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**Kemper Birds Donated  
Commencement 2000**

**First President's  
Ambassadors Appointed**

**Dr. Marvin Stewart '55  
Alumnus of the Year**

# Message from the President

## A Year of Accomplishment

The past year has seen far-reaching changes and much needed improvements at our College. A powerful, yet simple statement now defines our mission:

***Glenville State College is committed to educating students to be thoughtful, productive, engaged and responsible citizens.***

After a busy summer, I met with a small group of faculty, staff and administrators to review the accomplishments of the past year. We reflected on what we were able to do as a team dedicated to building our College.

An administrative reorganization last fall paved the way for more efficient

management and internal communication. College policies and procedures were formalized, reviewed and approved through GSC's new shared governance system, which allows all members of the College community to make recommendations and voice their ideas and concerns.



Excellent response and leadership by the Athletics Department and coaches caused the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to take GSC off probation a year early and all programs are eligible for post-season play. New Football Head Coach Paul Shaffner brought a positive attitude and a professional work ethic to the program, contributing strongly to GSC's positive sports outlook.

Many improvements to the College's buildings and grounds were noted, including:

▼ Eight classrooms renovated with new 35-inch stereo TVs or projection systems, instructor's consoles connected to the Internet, modern student desks, carpeting, drop ceilings, air conditioning ducts and window treatments.

▼ Refrigerators and microwave ovens installed in all student residence hall rooms, most of which have been repainted and re-carpeted.

▼ A soundproof music practice room installed in the Fine Arts Center.

▼ Two elevators and a pedestrian bridge increased the accessibility of several buildings.

▼ The auditorium in the Administration Building was renovated.

▼ This fall, ground will be broken for ten new student townhouses, which will provide state-of-the-art living and learning environments for our students. These will be the first student residences in West Virginia designed with fire suppression sprinkler systems.

The College's many new publications, including our first alumni magazine and a welcome brochure for new students, combined with the new logo, serve as sources of pride. The College's strategic plan was documented in *Building Our Academic Community*. New signage, including a billboard on Interstate 79 at Burnsville, banners across campus, and signs which identify campus locations underscore the College's mission. GSC's new web site, [www.glenville.edu](http://www.glenville.edu), has nearly 5,000 visitors per week from numerous states and countries. Over 300 press releases have been distributed to newspapers and broadcast media throughout the state.

New traditions have been initiated to establish a higher level of pride and recognition for the College and community. From Convocation where incoming students take an Oath of Academic Excellence to Commencement which recognizes both current and 50-year graduates, new traditions are setting a standard of excellence. This issue of *Today's Pioneer* includes descriptions of additional traditions established this year, including the College Mace, a Women's Studies Conference, a Leadership Symposium, our first President's Ambassadors, and Faculty and Student Marshals.

Glenville State College has formed new partnerships with businesses and service providers to better serve

students. The new dining services, provided by Aramark, have been a successful addition, and the CISCO Systems computer lab and program produce graduates who have nearly a 100 percent chance of obtaining a job upon graduation. The College has also formed new partnerships with Pepsi, the Army Reserve, ROTC, and Wallace Bookstores.

An increase in student support and services has been a high priority for GSC. Students receive more support and recognition with additional scholarships and academic awards, and more protection from improved campus safety. Students have also been offered additional opportunities to learn leadership roles.

▼ Student Congress responsibilities have increased with the power to allocate student fees.

▼ Student activities have both increased and improved, listing acts and entertainment from both local and national arenas.

▼ The safest campus in the state has become even safer with new public safety officers and the installation of security cameras that monitor the outer doors of residence halls.

▼ The new academic calendar provides a more flexible schedule, allowing more time for summer and part-time jobs.

▼ During move-in day, faculty and staff help freshmen move into their rooms and become accustomed to the campus.

Our Glenville State College Foundation continues to be a source of pride for us. Our Foundation Board has provided a great deal of assistance, enabling us to support numerous students as well as fund faculty projects.

Glenville State College is on the move. We are positioning ourselves to better serve the people of central West Virginia and to continue to build a solid foundation for the future.

As we face the future, now, more than ever, we need the help and support of our alumni and friends to continue the tradition, innovation, leadership and community that have made us a college of distinction.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Powell  
President

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# GSC Now Home to Unique Collection of West Virginia Bird Carvings

Master wood carver Claude Kemper '33, pictured on the cover, has donated to GSC a unique collection of his 45 hand-carved and painted West Virginia birds. The collection features a one-of-a-kind centerpiece, Feathers of



**Claude and Ethel Kemper**

Yellow, and will be permanently housed on the second floor of the Robert F. Kidd Library in specially designed cases crafted by GSC staff from wood donated by Kemper's friend John Cooper.

Claude met Ethel '32, his wife and loyal helper, at the College. After he retired in 1975, they returned

to the West Virginia hollow he knew as a boy and he decided to do some carving. He soon discovered that he experienced great pleasure in working on birds that he knew and loved as a child. As the popularity of his work grew, Ethel helped him manage the three to four year backlog of orders. Before she passed away in 1998, they planned making this gift to Glenville State College.

"When I carve and paint a bird," says Kemper, "my objective is quite naturally to show the important identification markings, but above all I try to capture the beauty of the bird—the beauty of shape and beauty of color as I see it."

Kemper has now been carving birds for 25 years and participates in only one craft show a year, the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee. His exhibit at the West Virginia Folk Festival in Glenville is always a high traffic area and this unique collection to be housed at GSC will allow generations of West Virginians the opportunity to view a rare collection of his complete works and the special centerpiece. ♦



**W.Va. Delegate Brent Boggs, D-Braxton/Gilmer (left), and First Lady Irene Powell express their appreciation to Claude Kemper (right) for his generous donation to the college.**

## Scholarship Fund for Gilmer County High School Students Tops \$30,000

The Glenville High School Alumni Scholarship Fund has been established by several of the high school's alumni, thanks to the leadership of Billy D. ('61) and Louise M. ('63) Rhoades of North Carolina, to award general scholarships to graduates of Gilmer County

High School attending Glenville State College.

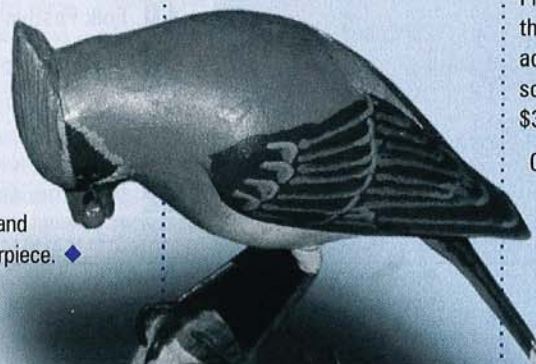
A leadership gift from the Rhoades was significant because Bill is an ExxonMobil retiree, and each dollar donated was matched three to one under the ExxonMobil Foundation's Educational Matching Gift Program. Thanks to the gifts from the Rhoades, ExxonMobil and additional GHS graduates, the scholarship fund has risen to over \$30,000.

Candidates for the scholarship will be recommended by the Glenville High School scholarship committee and approved by the GSC alumni scholarship committee.

Recipients will be chosen according to academic promise and financial need.

"Glenville State College opens the doors of opportunity for many young people," said Bill.

"We are proud to help students with financial needs seeking to improve their chances for a better life. It is our goal to help the young people of today realize their goals." ♦



# Endowed Scholarship Established in Memory of Beloved Braxton Educator

Family, former students and friends of beloved Braxton County teacher Judith Young Potts '65 paid a touching tribute to her memory by establishing an endowed scholarship at Glenville State College. They wanted to make sure her work as an educator would continue forever.

The scholarship will go to GSC teacher education majors during the most challenging semester of their education—when they are student teaching. During the ceremony officially announcing the scholarship, her husband Gary, daughter Shawn and son Bill each gave touching, heartfelt testimony to the great love and respect Judith inspired.

When accepting the gift, President Powell noted that over the next 50 years, teachers benefitting from the Potts Scholarship will touch the lives of over 198,000 West Virginia students.



Standing in front of a memorial to Judith Young Potts are her son Bill and his wife Lisa, daughter Shawn holding the plaque upon which will be inscribed the names of Potts Scholarship winners, and husband Gary.

After graduating from GSC in 1965, Judith began her teaching career in Jackson County. In 1966, she moved to Gassaway High School to teach physical education and, after Braxton County High School opened in 1970, she remained in Gassaway, teaching at the Junior High School. She coached the first girl's basketball team at the Junior High. She also taught West Virginia history and social

studies at Gassaway Middle School and, in 1992, began teaching West Virginia history and social studies at Braxton County Middle School.

She was a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe, served on the Gassaway Town Council, and was a member of the Gassaway Methodist Church, Eastern Star, the Arts and Humanities Council, and the National Geographic Alliance. ♦

# Presidential Faculty Scholarship Awarded



Professor Marty Armentrout

Professor Marty Armentrout, Chair of the Division of Business, has been awarded GSC's first Presidential Faculty Scholarship. She plans to use the \$1,000 award to support her doctoral research into the quality of

student effort among nontraditional college students.

"To be selected by one's peers to be the first recipient of this scholarship is a special tribute, both personally and professionally," said Armentrout.

Armentrout chose this study for her dissertation work to obtain her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Because the ratio of nontraditional students on college campuses nationwide has been steadily increasing, knowledge of the traits and behaviors of these students will be valuable information in creating a college environment that optimizes opportunities for nontraditional students. ♦

# Six Faculty Awarded Tenure

"Granting tenure is a \$1 million decision," said Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Joe Evans, "and is not made without considerable research. Individuals awarded tenure have the trust and respect of the entire academic community." Evans then announced the following faculty members have been awarded tenure, effective the start of this fall's academic year:

- Professor D. Charles Batson
- Professor Robert T. Burkowski
- Professor Theresa D. Cowan
- Professor David I. Kennedy
- Professor Edward F. Palm
- Professor R. Michael Smith

Also, Professor Deanna Foxworthy has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Fine Arts. ♦

# Presidential Scholarships Awarded



Jennifer Butler (L) from Gilmer County High School and Beth Ware from Braxton County High School are the first recipients of the new \$1,000 Presidential Scholarships established and funded personally by President Powell. The scholarships were established to attract the best and brightest students to GSC and recognize superior academic performance in high school and high test scores on either the ACT or SAT.



Manager of Land and Government Relations for Coastal Coal of West Virginia, Joseph Cardullo, (on right) presents a check for \$1,500 to Vice President for Enrollment Services Debbie Simon and President Powell. Coastal has a large underground mining complex near Erhacon in Webster County and employs about 300 people. The funds will provide three \$500 scholarships to students from Nicholas, Braxton and Webster Counties. "This scholarship is one of many community projects funded by Coastal," said Cardullo. "We are very proud to be a part of the West Virginia economy."

## Glenville State College Presents Student Leadership Award

During the 2000 Commencement Ceremony Brandon Craft, a biology and chemistry major from Bloomingrose who graduated



**Brandon Craft**

Summa Cum Laude, was given this year's Student Leadership Award. The Student Leadership Award is presented to students who, "by virtue of personal determination, creative thinking and intellectual rigor have distinguished themselves among their peers and set a new standard of achievement for

those who follow," said President Powell.

