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# The Mercury

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## '97 Student Congress Installation

By Eric Ware

During a most prestigious ceremony and wonderful dinner Wednesday night, Marlan Zwoll welcomed new members of the Student Congress and passed the mantle of leadership to Lisa Belknap. Zwoll, however, parted from a fine panel of congress members; he stated he's also leaving a good "family."

"I would like to thank those who I worked with in Student Congress," he said in a moving speech. "We are very much like a family, and that's what's important."

Zwoll also presented flow-

ers to Rose Turner for her work in Student Services and several other gifts in appreciation to those who've helped during his presidency. Dr. Alfred Billips then addressed the audience, thanking those attending, and commenting on Zwoll's "enthusiasm" and "devotion" in office.

"He has shown great enthusiasm and was very effective in getting the job done," Billips replied. In appreciation and honor of his position as Student Congress President, Billips awarded Zwoll the ceremonial gavel and plaque.

"I want to honor Marlan

with this plaque," he further said, "with deep meaning, appreciation and thanks."

President Bill Simmons then addressed the audience and swore in the new Student Congress members, speaking on future and past accomplishments for GSC. "From (GSC's) humble beginning," he pointed out, "we are one of the best...and respected...institutions in West Virginia. The only one real reason why this college exists is for the students. If it wasn't for the students, this installation would

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Photo by Eric Ware

Billips gives speech encouraging newly-installed members of Student Congress.

## Pig Money Sends SAACS to Frisco!

By Lisa McCormick

After pig meets woman, and the kiss is given, what happens next?

It's to be sure that Professor Dolores Mysliwiec will carry this treasured memory with her for the rest of her life (a pleasure that was about given to Dr. Simmons by a narrow 36 cents; Dr. Goll came in third), and the pig is probably a better swine for it, but the benefits from the competition do not stop there.

The \$200 raised from this project will go towards an American Chemical Society's Meeting in San Francisco, April 13-17.

Dr. James Goll, the organizer for this meeting, gives his explanation: "There is going to be me and six or seven students participating. It is the major meeting of chemists; there are only two of them a year.

"Typically, they draw from 10-15,000 attendants," states Dr. Goll. "The student af-

filiates last year got some national recognition, and there's any award ceremony that has been the major prompt for making the trip across the country."

"We are the only state college in WV to be so recognized. The only other chapter to be recognized was at WVU," says Dr. Goll. "The award is given to the most active student affiliates."

Though the students will be enjoying the California weather and atmosphere, their main concentration will be academics:

"We'll probably spend a little time seeing the sights, but there's quite a bit of the meetings to go to," explains Dr. Goll. "The students will present a poster about chemical education, titled *The Year of Reconstruction*."

"I like exposing my students to what the American Chemical Society can do for them and what's going on outside our walls," hails Dr. Goll. "I want them exposed to little bit

of research, educational techniques, and mock interviews sessions. There will be 60 or more graduate schools with representatives, and they'll also get to meet chemistry prize winners. Afterwards, the students will talk to the faculty about their experience."

Off the subject, Craig Zirkle, one of the chemistry students who will attend the San Francisco meeting, has been awarded a fellowship from the Graduate Department of Chemistry at WVU. The award is given only once a year to one student.

"To our contributors: We thank those who have donated, the money will go to a worthwhile cause," Goll concludes.

Considering the benefits of the Kiss The Pig contest--Professor Mysliwiec's and the pig's new love-life and the students' going on the trip--the contributors can consider their money well-spent.



Photo by Gene Breza

Ms. Mysliwiec and the porcine puckerer.





## From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

# The Senior Blues

It maybe the end of life as we know it, like death. Graduating soon, we've got to get out and fly on our own or drag along. We hope our diploma is made of enough feathers and wax to lift us up, to fly out of the secure and safe nest of GSC. Or like Icarus will we fly to close to the sun and find ourselves flopping on the ground writhing crushed and crumpled?

The confidence professors have given us, despite our grades, is a crucial factor. Do they see us making a mark in the world or crawling back up our hollers to rot (as they would see it) in hillbilly heaven. If they don't have any confidence in us, why not, who cares, what was the point of all this? If this is the case, we'll have to push off against this negative feeling and make our own way, in spite and to spite them.

In spiting them though, that reactive reflex may cost you your real life calling. Like getting involved with someone real quick to spite your last love. Reacting to life's circumstances instead of cutting your own mustard will make you feel like the pebbled leather. Do you know what I mean?

Do you go the graduate school? Do you need a break? Are ready to take the Graduate Record Exam? Do you remember algebra, trigonometry and calculus? Where will you go? Can you afford it? You'll figure something out. If you worry about everything that could happen, you'll waste your life away. Why buy insurance? Isn't that what college is for some folks, a bank against what might happen, until or after, they find something they can be happy with?

Well, it seems to drag on and on. Some people, you know, are making an honest living at this college business, some, you feel it, are not. But you don't have the time to right this situation and it may be you'll end up as the benefactor of the system down the road, so why fight it, right? It gets in the way of your/our party time. Don't worry, some are given to this occupation, some are not.

The Senior blues will get you. They'll make you not care, make you think things are pointless. But if you start feeling out of place, see the place like you have seen it all, maybe you have. Maybe you are a pupae rattling it's cocoon, ready to dry your wings.

Fly on!

