the future since I have taken precautionary measures by purchasing a mini-recorder that will be used in any of my future interviews.

To the parties involved: Mr. Conklin, who has been taking the heat for me because of this article, I would like to thank for standing by me; to Dr. Cottrill, to whom I perhaps owe the reassurances of future accuracies to, and to the *Mercury* readers, I can guarantee that *The Mercury* doesn't indulge in sensationalized news-reporting or purposely printing lies and inaccuracies, and neither do I.

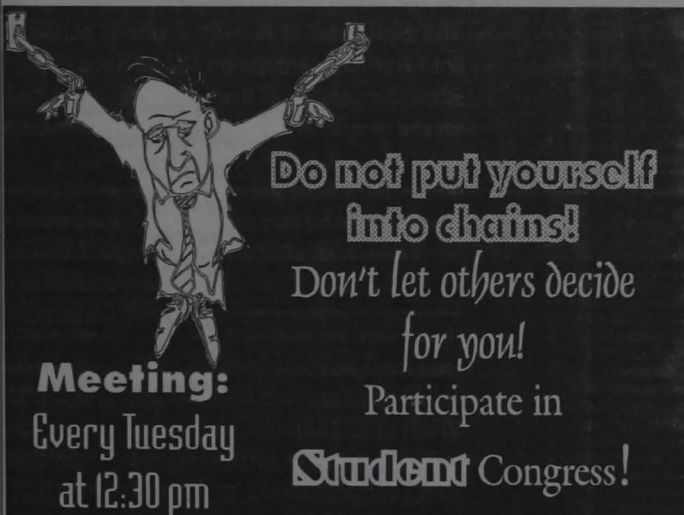
Sincerely,  
Lisa McCormick



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## Prospective Student Teachers

A mandatory meeting for prospective Fall '97 student teachers will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 201 of Clark Hall.



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## Lady Pioneers

The Lady Pioneers ended their week of play 1-1 with a win over Salem-Teikyo and an upset loss from West Virginia Wesleyan.

Saturday the Lady Tigers of STU came to town with hopes of upsetting the seventh

ranked Pioneers. The Tigers, down only two at the half, lost all hope of their quest when the Pioneers came out in the second half with tenacious defense and well executed offense.

The Pioneers shot 45% from the field for the game with freshman Tara McHenry leading the way with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Tanisha Brown added 15 points and 6 boards in the victory.

Once again McHenry led all scorers with 28 points while pulling down 10 rebounds in the loss in Buckhannon. The Pioneers out shot the Lady Bobcats from the field but shot a mere 52.9% from the foul line in the 75-68 loss.

The Pioneers are now 8-14 overall and 7-9 in the conference. With three remaining conference games to play, the Ladies are fighting for a favorable ranking to establish home court advantage in the first round of the conference tournament.

Saturday the Pioneers will travel the Parkersburg to play the Fighting Scotts of Ohio Valley before playing Concord at home Monday, February 17.



Photo by Carl Wilson.

Lady Pioneer, Sarah Davis, looks past defender to make the play.

## Pioneer Playback

Saturday, February 8, the Pioneers hosted the WVIAC top ranked Tigers of Salem-Teikyo.

The Tigers took the lead early in the first half and was never in any danger of relin-

On the road against conference foes from West Virginia Wesleyan, the Pioneers pulled out an overtime victory 67-64. Bobcat J.J. Thorn hit a three pointer to send the game into over time. In the extra period the

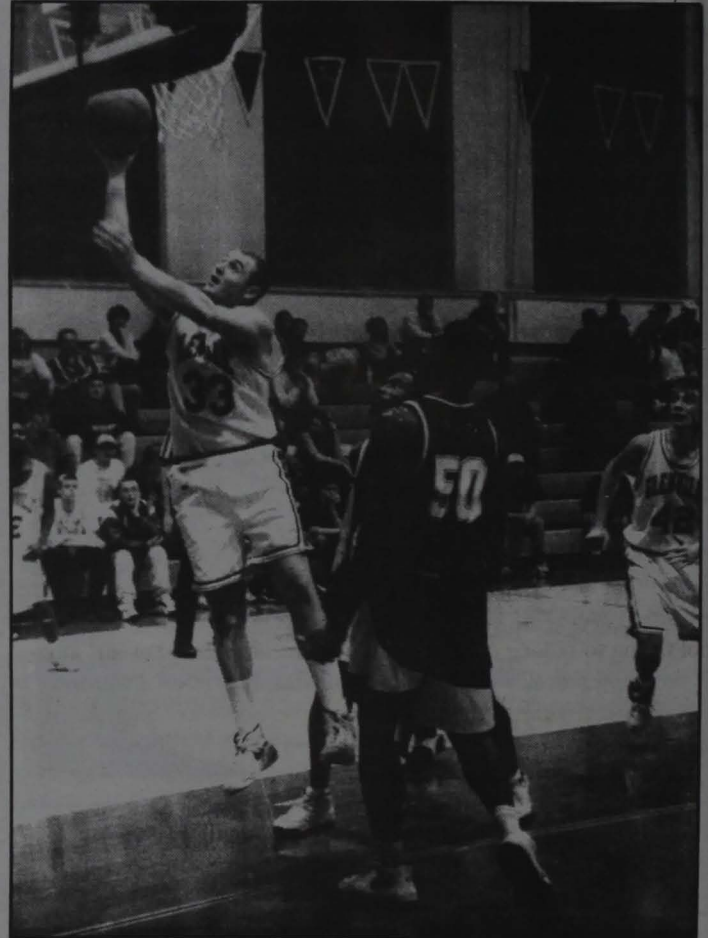


Photo by Carl Wilson

Pioneer Jason Shields eyes the basket for a lay-up.

quishing it throughout the game. The Pioneers went into the locker room down 18 at the half with the score 47-28. In the second half, the Pioneers chipped away at the Tiger lead but were out scored by seven in the 88-62 loss.

Freshman Jason Shields lead the way for the Pioneers with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Jeff Brockell and Kevin Herod added 12 each in the losing effort.

Pioneers out scored the Bobcats 13-10 for the win.