Craft was nominated by College faculty for being a leader in GSC's scientific honor society, a coach for the Special Olympics and a member of the Pioneer football team. Craft met the award criteria which included a minimum 3.0 grade point average and extensive service to the College. He received a personal plaque and \$150 from the Alumni Association and Glenville State College Foundation.

"During his years at GSC, Brandon has accumulated an impressive record of achievement in both the classroom and through his extracurricular activities," said President Powell. ♦

## Glenville State College Presents Faculty of the Year Award

Professor Theresa Cowan was recognized as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year during the 2000 Commencement ceremonies.



**Theresa Cowan**

Cowan, from Smithville, was nominated by Glenville State College faculty and selected by committee. She received a personal plaque and \$250 from the Alumni Association and Glenville State College Foundation.

"It is a great honor to be selected as Outstanding Faculty this year,"

said Cowan, "although I am sure others just as deserving were nominated."

The Outstanding Faculty award is presented to faculty members who have demonstrated a commitment to inspired teaching and dedicated service to GSC students. Cowan was nominated for her coordination of the GSC nursing program, which works in partnership with West Virginia University, her classroom instruction as a nursing professor and for extending herself to serve as the college's NCAA compliance coordinator.

"Professor Cowan is an advocate for her students, and more importantly an advocate for patients by demanding the highest standards from her students," said President Powell as he awarded her the title. ♦

# Commencement

Commencement 2000 was marked by the joy of 228 new graduates receiving their degrees, the beaming approvals of their families, the presentation of two retiring faculty members for the title of Faculty Emeritus, the presentation of a special award to President Powell,



and the establishment of two new traditions.

During his faculty address to the graduates, history professor and Chair of the Division of Social Sciences James Hilgenberg asked them to "make a commitment to better some aspect of your society." President Powell reminded the graduates that "no matter where you go or what you do, you will always be connected to Glenville State College."

Chief Faculty Marshal John McKinney led the commencement procession carrying the College's new ceremonial mace. This was

# Commencement Establishes New Traditions

the first official use of GSC's mace and established a tradition that will endure as long as our College stands.

Also, GSC initiated a second new tradition when President Powell recognized 50-year graduates who had been invited back to campus

to celebrate their accomplishments. Many of these 17 graduates had not been back to campus for years and expressed their pleasure at the many improvements and the renaissance of academic values at GSC.



**A bagpiper leads the way**



In a surprise closing presentation, GSC Foundation President Thomas McPherson called President Powell to the podium and read an impressive list of accomplishments during Dr. Powell's first year as College president. McPherson presented a plaque and said, "It is with



**"I am very proud to be a member of the 2000 graduating class from GSC. I am also grateful that my family and friends were there to support me at graduation and through my college years. I hope in 20 years to be sitting here next to my son while he is wearing the cap and gown."**

**Melinda Strader '00 and Andrew**

deepest gratitude that I present this award to Dr. Thomas Powell on behalf of the Glenville State College community as a token of our appreciation for his excellent leadership."

The following graduates from 1950 were honored: Stanley W. Ash, Frank C. Bock, George Franklin Childers, Ralph Fazio,

Helen C. Harris, Ray N. Harris, George O. Howard,

Louis J. Kania, Robert E. McNemar, George J. McMillion, Forrest J. Messenger, Andrew Mingyar, Paul Mingyar, Pauline Primm, Herbert Shimer, Bernice R. Stump, Glenn A. Thomas. ♦



**50-year graduates awaiting their certificates included (L to R): George Childers, Frank Bock and Stanley Ash.**

# Teacher Education Merges Skillfulness and Reflection

By Lisa Hayes '94

Since our founding in 1872, Glenville State College has been highly regarded as a premiere institution of teacher education. The reputation of Glenville State College precedes our recent graduates as they enter the workforce. At a recent campus job fair, one recruiter lamented that he

Educator Awards Program. In the past ten years, nine Glenville State College graduates have received the award.

The Division of Education uses a conceptual framework, The Skilled and Reflective Teacher (SRT), as a guide for each student. The development ideas for GSC's education programs are firmly based upon the belief that

Division of Education programs are accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and are approved by the West Virginia Department of Education for teacher licensure.

well prepared for it." She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honorary society; Alpha Psi Omega, a theater honorary society; and a member of the GSC Percussion Ensemble. She is student teaching this fall.

**Tonya Gray '91**

After graduating from Glenville State College in 1991 with her Bachelor's in Music Education, Gray received her Master's in applied horn and music education from Ohio University.

She was a public school music teacher in Kanawha County for one year, then taught in South Carolina for three years. An adjunct faculty member at Anderson and Taylor Universities in Indiana for three years, she has been a member of the Symphony Orchestras in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Florence, S.C.; and Muncie, Ind.

Gray recently received her Doctor of Arts in Music at Ball University, completing her dissertation on "The Relationship between the Undergraduate Music Methods Class Curriculum and the Use of Music in the Classrooms of In-Service Elementary Teachers."

**Marietta Kuhn '78**

Marietta Kuhn of Harrisville was recently listed as Teacher of the Month in her area. She teaches at Harrisville High School and acts as a junior class sponsor and is the leader of the Steeler Club. After 20 years of teaching, Miss Kuhn still loves working with her students and truly considers her students as her own successes.

"I enjoy having former students come to me and tell me that something I taught them has helped them, or that I made a difference somehow in their lives. That's what teaching is all about for me!"

**Lois Meadows '69**

A third grade teacher at Emerson Elementary School in Wood County, Lois Meadows

**Professor Sharon Kraus discusses projects with future teachers in the Instructional Technology Lab.**

could only hire one person, because each and every one who had stopped by his table was more than qualified.

GSC graduates are some of the best teachers in the nation. Every county school system in West Virginia employs at least one GSC graduate and Wood County has 318. In 1990, the State of West Virginia began participation in the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National

continued improvement in teacher preparation demands refinement beyond the skilled practitioner model. GSC's innovative approach merges skillfulness and reflection.

The SRT effectively plans, implements and evaluates instruction while continuing to reflect on personal growth as an educator and on the concerns of the teaching profession. An SRT is a highly skilled instructor, a reflective decision-maker, and an effective problem solver. These individuals have a broad knowledge of the liberal arts and a command of the content that they are prepared to teach.

GSC education graduates make a difference in the learning and growth of our nation's youth, and have been doing so for over a century.

**Mary Grace Gainer-Bearfield '01**

An education major, Gainer-Bearfield achieved a perfect score on the PRAXIS II exam, which is a state requirement for teacher certification. She specialized in music education (K-12) and English (5-12) and her test was in the content area of English: Language, Literature, and Composition.

"The test was difficult," said Gainer-Bearfield, "but I felt



is now a National Board Certified Teacher by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is the first Wood County teacher to pass the national board certification process and the first certified elementary teacher.

She began her voluntary quest to validate what she was doing in the classroom. "My incentive was a goal for my professional development," she said. When she began her work for the certification there was no incentive offered from the state. Since then, West Virginia has joined other states in offering \$1,000 incentive for the 10 years the certification is valid.

She can include this certification with her name, Lois Meadows, NBC (National Board Certified), and many recipients consider it to be the same as a doctorate. Only 35 percent of those who take the test pass. Since the national program began in 1986, nearly 4,900 teachers across the nation have become certified. Meadows is excited about bringing what she has learned through this

procedure back to the classroom.

Other recognitions for Meadows include: West Virginia State Reading Teacher of the Year, Wood County Teacher of the Year and state finalist, Women of Excellence and Leadership Timely Honored (WEALTH), Ashland Oil Achievement Award Winner, and Outstanding Wood County PTA Educator. She has also been nominated three times by former students for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

#### **Iris Vannoy '46**

Iris Vannoy and the members of her family have perhaps set an all time Glenville State College record. Twenty members of her family have attended GSC. "Finishing high school and attending Glenville State was just something you did in our family," said Vannoy. Eight members of her father's family, four of her mother's family, four in Iris' generation, one son and one daughter, one brother-in-law and one daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, one first

cousin, and Vannoy's husband have all attended Glenville State College.

Vannoy rode a train to Burnsville to catch the boat to Glenville when she began her college education. She felt her first year at college was easy, a "fun time on campus." At that time, downtown Glenville was different; a "town that doesn't exist today," she said. "It was thriving."

Vannoy was the first manager of the Student Union, which at the time, was under the old gymnasium. Students could listen to Glenn Miller, Tuxedo Junction and String of Pearls on the jukebox, and could buy gum for three cents a pack. "Everyone knew everyone," Vannoy said. "It was a friendly, small-town atmosphere."

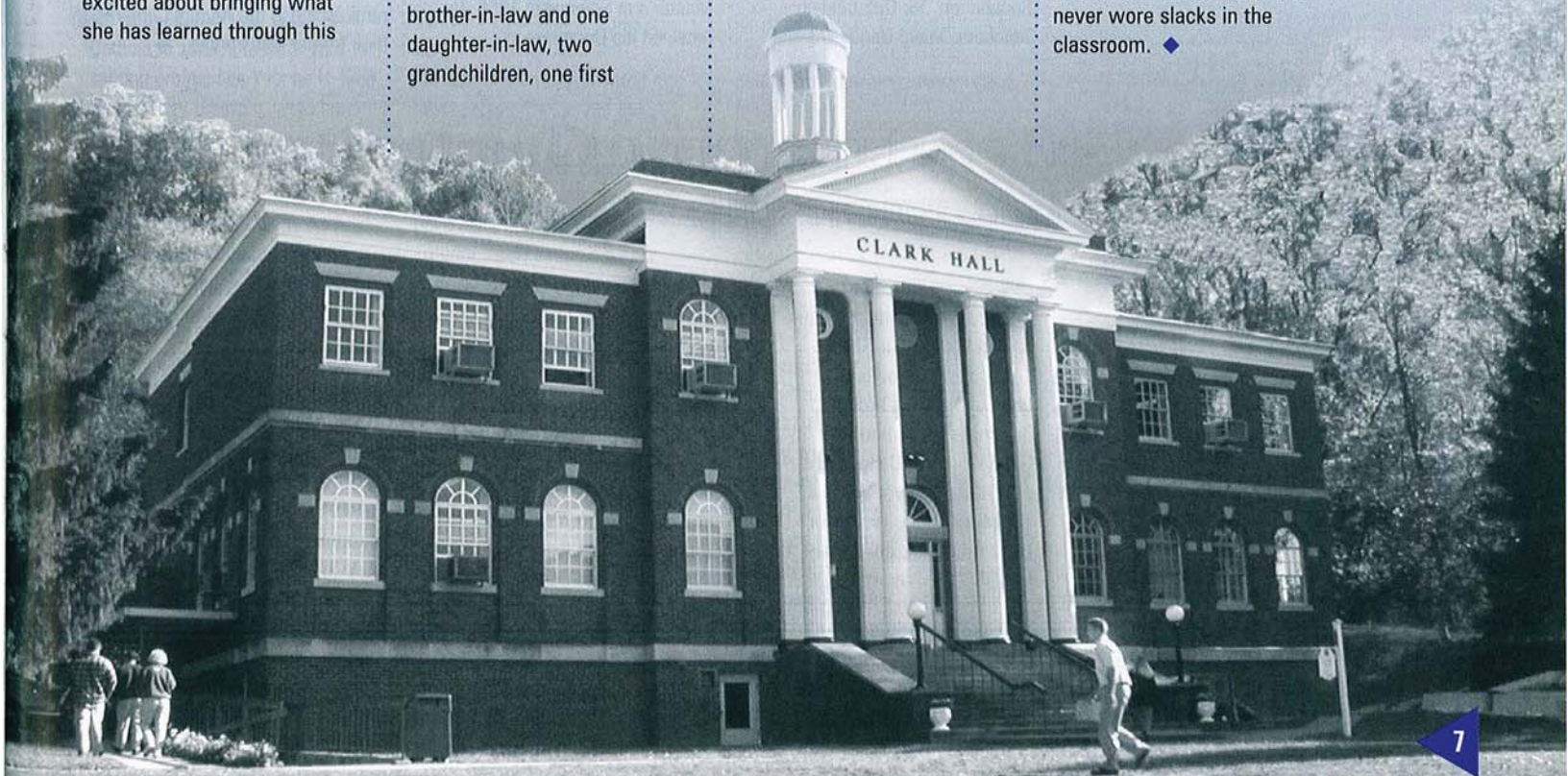
She lived in Verona Mapel Hall, meeting the 9 p.m. weekday and 11 p.m. weekend curfews, and joined the Ohnimgohow Players. She recalls Espy Miller as her most influential professor. "He also knew my

father," said Vannoy. "He'd tell me, 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to call your dad.'"