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To the Editor:

Circumcision, the surgical removal of the foreskin of the penis, developed into a routine practice in the U.S. in the twentieth century. The U.S. is the only Western nation to practice routine, non-religious infant circumcision, where roughly 55% of baby boys are still forced to undergo this painful surgery, done usually without anesthesia and always without the infant's consent. Worldwide, 85% of males are NOT circumcised.

In 1971 and 1975 the American Academy of Pediatrics concluded that there are "no valid medical indications for circumcision" of the newborn. In 1978 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists endorsed this position, as has the American Academy of Family Physicians, the College of Pediatric Urologists, and the Canadian Paediatric Society. Thomas

J. Ritter, M.D., in his book *Say No to Circumcision!* (Hourglass Book Publishing, 1992), details forty compelling reasons why circumcision is not in a child's best interest.

Routine circumcision adds \$240 million/year needlessly to burgeoning medical costs, and it is not risk-free. The complications are numerous and can be tragic! Circumcision also causes a loss of some sexual sensations and function. For the uncircumcised male and his female partner, the foreskin enhances sexual pleasure.

Some men who were circumcised as infants and wish they had been left intact have undergone surgical and non-surgical foreskin restoration techniques. The book *The Joy of Uncircumcising: Restore Your Birthright and Maximize Sexual Pleasure* by Jim Begelow, Ph.D. (Hourglass Book Publishing,

1992) describes these techniques, and can be ordered at most bookstores. The best solution ultimately, however, is to NOT circumcise infants in the first place!

Whereas millions of males in this country are subject to genital mutilation by routine infant circumcision, millions of females in Africa, parts of Asia, and many Islamic countries are subject to genital mutilation by female circumcision, excision, and infibulation. Procedures run the gamut from removing only the clitoris or clitoral hood to removal of a major portion of the vulva and closing of the vagina, with only a small opening left to permit passage of urine and menstrual blood.

Further free information on circumcision is available from the Childbirth Education Foundation, P.O. Box 251, Oxford, PA 19363.

Petrina Fadel

Dear Editor,

Is it not the LAW in the United States of America that at the age of 21 you are a legally consented adult with the God-given *right* to drink alcoholic beverages if you so see fit? Is this especially not true if you are in an establishment or public place in which the consumption of such beverages is permitted, accepted, condoned, and even encouraged? Such a place may be a bar, a festival, a concert, or may be even a sporting event...such as a hockey game. Well, apparently certain self-righteous individuals at this school do not believe this is the case. They also feel that it is their duty to infringe upon the rights of others. Well, let me tell you--if you're an adult on a Glenville State College chauffeured bus trip activity, an attempt will be made to treat you like a child and infringe upon the rights you've earned as an American, as a college student, as an adult, and as an individual.

My name is Eric Goddard. I'm 22 years old, and I am the victim of a misjustice. I attended the February 22 bus trip activity to the Advertised NHL Hockey Game between the Pitt. Penguins and the Chicago Blackhawks.

Flyers were posted for weeks preceding the game and nothing was stated--on the flyers, at the sign up, or by anyone

else--preceding the event about alcohol not being permitted to be consumed by anyone on the trip or at the *GAME*. Granted, drinking on the bus should not be condoned; however, the Civic Arena is a sanctioned place in which alcohol is sold and consumed by those of age.

So, I bought some beer and drank it. I was then told that because I was drinking that beer that I would *NEVER BE ALLOWED ON A STUDENT BUSSED ACTIVITY EVER AGAIN*. I say "Bull!" I've earned

the right to drink by living long enough and who is this Josh Bonnett individual to try to take it from me?

Bottom line: just because you don't agree with certain condoned activities of our American society, it doesn't give you the right to try and govern those who do. Grow up, Josh Bonnett. I am an adult, and you're not my mom, professor, mentor, or even my friend, and I'll be damned if you're going to tell me what I can and cannot do.

Eric Goddard

## Chess Tournament

The newest organization on campus, the GSC Chess Club, is holding a chess tournament on Wednesday, March 26, at 5 p.m. There will be an entry fee of \$2. Prize ribbons will be awarded to the top eight players, and the first-place finisher will also receive an engraved trophy. You do not need to be a Chess Club member to participate; all GSC students,

faculty, and staff are eligible. Anyone interested should be at the Heflin Center Lobby by the Verona Maple Room on Wednesday for a 5 p.m. briefing on tournament rules.



## Yearbooks Available

Be sure to pick your copy of the 1995-1996 *Kanawhachen*. If the distribution table is not set up in the Heflin Center lobby, bring your student ID to the *Mercury* office, located in the Heflin Center breezeway.



# Student Congress Meetings

By Gene Breza

March 4, 1997 12:33 p.m., Marlan Zwoll called the meeting to order. Sixteen members eventually came in. Norma Stewart read the minutes.

Stewart informed Congress the invitations to the induction dinner and ceremony had been picked out.

Zwoll said he had contacted Bob Hardman about why students had to pay \$2 extra for yearbook pictures. Al Billips said that when Mrs. King was in charge of the yearbook they didn't like photos taken on campus. No resolution was attained.

The issue of the security radio occupied most of the meeting with some startling revelations coming forth.

Zwoll, pressing to get some resolution to the issue, started out by saying three radios could be ordered at a cost of between \$800 and \$1000. He said Carl Ballangee said three radios with mics would be \$2000 or less.

Advised that they carry a pager tuned to the 911 frequency, Vice-president Chris Hannah said, "An RA is not going to get there fast enough."

A secret ballot vote was: eight to seven votes in favor of ordering three radios.

The washers and dryers in the residence halls have evidently been a problem for years. Billips said they tried to get too many years out of the machines. A new contract with Maytag will take time to finalize.

