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oneers Back on Track

By Frank Konig

Pioneer Stadium last Saturday, and the West Virginia State Yelthe Pioneer Football squad. After the rain plummeted all day, the players had to navigate a field.

The Yellow Jackets received the kickoff for the first possession of the game. In the first drive of the game for State, the defense made a statement. Varian Cunningham, quarterback for the Jackets, was stopped cold before he even got started. The Pioneer defense was possessed. After three plays, State was forced to punt away the ball.

game, the "air-it-out" offense was put on hold to let running back Willie Dodson move the ball up-field. Quarterback Rod Smith capped off the drive with a pass score of the game.

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score again. Willie Dodson It was Parent's Day at darted into the end-zone for his first of two touchdowns. Justin Barnes, the place kicker for the low Jackets were there to meet Pioneers, missed the point-after and the score stood at 13-0 in favor of the Pioneers.

In the second quarter, the through an interesting version of strong play by GSC continued. Smith spotted receiver Scott Hammond deep for a strike from 31 yards, increasing the lead to 20 points. In the last two drives of the game, Coach Rich Rodriguez turned to Barnes, and he hit two field goals from 35 and 37 yards out. At half time, the Pioneers led 25-0.

The Pioneers started the second half where they left off. The first drive ended in the sec-In the first drive of the ond Smith to Hammond score from 35 yards. That was the sixth possession of the game and the sixth score. Both offense and defense put on a clinic this game.

"We scored on our first to Kenny Hinton, who broke seven possessions and did a away for 46 yards and the first good job of taking what State's defense was giving us," said Another stop by the de- Coach Rich Rodriguez after the

The Yellow Jackets got on the score board 7 seconds into the fourth quarter. Cunningham completed a 12 yard pass to brother Donald Cunningham, and, with a two point conversion completed, State could post 8 points.

The next drive was highlighted by an amazing 60 yard rush by Dodson. Dodson swerved in and out of the State defense to score from the Pioneer 40-yard line. Barnes completed the play by splitting the uprights perfectly. That would be the last score for the Pioneers. Rodriguez mentioned, "Rod Smith did a good job of running the offense, our receivers and running backs made some good plays, and our offensive line controlled the scrimmage line."

Kenny Hinton took a knee with :23 remaining in the game after backup WV State quarterback Gary Simon hit Frankie Walker in the end-zone for 6 points. The final tally was 44-14, giving the Pioneers their first win of the season and in conference action.

Smith had a stellar perfor- quarterback. The defense only 25 for 331 yards. Carlos Ferralls and Scott Hammond had spectacular catches throughout the game. Ferrals finished the game with 5 catches for 87 yards, while Hammond had 4 catches for 96 yards. Dodson ran for 153 yards on 21 attempts to cap the offen-

In a penalty-filled game, the defense provided relentless pressure for the Yellow Jacket

mance, completing 15 passes of allowed 123 yards passing and 43 yards rushing while sacking the quarterback 5 times.

Next week the Pioneers are back on the road. They travel to West Liberty for game two of their quest for a fourth WVIAC Title.

Rodriguez says, "If we continue to work hard and believe in ourselves, I think our team will continue to improve."



Photo by Carl Wilson Willie Dotson runs for another first down in Satuday's routing of the Yellow Jackets.



From the Editor's Desk

Free from Prejudice?

Are you free from prejudice? All kinds of people think they're cool in that regard. In the New Testament, Jesus says, "Judge not that ye be not judged." What, me prejudiced? Some people go out of their way to prove it. "Some of my best friends

If you have never laughed at joke, maybe you qualify. When a white hears a red tell a black joke, all his sweet overprotected theories (if he isn't laughing) about the noble savage fall apart. Or, when on a drive on the far side of Haleakela (the big extinct volcano), Maui, HI, the native Hawaiians give you dagger eyes because you are in their territory, you feel what white people call reverse prejudice, and what everyone else just knows as prejudice. And you drive back to the hotel!

The fact is, nobody is free of prejudice.

Help! Somebody! Quick! Where is political correctness when we need it? Political correctness only hides the facts by burying prejudice under yet another layer of politeness. The shiny new surface hides a jagged edge. Collectively, we've made a wrong "toin," as Dr. John of the Nighttrippers would say.

Layers of bias to be encountered include race, nationality, region, gender, and station in life (rich, poor; etc.). These can stand alone or overlap. We assume a bias is against someone when we speak of prejudice, but it can easily be a bias for some quality. People who slavishly agree with some other grouping, prejudge that group as well.

Ridding yourself of prejudice ain't easy. Changing the habits your parents and peers have taught you is a task just shy of divinity. The benefits of opening your mind to other cultures and those of other stations in life are innumerable. Whole new worlds are waiting for you. Other cultures can offer what your culture's limitations deny you. Somebody give me a cheeseburger.