Glenard Vannoy '51, Iris' husband, played basketball at GSC. Both Glenard and Iris attended a basketball game the very night their daughter Margaret was due to be born. "I remember the coach made Glenard give us his car keys before the game," said Vannoy. Margaret was born the next day and immediately following, Glenard headed to the state basketball tournament.

After graduating from Glenville State, Vannoy attended Marshall in pursuit of her master's degree. "Marshall's campus was so big, I didn't know anyone," says Vannoy. "That's why I still think of Glenville State College as my school."

After finishing her education at Marshall, Iris and Glenard both applied for teaching positions in Maryland, each with a recommendation from GSC's superintendent. Both were hired immediately. Iris taught in Maryland for 9 years, Virginia for 7 years, and in Pennsylvania for 18 years. In 34 years of teaching, she never wore slacks in the classroom. ♦



## Alumni Day: A Wonderful Reunion

On Saturday, April 29, alumni and friends arrived on campus to enjoy a full day of activities, fellowship and fun with classmates and colleagues.



During Alumni Day festivities, the Berlin B. Chapman Special Collection Room was officially opened. Here Hunter Armentrout '68 points out some of the room's special features.

During the morning, the beautiful Victorian style Alumni Center was the scene of an Open House to honor returning alumni and celebrate the classes of 1950 and 1975. Some groups also went "down the hill" to tour the Country Store Museum and see the many historical and interesting artifacts and pieces from the local area.

A guided tour of campus began at the Alumni Center and included the Fine Arts Center, where visitors viewed the artwork of senior Elizabeth Riggs and saw the new practice rooms, then proceeded on to the recently remodeled Administration Lobby and Auditorium, and new classrooms.

The major event of the evening, the annual Alumni Banquet, was held in the Heflin Center where alumni and friends reminisced and celebrated in style. After the elegant dinner, the highlight of the day was the presentation of the GSC Alumni and Foundation Awards: Alumnus Achievement Award, Gary Norman '78; Community Service Award, Mary Ann Radabaugh '78; Outstanding Teachers, Tanya Barker '73 and

Denver Drake '76; Alumni Chapter Awards, Yvonne King '57 and Elizabeth Deitz '54; Alumni Service Award, Martha Deel '59; and Posthumous Award, Bradford Whiting Davis '35.

Dr. Marvin Stewart, member of the class of 1955, was honored as the Alumnus of the Year.

Stewart, born in Kenna, enrolled at Glenville State College as a

result of a scholarship provided by the late Judge Marsh. Stewart then worked his way through college as a custodian in Louis Bennett Hall. Stewart played football for the Pioneers, served in various student government positions including student body president, and became a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Awarded an assistantship of biology at West Virginia University, Stewart received his Master's of Science in 1956. He received his Doctorate in

Educational Administration and Curriculum from the University of Southern California in 1972. Stewart dedicated his doctoral dissertation to

the great teachers who made significant contributions to his life. Included in this dedication were Dr. Max Ward, Alma Arbuckle, Pearl Pickens and Dr. Robert Higgins. As a graduation present, Miss Arbuckle gave Stewart three new one-dollar bills. He still keeps those dollars today as



Dr. Marvin Stewart '55, Alumnus of the Year.

a humble reminder of Glenville State College and its dedicated professional educators.

In each of the schools Stewart has served, he initiated the Stewart Fund which assisted students who could not afford clothing, insurance or fees in order to participate in school functions. His goal was to assure that no student would be prohibited from participation in school and school activities due to lack of funds.

Following the dinner and awards, several alumni stayed on campus, reminiscing in the Alumni Center with their former classmates. ♦

## Students in Free Enterprise Chapter Captures Regional Championship

The Glenville State College chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) captured the Regional Champion award at the 2000 SIFE Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair in Richmond, Va.

The GSC SIFE team matched their educational outreach programs against other competing schools in their league including Mary Baldwin College, Bowie State University, Longwood

College and Tusculum College. "The dedication and team effort of our SIFE chapter at the regional competition has brought national recognition to Glenville State College and the State of West Virginia," said economics professor Gary Arbogast, co-advisor for the GSC SIFE team.

SIFE projects encourage students to take information learned in class and apply it to real-life situations within

their communities through an educational approach. GSC's SIFE team completed 22 projects as part of their year-long effort to teach others about the free enterprise system and projects presented at the exposition included: Teach A Child About Business Week, Learn and Earn, Headstart Computer Literacy, and various speakers and tours of businesses. Students presented their outreach projects to a panel of national business leaders

and entrepreneurs who rated the overall effectiveness of each team's efforts.

Both GSC SIFE advisors, Arbogast and business professor Cinda Echard, were recognized as Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellows. "It was an honor to be recognized in the name of Sam M. Walton, one of America's foremost entrepreneurs, and sharing his vision with our students at Glenville State College," said Echard. ♦

# Ceremonial Mace Dedicated

On Wednesday, March 15, President Powell formally received and dedicated the College's first ever ceremonial

attend Glenville State College will see something unique that we as a community accomplished."

GSC's mace was created by Byron Johnson, a renowned wood carver and sculptor, from a design custom created for the College by retired art professor Charles Scott. A renowned ceramist with works displayed in the Smithsonian, Scott also created the ceramic pieces which adorn the walnut mace, which is topped by an 18-inch diameter cylinder with three carved images: the Pioneer, the original Administration Building



and the state of West Virginia showing GSC's location.

By combining the diameter of the cylinder (18 inches) with the height of the mace (72 inches), we are reminded of the date of our founding, 1872. Artistic inlays of holly and maple highlight the piece, which is topped with a bronze casting of the Glenville State College seal. Both the walnut and holly used in this piece came from College grounds.

When not present in public, the mace will be on display in the President's Office in a custom-built case, which was also created from wood from the College campus and constructed by the College physical plant staff. ♦



Byron Johnson (L) created GSC's new mace, held by Chief Faculty Marshal John McKinney, as it is being accepted by President Powell.

mace, initiating a new GSC tradition. "The tradition we create today by accepting the College mace will live on," said Dr. Powell, "and for many of us that will mean that our great, great, great, grandchildren who

The tradition of the mace dates back to the earliest times of academia as a ceremonial symbol representing the legal and chartered authority of the College.



# Retiring Faculty Elevated to Emeriti Status

In recognition of their years of dedicated service to GSC, two retiring professors, Yvonne H. King and H. Gary Gillespie, were honored with the designation "emeritus" during spring commencement exercises. As emeriti faculty, the highest honor the College can bestow, both professors are permitted to retain their academic titles after retirement.

Yvonne King, professor emerita of English, retired after teaching 43 years; 34 at Glenville State College. She was honored for her contributions to the College which included 24 years as advisor for GSC's student newspaper *The Mercury*, 25 years as advisor for the College's yearbook, *The Kanawhachen*, 43 years as a member of the GSC Alumni Association, and as a member and president of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an

honorary educational society. King also has established journalism internships with state newspapers and served the community as a member of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors. "I feel very honored to have been named Professor Emerita," said King. "It was an exciting culmination to my 34 years at GSC."

Gary Gillespie, professor emeritus of fine arts, retired after teaching 33 years at GSC. "Over the last 33 years," said Gillespie, "I have been privileged to work with many wonderful students, several of whom became my lifelong friends."

He was honored for the renaissance of the GSC Music Department, for his creation of the Bertha Olsen Music Scholarship fund, and for serving on the Cultural Affairs committee

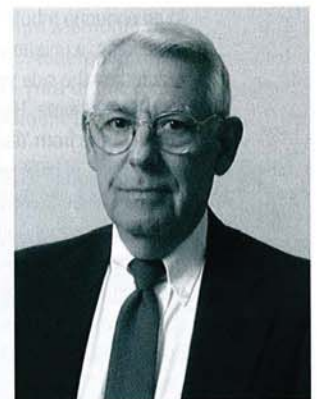
for more than 20 years. "It was an honor to serve with a faculty dedicated to helping students and to maintaining high academic standards. The GSC faculty is a noble group indeed."

Throughout his career he taught rigorous courses in English, fine arts, art, music history, theater history, African art and Japanese art. It has been noted that during his career, Gillespie has possibly taught more students than any other GSC faculty member, including over 7,000 fine arts students alone. During his tenure, he was responsible for more than

20 grants to GSC for the promotion of cultural events and was honored as Outstanding Faculty of the Year.



Yvonne H. King



Gary Gillespie

Both professors were recommended for the honor of emeritus rank by the faculty of their divisions, the Faculty Senate, and the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. ♦

# Move In Day

## Drenched In Success

In the fall of 1999, a new tradition was initiated as faculty, staff and administration volunteers spent part of their weekend helping the incoming freshmen class move into the residence halls. Parents and students alike were



very positive about the unexpected assistance.

This fall, the tradition continued. Despite almost constant showers, the College community turned out in force to help the new freshmen have a positive "first experience" of GSC. Later that day, freshmen headed off to begin their week-long Orientation 199 sessions and their parents had a special meeting with



parents expressed their appreciation for the help, especially considering the weather. The dedicated volunteers are to be commended

President Powell in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Many

for their true Pioneer spirit. ♦

## An Enduring Tribute to GSC Presidents

**"No dream can become real without action and responsibility."**  
—William Butler Yeats

In an enduring tribute to former GSC presidents, a unique wall has been erected on the side yard of the President's home. Highlighted by the above quote from Yeats, bronze and brass busts of past presidents of the College will be presented on the front side of the sixteen-foot-long brick wall. The back of the sixteen-inch thick structure will be used to honor donors who have made significant contributions or endowments to the College.

The wall was built from funds generated by a sizeable gift from alumnus Brigadier General Vorley M. Rexroad USAF (Ret.), who requested a tribute to the College presidents.

Brig. Gen. Rexroad is a native of West Virginia and earned his bachelor of arts degree from GSC in

1935. After receiving his master's degree from the University of New Mexico in 1948 and joining the Army Air Corps, he provided our nation with more than 57 years of public service. Upon release from the service, Brig. Gen. Rexroad became a staff member on several U.S. Senate committees. For more than 20 years, he worked for some of the great men in public life in Washington.

