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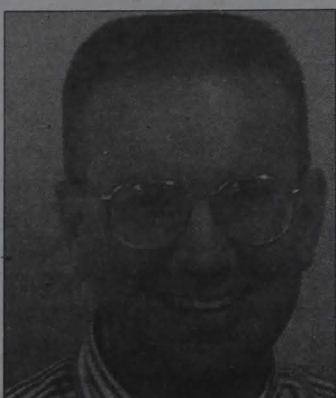


Oliver and Conrad co-publish essay

By Jason Collins
Staff Reporter

During the Spring 1999 semester at Glenville State College, Criminal Justice Professor Willard Oliver taught a course entitled "Seminar in Criminal Justice." One of the main assignments in the course was to conduct original research. Oliver often recommends conducting a replication study which will either help confirm or raise questions about the original study.

Tanya Conrad, a student in Oliver's course, decided to base her research on a study conducted by Margaret Vandiver and David Giacopassi of the University of Memphis. This was a study concerning how many homicides were committed each year in the U.S. Tanya, originally from Clay County, is a



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Dr. Willard Oliver

GSC Senior who will be graduating this coming May and plans to pursue a career in the criminal justice field.

The hypothesis of Tanya's research was that demographics and media exposure correlate with students' perceptions of the actual amount of homicide that occurs. In order to get the facts, she wrote up a questionnaire, then administered 154 copies to students at both the main campus of Glenville

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State College, and the Nicholas extension. Ninety-five of the 154 students were Criminal Justice majors or minors.

The survey asked several questions ranging from the student's year in college, hometown, and how much news they view/read, to estimating how many people die in the U.S. by car accidents, cocaine, homicide, suicide, and tobacco. The results were

very similar to the Memphis study. Of the 154 GSC students surveyed, 72.5% overestimated that one million homicides occur in America each year. If that were true, then one person out of 260 would be murdered on a yearly basis. Tanya concluded her research by saying that neither demographics nor media exposure influence the perception of homicide. The main reason for the overestimated results was

students unfamiliarity with mathematical concepts and methods.

Professor Oliver was impressed with Tanya's research, and, after getting permission from David Giacopassi, the author of the Memphis report, Oliver combined his findings with Tanya's. This collaboration led to a paper that was accessible to a non-specialist audience.

After the essay was finished, it was sent to the Southern Criminal Justice Association. There it was reviewed, meaning that the Criminal Justice professor read and determined if it fit for publication. The essay was recently published on the Internet. If anyone is interested, the website address is <http://www.appstate.edu/~nsnmb/dialoguesep99v9er.htm>.

The Nicholas County Center: Just the facts, ma'am

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

The Nicholas County Campus is located at the intersection of state route 41 and US 19 in Summersville. The director is Mr. Robert Bailey.

There are currently 630 students enrolled in Nicholas County Campus classes. This number includes early entrance students (high school students taking college courses) and full time students. This is a ten percent increase in enrollment from last fall.

Due to the increase in enrollment, nearly half of all courses offered have been closed. Classes are taught by 50 adjunct professors, ten professors who travel from Glenville State College to Summersville, and seven professors who teach distance learning classes from GSC.

There are 120 classes offered this semester including labs and multiple sections with a total of 80 separate courses. These courses are in a variety of fields, including but not limited to, Teacher

Education, Behavioral Science, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Paralegal Technology, Accounting, as well as Science and Math. The Nicholas County Campus allows for its students to receive a variety of associate degrees as well as being able to complete the majority of course work in a number of Bachelors of Science degrees. Starting with this school year, new students enrolling in K-6 Teacher Education will be able to do all their course work at

the Nicholas County Campus.

To go hand in hand with increased enrollment, there has been an increase in the percentage of full time students and a greater preference for day classes versus evening or night classes.

There has been an addition recently built that allows for lab classes in chemistry, science and biology, a distance learning lab, bookstore, a lounge area as well as new and improved class space. The Nicholas County Campus is leased from the Nicholas

County Building Commission at approximately \$8.00 per square foot per year, which return goes toward paying off the loans obtained by the Commission to finance the construction of the original building which was built in 1986 and a new addition which was completed last year.

Mr. Bailey invites one to come and see the Nicholas County Campus can offer in higher education and feels you will be glad that you made the visit.

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Associated Press

ORTONVILLE, Mich. - The mother of a 9-year-old boy wants to know what disciplinary action has been taken against a random school district teacher she says made her child eat a packaged breakfast pulled out of a garbage can.

"I think anybody with children would under-

stand how wrong this is," Rose McGilligan said Friday. "I would steal food for my children before I would make them eat out of the garbage."

Ms. McGilligan said her son Joseph returned from Howard T. Burt Elementary School on Sept. 10 upset and sick to his stomach. She then learned that his fourth grade teacher had told

him to throw away his uneaten breakfast because she was angry he had arrived late to class.

Joseph was late because the breakfast line was long, his mother explained.

After verifying the length of the line, the teacher apologized and fished the cereal out of the garbage for him to eat, Ms. McGilligan said.

Blind man accused in robbery

Associated Press

MUSKEGON, Michigan - A blind man is accused of robbing two stores while carrying his white cane.

Leon Grigsby Martin, 33, of Muskegon Heights, was arraigned Wednesday on an armed robbery charge.

Police said they believe the suspect had two accomplices when robbing a Rite-Aid drug store on Tuesday and a Meijer department store Wednesday.

The holdups got a \$20 bill from the drugstore and \$320 from the department store, police said.

When arrested, Martin admitted he had been smoking crack that night with a man and a woman and told police he had been forced to commit the robberies.

Investigators said they do not believe he was forced to commit the robberies, since he was alone several times during the thefts and could have asked for help.

New Mexico County election decided by hand of poker

Associated Press

RESERVE, N.M. - Two pair, queens and fours, was good enough for a judge to hang onto his job. A hand of seven-card stud poker last week decided the outcome of last November's judicial election in Catron County. The magistrate's race had bogged down in a legal challenge through the

winter, spring and summer.

Republican incumbent Magistrate Jim Blancq was finally declared the winner after Democrat Lena Milligan's pair of aces lost the hand and the election.