The food, music, dance, religious concepts, ways of perceiving nature, and society from around the world can add to the fullness of our experience of life. Where would western mathematics be without the Arab concept of zero? Our menus would be very skimpy indeed without the many vegetables from the Americas, the Orient and Africa--corn, beans, beef stir-fry over rice, sweet potato pie. And guess what? The macarena is danced to a Latin beat!

From the I Ching

Confucius says in regard to the nine at the beginning in this hexagram: "The inferior man is not ashamed of unkindness and does not shrink from injustice. If no advantage beckons he makes no effort. If he is not intimidated he does not improve himself, but if he is made to behave correctly in small matters he is careful in large ones. This is fortunate for the inferior man."

On subject of the nine at top Confucius says: " If good does not accumulate, it is not enough to make a name for a man. If evil does not accumulate it is not enough to destroy a man. Therefore the inferior man thinks to himself, 'Goodness in small things has no value,' and so neglects it. He thinks, 'Small sins do no harm,' and so does not give them up. Thus his sins accumulate until they can no longer be covered up, and his guilt becomes so great that it can no longer be wiped out.

Dear Editor,

For the second time, you have confused the facts and given readers the impression that Jill Harmon and myself were at fault in last Monday's car accident. If you had taken the time to ask us what had happened (rather than fabricate your own version), you would have known that Jill and I had come to a complete stop in the hopes of not being hit. The young man in the Metro came speeding toward us "sideways" in our lane. We did not hit him! Once again, I'd ask that you either print this letter or write a correct version of the incident

Kimberly Bennett

Gilmer County High

Homecoming Parade

The Gilmer County High School Homecoming Parade will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4. The parade route will begin at the intersection of Sycamore Road and West Main Street and end at the corner of East Main and College Street. Parade units will then disperse up College Street. East Main Street will be blocked off and traffic detoured for this event. Faculty, staff and students may wish to avoid driving down East Main Street and on College Street between noon and 2:30 p.m. to avoid parade congestion. Everyone is invited to enjoy the parade and the evening football game.

Chisler Reception

A reception in honor and memory of Dr. John A. Chisler will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 107 of the Science Hall at Glenville State College. Dr. Chisler retired from GSC in August with 31 years of service. He was a Professor of Biology and served as chairman of the science and math division. He died Friday, September 13, in Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.



What's Left?

Tom Kennedy

Drugs: Just Say, "It Depends."

Whether I see it in myself or others, hypocrisy is always some thing which makes me angry; it slips in by way of culture and envi ronment while insidiously affecting our thoughts and behaviors. O course, this being the year in which we elect a president, we are being inundated with hypocrisy. But the Dole strategy of discred iting the President because of some possible marijuana use as college student goes beyond campaign politics by accentuating un necessary divisions in our society.

We are a nation of drug users, and the idea of capriciously reprobating some people while ignoring the drug use of others is ludicrous. If Mr. Clinton had been caught drinking beer, even if he were underage, it would have been thought of as normal adoles cent behavior - and alcohol is an addictive drug. More broker homes, birth defects, accidents, health problems, and deaths car be attributed to alcohol than all other drugs combined.

We do not like to think of ourselves as drug users, so we play games with vocabulary, making distinct separations. People or drugs get high - drinkers simply get drunk. People get addicted to drugs - but alcoholism is a disease. And the term that we use everyday, "drugs and alcohol," strongly implies a difference between the two terms when, in reality, the only difference is that one is legal and the other is not.

I am, in no way, advocating drug use or the legalization of any more drugs (alcohol does enough damage). But the punishment does not fit the crime when we exact severe penalties on the use of one drug while not even considering it a crime to use another. President Clinton's policy of placing the emphasis on helping rather than punishing people who abuse drugs is, therefore, more just, as well as more effective in the long run.

Where is the justice when someone is fined to the point of losing their life's savings and branded so as not to be able to obtain decent employment simply for using a drug different from what is accepted as legal? Do these actions help a person to get off drugs' We must realize that the reasons for doing drugs (legal or illegal) come from the same motivations. If there is any answer to our country's drug problems, it will come by understanding those motivations which drive us to using drugs in the first place; arguments over what is acceptable drug use or who did or did not inhale are fruitless.

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What Makes International Students Come to America?

"Why do they come here?" Most American people often ask themselves this question. Probably the next question that occurs in their minds is why they chose Glenville State College and West Virginia. For us, the international students, it is understandable how Americans feel, because they don't realize that there are countries where life is not as good as in the United States. In most of our countries



you do not have the opportunities you can receive in America.

Right now on campus there are two Irish, one Bulgarian, three Ethiopian, and about twenty Japanese students. After talking with some of these students, I was able to understand why they came to the USA, and especially to Glenville.