This is not Brig. Gen. Rexroad's first donation to Glenville State College. One of his first donations was the book, *East to the Dawn*, about the life of Amelia Earhart to commemorate her visit here. Brig. Gen. Rexroad interviewed the world's premier aviatrix for the college paper when she visited GSC on January 11, 1937 to finance her trip to be the first woman pilot to circle the globe.

Brig. Gen. Rexroad also donated funds that built the World War II

Memorial dedicated in September 1995. Glenville State College lost 23 students during World War II, several of whom Brig. Gen. Rexroad knew. Those names are engraved

Now, the President's Wall and the World War II Memorial will nearly face each other on campus. Those passing the President's home can easily view the tribute to our college



on the memorial, where a flag flies day and night to remind all who pass of the 22 men and one woman from GSC who lost their lives in the war.

presidents and the flag memorializing the World War II veterans. Both structures were made possible due to the generosity of an accomplished GSC alumnus. ♦

# Campus Sparkles As Renovations Continue

During spring and summer months, many homeowners employ tradesmen to begin tackling improvement and construction tasks needed



and cedar chips were added to the landscape around the amphitheater, Administration Building and the new Visitor's Center at 207 High Street.

Remodeling of the Helflin Student Union began with the Post Office, now a full service facility, moving in and new offices built



room received new blinds, new carpeting, new seminar tables with detached chairs, computers, 35-inch stereo

projectors, which allow faculty to place objects or even open books or maps on the device for real-time display on the 8-x-12-foot screen.

Renovations and improvements are continuing at the Nicholas County Campus with the addition of new lighting for the parking lots, new office spaces for faculty, and



to maintain and improve their property. Our College is no different. Members of the Glenville State College physical plant staff spent the warm days of summer renovating, repairing and improving the GSC campus to make it shine.

for Student Life staff. Within the Administration Building, more renovations were underway. Eight second



They were working on so many projects it was difficult to move around campus without bumping into a work in progress. The sidewalks around the Administration Building and Visitor's Center were repaired, removing areas where the sidewalks had cracked and become hazardous.



a new academic support center.

This spring, the alumni bricks were moved from behind the Alumni House to the new Alumni Memorial Brick Patio, located in the side yard of the President's Home for

televisions for PowerPoint and Internet presentations and video uses. Two rooms have screens to accommodate full-color ELMO



Like our neighbors who were planting and landscaping, burning bushes, ornamental trees

floor classrooms were gutted. After a few days of asbestos abatement, the classrooms began to undergo a massive change. The walls were patched, primed and painted, and suspended ceilings were installed. Each



greater use and easier access. The patio is now covered by a pavilion, so visitors can relax in the shade as they examine the gift bricks during College functions. ♦

# New Student Activities Director Initiates an Explosion of Campus Activities

After joining the College community in February, Student Activities Director

"In planning next year's activities calendar, I used information gathered by the interest surveys that were turned in by students, and reactions from what we had this year," said Reagan. "I am here for the students; my door is always open for their comments and suggestions." She gets

students involved in planning and selecting campus activities and programming, setting up and working the events. "I want the students to feel that these acts and activities are theirs."

An interesting feature of the activity schedule for this year is the Coffeehouse Series, during which students and visitors can drink flavored gourmet coffees while listening to campus, local and national artisans perform, speak, or read poetry. "Campus activities are open to the community, and high school teachers and students as well," said Reagan.

"I encourage the community to attend our events, and welcome them to contact me at (304) 462-7361, ext. 172 if they are interested in performing."

Glenville State College events are listed monthly at [www.glenville.edu/events.html](http://www.glenville.edu/events.html) and the entire calendar is available for download as well. ♦

**Student Activities Director Angie Reagan checks out student comments on this Fall's lineup of entertainers.**

Angie Reagan has been working hard to schedule new and exciting events for GSC students. Hailing from Sevierville, Tenn., Reagan previously worked for the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA), an established organization that puts performers and entertainers in contact with colleges and schools.

She has already used her knowledge to bring nationally-known musicians Blind Man's Bluff and Paul Skyland, rock-and-roll historian Barry Drake, and paranormalist Chris Carter to campus. Entertainment already scheduled for the upcoming academic year include musical entertainers Bean and Bailey, life in general, Bonepony, and Gilligan Loves Maryanne. Speakers scheduled to visit campus include Kijana Wiseman, Troy Stende, and a return visit from Barry Drake.

# FINE ARTS SCHEDULE

## Fall 2000

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ADMISSION	PLACE
<b>October</b>				
25	Play—"The Miracle Worker"	8 p.m.	Admission Charge	Auditorium
26	Play—"The Miracle Worker"	8 p.m.	Admission Charge	Auditorium
27	Play—"The Miracle Worker"	8 p.m.	Admission Charge	Auditorium
28	Play—"The Miracle Worker"	8 p.m.	Admission Charge	Auditorium
<b>November</b>				
8	One Act Plays	8 p.m.	Free	Auditorium
9	One Act Plays	8 p.m.	Free	Auditorium
13	Brass Ensemble Concert	8 p.m.	Free	Auditorium
30	Madrigal Dinner	TBA	Reservations required	
<b>December</b>				
1	Madrigal Dinner	TBA	Reservations required	
5	Student Recital	3 p.m.	Free	Recital Hall
6	Jazz Band Concert	8 p.m.	Free	Auditorium
7	Student Recital	3 p.m.	Free	Recital Hall
12	Choir Concert	8 p.m.	Free	Auditorium
13	Student Recital	3 p.m.	Free	Recital Hall

For reservations or current information call (304) 462-4130

Auditorium = Fine Arts Center Auditorium

Recital Hall = Room 107 Fine Arts Center

TBA = to be announced



Scene from last season's performance of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

# Ann Starcher Green

## A G S C L O V E L E G A C Y

by Jack Barr

Many GSC alumni have stories of finding the love of their life during their formative college years in Glenville. For Ann Starcher Green '72, the love story began with her parents who met at GSC just after World War II.

Her mother, a native of Cairo in Ritchie County, was on faculty at GSC, teaching speech, journalism, English and serving as an advisor to *The Mercury*. Because of his age, her father was what would today be called a non-traditional student. He was a native of Arnoldsburg in Calhoun County, fresh back from the war and going to school on the GI Bill. "When he was standing in line to register, he said to a friend that he didn't see why he had to take this [blankety-blank] speech course," Green related.

Her mother was assisting with registration and overheard the remark and said, "because Mr. Starcher, the [blankety-blank] speech course is required." As fate would have it, when he walked into his first day of speech class, she was his instructor. Six months later, they were married and four years later, Ann was born in Parkersburg.

So when it came time for her to choose a college, "I kind of had no choice," said Green. "Oh, I had other

options, including Ohio State. But we had so much family history, I had to come here to Glenville." Her family traditions were strong and they had maintained friendships with many people in the area, so the transition was easy. While at GSC, she lived for a time on the river near the home of fellow student Tim Butcher. Butcher is now a practicing attorney and secretary of the GSC Foundation.

Green says she took every class taught by Professor Emerita Yvonne King and, beginning with her second semester, served on *The Mercury* staff until graduation, managing to earn a journalism minor. She was editor during both her junior and senior years and wrote a number of editorials about the inequity of women having dorm hours but the men not. She found herself in President Wilburn's office on more than one occasion. Although she won't take credit for the change, when she arrived on campus, women had to be in their dorms by 7:30 p.m. and during her senior year, the women no longer had hours.

"I learned confidence at Glenville," said Green. The Vietnam War was in the

press often, "and I give President Wilburn a lot of credit for letting us talk. It was a great college." She also credits Professor King, "who gave me gumption."



The people are her fondest memory of GSC; "I made friends for a lifetime."

After earning her B.A. in history, she went on and earned a master's in journalism. Green has become a highly successful executive. She now owns and heads a 17-person firm in Charleston, Ann Green Communications, with clients mainly from Fortune 500 companies. The company specializes in developing communication programs for chemical industry companies, their

employees and their communities. Green's firm has a unique niche, helping companies understand their community's concerns and helping communities understand the company's procedures and challenges.

Ann Green may have learned confidence at Glenville State College, but it has been her own effort, determination and courage that have determined her success.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Chemical Studies and a member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), having won their Practitioner of

the Year award in 1985 and Best of West Virginia award in 1989. This year, she was a West Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year finalist and was appointed to the Board of the West Virginia Educational Alliance. Perhaps the most telling recognition of Ann Green's professionalism comes this year from her peers at West Virginia's PRSA chapter, their board voted her their Lifetime Achievement Award, one of only five ever given in West Virginia. ♦

# Women's Studies Conference Explores Challenges

In April, Glenville State College hosted a Women's Studies Conference to explore the various challenges and accomplishments of women in

all academic disciplines. The conference's goals were to provide West Virginia students with positive female roles, to encourage young people to

women's issues in South Africa, female juvenile offenders, classical women of history, and women's strengths.

West Virginia Senator Martha Walker gave the keynote address, "Women: Soaring into the Future." Vicki Smith, deputy director of the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, was a guest speaker as well.

Two Glenville State College students, Sharon Case and Mary Ann Gelsi, received \$500 scholarships for their presentations during the conference.

Case, a junior, was awarded the scholarship for her presentation, "Where are Shakespeare's Mothers?" A resident of Summersville, Case is pursuing a bachelor of arts in education in both English and social studies.

Gelsi, originally from Greenwich, Conn., and now residing in Gilmer County, is a senior. A social studies education major, she was recognized for her presentation, "The Progression of Women's Issues in South Africa."

A photography show, "Without Limits: A Community of Women," was on display during the conference to reinforce the idea that women play a wide and varied role in our society. Photographs ranging from snapshots of the home-place to more sophisticated, studio photography were submitted by members of the campus community.

"Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to listen, think and discuss—even debate—about the roles women have played and continue to play in shaping modern society," said Ximena Gallardo, assistant professor of English and a co-chair for the conference. "Plans for next year's conference are already underway."

The Women's Studies Conference is accepting papers and presentations for next year's conference, scheduled on March 23, 2001. Embracing the spirit of women, they have adopted "Intuition and Tradition" as the theme. For more information concerning the Women's Studies Conference, visit [www.glenville.edu/womensstudies](http://www.glenville.edu/womensstudies). ♦



**Keynote speaker W.Va. Senator Martha Walker (third from left) and organizers of the Women's Studies Conference (from the left) Professor Ximena Gallardo, Vice President for Enrollment Services Debra Simon, Sen. Walker, Professor Nancy Zane, Professor Daniel Gutierrez and Professor Nancy Wemm.**

expand their knowledge of women's issues, and to demonstrate that equality works to everyone's advantage.