The challenge arose after the Glenwood precinct board discovered one ballot had not been counted on election night.

When that vote was canvassed, it left the final

countywide tally tied.

State election rules call for a game of chance to settle ties.

The poker hand was dealt after state District Judge Neil Mertz ordered that the precinct board's determination of a tie vote be considered the correct canvass.

Mertz dealt the cards in the courtroom.

Hanging' in the boy's room, Louisiana-style

By Johnny Gunter

Associated Press

MONROE, La. - Judges will have a conversation piece nearby on the fourth floor of the Ouachita parish courthouse is remodeled into judges' offices and three new courtrooms.

The old hanging gallows will be preserved for historical purposes and will be located inside the judges' restroom, says the Police Jury's Parish Administrator Tom Janway.

"I understand they're going to have a soft ceiling in the bathroom. I don't like you'll be in there looking up at the noose," said Judge Michael Ingram. "It needed to be preserved for historical purposes."

According to former Sheriff Raymond Godwin, there were only five men who met their deaths on the gallows that was installed around 1923-1924.

"On July 26, 1940, a man by the name of Antwine McLain was the first to be hanged in the courthouse. He had chopped his wife's head off with a shovel," Godwin said.

The former sheriff said that shortly after McLain's hanging the state developed a portable electric chair.

"They would carry the portable chair around on a flatbed pickup to each parish courthouse and have the executions in the parishes where the crimes occurred," he said.

Godwin said the state in the early 1950s started executing all death row inmates at Angola. "Then three or four years ago, (the state) started using lethal injections," he said.

Godwin said the first official hanging in Ouachita Parish occurred on Oct. 18, 1822.

"Russell Brooks was the first man legally hanged in Ouachita Parish. Ironically, he was hanged for shooting the man who stole his horse," Godwin said.

Godwin said there were a lot of illegal hangings in the parish in the 1800s and early 1900s. "A lot of them were hanged from a large oak tree at the courthouse," he said.

The parish Police Jury began demolition work on the fourth floor in June using prison labor furnished

by Sheriff Chuck Cook.

The inmates discovered that the trap door still worked so they made a homemade dummy and swung it from the gallows. They have demonstrated their handiwork to a number of visitors, Janway said.

Janway said the gallows' construction would not allow it to be moved so the decision was made to keep it in its original place.

The fourth floor jail was abandoned in June after the completion of an expansion project at the Ouachita Correctional Center south of Monroe on Hwy. 165.

Demolition began in mid-June and more than a million pounds of concrete and iron have been hauled away, Janway said. The demolition work is near completion and construction bids should be let sometime in February or March.

Janway said with Cook's cooperation, the Police Jury has spent about \$25,000 for the demolition work that its architect estimated would cost \$500,000 if the job had been bid.

Remodeling of the fourth floor is estimated to cost about \$2.5 million, Janway said.

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Senior Spotlight: Adina Asleson

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

In this week's senior spotlight is Adina Asleson. Adina, along with one older sister, grew up in Ravenswood and graduated from Ravenswood High.

Like many graduating students, Adina was faced with choosing the right college to suit her. Why Glenville State College?

Well, Glenville State College offers a good music program, a small student/teacher ratio and a small community a lot like Adina's hometown. However, what stands out most to Adina are the friendly people who surround the campus.

Majoring in Music Education, Adina is Head Resident Advisor. Her responsibilities include being available around the

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dorms to lend assistance and to promote campus activities.

As Head RA, she chose three activities to involve GSC students. Those activities are whitewater rafting, a pumpkin carving contest and a first floor dorm party.

Adina is presently working on her senior recital, where she'll be singing and playing the piano. On campus, she is also involved in Kappa

Delta Pi, band, choir and Chamber Singers.

When Adina is not working she enjoys quilting, roller blading, performing in music groups, working with her youth group, hiking, whitewater rafting, camping and fishing. She also loves to watch TLC to see the wedding and baby stories.

Upon graduation, Adina and her boyfriend of four years, Frank Bibbee, plan to tie the knot. After her marriage, Adina will attend Belmont University in Tennessee to pursue her masters in Music Business. Her ultimate dream is to be able to open her very own music studio.

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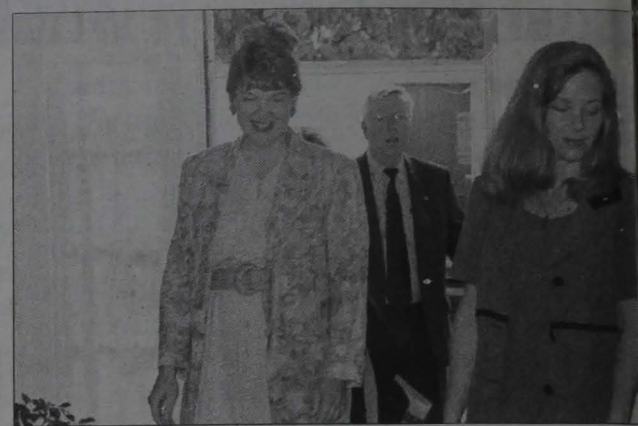


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Powell honors secretary

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

On September 27, Glenville State College President and Mrs. Powell hosted a reception to bid farewell to secretary Rolanna Gumm.

The reception was held at the President's house and began by giving guests the opportunity to enjoy one another's company. Refreshments of cake and punch were provided.

Mrs. Gumm stated that

Glenville State College has been a blessing to her and that she has many fond memories.

Dr. Powell then carried out the reception by introducing Mrs. Gumm's husband, John, and two children, Michael and Landon, who helped opening gifts presented Mrs. Gumm by faculty and the Powell family.

The President stated that Mrs. Gumm "had been a great employee, she was always willing to go the extra mile and held a pivotal instrumental role" in helping him.

Faculty, students mingle out of class

American Chemical Society, Chi Beta Phi host picnic

By BJ Woods
Staff Reporter

The annual fall American Chemical Society/Chi Beta Phi picnic was held on Sept. 21, 1999 at the student recreation center pavilion. The picnic was a gathering for all math and science majors as well as professors. It is

designed to give students the opportunity to mingle with the professors in a more relaxed atmosphere, and also allows freshmen to meet the various instructors outside a classroom setting.