The school will begin a debit card system starting in the fall. This way there will be no money in the boxes to steal and off-campus people will not be able to use the machines.

Jennifer Nottingham asked Congress for \$50 to register for a tobacco control conference. It was approved.

Norma Stewart thought the *Mercury's* publishing the vote count for the Student Congress elections was unfair and could hurt someone's feelings. Richard Clark, who counted the votes, defended the act, and said, "It is political."

Several Student Congress members attended the Day at the Legislature for state schools:

Tony Jones, Brian Chapman and Richard Clark.

**The last Congress Meeting** before the new electees were inducted on March 19, began with Zwoll requesting that Congress do something for Student Services secretary Rose Turner. They decided to present her with a bouquet of flowers at the banquet to show their appreciation.

A new plan was presented to zone the parking lots to ease the "parking problem." There will be freshman lots and dorm residents will be made to park in zones that will let commuters find parking closer to classes. These zoned lots will be color coded.

The radio issue was brought up once again. This time it was about a home base for Louis Bennett Hall.

This issue took another half an hour, with people wondering why it was revisited when it had been voted upon at the last meeting.

Billips and Bonnett agreed it was not a Student Congress issue. "It is a dorm issue," said Bonnett. "Why take money from

commuters to accommodate dorm residents?" Billips stated that the money should come out of the security funds.

Annie McCourt asked Student Congress if they were interested in buying and repairing fifty used bicycles to loan students on an honor system, a system used in Seattle, Wash.. She said it would help with parking. Student Congress would consider it.

Wendy Batson asked about giving the college a fall break. This issue has also been hashed over several times before. Billips said it was a matter for the Academic Dean of the Colleges, who draws up the calendar two years in advance so that the catalogs can be made.

One student asked how much we pay for Doctor Proctor and if we could not get a campus nurse to be there on holidays and weekends and evenings so that better care could be provided for students.

Zwoll ended the meeting saying for himself and Student Congress, "It's been a good run."

## "Sunshine Law" before Legislature

Due to a lack of clarity to some groups, the House is attempting to revise the "Sunshine Law" or the "Open Government Meeting Act." In particular, school boards, town councils, and county commissions appear to have difficulty with open meetings. The old bill now in effect is causing staggering problems with compliance according to those who want to revise it.

The revision puts the language in the bill in layman terms to say; those who are elected to serve the public must conduct business matters openly at the discretion of those whom they serve.

This revision passed the House in 1996 with little interference. Owing to concern from those who feared the bill would complicate and hinder their affairs (particularly school boards

and town councils), the bill was killed in the Senate.

After thorough study this last summer, an interim committee of the House Judiciary is bringing this bill back as House Bill 2233.

If you support the right of people to know, please contact your representatives. Let them know you have the right to know, how and in what manner their business, in whatever level of government, is being conducted.

Address your letters to:  
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Telephone: 800/642-8650  
<http://www.wv/c.wvnet.edu/legishp.html>

A copy of the proposed amended version will be mailed to *The Mercury* office.

## Zonta Club Scholarship

The Zonta Club of Parkersburg is offering a \$500 scholarship--to be divided into two equal payments of \$250--for the 1997-98 school year.

Applicant must be a female, full-time Junior or Senior student from a Wood County, West Virginia, or Belpre, Ohio, school. This is a need-based scholarship.

Zonta International is a classified service club for executives in business and the professions. Its purpose is to encourage high ethical standards and to improve the legal, political, economic, and professional status of women.

Applications and more information is available in the Financial Aid office.

## Norwest Financial Now Hiring

Norwest Financial, a premier national financial services company, is seeking a few good men and women to begin their careers training in one of seven West Virginia branches. Their program will prepare you for a management position with complete bottom line accountability.

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To arrange an on-campus interview on April 22, or to get more information about Norwest Financial, contact the Office of Career Services.

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## Mayor Discusses GSC Parking Problem

By Lisa McCormick

Glenville Mayor and Municipal Judge, Lester "Joe" Putnam, gave a political overview of the on-going parking problem.

"I feel like I'm the banging board for the college's parking problem," contests Mayor Putnam. "I get the unpaid tickets from the college, and I have to summon these people to court. I hear all the complaints--nobody wants to pay for a parking ticket when it's not their fault that there's no parking space.

"The college administrators refuse to acknowledge that there is even a problem," he further states. "They claim that there are plenty of parking spaces for their students; it simply isn't so."

Students not only have to worry about paying parking fines (Putnam claims to have had some tickets accumulate up to \$800), but if they don't show up for the court summons and they have to be subpoenaed, they'll have to pay \$25 in court costs on top of their parking fines. It gets worse....

"If the students don't show

up to pay their fines, they're in contempt and we'll call the Department of Highways in Charleston to revoke their licenses," Putnam explains. The price to get them back is \$80 on top of paying their parking fines. "Students don't realize that if it goes that far, it'll become a permanent part of their records."

After it becomes a part of their permanent records, these fines could potentially ruin a person's career opportunities. "Companies and job places are constantly doing background checks on applicants," contends Putnam. "The FBI is here about once a week doing a background search on somebody, and if they see unpaid parking tickets on an applicant's records, what will that say about that person? They're going to wonder if this person is a rebel or something."

It might be a surprise to some to find out that this is also a faculty problem as well as a student's. "I've had some professors traveling from 60 to 70 miles to teach, and get a parking ticket because they didn't get to school in time for a parking spot," said the exasperated

Putnam. "The students and faculty need to unite to get something done."