Most of the Japanese students came here to make friends, to get acquainted with the American culture, and to receive a good education. As to why they chose GSC, they almost unanimously answered that it is one of the cheapest colleges where you can receive a competitive education. The biggest problem that the Japanese students have to face is the English language, even though they start studying English in their junior high school year. The teachers usually put more accent on grammar and not so much on conversation. That's why, when they come here, the Japanese students have trouble understanding--and most of all speaking--English. Another part of the problem is that the Japanese language doesn't have some of the sounds that there are in the English language. Most of them start speaking decent English after their second or third year,

The Ethiopian girls find America very interesting and have a lot of fun making friends with the American students. The Irish students decided to come to the United States not so much to get acquainted with the American culture or make friends, but to seek a better life. They say America is the country of opportunities. In their opinion, you can do anything if you work hard and if you are smart enough. Of course, they don't have the same language problem as any of the other international students.

I came here from Bulgaria to live a better life and to receive a good education. I like the opportunities I've got here to be productive and successful. I didn't have the language problem because I started studying English almost two years before I came to the United States. I'm really enjoying my stay here.

A couple of things unite all the international students. One of them is the difficulty of getting a visa; in our opinion, it is getting tougher every year. Second, almost all of us find it difficult to make friends with the American students. Most of the American students here are very helpful and friendly, but they don't seem to want to get more involved with people who are different.

Other problems that we have to face are financial ones. Most of our families are not able to support us throughout the four years of college. But with the help of the Financial Aid Office, most of us are able to complete the four years at GSC and to graduate suc-

The goal most of the international students pursue is to graduate successfully from GSC, transfer to graduate school, and probably find a job and become American citizens.

At the end I would like to say that all of us enjoy our stay in the USA and GSC and we hope that you enjoy having us.

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Career Opportunity for Graduate Study-

Students interested in pursuing a career in the field of nuclear power regulation and continuing their education should look to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a helpful hand.

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Eligible students must be citizens, have received a bachelor's degree by August 1997, and have completed the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). At the time of application, applicants may not have completed more than one year of graduate education in a discipline that the NRC Graduate Fellowship Program supports.

Selection is based on academic performance, academic and professional references, a statement of career goals, and, as appropriate, interviews with the applicants.

Fellowship applications are being taken through Jan. 27, 1997, and awards will be announced in April 1997

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Instructions to Publishers

Research Psychologist Moves to GSC

By Tom Kennedy

Psychology students at Glenville will now have the benefit of being taught by a professor who has been involved in active research for the past four years. Dr. Brenda Lundy has taken the position of Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, and her experiences in research will give students a look at the most recent developments in the field. "Doing research actually helps with teaching," says Dr. Lundy. "You can stay up to date with what goes on in the field and include your findings in class discussions."

Receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Toledo, Dr. Lundy moved to Florida to pursue a career in research. She has spent the last two years work-



Photo by Carl Wilson Psychologist Dr. Brenda Lundy

ing out of the University of Miami and has published seven papers on topics including everything from social and cognitive development of children to adolescent interaction with friends.

I asked Dr. Lundy for some specifics on adolescent research, and I learned that part of the research was based on the levels of stress hormones found in saliva. Among other things, the results seem to indicate that, as we mature, males become more playful with the opposite sex, as females become less so. I will let the reader make his or her own conclusions about those findings.

Dr. Lundy likes it at Glenville. "Everyone is really friendly... it's a nice, comfortable environment," she says. But as comfortable and friendly as Glenville is, she admits that it is a big switch from spending her spare time sailing or being on the beach in Miami. I asked her what she intended to do with her spare time now that sailing was going to be a bit more difficult. She reminded me that she is originally from Ohio, so she still likes jogging and hiking, and she also wants to try white water

It appears that Dr. Lundy will have no problem adapting to Glenville, and I am sure her stay will be a benefit to all of us.

Comedian Pete George



On October 3rd comedian Pete George will be appearing in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 8pm. Free Admission

Homecoming Banner Contest

Homecoming is fast approaching. This year's theme is Fall Mardi Gras '96. The GSC Student Congress is hosting a banner contest, and the goal is to be as creative as possible. The contest is open to all organizations, groups, and residence hall floors on campus.

In order to participate, fill out and return the Banner Contest Participation Form to the office of student services by Monday, October 14, at noon. This is also the deadline to have banners approved in the office of student services. Banners will be judged on the 14, criteria include originality, theme, and overall appearance. Please leave banners hanging all week for the festivities

For more information, contact Robin Scudder at ext. 362.

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American Chemical Society

On Sept. 17th, the SAACS meeting was brought to order. Nine people were present. The SAACS was stated as still having \$96.06 and dues are owed--\$3 per semester. The Activities Committee discussed the Walk-A-Thon with the Downs Syndrome Foundation. The Foundation has been contacted and the preparation packet is on its way. The guest speaker from Ohio University was also spoken of.

The AC meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in SH4OO. The Recruiting Committee discussed a logo for SAACS T-shirts.

The RC meets every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in Pickens Hall Main Lounge.