Kevin Herod lead the Pioneers scoring with 14 and Brockell and Shields contributing 13 a piece with Shields pulling down 9 boards. The victory leaves Glenville at 5-11 in conference play and 7-16 overall.

The Men will be home Saturday, February 15, to play the Senators of Davis & Elkins College.

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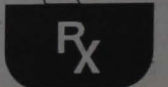
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# \$1,000,000 Worth of Opportunities

By Lisa McCormick

The possibility of acquiring one million dollars for a grant will open new internships for students in criminal justice, history, psychology, sociology, geography, journalism, and a variety of other fields.

The Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) grant, which would provide the internships, was applied for by Assistant Professor Willard M. Oliver, along with the representation and support of Dr. William K. Simmons, Dr. Nolan Browning, and Dr. Charles Holt. Professor Oliver is also The Criminal Justice Program Coordinator and a member of the WV Community Oriented Policing Steering Committee.

The title of COPS refers to the new effort being provided by the federal government to establish a Police/Community service that's involved in not only fighting crime, but to discover the causes of crime. "It's a focus on not trying to reduce crime," explains Professor Oliver. "We're focusing on the things that cause crime, such as quality of life, social disorder, and order maintenance issues. The fields that

would be interested in the researching of these issues would naturally be the Criminal Justice, psychology, and sociology students.

COPS' concept uses three components: first is Strategic Oriented Policing, or trying to redirect past police practices; for example, using stings or directive patrols in a more efficient way. The second component is Neighborhood Oriented Policing, which is the use of practices like foot-patrols to help promote interactions between the police and the people. The third component is Problem Oriented Policing, a surname for crime preventive methods being used to help stop the crime before it happens.

"We're hoping to use Glenville State College's faculty and students through the implementation of the educating, training, researching, and evaluating Community Oriented Policing Services," says Professor Oliver. For journalism or media students implementing could mean "interviewing the police department, observing and conducting surveys with the community, (what does the community see as the problem in Glenville? It'll be dif-

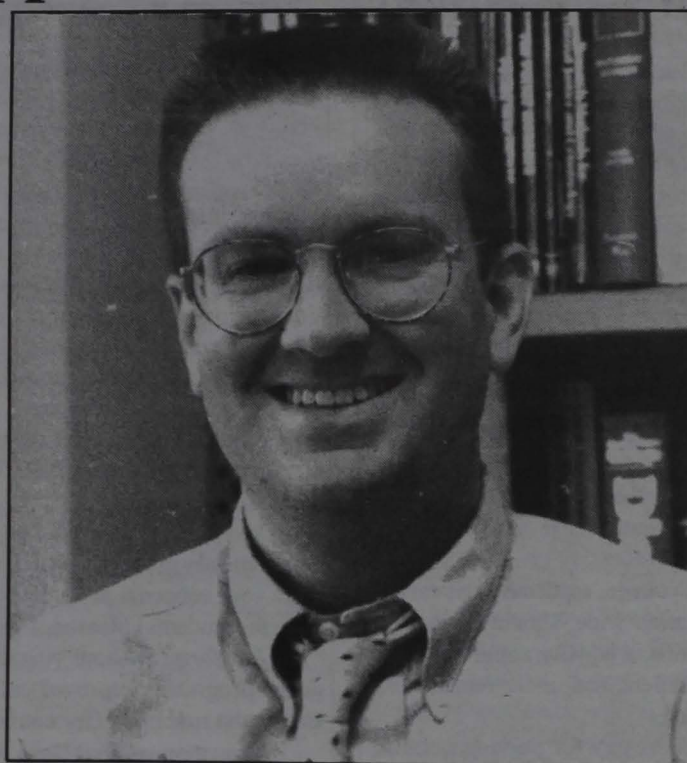


Photo by Carl Wilson.

Mr. Oliver.

ferent from what the cops think)" he continues.

"There are other initiatives—using the media center to

reach police officers in WV, we would be broadcasting training, creating a type of publication or reporters for interviewing about

problems and integrating computer technology; we may use a web page," he says enthusiastically. New jobs could also be opened somewhere in WV, possibly here at GSC. "Glenville could have a satellite office opened here on campus or in Flatwoods; it's up in the air."

"GSC stands to be the key institution that evaluates the entire grant and the grant's implementation," furthers Professor Oliver. "We're in a position as a college to lead; Glenville State College will set the standards that other colleges will follow."

Question: How much of a chance does Glenville State College stand to gain this grant? The chances are definitely in GSC's favor since it meets all of the qualifications—more so than any other institution in WV.

A five-part collaboration is required; that is, a combined effort of five types of departments and/or institutions. In the grant's proposal, which was sent off at

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## WV Words Speaks to GSC's Students—

By Lisa McCormick

Need an outlet for writing creativity? The new publication *WV Words* offers both amateur and professional writers this outlet along with the added plus of gaining a little notoriety. What could be better than that? How about "no charge" added on top?

No, this isn't an ad. Dr. David Corcoran, owner and publisher of *WV Words*, and John Clise, the editor of *WV Words*, want talented students to send in their works of prose, poetry, and short stories to be published in the spring edition.

Since Corcoran is also the Publisher/Editor of *The Glenville Democrat/Pathfinder*, and has been in the publishing business for numerous years, he knows what makes a paper work.

"I think that *WV Words* will flourish, I believe that the people of WV will find a popular acclaim for *WV Words*," says Dr. Corcoran. "It's a West Virginia newspaper written by West Virginians, about West Virginia."

*WV Words* is being used as a type of recruiting tool. "WV

*Words* is being used by the Language Division to attract high school students," he explains.

There are other fields where *WV Words* is also being used: internships. Currently, an intern Tracie Lane works for *WV Words*. John Clise—who is a senior here at GSC and an English major—works as the editor-in-chief and sells ads. He has total responsibility for *WV Words*, he says.

He decides which articles will be used. In addition, he identifies potential advertisers, makes sales, and presentations. Dr. Corcoran describes him as "hard-working," "responsible," and "diverse" in his literary tastes. Tracie Lane, also a senior, is a major in business. She does the ads seen in *WV Words* and is described as "efficient."