This year there were seven professors and approximately 25 students in attendance. Several guests attended the picnic, including

families and friends of faculty and students. Following the meal, a very competitive game of basketball ensued.

Mr. Paul Peck, advisor to Chi Beta Phi, stated, "This was a very good turnout. Yes, the weather is rather cool, but there were a lot of students who showed up."

Billy Kelly, President of Chi

Beta Phi, stated, "I think we had a lot of students show up and that was our intent. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the food was great."

ASC and Chi Beta Phi wish to thank all who attended the picnic and helped in making it a success. If you missed this picnic, there will be another one in April.

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A tale of two residence halls

BH NEWS

Start off, I have been asked to make a correction to an article that was a couple of weeks ago. It seems that Brian Randolph's name was spelled as Rudolph and he wanted to make sure that everyone knows the spelling. So what if his nose does glow red when he comes back from town and he is not allowed to play in any of the R.A. games.

Randolph's movie night is doing better than ever. Last Wednesday the best turnout so far. This week's movie is "Jawbreaker" with Lea Gayheart and Rose McGowan. Come up at 9 p.m. this Wednesday as a part of the crowd.

The football team plays Fairmont at 1 p.m. this coming Saturday. The team will be at Fairmont so make plans to be there and support the team. The team needs to be cheered on to victory away from home also.

There are several residents who have birthdays this week. If you have a party with one of them maybe you can talk everybody into singing "Happy Birthday" to them.

Andy Liabe	Wednesday, October 6th
Sebastian Wisniewski	Wednesday, October 6th
William Renkovish	Saturday, October 9th
Mike Frank	Sunday, October 10th

Patrick Hall
BH House Director

PICKENS HALL NEWS

Short column this week....firstly, congratulations to the newly elected Homecoming Court. We're looking forward to seeing all of you during the Homecoming festivities.

RA Program Alert: Ernie Tingler reports that there will be weekly gatherings on Monday nights to watch WWF Raw from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Come to the Main Lounge and root for your favorite

WWF superstars.

Finally, we thought it would be a good idea to have an opinion poll once in a while as part of our column. This week's question pertains to some very interesting news provided to us by Kathy Cogar. Apparently, anyone who has \$98,000 burning in his or her pockets can take a ride on the Space Shuttle. We're curious to see if anyone here at GSC would be willing to take the trip. Call either Eric (x. 269) or Jeanne (x. 250) and give us your answer - and not just a "yes" or "no" answer, we want to know why you would participate. We will print a few responses in next week's column.

Ciao for now.....

Quote for the Week: Wherever you go, there you are. - (If anyone knows where this quote came from, please tell Jeanne - she's stumped).

Jeanne Finn and Eric Poirier
Residence Hall Directors

SIFE plans activities, welcomes new members

Thursday, September 9, 1999. The Free Enterprise In Free Enterprise held its second meeting of the 1999-2000 school year. Officers were elected as follows: President-Steve Propst, Vice President-Mike Bever, Secretary-Lora Calame, Treasurer-Molly Calame, Reporter/Public Relations-Michael Wiant.

Many fund raisers were discussed. This year promises many fun activities such as tutor-

ing, selling magazines at affordable prices, adopt-a-highway, walk-a-thon for St. Jude's Hospital and possible T-shirt making. Any organization interested in having your OWN T-shirt made, contact a SIFE member, Mrs. Echard or Dr. Arbogast with your inquiries.

The annual SIFE conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in October. Everyone is looking forward to meeting fellow SIFE

members in other areas and seeing new scenery.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to build collegiate SIFE Teams who teach free enterprise in order to better individuals, communities, and countries. SIFE's purpose is accomplished through the SIFE Team's outreach projects where students and faculty involve the community in the free enterprise

system providing students with an opportunity to teach others what they have learned. If you are interested in joining an organization with great opportunities, come to our next meeting. Everyone, in any field of study, is welcome. SIFE meets on alternating Tuesday or Thursday of each week at 12:30 in room 102AB. Our next meeting is October 12, 1999. Hope to see you there!!!!

American Chemical Society

Meeting

October 5, 1999

Room 400, Science Hall

All members encouraged to attend!!

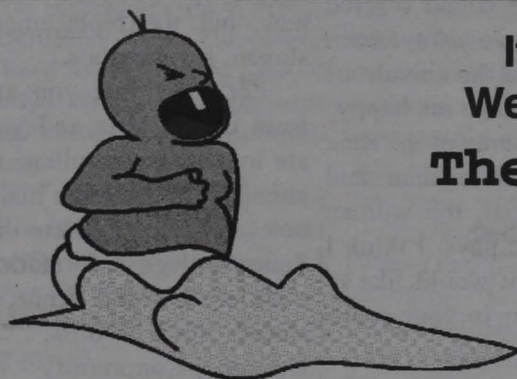
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Double-Dutch Dating

I would like to start off this week by giving a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Mary Ann Radabaugh and family for giving *The Mercury* a much needed donation. Things are going to be very tight around here this semester due to budget cuts. On the same note, I would like to thank all the faculty and students for their compliments on *The Mercury*. We have been working very hard and it is nice to be noticed.

Okay, listen up all Student Organizations. *The Mercury* will not guarantee a weekly spot in the paper. We will gladly run your announcements, but would prefer to only run minutes and briefs when the activity or information pertains to the campus at large. Minutes and briefs of meetings will still be run, but only according to space available, so please keep providing us with your information. Due to budget cuts, we have been forced to reduce *The Mercury* to a 12 page paper.

All the letters to the editor this week brought up some very interesting points. I, too, have wondered about some of the issues raised and hope your letters are noticed by those who can answer our questions.