Putnam further explains that the administration claims "there is always parking spots in the gravel parking lot. But personally, when I go to work at 7:30 or 8 in the morning, I'll find 50-60 cars parked on the back street (college street) and students walking up the hill from there. I'm curious as to why they're going to walk from there, but not from the top of the hill?"

To Putnam's credit, it is the city that has made the parking area along college street suitable for parking for the student's use.

"The administration fails to put themselves in the student's position as they travel 40, 50, or 60 miles to class and try to get a parking spot," says Putnam. "I just hope the college will open their eyes and see the needs of their students before they do have to have a rally or something."

As for future possibilities, Putnam would be willing to work with our student president on trying to come up with a reasonable solution to our parking situation.

opportunity within the University as any other group.

The reaction of members within the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Student Alliance (LGBSA) on STRAIGHT varied within the group. "A lot of members of LGBSA felt threatened [by the formation of STRAIGHT]," said LGBSA President Susan Byrne. "A lot of them were concerned with issues of violence and harassment. It's affected a lot of members on a very personal level."

"In my opinion, the whole idea of having recognition for gay and lesbian organizations provides some refuge from discriminatory treatment which is rampant through our whole society," said Rich Cowan from the Center for Campus Organizing.

"Heterosexual students don't need to have recognition because the whole entire society is structured to benefit and recognize them," he concluded.

Darin Loccarini was unavailable for comment.

## GSC Tuition Increase

Total tuition and fees at most state College System institutions will increase at near the rate of inflation or about 3.2% for the 1997-98 academic year according to student fees and charges set by the Board of Directors of the State College System.

"I am pleased that the system is holding costs down in order to continue to provide access to higher education for West Virginia's citizens," Dr. Clifford M. Trump, chancellor of the State College System, said.

Student fees increased slightly at all institutions except for West Virginia Northern Community College.

Student tuition and fee charges per semester for in-state students will be slightly raised at three institutions with capital projects pending in order to generate additional monies to fund a systems-wide bond issue: Fairmont State College, \$30; Glenville State College, \$33; and West Liberty State College, \$50.

All increases will be in effect for the fall 1997 semester.

## RA Discrimination Addressed

By Lisa McCormick

In a recent interview, Pickens Hall House Director Josh Bonnett addressed allegations of discrimination in Resident Assistant hiring practices.

In a previous *Mercury* Article: "Building Tolerance at GSC..." Richard Clark disclosed that the reason he felt he was passed over for an RA (resident assistants) position is because of his sexual orientation--Clark is gay.

"The fact that Richard Clark is gay had no bearing on the decision. I have a lot of gay friends," says Mr. Bonnett. "I feel like there were no acts of discrimination that went on. We handled everything professionally and made the best decisions we could based on the applications we received."

He further replied that "the criteria we use to base our decision is based on the kind of involvement they have, the type of positive or negative attitude they have, and how they handle things."

There is also a trial they must go through before it's decided upon. "We give them

problems like a play-type of situation. We set up interviews. We also base it on the things they've been involved on in the past--high school or college.

"Mainly, what type of personality they have and how we feel they would handle a crisis or disciplinary situations.

"All this occurred back in October or November and I can't understand why this has all come out now," exclaims Bonnett.

"Though I do believe that we do need sensitivity training, and it would be a good thing, but it doesn't need to be just directed towards the gays and lesbians, though they would be included, but also towards race relations, gender relations, and socio-economic relations."

Since the bringing of a sensitivity program to GSC is not within Mr. Bonnett's capacity, he can only support the future admittance of it. "It's a good idea, and I hope to see us try it."

Students who support the idea should bring it to the attention of Gerry Burkhammer or send letters to the *Mercury*.

## Straight Students Try to Form Group

By Tricia Tomiyoshi, NSNS

The proposed group, Students Reinforcing Adherence in General Heterosexual Tradition (STRAIGHT), shook up Pennsylvania State University when group members requested to be recognized as a new campus group by the university.

STRAIGHT's purpose, as proposed in the group's constitution, is "to provide students with an official and formal organization in which they can express their views regarding the refusal to accept or support homosexuality, as well as provide peer support for inter-heterosexual matters."

Darin Loccarini, the group's president, attempted to register the organization through the Undergraduate Student Government's Supreme Court, which convenes to grant charters for student groups. Within the Supreme Court, the decision was unanimous--STRAIGHT was denied registration.

The Supreme Court, a six-

member student body, cited a variety of reasons for their decision, which included STRAIGHT's violation of University policies.

Bryan Weis, an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court, found that STRAIGHT violated the University policy which has "the obligation to respect the rights of others based upon the nature of the educational process."

In addition, he said that the goals of the members within the group lacked unity in ideas. Overall, the Supreme Court concluded that STRAIGHT would not be beneficial to the campus.

Student reaction to STRAIGHT was divided. Many students felt that there was no need for a group like STRAIGHT, and others were concerned with the possibility of violence arising from the group.

Still others, while disagreeing with the nature of STRAIGHT, felt it should be given equal access and equal

## Spring Clearance Sale!

March 25 - March 30

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Hats (denim and suede)	4.00

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## A.C.S. Minutes

- I. Meeting opened
  - II. Treasury Report
  - III. Kiss the Pig Contest: A) Results; B) Postponed Date of Ceremony: 3-18-97 at 12:30; C) Advertisement for New Date
  - IV. Evaluations of Fundraisers
  - V. New Fundraisers
  - VI. Guest Speaker: 3-18-97 at 1:30.
  - VII. National Trip to San Francisco.
- New members are always welcome. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 12:30 in 5H400.