"Internship is open, but it's a semester-by-semester term, and it doesn't pay too much because we are not making money on *WV Words* yet," continues Dr. Corcoran. "I would like to thank Dr. Palm for creating the internship program, for assigning stu-

dents to it, and for encouraging them to excel." Dr. Corcoran also runs internships for the *Glenville Democrat* and the *Pathfinder*.

Submissions to *WV Words* do need to meet certain specifications: poetry must be no more than 20 lines, short stories can have no more than 1,500 words, and content must be of quality.

"We don't print sexually explicit stuff or debunking; we want to focus as much as we can on the high quality that West Virginians are capable of," furthers Dr. Corcoran. "There may be another Pearl Buck out there."

"Right now, we're getting our spring edition of *WV Words*, and it'll be ready by the last week in March or the first week of April, but there is still time to submit," he says.

To submit for publication send to: *WV Words*, 206 East Main St., P.O. Box 458, Glenville, WV 26351. There is no guarantee that submissions will be printed. Also send a picture or a photograph that relates to your work.

## To All Japanese Students...

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 re-issue, 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).



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Sophomore

**Accomplishments:** Outstanding Woman's Award 1995-96, Ad Manager for the Mercury.

**Mission Statement:** My name is Lisa Belknap, and I am one of your three candidates for Student Congress president. I do not intend to waste this space your time being sentimental. Just to break tradition, let's get straight to the point. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that the platform issues at hand are much the same for each of the candidates running. If you don't believe me, study the campaign posters. This is because the issues at hand are obvious. What is needed at this college is obvious.

It goes without saying that a college, especially one ranked within the top 10% of colleges nation wide, should have some form of foreign language program. It is equally apparent that if 80% of the student body, the commuters, feel under-represented, somebody is doing something wrong.

It is mind boggling that students pay for parking permits, and still pay numerous tickets because there is no available parking. Well, if you arrive at 7:30 am you might get lucky.

The list goes on and on. If these problems and issues are so obvious, why have they existed so long? The answer is as simple as the question. We need more determined people in positions to change things. People who are not just trying to inflate their ego or resume.

I am willing to talk to you, and more importantly I am willing to listen. I don't have a dream. I have ideas, plans and the ability to surpass any goals set for me. I ask that you vote for me on February 24.



## Norma Stewart for President

Pliny, WV

Major: Nursing

Junior

**Experience:** Secretary of Student Congress; Head Female Resident Assistant; Dorm Rep for Student Congress; Homecoming Planning Committee; GSC Week Planning Committee; Student Rep for the FY 1997 Strategic Planning Committee; Freshman Counselor; Pickens Hall Governing Board; Pickens Hall Judicial Board; Student Congress Rep for the Fairmont State Leadership Conference; Student Congress Rep for the WVASPA Conference.

**Mission Statement:** As current Secretary of Student Congress, I have had a lot of experience in dealing with the concerns of the students. I feel that the students do need to be more involved and do need to be heard. My goal is to listen to the concerns and to act upon them to the best of my abilities. I do not want to make any promises that I cannot keep. I am supporting the Coffee Shop (that is in the works) which will not only bring in entertainment, but will also be a place where students can go to socialize or just relax.

To be a good leader, the person must listen to the people and then act upon the voices to the best of their ability. If elected as Student Congress President, I will listen to all ideas and concerns of the students and do everything in my power to help.



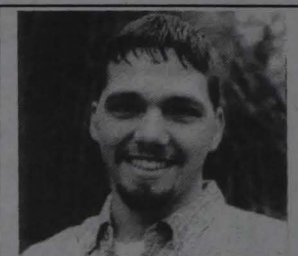
## Jason Gordon for President

Some may call me a dreamer, in fact some have... You may have seen my posters, you know the "Meet the Student Congress candidates" poster. There is a platform listed on that poster. In regards to that platform, I have had a certain few individuals--who happen to be members of Student Congress (our leader)--that have said I am a dreamer and my goals are impossible to accomplish. To these certain few lethargic individuals, who seem to complain more than listen and take action, I guess I am a dreamer. Today's dreamers and thinkers are today's leaders. I think that it is time to get up off our back and take action.

I have spent time talking to you (the students), and you have very patiently given me your time, and I have listened. These seem to be your concerns as students, and dreamer or not I want to see you (the students) pleased, I will try my best to do so.

**Platform:** 24-hour visitation in residence halls; foreign language programs; improved cafeteria food and cleanliness; Taco Bell in the snack bar (for commuters and weeked residents).

"You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one."  
(John Lennon).



## Wendy Batson for Vice-President

New Milton, WV

Major: Math Educ. (5-12)

Minor: Art

Sophomore

**Experience:** 1995-96 Student Congress Treasurer; Pickens Hall Resident Assistant; Member of Budget Committee; Member of Pickens Hall Governing Board; Member of Pickens Hall Judicial Board; Member of Homecoming Committee; Freshman Counselor; Freshman Orientation Coordinator; GSC Ambassador

**Mission Statement:** I firmly believe that leadership is service. Having served on many committees, I understand that being elected to this position will take a great time commitment and a lot of hard work and determination. I feel that I possess the qualities to be a tremendous Vice-President of Student Congress. The Vice-President is the Chairman of the Activities Committee. I feel that I not only have a lot of experience with activities on this campus, but I also have a lot of new and exciting ideas, along with the charisma to make them a reality.



## Rondel Carihfield for V-President

I, Rondel "Mator" Carihfield, am for increased opportunities in education. I am a believer of the mind, with a heart of peace. I am concerned with the many social issues that affect the enjoyment in which a student of Glenville State College may face.

"I am for love, and I'm for happiness." (Hank, Jr.)



## TKE NEWS

The Iota Omega chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon met at its regular meeting time on Tuesday. Fund Raising issues were a main topic of the meeting. A carnation sale has been started with each flower costing \$2 delivered, and \$1.50 person-to-person sale. Also, a reminder to everyone that we are still selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing and a 22 magnum rifle. These raffles will be drawn on March 6, for the 50/50 and April 17 for the rifle.