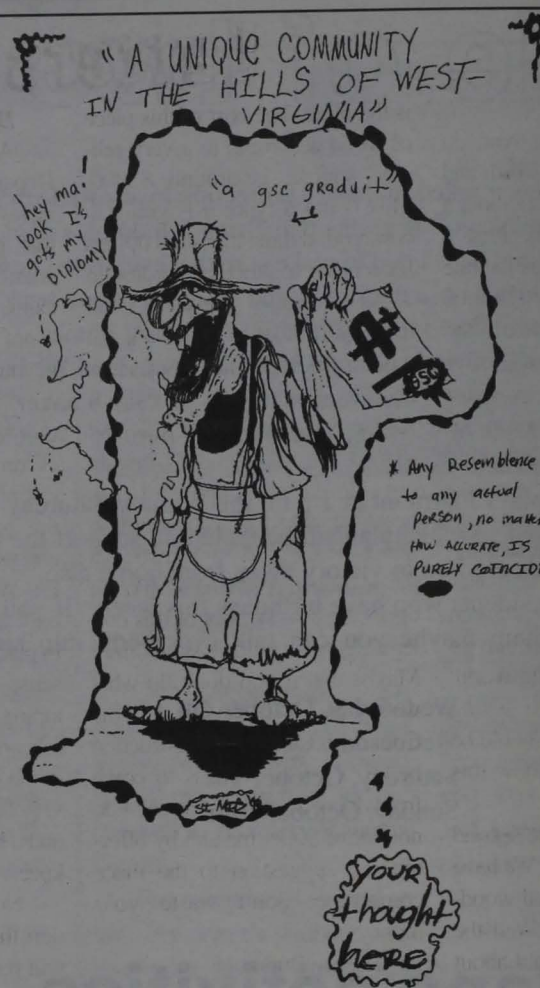
Congratulations to the football team for another victory! Keep up the good work guys. I am looking forward to that Homecoming win.

So ladies, how do you all feel about double-dutch dating? A recent conversation with a female friend offered some new insight on the matter. Myself, I have always been a double-dutch dater, but I have also enjoyed the chivalrous gentleman that will spend his last dime to make me happy.

I feel that a woman should pay at least some of the time because it creates more equality between a man and woman. However, as my friend pointed out, the woman deserves at least a back rub every time she pays. I think I must agree with my friend on this one, but would like to hear more input. Come on ladies, the ball is in your court, so let's play!

Until next time and so on ...

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Welcome to LDU

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

Last week in my article about the new logo for the college, I mentioned that the "Pioneering Into the 21st Century" tag line had been replaced. Granted it was time for something new, but the replacement slogan is ridiculous.

Let's say that you are from out of state and you are looking for a college to attend. You go to the mailbox and see a Glenville State College information booklet. On the front it states these words, "A Unique Community of

Learners in the Hills of West Virginia." What would this say to you? With all the stereotypes West Virginia already has, to me it says that we are a bunch of ignorant people whom they pulled out of the "holler", who are barefoot and pregnant, scraping up roadkill for supper (since it is legal), who have never been out of the state, and who have all been assembled into one place with the help of instructors who will teach us our alphabet.

This is not the image to attract people to our "community." The fact that

there's only one stop in town should be enough to scare people away, much less the image we're giving ourselves. Let's look at the word "unique". It is a politically correct euphemism for something that is strange or unaccepted.

Another thing that has bothered me about our new image with this new logo and all is our mascot, the lack thereof. The pioneer logo is not being used on anything, not even the football helmets. Are we even the pioneers anymore? Apparently they want us to sound like we're not.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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All articles submitted for publication in *The Mercury* must be typed and double spaced. Stories and announcements should be addressed c/o Amy Lynn Smith. The deadline for stories and announcements is Wednesday at 4 p.m. for publication in the next week's paper. All photographs should be submitted to Sherrie Hardman, photo editor.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Once again I must write in to give my two cents worth and inform the GSC public about a lot of college funds. First I'll comment on the new tag line for the school, "A Unique Community of Learners in the Hills of West Virginia." After reading that I feel like we just papered our outhouse or something. A unique community of learners, it sounds like we are a special needs school for the mentally challenged. We need a tag to be proud of, one that makes us sound like we are not stuck in the hills of West Virginia but we are part of the rest of the world. We are a gem in the rough setting of doing nothing, we should be leading others how it is supposed to be done.

Now we come to the second reason I wrote this week. We have heard of the ceremonial wood-mace, have we not? Well the thing we have not told about

is the price. The cost of this piece of wood according to a very reliable source, is around \$3000. This is not a typo; it is going to cost around three thousand dollars for a piece of wood, according to a very reliable source. For all those who do not know what a mace is, let me explain. A mace is about 3.5 feet long, typically it has a metal top with diamond shaped pieces of metal sticking out from the sides and is used to bash in the heads of your enemies. So do we really want an object that is used to crush the skull of an opponent as a symbol of this college? What would it symbolize? Maybe that if you don't do what we say we will bash your skull in? Could this symbol of destruction be an omen of what is to come from the new administration? I do not know. So let me end by offering my suggestion to the mace committee, don't waste your money on it.

Jeremy Burks

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Theater Department here at GSC, I am always shocked and dismayed that people seem to think that what we do, as artists and technicians, is easy. Let me say that this is not and that very few people put in many, many hours in order to put on a play here at GSC.

As the Stage Manager of the current production, "Communicating Doors," it was one of my duties to take the scenic design and translate it to the floor of the FA Auditorium. This helps not only when setting floors and walls in place, but also gives the actors a sense of space and layout. The taping of the floor is essential to rehearsal and the technical aspects of the show. Taping the floor, with very little assistance, took me two and a half hours on my hands and knees.

Now it has come to my attention that the taped-out set design will have to be removed from the

floor of the auditorium for two reasons. One, the President is supposed to have a meeting in the FA Auditorium. Second, MusicFest is coming up soon. Let me address each of these issues separately.

First, the meeting planned by the President in the FA Auditorium could possibly be moved to a different location. The AB Auditorium is not an option due to the construction that is supposed to be finished by the end of October, but is there no other space on campus that can meet the needs of the President's meeting? The meeting could go on in the FA Auditorium just as well with the tape on the floor as without. If looks are that important, why have the meeting on campus at all? With all the construction going on many areas of campus look ragged, so why bring important visitors on school grounds at all?

Second, the MusicFest concert. Please correct me if I am

wrong, but the main gist of this concert is to play and listen to music, correct? If people are coming into the FA Auditorium and looking at the floor during the concert, perhaps there is a reason for that. Still, the point is that tape on the floor will not affect the concert in any way, so why does it need to be removed?