## Business Rep To Visit GSC

Mr. Mark Caccavali has graciously accepted the invitation of Mrs. Cinda Echard, business faculty, to visit the campus of Glenville State College on March 26 and 27. Mr. Caccavali is with the headquarters of American Greetings located in Cleveland, Ohio.

On Wednesday, March 26, at 3 p.m., Mr. Caccavali will address students in Room 208 of the Administration Building. His presentation is entitled "Fast Start Your Career--How To Differentiate Yourself." All interested students and faculty are welcome to attend and participate.

On Thursday, March 27, students will have the opportunity to interview with Mr. Caccavali for possible employment with American Greetings. Students wishing to be interviewed should contact Mrs. Jennifer Nottingham in the Careers Office prior to March 26, 1997.

## Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard lawn on March 22 at noon. Participants from ages one to twelve will be allowed. Prizes will be awarded for each group.



# Virginia Tech Professor Visits GSC

Assistant Professor Dr. Michael Calter of Virginia Tech gave a guest lecture on February 18 in SH400. His topics included graduate school information at Virginia Tech and some of his current research in chemistry.

Dr. Calter gave a tremendous amount of information concerning graduate school. He started with the basics--figuring out if grad school is really for you, what grad schools look for in prospective students, and how to pick specific graduate schools. He went on to give details concerning application, basic and specific requirements, and special characteristics that are looked for by the Virginia Tech

Admissions Committee.

Dr. Calter carries an impressive background of academic achievement. He earned his B.S. in chemistry at the University of Vermont and went from there to Harvard University where he was awarded his Ph.D. in 1993.

Dr. Calter completed his postdoctoral work at the University of California, Irvine. He has been an assistant professor at VA Tech since July 1995.

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society were honored to have Dr. Calter visit GSC and look forward to seeing him again at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society this upcoming April.

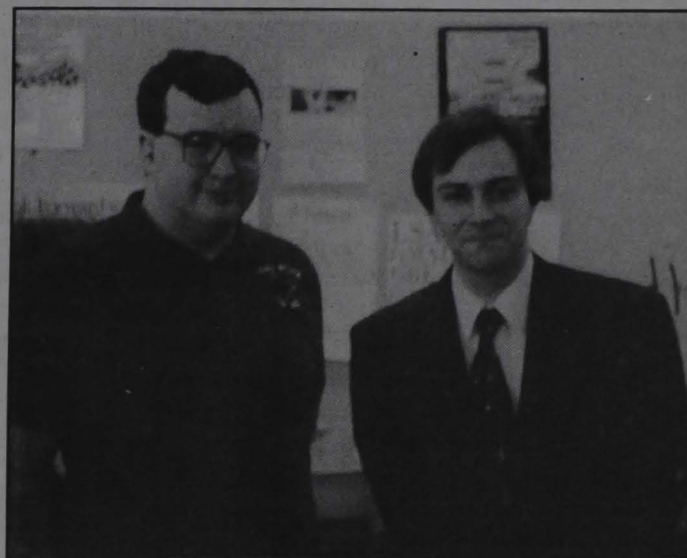


Photo contributed

Dr. Goll and Dr. Calter.



Photo by Gene Breza

Mr. Meads serves ramps and potatoes to student Brian Jarret during the science department Ramp Dinner.

## West Vaco Donates Forestry Equipment

The distinguished Forest Technology program of Glenville State College recently acquired equipment that will prepare its graduates with "real world" technological experience.

West Vaco representatives Michael Wade and Wes Johnson, a 1984 Glenville graduate, presented three micro palm data collectors to Don Wildermuth, Ed Grafton and Tom Snyder of the forestry division.

"This technology will provide our graduates with practical experience which will make them more marketable to employers," states Wildermuth.

Along with the data collec-

tors, accompanying software was provided. This will allow a student to collect essential data in the field without the use of paper and pencil. After returning to the office, the data collector is connected to a computer and the data is transferred. At that point data can be manipulated for the student's desired use.

"We like to keep a good relationship with Glenville," states Wade. "We have several Glenville graduates working for us in the Appalachian region."

The equipment is valued at around eight to nine thousand dollars.

## Chi Beta Phi Minutes

By B. J. Woods, Secretary

The Chi Beta Phi held a meeting on February 27, at 2:30 p.m. in room 207.

There was much discussion on the following topics:

1-We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on the courtyard lawn. This will take place on March 22 at noon. This will be for ages 1 to 12, with prizes for each group.

2-We are waiting for an answer from our National President on whether he will visit Glenville State College on April 19.

3-We discussed the possibility of setting up a table at the Open House here at Glenville on April 5.

4-The American Red Cross sent us a letter, wanting

us to sign up three people to give blood on March 12 at their blood mobile.

5-We had a large discussion about our next fundraiser. We will be selling candy bars. We hope to have the candy within two weeks.

6-Our last fundraiser, a bake sale, was a success. It was held on February 12 and 13, in the Heflin Center.

7-We discussed programs for our meetings. We have a list of people and topics. These people have shown an interest in speaking before our group.

If you have an idea for a topic that deals with Science or Math, please contact Mr. Peck or Mr. Kennedy if you would like to do a presentation for our organization.



Photo by Gene Breza.

Winner of the TKE drawing Doris Jean Adams of Troy.