Twelve presentations were given by area high school and college students on such topics as the progression of

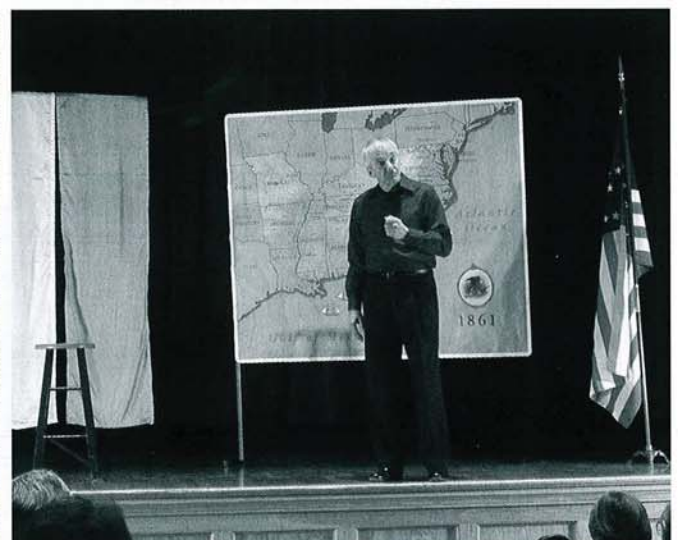
# First Annual Leadership Symposium Features Abraham Lincoln

In April, writer and performer Mike Kiernan presented Abraham Lincoln in a one-person play during GSC's first Annual Leadership Symposium. The symposium focused on the challenges of leadership, and panel discussions and the performance discussed the leadership abilities of Abraham Lincoln. Kiernan gave two performances to GSC and high school students, both of which were open to the public.

The play dealt with characters and events that brought about

the war: slavery, John Brown, the raid at Harper's Ferry, the Dred Scott decision, and the southern argument for secession. It featured politics, the war, and Lincoln as commander-in-chief.

Following the performances, Kiernan conducted informal workshops and took questions from the audience. The discussion which followed included the Dred Scott decision, scope of slavery, Emancipation Proclamation, and the presidential campaign of 1864. ♦





# GSC Week Tradition Continues into the New Millennium

GSC Week has developed into a high-energy, week-long carnival designed to give students a break and help them relax before finals. Under the supervision of new Student Activities Director Angie Reagan, this year was certainly entertaining as all present let off steam with laughter

Jail and Bail. Students were able to arrest their favorite teacher or GSC employee by making a donation to the club. At that point the "convict" was responsible for trying to get someone to "pay their bail" so they could be released.

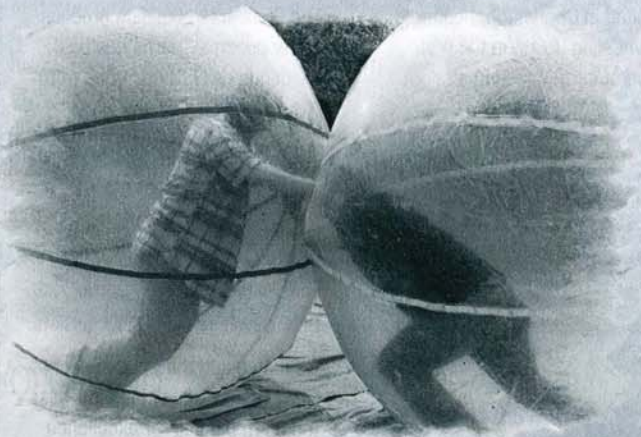


at the numerous events and activities.

The inflatable obstacle course—consisting of bouncy boxing, gladiator joust, rock wall, obstacle course, bungee run, and sumo wrestling—was popular to those with an adventurous nature. Students also had caricatures drawn by Dave Washburn, posed for funny fotos, sang with Travelin' Max, and experienced a hypnosis show by Ron Jeffries.

Another popular event was Sandy Sowell's Game Show in the amphitheater consisting of television trivia questions, silly song lyrics, and simple athletic feats. The same day, karaoke, human bowling, and human spheres took place on the Clark Hall lawn.

In addition, the Criminal Justice Club sponsored a



A great week of entertainment, food and fun, GSC Week was a wonderful way to welcome the return of spring and dissipate those winter blues. ♦

# Men's Basketball Looks to Improve Even More in 2000 - 2001 Season

The GSC Men's Basketball program continued to improve in the 1999 - 2000 season under third year Head Coach

The team finished the season with a respectable 12 wins and 15 losses, finishing sixth in the WVIAC, as Williams' teams continue to improve each season. The Pioneers were led by All WVIAC player Salim Lazreg and seniors David Davis, Henry Hurst, Tommy Ewing, Aaron Clark, junior Petrus Hawkins, sophomore Chad Drennen, and freshmen Josh Foster and Jacob Tolley. Other players for the Pioneers include James Arnold, Chad Tingler, Jeremy Wolfe, Erik



year. Nationally-ranked Salem-Teikyo University has knocked GSC out of the tournament each of the past two seasons.

Lazreg was named second team All WVIAC and Foster named to the WVIAC all-freshman team. Lazreg led the Pioneers in scoring with a 14.5 average, while Drennen averaged 11.4, Davis 10.6, and Pete Hawkins 10.2. Davis finished 3rd in the WVIAC in rebounding with a 9.1 average. The Pioneers' rebuilding process under coach Williams has paid dividends as GSC has gone from

a thirteenth-place finish in the WVIAC in 1998 to a sixth-place finish in 2000.

During the year the Pioneers upset WVIAC champion University of Charleston, handing UC its only loss, 93 - 88. The Pioneers graduated four players last season; however, the coaching staff is very optimistic about the future as key returnees include Foster, Hawkins and Lazreg combined with an excellent recruiting class. The team hopes to continue to improve their record and make another run at the WVIAC tournament. ♦

Bob Williams. The Pioneers were plagued by late season injuries when three key players, including All Conference performer Salim Lazreg, went down and missed key games.

Butler, Andy Laible, and Rich Swiger. The Pioneers advanced to the WVIAC tournament second round in Charleston, beating Wheeling Jesuit in the first round for the second straight

## Pioneer Volleyball Digging for Excellence

Senior standout Crystal Affolter led the team this past season with her hard hitting ability and leadership skills both on and off the court. She played in 34 matches and 131 games. She had 456 kills for the year, averaging 3.4 per game, and .22 in service aces.

The team finished first in the conference for hitting percentage; third in blocks; fourth for assists, service aces and digs; and fifth for kills. Individually, Sarah Crowell finished first for hitting percentage, followed by LaToya Parks in third place and Affolter in fourth. Affolter also finished

second for kills. Parks finished first in blocks, Crowell third for service aces and setter Stacy Robinson finished fifth for assists. As they begin the 2000 season, Head Coach Tracey Fluharty has the team digging for excellence and planning to win the

conference by focusing on teamwork, a strong offense and a hustling defense. Four new freshmen players bring height and experience that, combined with the strong returning core of players, should produce many exciting wins. ♦

The Lady Pioneers Volleyball team had a solid 1999 season, posting an overall record of 26-19 and claiming the title of the Concord Invitational Tournament. They went 5-7 in the WVIAC for fifth place and were defeated in the third round of the conference tournament by Wheeling Jesuit.



# Women's Basketball Sets Sights On Conference Title

The 1999-2000 Women's Basketball Team finished with a 20-9 record. They earned second in the WVIAC regular season and were the runner-up in the WVIAC tournament. Four all-conference players, Colleen



McBrien, Sabrina Stout, Kelly Osborn and Tammy Spence led the Lady Pioneers this season. Joining All-Conference members were senior co-captain Tara Rutherford, sophomore Christy Crow and freshmen Samantha Williams, Leah Whitley, and Chrissy Richards.

The Lady Pioneers went undefeated at home, with a 10-0

record, and finished strong, winning 15 of the last 18 games. The Lady Pioneers earned a first round bye in the tournament, sending them to Charleston, where they defeated West Virginia State and West Virginia Wesleyan, but eventually fell to West Liberty in the championship game. Not only are the Lady Pioneers talented on the court, they are talented off court as well. Six of nine players made GSC Athletic Academic Honors, and they have the number one team grade point average among all GSC teams.



The Lady Pioneers will lose only one player this season and with their returnees, hope to make another run at the Conference title. ♦



**The GSC Lady Pioneers Basketball Team display their runners-up trophy from the WVIAC tournament**

## Cross Country 1999

Last season was filled with challenges that helped build leadership skills as injuries and personnel changes helped the Pioneer Cross Country Track Team pull together into a tight, supportive community.

First year coach Eddie Atkinson resigned midseason and the

team rallied under the direction of Economics Professor Dr. Gary Arbogast and student coach Daniel Ramezan. Physical Education Professor and athletics trainer Janet Bailey adopted the women's team. The entire program felt added pressure because NCAA rules state that five runners



**The 1999 Pioneer Cross Country Men's and Women's Teams (L to R) Front Row: Men's Coach Gary Arbogast, Lola Phillips, Dayla Dowler, Amy Barcus, Adrienne Fitch, Tosha Combs. Back Row: Dusty Burns, Mike Dolan, Brent Gargus, Heath Patterson, Connie Pierce (partially hidden by the shadow), Mark Stoke, student coach Daniel Ramezan, and Women's Coach Janet Bailey.**

The GSC women finished eighth out of 13 teams in the conference, with Tosha Combs leading the Pioneers with a time of 23:26.

The highlight of the season was the Cedar Creek 5000 when both GSC teams placed first, followed by Ohio Valley College.

GSC's Cross Country teams are to be commended for their perseverance and never give up attitude. They upheld long-standing Pioneer traditions by never complaining and gaining more determination with each adversity. They ran together and encouraged each other, regardless of skill level, and this is the true meaning of "team." ♦

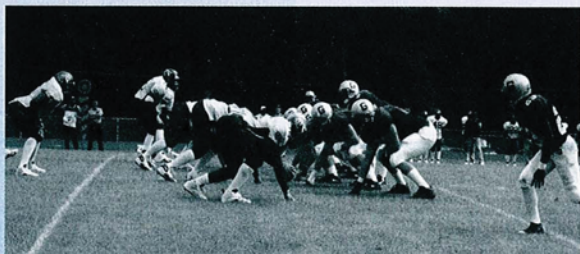
must finish in five meets to retain team status.

Senior Brent Gargus suffered from a nagging injury after a fine running career at GSC and was forced to drop out of competition during the WVIAC conference championship at West Liberty State College.

## Pioneer Football Update

As *Today's Pioneer* goes to press, Football Head Coach Paul Shaffner has just notched his first win with a solid win on the road, defeating St. Joseph of Indiana 20-14.

Quarterback Jack Mental tossed for 148 yards to lead the Pioneers. The team is now 1-3 on the season and about to begin conference play. ♦



# First President's Ambassadors Appointed

A new tradition was established in May when President Powell appointed GSC's first President's Ambassadors. He welcomed them into the College community and asked for their help in shaping a new era for the College.

"The future and the reputation of our College is not in the hands of the legislature, it is not in the hands of the



Governor, it is in our hands," said Powell. "The responsibility we have to build our College is truly with us. GSC's future is in our hands each and every time we promote our College."

The ambassadors will represent GSC in their hometowns and counties, recruiting new students, helping award scholarships and attending events. During their inauguration, the ambassadors promised to represent Glenville State College to friends, family and community; share the College's accomplishments and traditions; provide leadership to help advance the College; join together in goodwill to support the College; to provide GSC officials with advice and counsel; and to live their lives to the highest ideals of honesty, truth, respect and responsibility.