The tape, while it may seem trivial to others, is vitally important to me and the others involved in the play. I, having spent a long time on the project, will not take up the set design from the floor. However, I invite President Powell and Mr. McKinney to do so at their leisure. And, when the time comes, they, too, can retape the floor. They will need to provide their own kneepads, however. No one else on campus has the budget to afford them.

Sincerely,

Criston B. Gravely

The apathy of today's youth - real or imagined?

By Mary Wildfire
Staff Reporter

In the September 6 issue of *Mercury*, Chris Vannoy comed reaction to ROTC on college campuses thirty years ago to reaction, or lack of reaction, to presence at Glenville State College today. He concluded that generation is "apathetic" and everything our parents' generation has accused us of."

As a member of his parents' generation who has spent a lot of time thinking about the apathy of youth, I'd like to respond.

First of all, specific to the issue of ROTC, Mr. Vannoy needs to consider an enormous difference between thirty years ago and today: the Vietnam war.

Male students then had to face a very real possibility of being shipped to the far side of the world, to spend a year or more on the bottom side of hell, fighting a war that seemed less and less like it had any purpose, and possibly ending home in a box. It wasn't the antiseptic wars of today; thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of

Vietnamese died in that war. Many more Americans came home maimed, physically or emotionally. As for the females, though personally exempt, they all had male friends or brothers. Even aside from the specific ROTC issue, that war had a great deal to do with the radicalization of my generation.

Unfortunately, I have to agree that young people today are apathetic, as I was reminded again last weekend at the annual gathering of the West Virginia Environmental Council—there was hardly anybody under thirty present.

One of the biggest reasons for this apathy, in my view, is that your generation wasn't lied to the way mine was. For example, I remember my fifth grade teacher saying that America had never lost a war nor been in the wrong in war (I wonder how he justified the war against Mexico). Ironically, it was that same year that he mentioned that we had "advisors" in a place called Vietnam. Yes, ours was the land of the free and the home of the brave, where we all fought for truth, justice, and the

American way. Thus when northern students heard that black people in the South were being denied their rights, they decided to just go right on down there and put things right, by golly!

What, in contrast, has your generation been told? Some of you observed the spectacle of a president lying, cussing, then resigning to avoid impeachment. Vietnam was an ugly memory. The environment was in trouble; corruption was everywhere. You'd be lucky to grow up at all; maybe a nuclear war would put an end to the whole human experiment.

I said you weren't lied to as we were; in fact you were lied to in nearly the opposite fashion. I'll quote Mr Vannoy again: "there's nothing we can do about the world around us."

Having been involved in many political struggles through the years, I can tell you that this is utterly false. Not only can you fight city hall—if you have even a small group of committed people, your odds of winning are about 90%. The trouble is, as you go to hearings or lobby in Charleston,

you will be up against professionals in tailored suits with expense accounts. You'll still win, but then just when you think you can rest, you may discover you have a new battle on the horizon, and your enemies aren't tired. They weren't taking time off work to be at those hearings, they were at their well-paid jobs. They weren't holding fundraisers for phone bills; their corporations were investing sensibly in maintaining their right to impose their costs onto the public. At this point you realize that the problems are systemic, not localized—and at this point you say, "it sure would be nice to see some new, young recruits!"

Economics is another factor. When I was 17-24, I had a series of crappy jobs; I'd work a few weeks, and then live a while on what I'd saved. You can get crappy jobs today, no problem there, but you're unlikely to be able to save any money. Car insurance is no longer a luxury, for example. It's a lot easier to think about the larger picture, ethical issues, your place in the world, when you can take your livelihood for granted.

Yet another factor is mass

media. While my generation also grew up with TV, and watched nearly as much of it as yours does, it was nowhere near as sophisticated or pervasive then.

We never watched TV at school, for example. There were no video games. Most of us read at least an occasional book. Experts were researching every detail of how to manipulate us, but their results were not yet in.

Today the invisible work of the public relations practitioners meshes seamlessly with that of advertising agencies, Hollywood and the public education bureaucracy to create a very successful product: your generation.

Many of my friends like to joke, "we are the people our parents warned us about." But as I look around at young people today, I often think, "these are the people our parents wished we were: clean-cut go-getters eager to get their degrees (who cares about education?) and then good jobs, live in the suburbs with their 2.3 children, and above all, never question anything."

Go ahead; write in and tell me how full of cowpies I am. Please.

What is was, was Football

By Mary Ann Radabaugh, Pioneer Fan

What it was, was football—
Another game each day.
But our President shot off a cannon
Making each proud in his own way.

The band played "The Star Spangled Banner"
And our Pioneers stood in a positive manner.
The sun got hot; it drilled straight down,
But a touchdown could not be found.

Blue and purple streaked the field,
And it seemed sooner or later someone must yield.
Number 88 caught the ball and ran like mad,
But those big Pumas stopped that lad.

One minute more the clock did read;
The Pumas had the ball, hoping for a lead.
Number 4 intercepted that pass!
I tell you—the lad showed class!

The gun went off for the second half.
We said a silent prayer for that lucky pass.
Our pioneers pushed that ball toward those posts,
AND TO A TOUCHDOWN WE WERE HOSTS!