After a few weeks into the semester we still have some new, hopeful faces coming to meetings for Rush. We want to encourage any young man that has solid grades and wants to rush to contact a member of TKE for more information.

## Palm Brings the War Home

By Carl Wilson

Tuesday, February 18, 12:30 p.m., Dr. Ed Palm will be giving a seminar entitled "Bringing the War Home: Teaching Vietnam at Glenville" in the conference room of the Heflin Center.

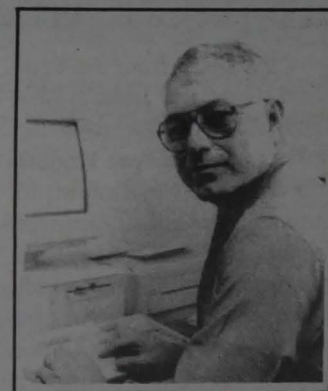


Photo by Carl Wilson.  
Dr. Palm.

There are three objectives Dr. Palm wants to achieve. First he said, "a humanities general studies course certainly should give people a broad brush exposure to the human condition" and "the understanding of where we came from and where we are going."

Second, "It ought to give people additional practice in critical reading and writing, be-

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# Delta Zeta News

By Shelly Rogers

The Theta Xi Chapter of Delta Zeta held their weekly meeting on Tuesday, February 5, in the Snack Bar of the Heflin Center.

We discussed many different ideas and suggestions for fund-raisers and community services.

We have a bake sale planned for Wednesday, March 5, during lunch and dinner in the Heflin Center Lobby, so stop by and get a treat while supporting a wonderful group of ladies.

We are also planning a spaghetti dinner for Saturday, March 23. There will be more information later, so keep your eyes open!

The Delta Zeta ladies will also be having a food drive the weeks of March 17-27. All donated food will be given to Community Resources to help the needy have a better Easter dinner. So please help us help others.

Delta Zeta is always looking for more ladies that are fun, energetic, and dedicated. So, if you are interested, come to our next meeting on February 26, in the Verona-Maple Room at 6 p.m.

You may also contact a Delta Zeta member: Amanda Conrad—Vice-President of Membership, Room 202 Scott wing, or Shelly Rogers—President, Room 611, Williams Wing.



To: Brian  
From: Dana  
Eternally and  
Faithfully yours  
in love and life.  
Always be mine.

## Michele Hanson for V-President

Age: 21

Senior

Major: Chemistry and Biology

Minor: Political Science and Mathematics

**Leadership Experience:** President of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (1995-1997); Secretary of SAACS (1994-1995); Senator-at-large of Student Congress (Spring 1996); Resident Assistant (1995-96); Corresponding Secretary of Pickens Hall Judicial Board (1994-95).

**Leadership Skills:** Team player, good communicator, able to delegate authority, objective.

I plan to get the student body more involved with the college government. In the past, the Student Congress has become very introverted and I am wanting to change that. Some ways I plan to induce this change are by advertisement and persuading more people to participate in committees.



## Melissa Stinson for Treasurer

Scott Depot, WV

Major: Behavioral Science (Psych/Soc)

Minor: Sociology

Junior

**Experience:** Senator-at-Large, 1996-97 Student Congress; Vice-President, Pickens Hall Judicial Board; Member of Pickens Hall Governing Board; Pickens Hall Office Worker; GSC Ambassador; Freshman Counselor; Homecoming Committee; Library Committee.

**Activities:** Marching Band; Concert Band; Woodwind Ensemble.



## Miss Kanawhachen Nominations

It is time again for the nominating of Miss Kanawhachen. She will be chosen and crowned February 22 at half-time of the Men's Pioneer basketball game. If you would like to nominate a young woman from your organization(s) for this title and responsibility, please send a nomination form and fee to the Kanawhachen (Yearbook) c/o Gene Breza by Monday, February 17.

The cost to nominate/sponsor a young woman from your organization is only \$5 and will include five pictures for posters and her jar for the penny voting. **Pictures of the nominees will be taken Monday, February 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Mercury office, located in the breezeway of the Heflin Center.** If your nominee is not available at this time, please have her call ASAP to make arrangements for another time. Pictures will be available at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18.

Organizations can get the nomination form from their advisors.

To my perfect untamed master, Danjal.  
"Happy Naughty Hearts day" From your little  
lover girl, Gwendolyn.



## James Arnold for Parliamentarian

Major: Social Studies Educ.

Minor: Physical Education

Freshman

**Experience:** Pickens Hall Resident Assistant; Pickens Hall Representative to Student Congress; Member of Pickens Hall Governing Board; Assisted in programming for Student Activities.

**Activities:** Participant in *Jesus Christ Superstar*; Active participant in intramural sports.



## Chris Hannah for Sen. at Large

Born: April 25, 1974

Hometown: Beckley, WV

Major: General Studies

Class: Junior

**Experience:** Member of GSC Student Congress; Dorm Representative; Senator-At-Large; Sophomore Class Rep; Parliamentarian; Vice President; GSC Ambassador; Pickens Hall Resident Assistant; Pickens Governing Board Member.

**Mission Statement:** "My primary objective is to make the students' life and welfare an enjoyable one at Glenville State College. College costs are rising each year, and I believe that when costs go up, the quality of Glenville State should follow. I support improvements in our battle for better parking and keeping the snack bar available for our commuters. I will fight to keep dorm specifications up-to-date to make our stay memorable and cherished. I have worked, and will continue to work with Student Activities to make Homecoming and GSC Week exciting and fun."