## The 55 ambassadors are:

Mr. Hunter Armentrout  
Troy, West Virginia

Mr. Paul Ashby  
Grantsville, West Virginia

Mr. Paul Atkins  
Buffalo, West Virginia

Mr. Benjamin Bailey  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Mr. Rodney Barker  
Keyser, West Virginia

Mr. Philip Berry  
Summersville, West Virginia

Delegate Brent Boggs  
Gassaway, West Virginia

Ms. Roberta Bush  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Mr. Timothy Butcher  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Bayward Butler  
Exchange, West Virginia

Dr. Pamela Cain  
Big Bend, West Virginia

Ms. Robin Chaney  
Culloden, West Virginia

Ms. Ruth Chisler  
Glenville, West Virginia

Ms. Katherine Cope  
Logan, West Virginia

Mr. Ken Davis  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Ms. Sandra Ellmore  
Nitro, West Virginia

Ms. Elaine Faulknier  
Marlinton, West Virginia

Mr. Joe Fields  
Peterstown, West Virginia

Ms. Sandra Gibson  
Sutton, West Virginia

Mr. Timothy Gunter  
Gassaway, West Virginia

Ms. Donna Halstead  
Summersville, West Virginia

Ms. Kathy Hamrick  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Mr. Bill Hanlin  
St. Marys, West Virginia

Ms. Roberta Hartshorn  
Mt. Zion, West Virginia

Mr. Lenzie Hedrick  
Glady, West Virginia

Dr. & Mrs. Harry B. Heflin  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Mr. Joey Herron  
Fairmont, West Virginia

Mr. Denzil Huff  
Cox's Mills, West Virginia

Ms. Kimberly Izold  
Ripley, West Virginia

Ms. Vicky Lacey  
Elizabeth, West Virginia

Ms. Kristi Lannan  
Scott Depot, West Virginia

Dr. Espy Miller  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Arlis Miller  
Grantsville, West Virginia

Ms. Stephanie Montgomery  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Tim Moore  
Grantsville, West Virginia

Ms. Julie Muth  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Ms. Theresa Parker  
Spencer, West Virginia

Mr. Stanley Pickens  
Jane Lew, West Virginia

Ms. Stephanie Poole  
Spencer, West Virginia

Ms. Mary Ann Radabaugh  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Fred Radabaugh  
Elkview, West Virginia

Mr. Andrew "Jack" Reed  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Robert Rentschler  
Grantsville, West Virginia

Mr. Wayne Richmond, Jr.  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Michael Rust  
Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Mack Samples  
Duck, West Virginia

Mr. Jim Scheer  
St. Albans, West Virginia

Ms. Jan Smith  
McConnelsville, Ohio

Mr. Jerry Stover  
Clay, West Virginia

Mr. Gary Wolfe  
Glenville, West Virginia

Mr. Andrew Wood  
Buckhannon, West Virginia

Mr. Olston "Nick" Wright  
Mason, West Virginia

Ms. Hazel Wysong  
New Milton, West Virginia

Mr. Roger York  
Craigsville, West Virginia ◆

## New Faculty Marshals Appointed

The first class of Faculty Marshals has been appointed; the beginning of another new tradition. Faculty Marshals are awarded this special title by the President, and are responsible for maintaining campus traditions, serving at official ceremonies, and are charged with the safekeeping, display and proper use of the mace.

The Chief Faculty Marshal will carry the mace at all formal gatherings such as commencement and convocation. The first Faculty Marshals for Glenville State College are Jim Meads, Marty Armentrout, James Hilgenberg, Sharon Kraus, Rick Sypolt, Wayne de Rosset, Harry Rich and John McKinney. McKinney was officially announced as Chief Faculty Marshal during the ceremony dedicating the mace. ◆

## 1872 Society

In the last issue of *Today's Pioneer*, the listing for the GSC Foundation Honor Roll of Contributors 1872 Society, contributions ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,999, inadvertently omitted the law firm of Butcher & Butcher. ◆

# Folk Festival 2000— A Rich GSC Tradition

by Lisa Hayes '94

The first West Virginia State Folk Festival was held July 6, 1950 on the campus of Glenville State College. Initiated by Dr. Patrick W. Gainer, visiting professor at the College and professor of English at West Virginia University, the festival has been an annual event ever since, possibly the longest running folk festival in the nation.

Gainer grew up on his grandfather's farm in Tanner in Gilmer



County and learned a lot of wisdom hanging out at the general store talking with old timers. He recorded many singers and was considered an authority on West Virginia folk songs. He started the festival in hopes to revive interest in folk music, literature, arts, crafts, dancing, games and singing of the Appalachian Mountain people. In the *History of Glenville State College: 1873 - 1954*, Gainer was quoted as saying, "The purpose of the Festival is to make the people of the state aware of the folk culture which is rapidly becoming extinct."

Although the festival has spread from campus and now takes over most of the town, Glenville State College community members and alumni are still very much a part of the annual "Folk Fest." Ginny Hawker '90 serves as the Folk Festival President and started the festival with Opening Ceremonies Thursday, June 15 at the Country Store Museum. "We work very



hard year-round to remain true to tradition, true to our purpose and true to our heritage," said Hawker.

GSC's first lady, Irene Powell, served as Chair of the Belle Committee, organizing the Belle's weekend and escorting the ladies through weekend activities including the Belle Luncheon in the GSC Heflin Student Union Ballroom, the Lion's Club parade, evening concerts, and religious services.

This year's festival was dedicated to the memory of Ethel Kemper '32. Born in Coe, Kemper had lost both parents by the age of five. Determined to get her education, she paid room and board to attend Cowen High School, then entered Glenville State Normal School in 1929. She married her husband Claude '33 after she graduated and had a teaching career spanning over 30 years. Shortly before her death in 1998, Ethel and Claude each established a continuing scholarship at GSC that will help one student from each of their home counties complete his or her education.

In addition to the Kempers, many other GSC alumni have contributed to festival for years, their faces associated with the festival in the minds of many. Musicians Mack Samples '65 and Mike Morningstar

'77 have graced the festival with their talents longer than some can remember.

Samples, singer, square dance caller and guitarist, has been involved with the festival almost since its inception. His guitar playing and lead vocals can be heard throughout the streets during the festival and are included on the 1999 Folk Festival CD.

Morningstar's talent and knowledge of ballads, folk lyrics and original lyrics is a living history of West Virginia and its people. Each year, he plays during the day at a tent on Main Street and at night at the local Pub. His guitar



picking, harmonica playing, vocals and hickory stick have made him a Gilmer County favorite.

Historian and author Mary Ann Radabaugh '78 set up on the sidewalk on Main Street in front of the *Glenville Pathfinder/Democrat* office to promote her most recent book, *Our West Virginia Story*.

Covering over 300 years of Gilmer County and West Virginia history, the book can be purchased for \$15 with \$3 for shipping and handling. Proceeds from book sales will be given to Gilmer County High School and Glenville State College athletic

programs. For more information, contact GSC Athletic Director Tim Carney at (304) 462-7361, ext. 287.

The Fine Arts Gallery was also open during the festival, presenting "Art in the Round," including pottery and baskets by West



Virginia artisans Carol and Roger Ross, Larry Riffle and Carolyn Riffle '79. Part of our Appalachian heritage and tradition, handmade pottery and baskets filled the gallery with a homespun touch.

Of course, GSC community members and alumni could be seen throughout the festival, working, dancing, and enjoying themselves. Women's Basketball Head Coach Steve Harold served ice cold lemonade while Football Head Coach Paul Shaffner grilled hamburgers. English Professor Gayle Burkowski served as a judge in the Annual Spelling Bee, and the Japanese students in GSC's summer Intensive English Program spent their first nights in the United States square dancing and eating hot dogs. English Professor and



Vice President for Student Life Cheryl McKinney and her mother, former Belle Glenna Fleming.

Chair of the Division of Language and Literature Wayne de Rosset did his consistently fine job announcing the parade.

A wonderful blend of town and gown, the 2000 West Virginia State Folk Festival celebrated the traditions of Appalachia, even through the rain that occasionally cooled the streets of town. The combined efforts of countless people both on and off campus produced an event that was both successful and enjoyable for all. ♦

Photos courtesy of Ginny Hawker '90 and Lisa Hayes '94

# Class Notes

## 1940

Kenneth W. Hylbert has retired from Penn State and now resides in State College, Pa. He received his master's degree from WVU in 1951 and was awarded his doctorate in guidance from Penn State University. He joined the faculty at Penn State after a two-year position in charge of the Veterans Administration Guidance Center at Marshall College.

## 1950

Robert E. McNemar has retired after serving 42 years in public education and 38 years in the Active and Reserve Army Corps of Engineers. After retiring as the Director of Academics of the Columbus Public Schools, he served as an adjunct professor at Urbana University, The Ohio State University and Ohio Dominican College. He was president of the 1950 class and sends his regrets that he was unable to attend our May 2000 commencement honoring his fifty-year class because of a prior commitment.

## 1951

Herbert A. Keeney retired from the G. C. Murphy Company and has been a resident of South Venice, Fla. since 1985. Upon graduating from Glenville State College in 1951, he joined the Air Force, completed the cadet program, received his wings and was an instructor until he received his discharge in 1957. After leaving the service, he attended WVU, received his finance degree in 1958 and worked for the G. C. Murphy Company from 1958 until his retirement in 1985.

## 1954

Bonnie Lee Davis-Taylor has been promoted to vice president in charge of delinquent loans for the Garfield Heights Employee Credit Union in Garfield Heights, Ohio.

## 1959

Joan E. Comstock Perialas recently was recognized by her parents (Hugh and Nina Comstock) when they established five scholarship funds. They established one of the scholarships in Joan's honor for students graduating from Richwood High School who want to pursue a degree in secondary education.

## 1964

Ken Kyle, of Kyle Construction in Summersville, has been awarded a \$1,461,000 contract to construct the new senior center in Glenville. Groundbreaking, in the Hays City addition of Glenville, was on May 12, 2000.

## 1965

Mack Samples, former dean of records and admissions, returned to campus on April 28, 2000 to play with some old friends (including the Griffin Family, the West Virginia String Band, the Samples Brothers, and West Virginia Public Radio personality Joe Dobbs) before a large crowd eager to hear bluegrass music as well as be entertained later in the evening by Jim and Jesse and The Virginia Boys.

## 1967

Lula Reynolds Foster, of Broadway, Va., has been working on staff in James Madison University's Dietetics Program in the Health Sciences Department since January 1988. She is married to John Foster, a minister, and they have two children and four grandchildren.

David Righter has been promoted to executive vice president and director of lending for First National Bank and he will be responsible for all lending functions in both the Parkersburg and Spencer offices. He received his bachelor's degree from Glenville State College and a graduate degree in banking from LSU.

## 1970

George Harper, retired Glenville State College art professor, is living in Harrisville and submits cartoons regularly for publication in the *Glenville Democrat/Pathfinder*.

Ronald K. Nichols, GSC Alumni Association President, addressed the May 2000 graduates during commencement. He congratulated them and welcomed them into the alumni ranks stressing that no matter where they may go GSC will always be your alma mater."

Anna Jean Rogucki is designing a new rectory for the Glenville parish priest, Rev. Edwin Daschbach, SVD. Property of Ken Foglesong '67 in the 600 block of Mineral Road was recently acquired by the Catholic

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to provide space for a larger, more private rectory and to extend seating for the church.

## 1972

John A. Jeffries finished second in his May 2000 Democratic bid for the Jefferson County Sheriff's race in Charles Town.

Julian Varney, of Crum, has retired from Wayne County Public Schools with 36 years of service. Prior to his graduation from GSC, he served 3 years with the United States Army, one of which was a 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968-69. His current plans are to continue to reside in Crum and to be near his family.