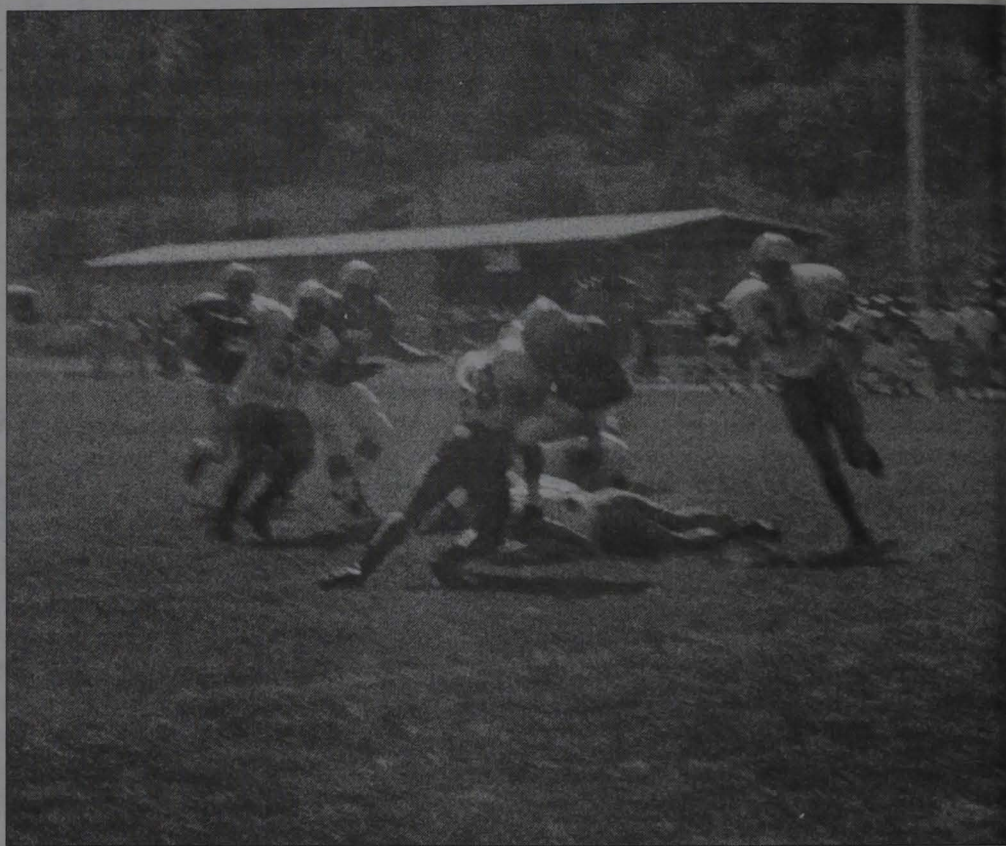
St. Joseph felt it was their turn,
But our Pioneers made that thought burn!
Face to face and shoulder to shoulder,
Time would tell just who was bolder.

Nine minutes to go when 21 INTERCEPTED THAT PASS!
And 12 BLOCKED 12 MAKING OUR FAME LAST!
But a 38 yard field goal was on the scene—
THOSE PUMAS STOOD AND MADE THOSE HILLS RING!

An out-of-bounds pass gave us cause to cheer,
And it pushed those "Big Blues" into first gear!
We were praying to "the hills of Montezuma"
WHEN JEREMIAH AGAIN STOPPED THAT PUMA!

The final score of three to seven
Placed Pioneer fans in Seventh Heaven!
And high above all those loud, loud cheers
Rang out quite clear—**WAY TO GO, PIONEERS!**

GSC wins over St. Josephs



Chris Vannoy, Mercury

Quarterback Goree takes GSC to the three yard line. His run set up the game's only touchdown in GSC's 7-3 win.

GSC grabs both players of the week

Associated Press

PRINCETON, W.Va. - Wide receiver Lavis Adams and defensive back Nolan Clayton of Glenville

State were named Monday the West Virginia Conference offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively. Adams, a junior from Miami, Fla., caught seven

passes for 70 yards in a victory over St. Joseph's. Clayton, a sophomore from Orlando, Fla., had nine tackles and broke up three passes.

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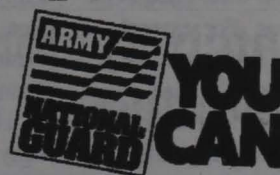
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Dickinson imitator performs at GSC

Amy Smith
Staff Reporter

Wednesday, September 29, 1999, Glenville College was graced by the presence of Ms. Emily Conner, from Morgantown, WV, who appeared in character as Emily Dickinson. Her semi-theatrical presentation contained stories about Dickinson's family, poetry and her life as a recluse.

Dickinson was a 19th century American poet who was known to as "The Myth of Amherst" because of her eccentric habits and the

fact that she always wore white.

A daughter of a United States Congressman, Dickinson never married and very rarely ventured outside her family's home. She only published a few of her poems during her lifetime. She felt that "Publication was the auction of the mind."

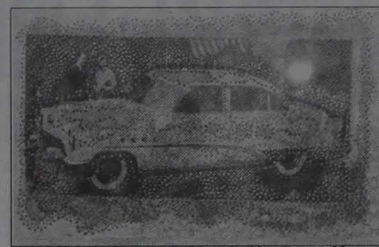
Also, the only literary specialist she ever contacted, Thomas Higginson, could not understand her poetry and believed that it was not ready for publication. This by any means did not deter her writing; she wrote thousands of poems before her death in

1886.

Conner's performance was sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council in conjunction with a Gilmer County collaboration. She also performed at Gilmer County High School and the Gilmer County Public Library.

Conner received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to do research on Dickinson and to prepare for her in-character performance. Conner has brought Dickinson to the public through schools, libraries, coffee houses and other settings across West Virginia and Ohio.

Gary Numan Art



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

From September 27 through October 15, the Glenville State College Fine Arts Gallery is holding an exhibit of artwork by Walt McGervey, titled "Autopathic Vehicles": A Show of Mixed Media Art.

His work is inspired by automobiles from the 1950's. "Automobiles from this era, according to McGervey, "have an expressive form, baroque detailing, and define the era."

McGervey is an artist living in Iredell County, North Carolina. He received a B.F.A. from Edinboro State College in 1985 and a M.F.A. from Ohio University. He currently works as chief draftsman at an architectural firm in North Carolina.

McGervey will speak on October 18 in the recital room of the Fine Arts Center from 1:00-1:50 p.m. concerning the cultural impact of the automobile and his exhibit.

The speech will consist of a slide lecture entitled "A Metaphoric Presentation of Culture by Exploring the Diversity of Design, Production, and use of the American Automobile Following World War II."

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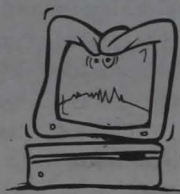
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THE VIRTUAL LIBRARIAN: Spread by Mice

By Ben Bruton
Guest Columnist



"Want to avoid carpal tunnel? Take breaks between typing! Want to alleviate backaches or neck twitches? Sit up straight! Want to avoid getting blurry vision? Close your eyes?!"