## Student Congress Officer Nominees

February 24 and 25, 1997

### President

Lisa Belknap  
Jason Gordon  
Norma Stewart

Brian Randolph

### Sophomore Representative

Ernest Tingler

### Vice President

Wendy Batson  
Rondel Cihfield  
Michele Hanson

### Commuter Representative

Randa Mullenax  
Mark Starcher  
Kevin Tanner

### Secretary

Shana Louk

### International Representative

Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva

### Treasurer

Melissa Stinson

### Senators at Large

Brian Chapman  
Chris "Crow" Hannah

### Parliamentarian

James Arnold

Munir Ingram

Kelli Jarvis

Tony Jones

Jessie Parker

Darrell Roane

Rhonda Todd

Charles Wilson

Billy Wyckoff

### Senior Representative

Tammy Cogar

### Junior Representative

Matt Cottrill





## The Reel World

Brent Wood

### Dante's Peak's Interest

This past Friday, *Dante's Peak* exploded onto the big screen, starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. The movie starts with a bang as a volcano in South America erupts. Brosnan plays vulcanologist Harry Dalton, who rushes through the rain of ash to escape with his wife. Unfortunately she is killed, a loss that eats down deep inside of him. He blames himself for her death, because he did not leave the area in time. Four years pass."

We arrive at Dante's Peak, a small town in the Northern Cascades in the state of Washington. Linda Hamilton plays Rachel Wando, mayor of the quaint little town which is preparing for a celebration, having been named the second most desirable place to live in the United States. Harry Dalton is sent to investigate seismographic readings from the dormant volcano the town is named after. He immediately be-

friends the mayor, her two children and grandmother. While investigating, Harry saves the life of Rachel's son by keeping him from jumping in to a boiling hot spring which had already claimed two lives. Harry's instincts tell him the mountain is going to explode soon. When he tries to warn the town, the city council and other members of the Seismological Society say he is only being paranoid after the death of his love. Rachel believes him, but by the time they have proof it is too late.

*Dante's Peak* is a special effects spectacular--mountain scenery, the volcanic eruption, and fiery waves of molten lava are the best part of this film. The acting was done well and the script was a nail-biter. The only problem with the realistic movie was the unreality of the escapes. Normally, there would be no way for the stars to escape imminent death, except in Hollywood. That, however, is what people want and the studios are going to give it to us.

### Drama Spotlight: Jamie Atkins—

By Lisa Belknap

What does a 20 year-old music education major with a talent for any form of drama eat for breakfast?

"Skim milk and Golden Grahams," laughs Jamie Atkins, star of the upcoming GSC production, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. "Of course, I can only afford one box a year," he adds seriously.

Comedy and success seem to be in Atkins' nature. The ease with which he can fill any role is almost astounding to those privileged enough to witness him. "He's a sensational actor," beams senior Eric Ware.

Still, the Winfield native is careful about letting it go to his head. "I appreciate it when someone compliments my performance, but when I leave the stage I have my own feeling of what it was like. I try not to let what other people say influence how I feel about myself, good or bad."

Although he sang in church plays, it was not until his sophomore year in high school that Jamie first got a real chance to act. "The school lost their lead and called me nine days before opening and I got the part of Charlie Brown."

The mere thought of learning a lead in nine days would send most experienced actors



Photo by Heather Ware  
Jamie Atkins.

into cold sweats; however, those who have been on stage with him will testify that cold sweats are not a worry with Atkins.

"My interest in theatre comes from a pure interest in performing," explains Atkins, "so I don't really get nervous on stage, but I do get worried about the show--how it's going to go--if something is going to go wrong."

I guess the thing that makes me the most nervous is when I know a critical person is in the audience, because I catch myself performing to please them. I try to watch that and make sure I'm acting to everyone--not just one person."

If this is true, *Jesus Christ Superstar* may be the true test of this performer's abilities. In the past his roles have tended toward slapsticks such as in

*Scapino* where he played a talented con-artist with a gift for generating hilarious situations. Other roles have been more sober; however, none have been as controversial and serious as his part of Judas Iscariot in the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Superstar*. The play is

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### Spotlight: Mike Mohnacky

By Lisa Belknap

"I'm a pretty calm person. I'm not really concerned with what other people think of me," says Mike Mohnacky during a recent interview in his home on Brooklyn street.

The Lewis County native has been performing, musically and vocally, his entire life; however, this will be his first attempt at theatre--and what a grand attempt it will be. The self-proclaimed "joker" will be playing the part of Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, giving himself a chance to put his experience to the test.

"I've been watching the play since I was about eight years-old," he says. "I've had it memorized for years. When the auditions came up, I really, really wanted to play the part."

Mohnacky's musical calling was not ignorable to him--it had been instilled since birth.

"Both of my parents were music teachers," says Mohnacky. "It's become a family thing--my brother's into it too."

Apparently his parents made their mark on him as a young child, because it has been an ongoing theme in his day-to-day life. From his time singing solos in the church choir, to his

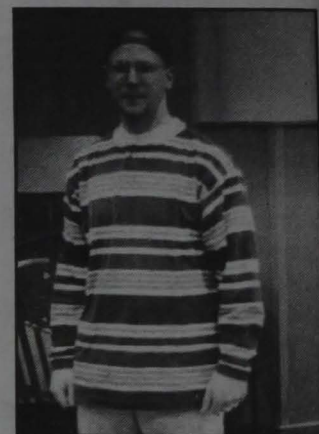


Photo by Heather Ware  
Mike Mohnacky.

decision to major in music as an adult, Mohnacky has stayed true to his entertainment roots. Through the years he has mastered many instruments and genres, even recording an album with former band "Facedown."

One could speculate on where all of this background and talent are leading. Mohnacky already knows. "In ten years I'll probably be married and teaching music somewhere. It'll be your basic suburban lifestyle--no fortune or fame or anything fancy...I might have a kid."

For the time being, GSC's Mike Mohnacky is practicing his part and making other preparations for *Superstar*. "I'm going to be in a loin cloth...come see my a--," he smiles.

### Steven Morningstar: Gallery Paintings-

By Gwendolyn Harmon

The gallery in the Fine Arts Building is full of paintings by Steven Morningstar. This collection includes various landscapes that he has done.

"Landscapes are one of my favorite things to paint," he stated. "They have the most interesting variety of colors and shapes."

Landscapes aren't the only things Morningstar paints. He enjoys doing abstract montages too. "Montages have a different effect," Morningstar said. "They are literary visuals, they are also much easier than landscapes, because abstractions already have an interesting power." Steven Morningstar also used to do portraits at fairs.