## West Virginia Public Theatre Has Hot Season

West Virginia Public Theatre has announced its 1997 Summer Season. Ron Iannone Producer says, "This is the best season ever for WVPT. The region will get to see Broadway shows never seen in the area." The 1997 season kicks off with the musical *Beehive*. This show is a musical about a girls' group telling their stories through the music of the 60's and 70's. This musical is similar to the hit musical *Forever Plaid* with such great songs and music as "Where The Boys Are" and "A Fool In Love." Showdates are June 24 through July 6.

*Beehive* is followed by the Tony Award winner *Sugar Babies*, which recalls and celebrates the Golden Age of American Variety entertainment. The heart of the show is Burlesque, with songs like "I Feel a Song Coming On," "I'm Just a Song and Dance Man," and "I'm in the Mod for Love." This show begins July 8 and ends July 13.

Next in the summer line up is the classic hit *Annie Get Your Gun*. Irwin Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun* exploded like a sky

rocket on Broadway when it opened. This musical is the highly fictionalized story of Annie Oakley, easily the most famous marksperson since William Tell. Dates for the show are from July 15 through July 20.

And for the first time the musical *Phantom* by Maury Yeston comes to the region. Maury Yeston also wrote *Nine* and *Grand Hotel*. "The music and songs are gorgeous and ravishing," says Ron Iannone. Maury Yeston's *Phantom* is one of the most appealing American musicals of recent years. This is a two week run show that runs from July 22 through August 3.

*Always Patsy Cline* follows. The musical tells the story of Patsy Cline through her songs *Honky Tonk*, *Merry Go Round*, *Anytime*, *Your Cheating Heart*, *Sweet Dreams*, *Lovesick Blues*, and *Always*. The show runs from July 29 through August 3.

The final show of the season is the delightful musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. It's about a swivel hipper named Conrad Birdie whose career is seriously endangered by the army. To send

him off in a proper blaze of glory, his manager arranges a farewell to be captured on the Ed Sullivan Show. In little old Sweet Apple, Ohio, Birdie will kiss good-bye to one of his teenybopper fans, and the story goes from there. *Bye Bye Birdie* runs from August 5 through August 10.

West Virginia Public Theatre's winter show is Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Cinderella*. *Cinderella* is the classic tale about a young beautiful girl who is forbidden to go to the ball, but then is visited by her fairy godmother who then changes her into a lovely princess. She goes to the ball and falls in love with the handsome prince. And once the glass slipper fits on her foot, they live happily ever after. This show is for the whole family. *In My Own Little Corner*, *Impossible*, *Do I Love You* and *Because You're Beautiful*, are some of the songs. The dates for this show are December 16 through December 21.

For season subscriptions and ticket information call 304-598-0144.

## Coach of the Year: Steve Harold

By Theodore Allen Webb

GSC women's basketball coach Steve Harold recently earned an exceptional honor by being named the West Virginia Conference's "Women's Basketball Coach of the Year."

"I'm honored because this award is voted upon by my peers," says Harold, who is also serving as GSC's interim athletic director. "But, I'd trade that distinction in a minute for more recognition for our girls' basketball team."

Under Harold's direction, the Lady Pioneers have advanced from 11th place in last year's conference standings to eighth in WVAC competition this season.

"I believe we have an outstanding group of young players," shares the GSC coach proudly. "We have six girls who average good scores, and everyone on our team contributes to the total effort of winning."



Photo by Carl Wilson  
Steve Harold, coaching his team to victory.

Harold notes that this is the second year in a row the Lady Pioneers have improved their overall record. Finishing the season with a 9-17 record and achieving 8-11 in the conference, the girls basketball team improved two games overall and

three in league play.

"We made some great strides this year," Harold acknowledges. "I definitely see continued improvement in the future."

"The best thing about the Coach of the Year award is that it has gained some recognition for our program here at GSC," he states. "But, the greatest award I could receive would be the Lady Pioneers winning the conference championship next year. I'd love to see them walk out of the tournaments with that big four-foot tall trophy."

### Work Study Position Available

Male/Female student needed to work as a manager to the GSC football team. Start work immediately. Call Coach Ruggiero at ext. 282 if you are interested.

## The Roads And Rails Of Woody Guthrie

By Eric Ware

Dressed in a plaid shirt, overalls, and speaking in an "Oakie" drawl, West Virginia actor, musician and storyteller, Mike Souter, performed a one-act play/musical Tuesday, March 18 titled *The Roads and Rails of Woody Guthrie*.

Appearing in costume and character as one of Woody Guthrie's "Old Travelin' Companions," Souter tells the story of Woody Guthrie's "Hard Travel" across the United States, recounting his trip on Route 66 from the dust bowl and depression of Oklahoma, to the migrant picker camps of California orchards, and across this "great nation of ours" from California to the New York.

His songs tell the story of the "Oakies" looking for a better life. Stories of the migrant workers, the early union movement, the building of Columbia river dams, and work-a-day people everywhere. Guthrie helped launch the folk music revival of the 1950's and 60's, and influenced an entire generation of writers and singers. Souter's portrayal brings the songs and the character for audiences of all ages.

Souter accompanies himself on the guitar and harmonica, banjo, lap dulcimer, and auto harp, performing Guthrie's songs including: "Hard Travelin'", "Goin' Down the Road Feelin' Bad," "Do Re Mi," "Roll Columbia," "So Long It's Been Good To Know Ya," and of course, "This Land Is Your Land."