We all know that computers can be a serious pain in the butt, but did you know they can cause a serious pain in the neck, eyes, and wrist as well?

Yes, it's true. Pains caused by spending long hours in front of a computer screen are becoming more and more frequent around the country, as office workers, secretaries, and full-time Internet junkies complain of blurry vision, numbness in the wrist, and neck twitches.

Most of these ailments are diagnosed as RSIs, or repetitive stress injuries. Basically, anytime you spend long hours typing at a keyboard or click-

ing a mouse without taking a break, you are placing great strain on the muscles in your wrist and neck. Over time, that strain can grow and develop into more serious conditions like tendinitis, or carpal tunnel syndrome, an irritation of the nerves and tendons between the forearm and wrist that can be extremely painful and even debilitating.

In recent years, repetitive stress injuries have increasingly become an occupational hazard

for office workers. In 1996, a computer keyboard manufacturer was successfully sued by three people who claimed that they developed carpal tunnel syndrome from using the company's keyboards. The three plaintiffs were awarded \$5.93 million in damages.

Ever since this case and others like it, it has become fairly commonplace to blame repetitive stress injuries on poorly-designed computer hardware, like keyboards or

mice. So now there's "ergonomics", the science of designing equipment that is comfortable for users and is supposed to prevent repetitive stress injuries.

There are ergonomic keyboards that are arranged with right and left key banks, so that work can be evenly distributed between both hands. There are also ergonomic mice that incorporate a trackball or joystick for easier maneuvering.

This new "hand-friendly" equipment sounds interesting, but does it really cut down on work-related stress injuries? I am not convinced that it does.

More often than not, stress injuries like carpal tunnel syndrome often occur because a lot of people have poor work-

ing habits. They type for long without taking a break, they maintain poor posture, and they keep their mouse too far away from the desk, so that they have to reach across the desk to reach it. These types of simple, unconscious habits that people are largely unaware of are largely responsible for long-term stress injuries, not keyboard mice.

Want to avoid carpal tunnel? Take breaks between typing! Want to alleviate backaches or neck twitches? Sit up straight! Want to avoid getting blurry vision? Close your eyes?!

Instead of practicing ergonomics, let's try practicing some common sense instead.

Particle Lady: The Odds of Breast Cancer

By BJ Woods
Staff Columnist

I sit here and try to think of school work and about writing, but my thoughts are actually in the Eastern Panhandle. I received a call ten days ago that a woman, who has been like a second mother, has breast cancer. I've tried hard to put myself in her place, to feel what it must be like to have an abnormal growth in that area. I realize that Pauline has faith that all will work out, but I, with my scientific mind, still worry. I know the statistics, the problems that can occur and even the consequences of this type of illness on both the patient and the family. The ironic thing is that Pauline did everything right; she had her annual mammograms, watched her diet, and even gave up smoking many years ago. Pauline, I wish you the best and you are in my prayers.

In this column I wish to discuss breast cancer: the types, the preventative measures and the options once one has been diagnosed with this disease. Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in women in the United States. Both its cause and cure remain undiscovered. Breast cancer affects one in every eight women. In 1999, 175,000 new cases of female invasive breast cancer will

be diagnosed. Approximately 43,300 women will die of this dreaded disease in 1999. While most people believe and the statistics show that women are the primary targets of this disease, men also get breast cancer. True, the incidence is low. It is projected that 1,300 men will develop breast cancer and the statistics show that approximately 400 of these men will die from the disease.

Who is at risk for breast cancer? The most prominent risk factors for breast cancer are age and gender. Breast cancer is 400 times more common in women who are 50 years old or older. 75% of all women who develop breast cancer have no other risk factors other than age. A family history of breast cancer will increase the risk of developing breast cancer for a woman by three to five times. There is a breast cancer gene that has been identified. Women with this gene are 85% more likely to develop breast and ovarian cancer at some time in their lives. Currently testing for this gene is only done at certain research centers. Women who started their menstrual cycle before age 12, those who delayed menopause until after age 55, and those who had their first pregnancy after the age of 30 have a mildly increased risk in developing breast cancer. Some studies

have shown that hormone replacement therapy and birth control pills also cause a small increase in the risk.

How does one detect breast cancer? Everyone who has already started their menstrual cycle should be doing self breast examinations every month. The best time for a woman to do a self examination is three days after her menstrual cycle has ended. Mammograms are suggested every five years until the age of 40. Then every two years to the age of 50. After the age of 50 a woman should be having a mammogram every year. Any abnormal lump or mass should be reported to your physician. If after a mammogram there are still questions, the physician may opt for a biopsy.

What are the treatments for breast cancer? Currently when breast cancer is detected it is already an invasive cancer in the majority of cases. The treatment plans are divided into local therapy and systemic therapy. Local therapy is designed to remove or kill the cancer cells in the breast and the adjacent lymph nodes. If the cancer has not spread outside these areas, the patient can be cured with local therapy alone. Unfortunately, breast cancer can metastasize or spread to other areas of the body even thought

the primary cancer is quite small. There is no evidence of cancer spreading to the lymph nodes. Breast cancer does not follow a specific pattern of growth. Local therapy involves surgery, radiation or chemotherapy. Mastectomy is a general term for removal of the breast. A modified radical mastectomy involves removal of the breast and the axillary lymph nodes. A simple mastectomy removes the breast and axillary nodes. Lumpectomy, partial mastectomy and quadrantectomy refer to removing only a portion of the breast. An axillary dissection refers to the removal of a portion of the lymph nodes under the arm.

There is also radiation therapy and this is the use of special energy x-ray beams to kill rapidly growing cells. It is generally a less invasive treatment given in an outpatient setting without the need for hospitalization. Each woman has different treatments available and each must be discussed extensively with the physician before the woman makes the final decision.

Until next week, I ask that you take care as you travel the halls of science. For comments or story ideas please feel free to contact Particle Lady
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Horoscope by the AP

ARIES: (Mar 21-Apr 20)
It's one of those weeks when you should read the fine print on any contracts. Know what your getting into. Take care not to let things slide on the job. Business is highlighted this week, the unemployed will receive valuable leads. Others meet with rewards and gains. Finances will receive a favorable boost.