The Fund-raising Committee discussed a donut fund-raiser. The FC meets every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. in SH400.

The By-Law Revision Committee meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. on the third floor of RFK Library.

On Sept. 24th, the SAACS meeting was brought to order. Seven members were present. The Activities Committee called Ohio University and contacted Dr. Eichstadt. The

guest speaker is going to try to come to GSC on Wednesday, Dec. 4th around 5:00 p.m. The main theme of the talk will be Chemistry Summer Internships.

The packet for the Downs Syndrome Walk-A-Thon was received. The event will be held in October. The date, location, and time will be set at a further date. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact Dr. Goll at 462-7361, Ext. 231 or any SAACS member.

The Recruiting Committee presented the new SAACS logo. T-shirts will be made in the future.

The Fund-raising Committee contacted Mister Donut. The ownership of the business is changing hands therefore the new owners will have to be contacted for the fund-raiser. No location has been set yet for the garage sale. A possible raffle was discussed.

The Homecoming banner was discussed. A theme and rough drawing were decided on

The SAACS meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in 5H400. Everyone is invited to attend

GSC Student Wins Honors-

A Webster County photographer was presented with distinction on Saturday night at Oglebay Park in Wheeling during recognition ceremonies at the annual convention of the West Virginia Press Association. The Webster *Echo* won first place in Best Photography Sports for a photograph by former Mark Romano. The Webster *Echo* also won second and third place in Best Photo Essay for photographs by Romano.

Romano's photography also won the Webster Republican second place for Best Photography News, first play for Best Photography Sports, and first and second place for Best Photo Essay.

The photographs were not

matched with the awards they earned.

Romano's award-winning photographs were: coverage of the Hacker Valley ramp dinner in the April 26 edition; "Bear Antics," the photo essay of the black bear going through a garbage can for food, May 3 edition; coverage of the Franzen Brothers circus in the May 10 edition; football coverage with the August 16 edition; sports coverage at the WCHS homecoming game, October 25 edition; the photograph of the National Guardsmen searching for the missing airplane, December 6 edition; and the photograph of Benji Bender wrestling an East Bank wrestler, December 27 edi-

Congratulations to Peter Draw!! He is the winner of the \$50 ticket raffle held by the GSC Pioneer Power Line dancers.



The Reel World Prest Wood

ast Man Standing

Bruce Willis's new film, The Last Man Standing, started in eaters last Friday. The film is set in the Prohibition-era 1920's, nd Willis plays a hitman named John Smith. Running away from e mobs of the east, Smith finds himself in the small Texas town of ericho. Practically a ghost town, the city is in a state of war beween two factions of the Mafia. Strozzi is the leader of the Italians nd Doyle was the head of the other bootlegging faction. The two roups, having been estranged from the real Mafia years ago, act n their own, with the town of Jericho is the center of their world. When Bruce Willis's character arrives in town he meets part of oyle's gang and his woman. A henchman destroys his vehicle nd strands him in the middle of nowhere, which he responds to

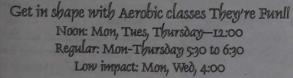
Smith begins playing both sides of the streets, scamming money nd killing men on the way. His plan works fine until the return of Joyle's best shooter, Hickey, played by the ever versatile actor hristopher Walken. Walken's psychopathic character greatly misrusts Smith and eventually causes his plans to go up in flames long with the Strozzi family. After being beaten to the brink of eath, only the local bartender and a corrupt sheriff can help him

Bruce Willis does the voice-over for this film, sharing Smith's asights with the viewers. He does a fine job and fortunately this oes not become too annoying. The props and costume are well set the time period, including the antique style cars. The Last Man tanding is a cross between The Untouchables and Showdown the O.K. Coral. There are frequent and bloody gunfights, great or the action fan. I suspect there were more bullets fired in this Im than in most major wars. Christopher Walken brings his dark ersona into the character Hickey. His uncontrolled, gun-wielding ehavior is a wonderful contrast to Willis's "tough guy with a soft eart" character. The character John Smith is a hero with a dark. ordid past. He is a man who is just as sinful as the people he is ghting, an aspect that is present in some of Hollywood's greatest

In all, this film is a great period piece and is very accurate in s depiction of the Prohibition Era; however, the film is not a mustee and not an award winner. If you just want to get out of Glenville or the evening, this might be a good time killer.



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Charleston

Tickets are now available for the Charleston Ballet's fall concert series on October 18-19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Charleston Civic Center Theater.

The troupe will present Sleeping Beauty Act III, Danse Macabre, Epitafio, and the world premiere of Delirium.

Featured guest artists appearing will be Alain Charron, principal dancer of Charleston Ballet Theatre in South Carolina, Lance Bourque, formerly with North Carolina Dance Theatre and dancers from North Carolina School for the Arts.