"This show is a kind of



Photo by Eric Ware  
Mike Souter, performing the songs of Woody Guthrie.

tribute to the courage and grit of people struggling in the face of hard times," Souter replied.

A Buffalo, N.Y. native, Souter picked up the banjo in junior high school and plucked out folk songs ever since, working his way through college at clubs. After receiving an English degree from State University of New York, he moved to Elkins and took up a job as coordinator of a group home for the mentally retarded.

Then serving as half of a duo in the band "Night Sky", performed as the house band at the Snowshoe Ski Resort, he received a letter from the Arts Council for plans to put a show of songs of writer Stephen Foster. Two years later, Souter followed his passion in portraying

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## Carat Scholarship Foundation

The Carat Scholarship Foundation offers \$500-\$1000 scholarships semi-annually to graduate and undergraduate students who are United States citizens. Funded by the contributions of civic-minded individuals, the scholarship is awarded on the basis of career goals, financial need, and academic record.

Students interested in ap-

plying for the Fall 1997 semester must submit their application by April 1. For other deadlines and current information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Carat Scholarship Foundation, Attn: Carol McAuliffe-Director, 5 Magnolia Pkwy, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047. Students may also visit GSC's financial aid office for info.



# 1997 Track & Field Preview

## Men Aim For WVIAC Championship

In 1996 the Pioneers produced the men's Track Athlete of the Year and both Freshmen of the Year but both teams finished second best to the Bobcats of WV Wesleyan. All three award recipients return in '97.

The men own three championships this decade ('92, '94, '95) with Wesleyan capturing the other four.

Coming off of a cross country championship the mid-distance and distance runners should produce big points in those events again in '97. Senior Lee Petty, '96 Track Athlete of the Year, won the 3k, 1500, and 300 meter races in '96 and comes in as the favorite in all three this year.

Junior Jimmy Galloway, Daniel Ramezan and Jonathan Ramezan, both sophomores, will round out a possible domination of the mid-distance races.

"Our mid-distance runners gave us the lift we needed in '95 and I have doubt they will be a major key to our success this year," states Men's Head Coach Steve Harold.

The two distance races, 10k and 5k, should also provide needed points. Sophomore David Bee returns after a third place finish in the 10k and a fourth place in the 5k last year. Michael Bee, also a sophomore, will try to break into the top five in the 5k and 3k this year. Freshman Brent Gargus, after an encouraging cross country season will run the 5k and 3k races.

Not quite as deep but definitely talented, the group of sprinters and jumpers also hold a key to success for this team.

Last years Freshman of the Year, Chris Burley, returns with the opportunity to finish in the top three of five events. Burley finished second in both the 100 and 200 meters last year. He will also compete in the 400m and both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Helping Burley lead the way will be junior Jason Fisher returning after a years hiatus. As a freshman Fisher was a member of the 4x400 championship team and in his first two years scored in several other events. He will compete in the long jump,

high jump, 4x100 and the open 400m. Fisher is also versatile enough to run the 100m and 200m.

Sophomore L.R. Sammons could add points in the 200m and 400m and will be a member of the 4x400 team. Jason Smith, a freshman from Tucker County, rounds out the group of sprinters following a productive senior year with 2nd and 4th place finishes in the single A 100m and 200m races.

Decathlete Mitch Carte should provide depth in several areas and could score in as many as seven events. Carte place 3rd and 4th in the long jump and triple jump receptively in '96.

Lavon Floyd place 3rd in the discus and 4th in the shot put in '96 and will lead the way for the Pioneer throwers.

The women's team begin the season with early setbacks by losing two runners to withdrawal from school and possibly two others to injury.

Returning for the Lady Pioneers is sophomore Becky Andrew and Junior Jenifer Pingley.

Andrew was the recipient of the Freshman of the Year award in '96 winning the 200m, 400m, and as a member of the championship 4x400 team. She will return in these events and should once again compete for the top spots.

Placing 5th in the 400m and finishing one place out of scoring position in the 800m and was also a member of the 4x400m team in '96, Pingley returns a much improved runner

and should be among the leaders in both the 400m and 800m.

The women return two conference scoring throwers from '96 in Manda Simmons and Carla Curran. Simmons scored in both the shot put and the discus last year (3rd and 4th) with Curran placing 3rd in the discus. Both should be among the leaders in '97.

After suffering a severe injury to her hand in the early part of the '96 season, Sophomore Amy Thomas should equal into the equation in both the shot and the discus this season.

West Virginia AAA state high jump champion Tina Malloy has already jumped 5'5" indoor and will come into the season as the favorite in this event. She should also be competitive in the 100m hurdles.

The distance races will be ran by Christi Keith and Kim Wright. Both have the ability to be among the five in their given events.

Rounding out the team will be members of the women's volleyball and basketball teams. The women's team must complete five meets with a full team to meet NCAA regulations.

"It's a tough spot to be in," states Women's Head Coach Rick Conklin. "We are fortunate to have a young team. It will take some time but we will be a team that will compete for a conference championship in the near future."

Both team will open the season this Saturday in New Concord, Ohio at the Muskingum College Invitational.

## Golfers Off to Winning Start

The Glenville State Golf team got their Spring Golf season off to a promising start in the Shepherd Invitational March 3 and 4. They edged out the host team by a comfortable 10-stroke margin with Shennandoah State coming in at third place.

Senior John Moran and Sophomore Stephen Fitzpatrick shared the individual honors with a pair of 75's.

Senior Kevin Sparks shot an 83, as did Ritchie County golfer Lewis Primm.