## 1974

Gregory C. Nicholson is employed with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources at the Central Office Building in Charleston. He was project manager for the complete renovation of his department's eight floor complex containing over 230,000 square feet. This renovation now accommodates the department's 1,000 employees.

## 1975

Roger Bonnette is now selling his artwork using the Internet at [www.rogerbonnette.com](http://www.rogerbonnette.com).

## 1976

Kathy Butler has been appointed associate vice president for academic affairs at Glenville State College. In this position, she is responsible for heading GSC's North Central Accreditation process, faculty development, student assessment of learning, advising general studies students and generally assisting Vice President for Academic Affairs Joe Evans with responsibilities to develop academic programs at the college. She has over 25 years teaching experience and has been part of the Glenville State College community for over 10 years. Previously, she served as dean of the Division of Teacher Education.

## 1977

Billy B. Burke and his wife, Marjorie H. Burke '53, recently received an award from the West Virginia University's Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Science Alumni Association. They are the only husband and wife team to be recognized for their work on behalf of the state's agriculture industry.

1978

Gary W. Norman was presented the prestigious Henry Mosby Award during the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTF) Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn. This award is presented annually by the NWTF to a professional wildlife researcher who has made significant contributions to wild turkey research, management, and restoration. He received a second B.S. degree from WVU and a master's degree in Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech. Gary and his wife, Kim '76, live in Mt. Sidney, Va., with their two sons.

Mary Ann Radabaugh, president of the Gilmer County Retired School Employees, joined Wanda Reed '60 and Marilyn Phillips '83 in Washington to receive an award for their assistance in the "With Our Youth" program. Their awards were displayed at the Gilmer County Association of Retired School Employees (GCARSE) meeting on May 16. Other members of the organization include: Billy Bennett '55, Reva Bennett '51, June Carr, Ruth Chisler '59, Jean Flesher '54, Bruce Hathaway '81, GSC Professor Emeriti Espy Miller, Mona James '55, Denzil Huff '57, Rita Huff '63, Wilda Kuhl '49, Johnny Kuhl, Janis Martin '61, Frances Schmetzer '43, Maxine Smith '47 and Damon West '47. The "With Our Youth" program began in 1997 during a Presidents' Summit for America's Future chaired by retired General Colin Powell.

1981

Rebecca Jane Wagner Nelson teaches reading and physical education to seventh graders at Lumberport Middle School in Clarksburg. She and her two children, Jeffrey (14) and Jared (8), live in Bristol.

1984

Jane E. Cookson has been promoted to assistant vice president of BB&T. She joined the bank in 1992 and was the office systems training manager before accepting this position.

1988

Craig Drennen has joined the School of Fine Arts faculty at the Savannah College of Art and Design as a professor in the foundation studies department. He holds master of fine

arts degrees in both painting and art history from Ohio University.

1990

Ron Christ has joined a team of certified public accountants working for Century Small Business Solutions in Williamstown. Century Small Business Solutions is a Mission Viejo, Calif. based concern offering small- to medium-sized business owners full-service accounting services.

1991

Carmen Wager and her Wheeling Park High School yearbook staff received the prestigious "Award of Merit" honoring achievements in yearbook design and coverage from Taylor Publishing Company. The award is based on excellence in the areas of cover design, theme development and page design. She has been a faculty member at Wheeling Park High School since 1992 and, while a student at GSC, she was editor of the *Kanawhachen*.

Kimberly D. Hershman, of Parkersburg, now works at the Bureau of the Public Debt in Parkersburg as an accountant.

1995

Donald M. Brady has been promoted to Director of Insurance Operations at USAA in Norfolk, Va. He attended GSC from 1973-76. He graduated in 1995 and writes that he is proud of Glenville State College and hopes to do more for the school.

1997

Lori Garvin became an admissions counselor at Glenville State College in December 1999 after teaching music for almost 2 years.

2000

Bonnie Bever operates the Mount Zion Drive-In Theatre and Snack Bar in Mount Zion, which has been owned by her parents since 1979.

Barbara J. "BJ" Woods has been nominated by the Nicholas County Chapter of the American Red Cross to be the "Volunteer of the Millennium-Volunteer 2000." BJ has been a board member of the Nicholas County Chapter since 1994 and is responsible for the Health and Safety Programs.

# Marriages

**Izetta Marie Sponaugle and Marvin Joe Brannon '85**, both of Cedarville, were married on July 22, 2000. Izetta is a graduate of Fairmont State College and is employed at the William R. Sharpe Hospital in Weston. Joe is employed by the Gilmer County Board of Education and teaches at Gilmer County High School in Glenville.

**Lora Lynn Zukowski** of Rosemont and **Jeffrey Loran Wright '87** of Clarksburg, were united in marriage on May 25, 2000. Lora holds a master's degree in secondary education from WVU and is employed by the Department of Justice. Jeffrey has a bachelor of science degree in accounting from GSC and is also employed by the Department of Justice.

**Laura Kristian Dahlen** became the bride of **Timothy Frederick Richards '92** in Grantsville, Md. on July 1, 2000. Laura is a graduate from WVU with a bachelor's degree in music education. Timothy is a graduate of GSC and is a piano technician for WVU College of Creative Arts.

**Rebekah Jean Miller and Kevin Allan Rowe** were married in Fairmont on April 8, 2000. She is a hair stylist with Premier Salon at Sears in the Morgantown Mall and is a 1998 graduate of Morgantown Beauty College. Kevin attended GSC and is employed with the CWS Parts Company in Morgantown.

**Patricia Claudette Drake '97 and Carl David Landers, II** planned a

September wedding. Patricia currently resides in Nitro and is employed by Screen Graphics while Carl is employed with Jones and Brown in Nitro. The couple plans to reside in Winfield.

**Keri Allen and Donald Shane Westfall '97** were married at the Sand Fork Baptist Church in Sand Fork on June 10, 2000. Keri is currently attending GSC, where she is studying medical practices, and is also employed at Weyerhaeuser. Shane is employed by Smith Land Surveying, Inc. of Glenville.

**Carla Rae Garrett '98 and Robert Allen Davel** were united in marriage at Fort Campbell, Ky., on May 27, 2000. Carla is employed with Charter Communications in Clarksville, Tenn. Robert is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a B.A. degree in criminal justice. He is Captain in the U.S. Army and Commander of the 101st Military Police Company (air assault) in Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Amanda Marie White '99 and Justin Dale Huff** were married on June 3, 2000. Justin is working as a machinist at Fairmont Tool, Inc.

**Jonathan Lynn Ramsey and Della Marie Hickman** exchanged their wedding vows on May 13, 2000 in Glenville. Both are students at Glenville State College with Jonathan pursuing a degree in business administration and Della working on her degree in teacher education. They plan to graduate with their bachelor's degrees in December 2001.

# Births

**Jason K. Click '93 and Linda Westfall Click '95** are the proud parents of a son, Anthony Brock Click, born April 21, 2000. They reside in Salem.

**Rick Izold '94 and Kim (Hull) Izold '91**, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Richard Hull Izold, born on December 1, 1998. They reside in Ripley.

**Scott and Sally Smith Latture '91**, of Marietta, Ohio, announce the birth of their second daughter, Devyn Paige, born on January 21, 2000. Devyn was welcomed home by her sister, Gabrielle Caline, age 3.

**Ray and Peggy Bauman Rector '79**, of Newark, Ohio, are the proud parents of a daughter, Molly Rae Rector, born November 25, 1999.

# In Memoriam

**Edwin R. Amos '45**, of Parkersburg, passed away on May 9, 1999. He earned his master's degree from WVU and retired after more than 40 years of teaching for Wood County Schools. He was a member and past president of the Lions Club of Parkersburg, a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge 169, Jerusalem Chapter 3 R.A.M., Knights Templar 8 and Order of the Eastern Star 217.

**Dorothy G. Berry '40**, of Barboursville, died on December 23, 1999. She was a retired schoolteacher having taught in both Kanawha and Jackson counties.

**Jean M. Brothers '42**, of Tempe, Ariz., and a native of Summersville, died on February 21, 2000. In addition to her GSC degree, she held a degree from Denver University and was a schoolteacher and guidance counselor with 49 years of service.

**Myrtle H. Buster '38**, of Rainelle, passed away on March 26, 2000. She was a retired schoolteacher having taught in Greenbrier and Kanawha counties for 38 years. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the White Shrine, Rainelle Women's Club, and the Rainelle Business and Professional Women's Club.

**Imogene M. Campbell '49**, of Grantsville, died on May 7, 2000. She received her master's degree from WVU and attended Marshall University. She was a retired schoolteacher having taught in both Calhoun and Kanawha counties.

**Elizabeth Clark '44**, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, passed away on March 30, 2000.

**Leonard Dale Cox '73**, of Sutton, died on June 7, 2000. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, a former bank examiner for the State Department of Banking, a graduate of the West Virginia School of Banking, the Federal Reserve School for Assistant Examiners and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. School for Examiners. He was senior vice president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Gassaway, a former member of Sutton Town Council, a former president of the Gassaway Lions Club and a

member of the Braxton County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

**Maude C. Craig '25**, of Summersville, died January 25, 2000. She was a retired schoolteacher and a member of Eastern Star Chapter 52.

**Bradford Davis '35**, of Reading, Pa., passed away on September 6, 1997.

**Forest William Dorsey '62**, of Orlando, Fla., died on June 17, 1997.

**Erma A. Edwards '33**, of Teays Valley, passed away on February 5, 2000. She retired as assistant registrar from Glenville State College in 1973 and was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

**Lurene Scott Ellyson '83**, of Wallback, died on May 10, 2000. She was a former GSC Media Center secretary before her husband, C.J., became a West Virginia State Trooper and they relocated.

**Eva Amos Eschenberg '41**, of Huntsville, Ala., passed away on May 16, 1999 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a former schoolteacher in West Virginia and a technical aid at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Later years found her moving with her husband, who was involved in missile technology, and family to several locations including Alabama, Massachusetts, and Florida. Their retirement years found them back in Huntsville. She and her husband, who predeceased her by 8 months, enjoyed traveling to many parts of the world during their retirement. They had two sons, Kent and Gary.

**John E. Fidler '46**, of Summersville, died April 7, 2000. He attended West Virginia Institute of Technology and received his degree from GSC in 1946. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and practiced dentistry in Summersville for 32 years. He was a veteran of World War II and of the Korean War.

**Unita McCollam Floyd '40**, of Charleston, passed away on April 4, 2000. She received her master's degree in counseling from Marshall College and was a retired

schoolteacher having served in Mingo, Boone and Kanawha counties. She received an outstanding service award from the Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County in 1989.

**Richard E "Rich" Fulks**, of Milton, died on March 30, 2000. He was a retired lock and dam operator for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a member of the American Legion.

**Phyllis D. Cline Gant '64**, of Parkersburg, passed away on April 25, 2000. She was a kindergarten teacher at Warren Ohio Middle School, a member of the Ogdenville Community Outreach Service, the Sole Mates Walking Club and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association of Washington County.

**Staley C. Gibson '43**, of Sutton, died on February 29, 2000. He received his master's degree from WVU, was a retired Braxton County schoolteacher and a principal during a 42-year teaching career. He was a member of the Sutton Masonic Lodge.