Rhiannon Lytton and Brooke Baker will return to perform in this series. Both were regularly featured soloists in recent years with Charleston Ballet and are pursuing careers in dance

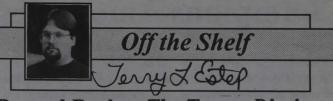
This marks Mr. Charron's first appearance with the Charleston Ballet. He will perform in Sleeping Beauty Act III with Charleston Ballet principal Kim Pauley, as well as a full company of dancers.

Mr. Charron made his professional debut in Nicisia, Cyprus, with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, where he became a soloist, and has performed throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States.

He received his dance training in the Professional Division of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet with additional studies at the Dutch National Ballet. He actively pursues a career as a resident guest artist in several colleges and universities, master teacher, and choreographer.

In conjunction with these performances, master classes will be offered by Alain Charron on Friday, October 11, at the Charleston Ballet Studio. Classes are open to area dance students.

Season tickets are \$36.00 for adults and \$27.00 for students/seniors. Individual tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors and are available at Backstage Bodywear, Charleston Civic Center Box Office, and the Charleston Ballet Office. For additional information, please call 304-342-



Banned Books: The Turner Diaries

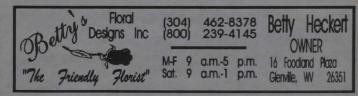
Banned Books Week has rolled around again. This is the week when libraries and English teachers celebrate the many books that someone, somewhere, has found objectionable, sinful, offensive, or otherwise too informative for young children who haven't been allowed to graduate from Little Golden Books (there is a banned version of the Pokey Little Puppy, I'm told; I shudder to think what that's all about). Books are usually banned because the community claims they are racist (The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn), satanic (A Wrinkle in Time), or full of cursing (The Catcher in the Rye). I'm focusing on a banned book that has only recently been republished, the incredibly racist novel The Turner Diaries.

This book is enjoying a new period of intense scrutiny. Federal agents have pointed to it as the inspiration for the Oklahoma City bombing. The Turner Diaries, written by William Pierce under the pseudonym Andrew MacDonald, is a fictional "account" of a revolution as seen through the eyes of Earl Turner. The novel opens after the federal government has confiscated all firearms. Turner and the Organization (of which he is only a minor member) must rely on their stockpiles of weapons, going underground to strike at society--and using a fertilizer bomb to destroy a courthouse. The Organization also attacks the currency system to destabilize the economy, finally managing to take most of California. The novel ends with the "Day of the Rope," when Turner and his cronies lynch the "race mixers" and "race traitors" in Los Angeles.

You probably can't find a more racially offensive novel than The Turner Diaries. African-Americans (and I can hear Earl Turner screech at that term) are portrayed as bestial people with animal cunning. In Diaries, black equals rapist, robber, and any other stereotype the KKK has been trying to keep going. Jewish people fare no better. They are all pawnbrokers who make fun of gentiles and control the media...Shylock, in other words. The whites, in contrast, are all portrayed as god-fearing patriots. It gets old very quickly.

The Turner Diaries is back in print because the publisher-he's Jewish, so stop what you're thinking--believes that racism flourishes in the dark. By "focusing the bright light of scrutiny" on such racist attitudes, we can hope to eliminate them by exposing their absurdity. The plot, on its own, is decent enough to keep you going...but this is not a novel for the easily offended. Still, it is always good to know what the other side is thinking.

I've seen William Pierce's homepage (he runs his National Vanguard Books from right here in West Virginia...that's great publicity for our state, don't you think?), and I don't want to live in an all-white world where the only music you can get is polka. Do





Champions Among Us

By Frank Konig

Among the shadows and mobs of students, the GSC Golf team roams in relative obscurity. In contrast to some of the more glorified athletic teams on campus, the golf team competes in tournaments that receive little or no publicity.

The Golf team was one of the most successful teams last year. For all you sports fans out there, it was this group of Pioneers that made it to the North Regional Tournament and placed eight in their first year of NCAA Div. II competition. They narrowly missed qualifying for the National Championship tournament, where the top five teams from each region get to compete.

When the Pioneer Golf team competed as a NAIA school, they had to win the conference in order to reach Nationals. The route this year is even more difficult as an NCAA Div. II affiliate than it was before.

"Every game is important,"

Coach Bruce Hayhurst explains. "It used to be an automatic bid if a team won the conference, but now the committee looks at the quality of schedule, match-ups and placing in tournaments."

The first step for the Pioneer golfers is to qualify for Nationals. "If we qualify for Nationals, we could be able to do something, with all the experience we have," said Hayhurst.

The team is comprised of eight players, but only the top five make up the traveling team. Those five are seniors Kevin Sparks, John Moran, and Jeffery Hardman; junior Travis Woodford, and sophomore Stephen Fitzpatrick.

Sparks, a business Management major from Teays Valley, WV, is excited about the realistic chances the team has this year. "We are just as good this year as we were last year, and maybe even better," said Sparks.