TAURUS: (Apr 21 - May 21)
Focus your attention on your career path this week. You will make a major business decision. There is someone who will hurt or upset your feelings, try not to make a big deal out of it. It's time to rethink spiritual matters. Do your best not to make mountains out of molehills.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You may experience minor delays or frustrations early in the week, but the week will be ideal for romance and going out for fun. Most of the week will find you in a lively and optimistic frame of mind. Be sure to follow through on any commitments made. Emphasize educational pursuits.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
This is a week for creative work and for getting your ideas across to others. You'll be pleased with developments in a child's life. Partners will share your delight and support you. Make sure to state things clearly when instructions or intentions could easily be misunderstood.

LEO: (July 24-Aug 23)
An outing this week may turn out to be more costly than you had expected. Still you'll have a good time in the company of family and friends. There is an emphasis on romance, creativity and recreational pastimes. At work, there will be satisfaction in the completion of a project.

VIRGO: (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
A nice gift or thoughtful words from a loved one will start the week off well. You'll derive joy today from family matters. Don't dwell on a work problem after dark. Arguing or becoming moody will not rectify matters. You'll be especially shrewd where business matters are concerned.

LIBRA: (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

It's a great week for making major family decisions. But delays will be likely on the job. Your bright disposition will be very evident, and many will be taken by your grace and charm. Avoid fussing with a lover about a minor concern. Make sure that daydreaming doesn't keep you from accomplishing goals.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Your intuition will be a valuable asset in business dealings all week. It's a great time for buying and selling. Money matters take a turn for the better. Inspiration will help you make new plans in your personal life. Being sincere will help you get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
This week domestic concerns and family matters will be very important. Any work of an artistic nature is favored. You may be inspired to start that home remodeling or redecorating you have been thinking about for some time. Make sure to take time out in the evening for leisure.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
Avoid forcing your family to conform to your plans this week. Be patient if a child annoys you. It is a great time for romance and activities with children. Your business goals are in the foreseeable future. Be ready to capitalize on new opportunities, financial gains are likely.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Behind the scenes developments favor you financially. Home will be the center of most activities this week. Two tasks are finally completed. Take the initiative in contacting a friend you haven't talked to lately. Evenings will be filled with romance and fun, but avoid any excesses.

PISCES: (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Don't be overly critical of people in the workplace this week. You may receive a job opportunity that will let you work from home for the next couple of weeks. Focus your attentions on family and property matters, you may decide on a change of residence. Avoid being hasty in signing any papers.

Multi-Cultural Fair

Your Official Schedule of Events

By Pat McCord
Staff Reporter

The 8th Annual 1999 Multicultural Fair will be held on October 18, 19, and 20. Co-Chairs of the Multicultural Fair Committee, Professor Robert Burkowski and Dr. Deanna Foxworthy, invite you and your organization to set up a booth to advertise your organization. Several local organizations will be serving dinners and desserts for GSC students. Join in and partake of all the activities and learn more about the community.

Ongoing events include the photography show, "Encounters" by Curator, Ed Palm in the main lobby of the Administration Building. Activities from the Robert F. Kidd Library include a multi cultural book display by Prem Verma, and a multi cultural audio visual display by Gail Hamric from the Media Center

Monday, October 18, at the Amphitheater (or in the Heflin Center in case of inclement weather), from 11:30 - 12:50 activities will include a food fest including samples of foods from a variety of cultures at a small cost, free ice cream cones, and "Talk Your Culture." Also, The West Virginia Italian Heritage Dancers will demonstrate their skills at the Amphitheater. At the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building, the activities will be presented from 1:00 - 1:50, the Autopathic Vehicles slide show and gallery showing by Walt McGerver; from 2:00 - 2:50, the "American Violence is Not Normative: A Cross-Cultural Analysis" will be presented by Bruce Galenza; from 3:00 - 3:50, "Death and Dying Across Cultures" will be presented by Dolores Mysliwiec, and from 6:00 - 8:00 "Film Screening: Ju Dou," by Dr. Chris Orr. At the Ballroom from 4:00 - 4:50, Latin Dance Lessons #1 will be taught by Dr. Ximena and Jason Smith.

Tuesday, October 19, from 11:30 - 12:50 "Games Around the World" will be illustrated by Tim Carney and students, and "Wandering Musicians: Djembe Drumming" by John McKinney. Activities in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building will be held from 1:30 - 2:15 for the "Slide Show: The Visible Artist"; from 3:00 - 3:50, the "Gender and Communication - The Sequel," by Dr. Gayle Burkowski and Nancy Wemm will be described; and from 4:20 - 5:00 the "Film Discussion: Ju Dou," by Dr. Chris Orr will be held. In the city of Glenville starting at 4:00, a night on the town starts with a dinner on Main Street until 6:00 p.m. Also, participating is the GSC Food Service and Gilmer County CEOS on the corner of Main Street and Conrad Avenue. GSC student organizations will have displays from 4:15 - 6:00. A walking tour of Glenville will start at 5:00 p.m. in front of the United National Bank with Wayne Richmond, Mayor of Glenville. At 8:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall, contemporary music will be preformed by Mike Morningstar and Company.

Wednesday, October 20, from 11:30 - 12:50, at the Amphitheater non-competitive games start with Time Carney and students. From 12:30 - 1:50, there will be dramatic readings from a novel by Mack Samples called "Hippies and Holiness." From 2:00 - 2:50, at the Clark Hall Computer Lab, Ben Bruton will provide an introduction to useful Web sites through "Genealogy on the Net II." From 3:00 - 3:50, Tom Trice will be explaining the inexplicable Holocaust; from 4:00 - 4:50 in the Verona Mapel Room at the Heflin Center, Latin Dance Lessons #2 will be taught by Dr. Ximena Gallardo and Jason Smith.

If you are interested in being part of the activities or have any questions concerning the Multi Cultural Fair, please contact either Deanna Foxworthy at (304)462-7361 extension 186 or Robert Burkowski at extension 301 as soon as possible.

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Sherrie Hardman, Mentor