Steven Morningstar resides in Parkersburg where he teaches

at Edison High School. He attended Glenville State College and received his bachelors and later went on to WVU for graduate school.

The makeup of Morningstar's paintings is that he begins with a graphite stick to do a sketch. Then he puts fixative over it so that it doesn't smear when he paints it. Morningstar often does a value sketch to contrast light and dark to help him along with the color value while he's painting.

Morningstar explained that the foundation of a picture is its main structure. Artists intend to manipulate your eyes to keep circling the picture. He explained that the color scheme is also very important to a painting for the mood and feeling it sets in the viewer's mind to make the sub-

ject more interesting. Morningstar went on to say that he favors bright colors for its liveliness. He uses warm and cool colors instead of blacks, grays, and whites to show shadows and depth.

When he paints, he likes to use dots and colorful marks. He picked this up from the earlier styles of Van Gogh. He likes this style because the color swirls and marks keep everything vibrating along throughout the painting.

Steven Morningstar's paintings are oil on canvas for which he makes frames. His paintings are for sale to the general public. Smaller paintings around 20x16 usually sell for \$150 and the larger ones usually go for about \$300. Morningstar can be reached in Parkersburg at (304) 652-1588.



# Valentine's Myth and Small Talk on Love—

By Gwendolyn Harman

Love is in the air. The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing. Valentine's Day seems to never end. But what was the beginning of Valentine's Day? It all starts long ago when love was truly tested.

Valentinus was said to have given aid and service to Christian martyrs during their persecution under Emperor Claudius II in Rome. Giving comfort and assistance to Christians at that time was looked upon as a crime. Accordingly, Valentinus was arrested and imprisoned for it.

A year later he was taken before the emperor, whom he tried to convert to Christianity.

The Roman ruler was so impressed by the priest's dignity that he wanted to save Valentinus by trying to convert him to the Roman gods. Valentinus refused by explaining he felt they were full of evil. For allowing valor to overcome discretion, Valentinus was immediately condemned, first to be beaten with clubs and stoned, then beheaded outside the Flaminian gate.

Legend has it that while awaiting this execution, he formed a friendship with the blind daughter of Asterius, his jailor, whose sight he was able to restore. Saddened by his fate, he wrote a farewell message to her on the eve of his death and

signed it "From your Valentine." He was then buried in the church of Praxedes in Rome, where it is said that a pink almond tree blossomed near his grave as a symbol of abiding love.

Some skeptics believe there is no connection between the death of Valentinus and the custom of exchanging Valentines. Beyond the fact that the Saint died on February 14 of the year 270 (according to Alfonso Villiegas in Lives of Saints written in Spanish in A.D. 1630)

On Valentine's day, everyone likes to express their love with candy or kisses. For some, love is just as challenging and long-lasting as ever.

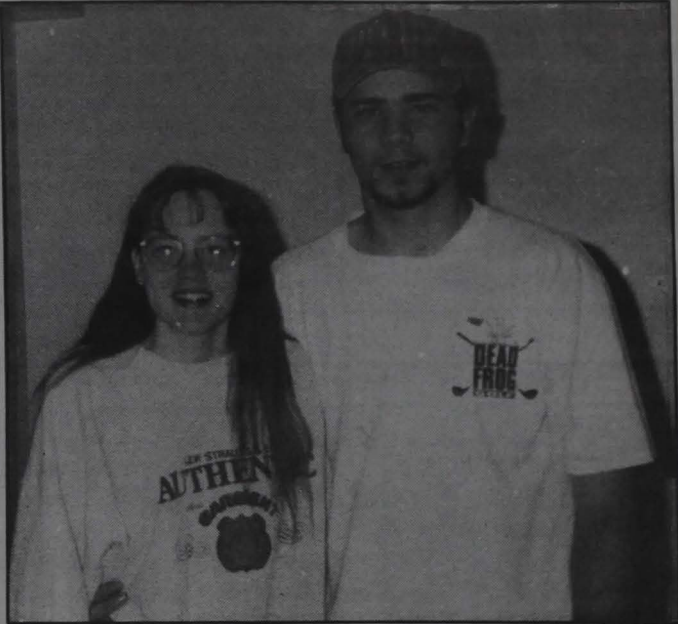


Photo by, Eric Ware  
Sweethearts Jason Wolford and Cassie Collins give each other hugs.



Photo by, Eric Ware  
Love is in the air for lovebirds Mike White and Chrissie Flesher.

## What Is Love, Anyway?

By Gwendolyn Harman

What is love, anyway? Everyone has their own interpretation of what they think love is. I suppose you could say love is an emotional strong hold to another person, but that can be stretched a long way. Here are some quotes from a few GSC students when asked "What Is Love?"

"An understanding between two people who have faith and are committed to each other, definite communication, and a never-ending urge to be with that person." --Tony Sprouse


"Twenty-five dollars and a dark room!" --John Clise

"A very strong emotional and physical feeling you have towards someone who you want to spend the rest of your life with." --April Butler

"An undefinable emotion." --Tim Harman Jr.

"GSC with a parking spot!" --Anonymous

Gwen & Daniel Happy Valentines  
Day We Love You Mom & Dad

To my one and  
only sweetheart,  
Christina. -E.  