Choosing GSC for the quality Golf program, Sparks has noticed an improvement in WVIAC golf teams, "This year there are five or six quality teams versus the usual three or four in the past.

Moran, also a senior, traveled from Ireland to play golf at GSC. He is an Accounting and Marketing major and calls Greystones, Ireland, home. He came here on the advice of former golfer from his home town. "The competition here in the United States is far more consistent," said Moran. "There is a better opportunity to improve and make a living playing golf after graduation."

Fitzpatrick is the second part of the "Irish Connection." Also from Greystones, Fitzpatrick admires the conditions of the courses they play on in tournaments. "The courses are well manicured and taken care of. The subtle seasons allow for the courses to be played much longer here than in Ireland." Only a sophomore, Fitzpatrick intends to stay at GSC for two more years and

then pursue a future on a professional tour.

The final senior on the roster is Jeffery Hardman from Ellenboro, WV. He is a very busy multiple Science major.

Woodford, the only junior on the team, was an important factor in last years' march to regionals and has realistic aspirations for this year. "I would like for the team to win the conference, and finish well enough in the regional tournament to qualify for Nationals," he said. "I would like to make the All-Conference team."

This team is a strong, close

group. Sitting at the bar in the "Memorabilia" room, the "rish Connection" told me how hot dogs can have effects on peole. Sparks mentioned someting about a lack of "blue jocks," and Woodford told me about anunexpected adventure in Yongstown, OH.

This year the Golf teaminished fourth in the first tounament. In the second tournament of the year, the team finished third while Moran was the lest golfer of the field. This weekne squad is off to Wheeling Jeui to compete in the second-to-st tournament of this fall seaso



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Golfers Stephen Fitzpatrick, Travis Woodford, Kevin Sparks, Michael Barrett, John Moran.

The Big Blue Challenge

By Frank Konig

It was an important weekend for the Glenville State Cross Country Team. In a preview of the WVIAC conference championship, the Pioneers made the trip to Bluefield State for their third meet of the season. In lessthan-ideal conditions caused by the rain, GSC showed their competition that they are for real.

The women were the first to compete in the "Big Blue Challenge." On a course that was primarily flat, one extremely steep hill and some hay bales obstructed the runners.

This weeks' competition consisted of eight WVIAC teams, giving Coach Rick Conklin an indication of how fast the other conference competitors will complete on the 3.1 mile course.

The women placed sixth, only 3 points behind Bluefield and ahead of Davis & Elkins College and Concord College. The top Lady Pioneer was Bobby Hatcher, completing the course in 25:44, finishing 28th overall. Tanya Johnson, following only 40

seconds behind, crossed the line in 34th with a time of 26:25.

Mandy Valentine, one of two freshman runners for Conklin, was once again solid, placing 38th with a time of 27:18. Tina Mallow the other freshman, finished on the heels of Valentine one second behind.

Dawn Petty was the final GSC finisher with a time of 28:57. "This team is just realizing the potential they have," stated Conklin. "Come Novemberl, I feel we can reach our goal of placing fifth." The Lady Pioneers placed 6th in '95.

The men showed the rest of the field the potential they possess, winning the men's race. Among all but one of the conference teams, on the course that will host the championship race, it was an impressive showing throughout. "Even though the men performed well this week, the championship is yet another month away. We must continue to work hard and maintain a high level of intensity," commented Conklin.

Daniel Edgell and Jimmy

Galloway finished 2nd and 3rd, with times of 28:34 and 28:43 respectively; David Bee placed 8th (29:00), Michael Bee was 11th (29:12), and Daniel Ramezan finished 12th (29:14) putting all five runners in the top 15. Brent Gargus finished just outside the top 25 in 28th place

with a time of 31:15.

With the season at midpoint next week, the Cross Country Team travels to Frostburg College in Maryland, where they will get to show improvements against a larger field.



First Place Winners receive plaque at Bluefield State's "Big Blue Challenge" Pictured are David Bee, Michael Bee, Daniel Edgell, Daniel Ramezan, Brent Gorgis and Jimmy Galloway.

Intramura

News
Students who are interested should sign up for the fol-

lowing intramural activities: Flag Football. Play begins on October 21.

Punt, Pass, and Kick.
Play begins October 17.

Archery. Begins October 31.

Sign up in Coach Harold's office, 462-7361, ext. 282.

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Snakes Snakes Snakes

By Gone Rreza

Herpetologist Dr. Thomas K. Pauley made the long haul from Marshall University to Weston to speak before a small group of local residents about his life-time knowledge of the snakes of West Virginia. Sponsored by Land, Livestock and Property Protection Association (L.L.A.P.P.A), Central WV Chapter, the presentation offered an hour's worth of facts and anecdotes about snakes.