Glenville local boy Travis Woodford rounded off the Pioneers' score with an 84.

Brian West also made the trip and proved to be a valuable

asset to team morale with his larger-than-life personality. This argues well for the Glenville Golf team's chances of success this season, whose sights are now firmly set on the Conference title.

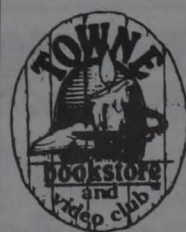
Coach Bruce Hayhurst was naturally delighted with his team's performance, saying: "We couldn't have hoped for a better start to the season. The team looks like a strong one this season."

The next stop for the Pioneers is this weekend's Concord Invitational at Pipestem State Park, as defending champions of this particular tournament, Glenville is confident that more success may be coming their way.



Photo contributed

Kevin Sparks, John Moran, and Stephen Fitzpatrick with trophy during Shepherd Invitational.



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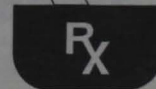
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## System-wide Bond Issue Passes

The Board of Directors of the State College System of West Virginia today approved the proposed system-wide bond issue which involves projects submitted by Fairmont State College, Glenville State College, and West Liberty State College.

"The passage of this bond issue will allow these institutions to proceed with the bidding process for projects that have been in the works for several months," Dr. Clifford M. Trump, chancellor of the State College System, said.

"The institutions are joining together to float a bond on a system-wide level, thereby sav-

ing money as compared to issuing bonds individually."

Projects being funded include the construction of Fairmont State College's Clarksburg Center, improvements to several buildings at Glenville State College, and the construction of a new academic, sports and recreation center at West Liberty State College.



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not exist."

Simmons ended, saying "I want to say to Lisa and to all students that my door is always open."

Lisa Belknap thanked everyone in her speech, saying that she would "work very hard" in her position as Student Congress President, and also with the students on campus. In her closing statements, Belknap concluded that "we're starting our 125th year, and I'll jump right into it!"

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folk singer, Woody Guthrie.

Souter explains that he spent a year studying Guthrie's music and writings, and also his autobiography "Bound for Glory" and Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

"I felt he had a very worth while story to tell," replies Souter, "And I love his music."

This program was presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program—

By Cheryl McKinney,  
Associate Professor of Business

With class deadlines for papers, presentations, quizzes, and mid-term exams looming it might be possible that you may have overlooked one other important deadline--April 15-- the date by which most of us are required to pay homage annually to the IRS and State Tax Department. If you would rather not negotiate the income tax maze alone, consider a visit to GSC's VITA tax preparation site for assistance with basic tax situations.

Eight GSC accounting majors are participating this year in the IRS-trained VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program which is administered on campus by Division of Business Associate Professor Cheryl McKinney, CPA. Those account-

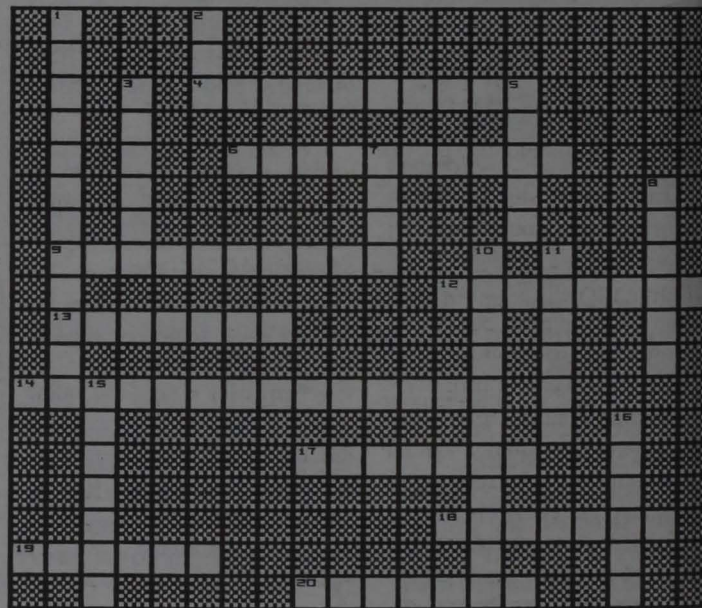
ing majors who are operating this year's VITA site are: Lori Bailey, Danielle Cottrill, Amanda Hardman, Drexell King, Randi Mullenax, Kimberly Riffle, April Rose and Mark Starcher.

These students assist taxpayers in the preparation of basic federal and state income tax returns at no charge! The VITA volunteers do not, however, handle complicated tax matters or prepare business returns.

For assistance, simply bring all pertinent tax information to the second floor Conference Room of the GSC Library through April 15 during the following site hours for assistance in making this year's taxes less taxing!!

Mon.:	6-8 p.m.
Tues.:	4-6 p.m.
Wed.:	4-6 p.m.
Thurs.:	4-6 p.m.

## SIFE Crossword



### Across

4. system favoring such concentration of wealth
6. act in which to secure profitable returns (money or capital is involved)
9. engagement in projects
12. exclusive possession or control of something
13. frugality in the expenditure or consumption of money
14. government control of private business and industry
17. amount by which sum of money falls short of the required amount
18. management of public revenues

### Down

19. property or effects
20. business of a bank or banker
1. employer of productive labor
2. college of President Simmons
3. power to buy or borrow on trust
5. property considered with references to its pecuniary value
7. Students in Free Enterprise
8. equivalent to 100 cents
10. contest for prize or advantage
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16. written order directing a bank to pay money

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