Ben & Alissa  
Happy Valen-  
tines Day Love  
Ya Lots Mom  
& Dad



Kim & Josh  
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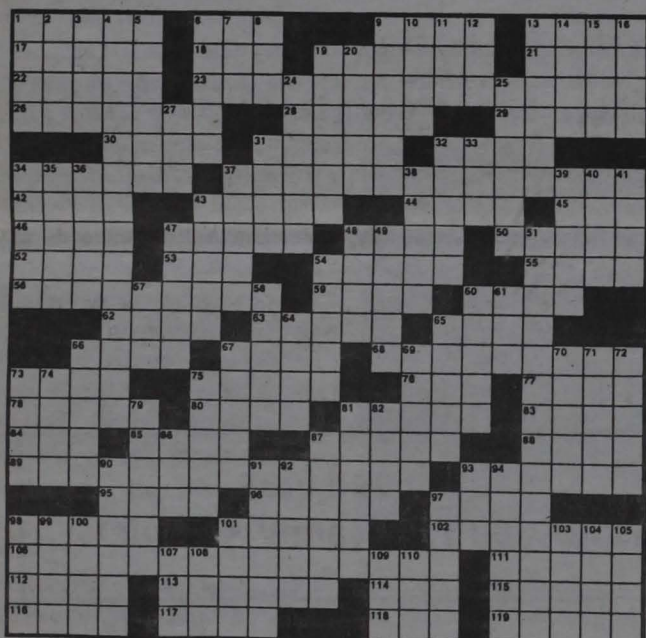
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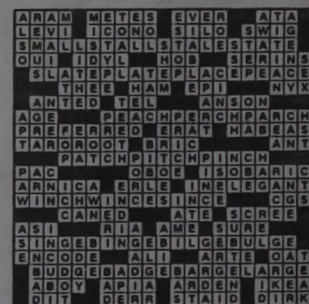
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LEVI Esbkol (17 Across) was Israel's third prime minister, serving from 1963 to 1969. Because the OBOE (74 Across) doesn't require tuning, its sound is used to tune other instruments at the beginning of orchestral concerts. The 1918 Al Jolson musical "SINBAD" (95 Down) featured the first commercially successful song written by George Gershwin, "Swanee."



# Wilderness Areas Seek Volunteers

Imagine spending 12 weeks surveying marine wildlife by sea kayak in Alaska's Chugach National Forest, mapping archaeological sites in the Canyon de Chelly National Monument, banding cranes and songbirds in the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, or photographing the caves in Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument.

These are some of the more than 1,200 expense-paid positions being offered by the Student Conservation Association (SCA) throughout the year in public lands around the United States.

SCA is currently accepting applications for positions offered during the summer/fall season.

SCA's Resource Assistant Program provides a unique opportunity for college students and other adults to help conserve America's public lands and natural and cultural resources. Working hand-in-hand with natural resource professionals, Resource Assistants provide invaluable assistance with land stewardship

and wildlife conservation projects in more than 382 national parks and refuges as well as state and private lands.

"We provide a public service while providing an experience that volunteers never forget," says SCA Resource Assistant Director Wallace Elton. "They learn about themselves and often what they want to do in their future. Many alumni say this is a life-changing experience for them."

Typical assignments include but are not limited to air and water quality monitoring, ecological restoration, endangered species protection, and natural resources management.

SCA Resource Assistants have also been involved in assessing the damage to plants, wildlife, and shoreline from the major oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound; aiding the fire recovery efforts in Yellowstone National Park; and working with the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Project to help save the endangered species from extinc-

tion.

The three-month Resource Assistant positions typically include one to two weeks of intensive training on the site at the beginning of the program. Training will be specific to the job being performed and may include first aid and safety training.

Although the positions are voluntary, SCA Resource Assistants receive funds to cover their travel to and from the site, free housing and a living stipend for food.

Housing can range from tent camps to apartments. Volunteers are expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours per week. There is also plenty of time for exploring, writing, hiking and relaxing in some of America's most beautiful places.

For people interested in longer-term volunteer commitments, SCA offers Conservation Associate positions. Generally 6-12 months long, volunteers serve in some of the same wild and wonderful places as Resource Assistants. Benefits include a

subsistence allowance of \$160/week, housing grant for rent unless provided by the agency, medical insurance, and on-the-job transportation.

Applicants for both programs can choose from a catalog of detailed position descriptions provided to SCA by cooperating agencies, such as the National Park Service, Army, Navy, Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Applications are initially screened by SCA to make sure the applicant has the required talents, and then forwarded on to the agencies for selection by the site.

SCA Resource Assistants and Conservation Associates must be at least 18 years old. Most are college students exploring careers in conservation, and

many earn academic credit for their work experience. RA applications received by the following dates increase the chance of acceptance for a position in the program:

March 1, 1997 Positions beginning May & June 1997

June 1, 1997 Positions beginning August & September 1997

Additional opportunities will be available during the winter and spring of 1997. Conservation Associate applications are always accepted, and are filled on a position-by-position basis.

For more information about SCA or opportunities available through the Resource Assistant Program, look for our home-page at: [www.sca-inc.org](http://www.sca-inc.org) or e-mail us at: [internships@sca-inc.org](mailto:internships@sca-inc.org)

## New Job Listings Service

Looking for a job just got easier thanks to a new national on-line yellow pages service, Big Yellow, a development of NYNEX, which mainly lists every business in the United States.

The Big Yellow database is extensive with more than 16 million business listings. Students can use it to find names and addresses of companies they are in-

terested in pursuing on their own. With more than 5,000 advertisers, Big Yellow exceeds any other on-line shopping directory in content and is one of the largest advertiser-support sites on the internet. The service is free to consumers.

Contact Big Yellow through [www.bigyellow.com](http://www.bigyellow.com) on-line service.

## Dinner Theaters at North Bend

During the month of March there will be two (2) dinner theaters at North Bend State Park.

On Saturday, March 8, the Audience Participation Murder Mystery: *Knock 'em Dead* will take place. Pandemonium breaks loose when the owner of Vinnie's Belly Laugh Club is murdered during the final competition of a talent show. Six outrageous contestants become the suspects and the audience members have the time of their life finding the murderer.

On Saturday, March 22, Wonderment Puppet Theater will present: Colonel Parker's Wild Magic Puppet Show. Bring your

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Dinner starts at 6 p.m., and the shows start at 7:30 p.m. Prices include lodging (one night), dinner, refreshments, breakfast and the play.

For more information, contact John Hendley at 304/643-2931.

## Alpine Festival is Bringing Back Winterfest

The Tucker County Alpine Festival Association in Davis sponsored a Winter Carnival for many years. The only remnant of the original carnival in recent years has been the Governor's Cup Ski Races. However, with a good mix of new enthusiastic volunteer members and experienced members with both excellent memories and vision, the Alpine Festival Association is bringing back the Winter Carnival - Winterfest with all of its original glamour, gusto and fun in 1997!