Born in Anstead and raised in Belle, Pauley is the son of a Baptist minister and knows well the prejudice against snakes in this state. Pauley wrote the book Amphibians and Reptiles in West Virginia—now out of print—with N. Bayard Green. He is currently working on a new book on this subject, which will include his new research find-

"Snakes are simply very important to our ecosystem in controlling rodents and insects," Pauley began. The lecture, detailing the habits and traits of West Virginia's 22 indigenous snakes, was accompanied by a slide show.

When a snake bites, it is very hard to keep yourself from pulling away. "When a snake bites, what do you do?" Pauley asked.. "You don't jerk away." he stated. This is because the snake's fangs extend toward the back of its mouth; when you pull away, the skin will rip. What you should do is let it bite you, removing your-

self when the snake lets go!

The scales of snakes are divided into two major groups; smooth and keeled. These help the snake propel itself along the ground. Keeled scales have a central ridge, which when inverted resembles the keel of a boat. The black rat snake, for example, has keeled scales, whereas the black racer has smooth shiny scales.

The snake's forked tongue of snakes is part of its sense of smell. The snake rapidly flicks its tongue in the air, gathering scents on the tips; the tip is then inserted into two holes near the roof of the snake's mouth, where the sensory information is transferred to the brain.

From the DNR pamphlet he distributed, 14 of the 22 snakes are common, five are uncommon, and three are rare. A striking beauty, the corn snake is only found in Morgan Co. The northern ringneck snake, the slender small snake with a bright band around its neck, is quite common in forests throughout WV.

"I'm convinced this is the meanest snake in the state," said Pauley, referring to the slide projection of a northern watersnake. Often confused with a copperhead because of its coloration, the common watersnake is very aggressive, it secreting an anticoagulant designed to make its victim bleed.

"If any snake has declined in the state, we think it's the greensnake," says Pauley. "Due to the increased use of pesticides." We have two species in the state, the rough and the smooth. The rough inhabits the lower lands, and the smooth dwells in the higher elevations of the state. There are no sightings in Gilmer and Lewis Counties because they



Photo by Gene Breza Herpetologist Dr. Thomal K. Pauley.

The Gilmer County Ambulance Service will be offering an EMT course, starting in January 1997. For more information, contact the Squad Building at 462-595.

Downs Syndrome

October is Downs Syndrome Awareness Month. The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society are organizing a Walk-A-Thon to show GSC support. The location, date and time will be set at a future date. If you would like to participate or just want to make a donation, contact Dr. Goll at 462-7361, ext. 231, or any SAACS member.

lie between the ranges of these two species. The rough greensnake lives in the branches of trees and bushes, only slithering down to the ground to mate.

Pauley brought up a slide of a two headed snake. "Very unusual," said Pauley. Its markings were like that of a corn snake, with distinct bands of light cream and a copper colors. "This is a young black rat snake," he said. They turn black as they mature.

Several snakes have what seems to be similar markings and coloration. The bands of cream and copper occur in the young black rat snake, the northern watersnake, the corn snake, the eastern milk snake and others. The copperhead has what appears to be those same features, until you look a little closer. The dark copper bands on the copperhead are narrow on the top and wide at the bottom, all the others are reversed. The copperhead has

the arrow-shaped viper head with heat-sensing pits behind and below its nostrils, as does the timber rattler.

One question the audience had was whether the timber rattlesnake was expanding its range. Some said the DNR claimed the range is the same, while others thought it was expanding. "They really don't know," said Pauley.

He then encouraged people to vote for proposed WV Constitutional Amendments One and Two. One would prevent the state from diverting hunting license fees to other funds. Two would help fund the Nongame Wildlife and Natural Heritage Program, and will offer a voluntary wildlife motor vehicle license plate. These will help the DNR, which will help snakes.

Refreshments were served, snake stories were shared. One fellow stretched out a thawing 38 inch copperhead to show the group.

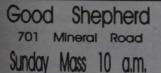
Arts and Craft Show-

The 1996 Arts and Craft Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, 1996. This year's show will display the fine works of many area artisans amongst the breath taking colors of fall. Craft items are for sale and Christmas is not far off.

The show will be held in the lodge conference room, on the lodge patio and on the lawn outside the lodge (weather permitting). Admission is free. Show Schedule--Saturday, October 12: 11 am-5 p.m; Sunday, October 13: 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

All artisans displaying crafts may set up starting at 8:00 am on Sat. Oct. 12, 1996. To display your craft please call John Hendley at North Bend S. P. (304) 643-2931 or 1-800-CALL-WVA and ask for North Bend.

Booth fees are as follows: Indoor table (con. room) - \$10. Outdoor table (patio & lawn) -\$5



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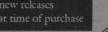




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U.S. College Expenses On Rise

By Russell Hall, NSNS

Tuition costs at four-year, public colleges in the U.S. have skyrocketed in recent years, according to evidence released recently by the Congressional General Accounting Office (GAO).