Sandy Schmiedeknecht, one of the event's organizers exclaimed, "We're very excited about bringing the event back this year. The Alpine Festival Association developed the ideas from previous winterfest and included other clubs and organizations to in the event."

"The Rotary Club and the Davis Renaissance Group are sponsoring the Queen's Ball. It

will be a gala event with the Orlando Colombo Orchestra at Canaan Valley Resort. The Chamber of Commerce is putting together a parade for Saturday afternoon.

The Queen's pageant reception is being sponsored by the Canaan Valley Women's Club, and the German Fest Dance is being sponsored by Tucker County Alpine Festival Association. There will be a Queens pageant at Blackwater Falls State Park, a snow sculpture/snowman contest in Davis, ice skating and the Winterfest Buffet.


Winterfest gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate the winter season and the many gifts that it bestows upon Canaan Valley and Tucker County."

Dates for this year's events are: Thursday, February 27 is the Queens Pageant at Blackwater Falls State Park, Friday, February 28 will be the Winterfest Buffet at Canaan Valley Resort

and the German Pest Dance at the Thomas Community Center with entertainment by the DePollo Brothers; Saturday, March 1 will be the snow sculpture/snowman contest in Davis, Ice Skating at Canaan Valley Resort, Blessing of the Skis; followed by the 1st day of Governor's Cup Ski Races in Canaan Valley; Parade in Davis; The Alpine Festival Buffet at Blackwater Lodge and the Queen's Ball at Canaan Valley Resort; Sunday, March 2 will be the 2nd day of the Governor's Cup Ski Race and presentation of trophies and awards.

Winterfest/Governor's Cup Race was conceptualized by the late Anita Love Barton a former Director of Alpine Festival.

For further information on times, tickets or general information call the Visitors Center in Davis at 304-259-5315 locally or 800-782-2775 out of town.

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Hall, then radioed to the campus police car. This awkward relay system, delaying or confusing precise information in a major emergency, could cost lives and property. RAs concur this is needed.

*(Back to the meeting.)*

Dr. Billips said, "I'm not sure how much it would cost, — a couple thousand maybe \$1,800." He went on about extending a Motorola repair contract out of Phillipi. In the end, that contract would have nothing to do with getting a radio set because it was just a repair contract. "Do you all really use it that much?" said Billips, downplaying the need for a security radio in LBH. "It can be quite expensive to satisfy a guard or two," he said, "but if it is that important, we can solve it."

Lisa Belknap asked, "Is there any limitation to what you can put on your campaign fliers?" Zwoll answered, "There is nothing in the constitution to pre-

vent that."

An uproar about whether Student Congress would sponsor a debate between candidates flared up. James Arnold expressed that SC should not sponsor the debate. In a previous SC meeting *Mercury* advisor, Rick Conklin, proposed a debate-interest survey to be printed in *The Mercury* which SC agreed to co-sponsor if there was any interest. This writer, (*Merc. ed.*) stated there was not one response to the survey. (*Actually eight survey slips against the debate did come in, all in one envelope.*) The words, "No one will show up," crossed the lips of several people. Many said there was no need for a debate. Brian Chapman said what many seemed to be thinking, "People will vote for their friends." Billips said, "That's why we did away with those a long time ago."

There was a positive position taken, underlining the need to get some issues out in the open. "Somebody can say they have been president of PBL, (on a poster) but it doesn't say they

haven't been to a meeting in three months," said Becky Frashure.

Nearly everyone concurred that the ad was hard to find. *The Mercury* editor waited for an answer. Zwoll, noting there was no interest, said, "Student Congress is not against it but will not sanction a debate."

Lisa Belknap said there would be a debate anyway, Feb. 18.

Josh Bonnet brightened the meeting when he said the Pittsburgh Penguin hockey trip sold out in two days. He mentioned skating after the game at the Arena.

Bonnet then outlined the extensive GSC Week line up of events. This got most everybody in an upbeat mood to what they can look forward. It is going to be as big or bigger than last year.

The theme and logo will be taken up next week Feb. 18.

There will be a pool night after this Sat. afternoon's basketball game.

The last order of business was a leadership conference. Those going will be staying at a Red Roof Inn.

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the end of January, GSC had a combined support from a five part collaboration: Division of Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Division, the WV Community Policing Steering Committee—of which Professor Oliver is a member, the WV State Police Dept., WV Criminal Justice Education Association (in which GSC is a full-fledged member and Oliver is a vice-president), and Glenville State College. Since no other applicant for the grant was a full member of the five member collaboration agreement, we have that weight in our favor.

"This could be a long-term

thing," he says. "We can reapply for a second grant if we're successful in implementation." The grant can be reapplied for each year.

The grant isn't the only endeavor Professor Oliver has been involved in. "I've written a text book on community policing. It's due in June," he continues. "The idea of COPS is abstract, so the implementing of COPS is addressed in the book."

If any *Mercury* readers care to know whether or not GSC has gained the grant, watch for the April or May issues since the results won't be out until the end of this semester.

So, as Professor Willard M. Oliver exclaims: "Now we sit and wait."

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cause they really do improve together or not at all."

Third, "It ought to help make people better citizens by getting them to think along ethical lines -- how we should live -- and what are our values and our ideals in our society."

He feels that his Vietnam course fits all of these objectives because he takes a broad brush approach to Vietnam and helps students deepen their insights

into the human condition. The course makes students read a great deal. It allows the students to use critical reading and writing skills.

"The whole Vietnam story is an ethical story," Palm stated. "It is about difficult choices thrust upon a nation and individuals with circumstances that those individuals ... and our nation didn't fully understand. I think it really fits the bill completely and satisfies all criteria completely (for the course)."

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Rice's interpretation of the last week in the life of Jesus of Nazareth and told from the viewpoint of Judas, the disciple who betrayed him.

"I heard the controversy, but had never actually viewed it for myself. Now I've seen it and read the whole thing through.

The play is from the view of Judas, everything that happens in it is real, and people don't like that," he says.

"One thing that really helped me is that two ordained ministers are participating, and they have extensive knowledge of the scriptures. I considered it a plus that they can accept it and see a good message in it.

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