In an August report, Higher Education: Tuition Increasing Faster Than Household Income and Public College's Costs, GAO officials found that tuition had increased 234 percent in the 15 years from 1980 to 1995. The increase in household income over the same period, 82 percent, pales in comparison.

According to Jay Eglin, assistant director of the Health **Education and Human Services** Department of the GAO, schools are not fully responsible for swelling tuition costs. Eglin said that in most cases higher

education is receiving insufficient funds from the states.

"Our report found that the widening gap between income and tuition costs is a nationwide problem, one that most importantly has to be dealt with at the state.

The report found that on average, the share of revenues for four-year public institutions from state appropriations fell 14 percent in the 15-years. At the same time, the share of the schools' revenues provided by tuition rose from 16 percent to

"Most schools are strapped for money, but it is essential that they put their best efforts into keeping college costs down," Eglin said.

On a federal level, Eglin said Congress is well aware that tuition costs are becoming less bearable, but elected officials need to be pushed to do something about the issue.

'We had 23 congressional requests to produce this report and we have been delivering the report as testimony to a congressional committee," he said.

Currently, Congress is debating the amount of direct lending that should be allowed. Direct loans are distributed straight from the federal government to students, without the use of banks, lenders, or loan agencies.

Anthony Samu, Student Administrator to Financial Aid at the University of Colorado in Boulder, says the direct lending program is "a much better" alternative.

"Our school has the direct lending program and we don't get many complaints in the financial aid department," Samu said.

Mountain Bike Weekend

North Bend State Park is having a Mountain Bike Weekend on November 1-3, 1996. The weekend will include guided tours for all skill levels, maintenance and riding clinics, bike polo and a post ride party with the music of Standish Drive. There will also be a Trials Riding demonstration from Jason McClaine, a nationally ranked Trials competitor. Tours

will consist of rides on the North Bend Rail Trail, country roads and trails in and around the park Helmets are required for all rides throughout the weekend Rental bikes are available at the park. Package prices include lodging, meals, and all activities.

For more information call John Hendley at North Bend (304) 643-293 1 or 1 800 CALL WVA

Kappa Delta Pi

The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education, will be holding numerous events during the fall semester, including business meetings, initiation, elementary school mentoring, and homecoming preparations.

was held September 26, 1996. At this time new officers for the coming year were introduced -President, Kris Raddiff; Vice-President, Chris Brown; Secretary, Lori Taylor; and, Treasurer, Tina Kirby. Members present were Chris Brown, Debra Butler, Kris Raddiff; Susan Hunter, Tina Kirby, Amy Grogg, and Barbie Zirkle.

Pi is by invitation only and is ex tended to undergraduate an graduate students, faculty, an professional educators wh have demonstrated superio scholarship and leadership achievements

The top 10% of those en tering or working in the field of education are members of the

Members of Kappa Delta Pi will be mentoring Sand Fork Elementary students again this fall. This program was established to build self-esteem of several fifth and sixth grade students. Kappa Delta Pi members work on programs and activities of interest to these students.

Finally, business meetings were changed from the first Thursday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month. We welcome all members back for the 1996-97 school year!

The first business meeting

The chapter's first event will be an initiation which will be held on October 13, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. in the Verona Maple Room. Membership into Kappa Delta

\$370 to \$395 per week will be paid to participants.

Applications are accepted year-round. For application materials or additional information, contact Barbara Dorsev at 37831-0117.

(423) 576-9975, or send a letter to the Graduate Student Re search Participation Program **Education and Training Division** P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Th

Funding and Research Opportunities for Graduate Study-

Students considering the continuation of their educational careers should look to the U.S. Department of Energy for a received their undergraduate helpful hand.

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plication and completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) . Students must have degrees in a science or engineering discipline by August 1997. Selection is based on academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant.

Applications are being taken through January 27, 1997, and awards will be announced in April 1997.

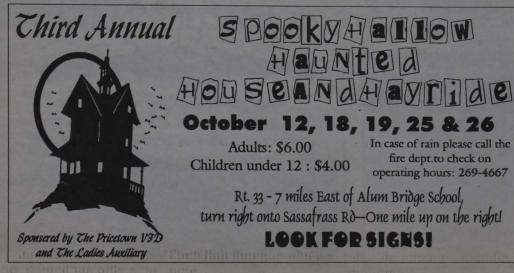
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37831-0117, or E-mail GRADFELL@ORAU.GOV.

The DOE is also offering a Graduate Student Research Participation Program (GSRP), offering graduate students the chance to spend one to twelve months collaborating with federal scientists on the cutting edge of research and development. To qualify, graduate students must be enrolled in programs leading to a master's degree or Ph.D. in engineering, physical or life sciences, mathematics, computer science, or social sciences.

Students will be selected on the basis of academic record, research interest, and the recommendation of instructors.

Certain travel expenses are reimbursed, and stipends of





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