**John A. Harper '49**, of Belevedere, S.C., died on January 31, 2000. He was a retired health physicist at DuPont with 32 years of service and also served in the European theater during World War II.

**Janean Elissia Hayes**, of Cottageville, died June 17, 2000. She attended Glenville State College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg and was a former employee of Embee's in Charleston.

**Bernard R. Hays '35**, of Spencer, passed away on January 4, 2000. He was active in the Traders Bank at Spencer, serving as director for 38 years, and vice-president and director emeritus upon retirement. He was founder of Hays & Company, which served the independent oil and gas industry, and a World War II veteran.

**David Helmbright '29**, of Blacklick, Ohio, died on May 8, 1996.

**Harry W. Holbert '60**, of Pine Grove, died on August 9, 1999. He was a former teacher in Preston, Md., and taught at the State Police Academy when he was with the Maryland State Police. He returned to West Virginia to further his teaching career and held numerous positions including being a teacher, principal and director of transportation in



Wetzel County Schools. He retired from the Wetzel County Board of Education where he was administrative assistant to the superintendent.

**Olive M. Pierce Holtz '34**, of Centerville, Ohio, passed away on February 9, 2000. She also attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon and WVU. She had been involved with education for 37 years and was a retired schoolteacher and principal having taught both in Buckhannon and Oscoda, Mich.

**Katherine H. Hypes**, of Daniels, passed away on April 4, 2000. She taught at various Fayette County schools including Legg School, which was the final one-room school in Fayette County. She retired from the Fayette County Board of Education and her life was a source of numerous stories in area newspapers. She had work published in books by Dennis Deitz and Maxine Scarbro.

**Thomas K. Isenhardt '74**, of Parkersburg, died on September 28, 1999. He was a longtime Parkersburg South High School speech and debate coach. He received a master of arts degree in communications from WVU. He took numerous students to state and national forensics competitions during his teaching career.

**David W. "J.J." Jaffre '76**, of Glenville, died on May 16, 2000 in the emergency room of United Hospital Center, Clarksburg after a sudden illness. He taught at Tanner and Glenville elementary schools before becoming a teacher and head baseball coach at Gilmer County High School, where he was also past president of the faculty senate and junior class sponsor.

**Ray Austin Jones '39**, of Sand Fork, passed away on December 11, 1999. He was a former schoolteacher and principal for 13 years, had attended WVU and was owner/operator of Jones General Store in Sand Fork for 49 years. He was president of Jones Oil Company for 21 years, a member of the Gilmer County Ambulance Service Board and of the Gilmer County Farm Bureau.

**Sonja S. Beamer Losh '88**, of Glenville, was killed in a single car accident on April 6, 2000. She was an employee at the State

Department of Human Services in Weston.

**Thomas C. "Chip" Meadows Jr. '73**, of Rosedale, passed away on December 14, 1999. He taught health at Clay Middle School and was a former Braxton County schoolteacher. He coached football and basketball at Gassaway Middle School and Braxton County High School. He was a football and basketball referee in central West Virginia and taught physical education at Braxton County High School.

**Maurice O. "Tony" Miller '35**, of Fort Washington, Md., died on December 13, 1999. He received a master's degree in English from WVU. He was a retired Maryland physical education teacher and a former teacher/coach at Sand Fork High School and in South Charleston. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

**Robert L. Miller '48**, of Shock, died on February 7, 2000. He was a former teacher and principal, a two-term president of the Gilmer County Board of Education, and had served as the Gilmer County Director of the West Central Community Action.

**Michael K. McIntyre**, of Parkersburg, died March 24, 2000. He attended Glenville State College and Parkersburg Community College. He was 51 years old. He was a talented mouth artist of both drawings and paintings, being quadriplegic since a June 1967 auto accident.

**Ava Gerwig Older '38**, of Fairfax Station, Va., formerly of Gassaway, died on February 27, 2000. She received her master's degree from Marshall College, was a retired schoolteacher/principal with more than 30 years of service, and a member of the American Association of University Women and the National Education Association.

**Avis L. Partain '55**, of Oak Hill, passed away on December 15, 1999. He was a former coach and assistant principal at Collins High School and the former principal at Oak Hill High School. He received his master's degree from WVU. He was chairman of the Department of Physical Education, athletic director and coach at

Davis & Elkins College. He attended Furman University and was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

**Judith Karen Potts '64**, of Gassaway, died on April 25, 2000. An article describing the special endowed scholarship established in her name appears earlier in this issue of *Today's Pioneer*.

**Joe Radcliff**, of Weston, passed away on May 16, 2000. He had attended Glenville State College, was an Army veteran of World War II, a member and past commander of American Legion Post 4, and a member of VFW Post 1976 and Moose Lodge 1376. He was past president of the United Transportation Union and was a retired Chessie System locomotive engineer with 37 years of service.

**Bruce Reed '36**, of Pinch, died on February 23, 2000. He received his master's degree from Duke University and retired from the Kanawha County Board of Education having been a teacher at Elkview and Clendenin High Schools and a principal at Quick, Grant and Elkview Junior High Schools and Midway Elementary School. He was the founding member of Pinch Volunteer Fire Department, a former member and officer of the Kanawha Valley and West Virginia beekeepers associations and was named West Virginia Beekeeper of 1984 by the State Department of Agriculture.

**F. Thomas Rogers '67**, of Vienna, passed away on November 6, 1999. He was employed with the Leavitt Funeral Home and previously worked for Dils Brothers & Company, Inc., Rogers Motors and Parkersburg National Bank.

**Mildred R. Rowland '30**, of Frankfort, Ky., died on July 13, 1999. She was employed by the Harlan County Board of Education from 1931 to 1979 and held teaching positions at various grade levels during her career. She served as Hall High School principal from 1943 to 1957, then as secondary supervisor, assistant superintendent and finally as superintendent of the county schools from 1972 to 1979. She received her A.B. from Union College and her M.A. from the University of Kentucky. During her years in education, she received numerous recognitions, two of which were the 1973

Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to Union College and the 1978 Harlan Countian of the Year Award by the Harlan Women's Club.

**Lucy O'Dell "Lou" Rumbach '54**, of Weston, died on April 15, 2000. She was a retired Lewis County schoolteacher with 31 years of service and a member of the Lewis County Retired School Employees.

**Beula G. Schulte '60**, of Rosedale, passed away in November 1998.

**J. Linn Sheets '33**, of Auburn, died on December 12, 1999. Having received his master's degree from WVU in 1935, he taught at various schools in Ritchie County before becoming principal of Harrisville High School and then assistant superintendent of Ritchie County Schools. He later served as principal of Berkeley Springs High School. Furthering his career in education, he became an educator at Concord College in Athens and later was named chairman of the Education Department, a position he held until his retirement in 1972. His career in education was interrupted to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. He obtained the rank of Corporal with the 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded and captured. He was awarded the Purple Heart and returned to teaching.

**John Howard Shreve**, of Burnsville, passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2000. He was a retired electrician, a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the V.F.W. He attended Glenville State College and the University of Maryland.

**Carl W. Smithson**, of Glenville, died January 25, 2000. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, owner of Smithson Brothers Well Service, and father-in-law of Dennis Fitzpatrick, GSC coordinator of student activities, athletics and intramurals.

**Charles W. Sole '77**, of Parkersburg, died on May 21, 2000. He was a registered professional engineer. He served as chief of personnel and administration with the U.S. Army Schools in Europe and as industrial engineer and plant safety with the FMC American Viscose. He served as a third district safety officer with the U.S. Coast Guard and had operated a dairy farm for several years concurrent with his FMC

employment. Some of his numerous awards while enlisted in the service include: recipient of the Legion of Merit from the U.S. Army, the Bronze Star and Clusters from the U.S. Army, the British Empire Medal from the United Kingdom, the Croix-de-Guerre from free France and the key to the City of Parkersburg.

**Allan E. Stutler '49**, of Spencer, died on April 13, 1997. Prior to receiving his degree at Glenville State College and master's at WVU, he served in the U.S. Navy where he received numerous awards including the Good Conduct Medal, the American

Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the China Service Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal. After completion of his master's degree, he was employed as a teacher, coach, vice principal and as registrar at Spencer State Hospital. He retired from the Roane County Board of Education in 1970.

**Chiquethia L. "Chip" Taylor '64**, of Marietta, Ohio, passed away on September 7, 1999. She was an account executive for WTAP Television in Parkersburg and

had worked at several area radio stations.

**Katherine M. Triplett '72**, of Sand Fork, passed away on April 17, 2000. After graduating from GSC, she taught one year at Normantown Elementary School before becoming postmaster at the Sand Fork Post Office, a position she held for 26 years, before retiring due to illness.

**Freda Geraldine McClain White '41**, of Vienna, passed away on December 9, 1999.

**Rod S. Wightman '92**, of Varney, died March 20, 1999. He had been a fire mobilization ranger in

Mingo County with the West Virginia Department of Forestry for 6 years.

**Opal Williams '34**, of Summersville, died on November 5, 1999.

**Lena C. Wilson '47**, of Richwood, passed away in April 1993.

**Donna Lou Wilt '74**, of Glenville, died on November 17, 1999. Having received her master's degree in learning disabilities and school administration from WVU, she was a Gilmer County schoolteacher with 25 years of service. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa having served the sorority as their state chaplain and state president. ♦

## In Memoriam Dr. Max Ward

survived by two daughters, Marjorie Ward Mahler and Barbara Ward Grubb, two sisters and a brother.

A Glenville State College graduate, Dr. Ward served as editor of *The Mercury*, and interviewed Eleanor Roosevelt during her first visit to a West Virginia state teachers college. Other topics Ward covered as an editor included the arrival of direct air mail service to Glenville, the emergence of the suffix "ism" in the English language, and a tribute to George Firestone whose passing touched so many.

After graduation in 1940, his career included teaching at Calhoun County High School as well as teaching radio technology to Army personnel during World War II.

Dr. Ward was best known in the area for his 21 years in the Division of Science and Mathematics. He joined the College community in 1947,

listing Dr. Harry B. Heflin as a reference on his application. During the time he taught biology, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in botany at Harvard University, spending two years there as a research associate. After his graduate work, he became chairman of the GSC Science and Mathematics Division, a position he retained until 1969.

In the early years of his teaching, Dr. Ward did research under a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). His work focused on single moss cells, and he was the first to force a cancerous cell to reproduce a non-cancerous growth, documented in the article, "Aberrant Growth of Mass Gametophytes." His work was recognized internationally and he was invited to present his findings at the Linnean Society in London and at the Sorbonne in Paris. After he left GSC, he was a guest professor at two

Ohio universities until 1972 when he rejoined NSF as a program manager for the Student Originated Studies Program. After retiring from NSF, Dr. Ward did volunteer work at the Robert F. Kidd Library and was a loyal supporter of the GSC women's basketball team.

Dr. Ward was known for demanding much of his students. He had a passion for excellence and a great joy in his students. The words Dr. Ward himself used as a tribute to George Firestone also apply to Dr. Ward, "The work of [Max Ward] is more of a tribute to him than extended words of praise. Those who would do him honor seek to express their deep appreciation of a person who was a fundamental attribute of the College rather than an incidental accessory." ♦



Dr. Max Ward

Dr. Max Ward, retired professor of science, passed away May 19, 1999 after residing in a nursing home for 11 months. He is

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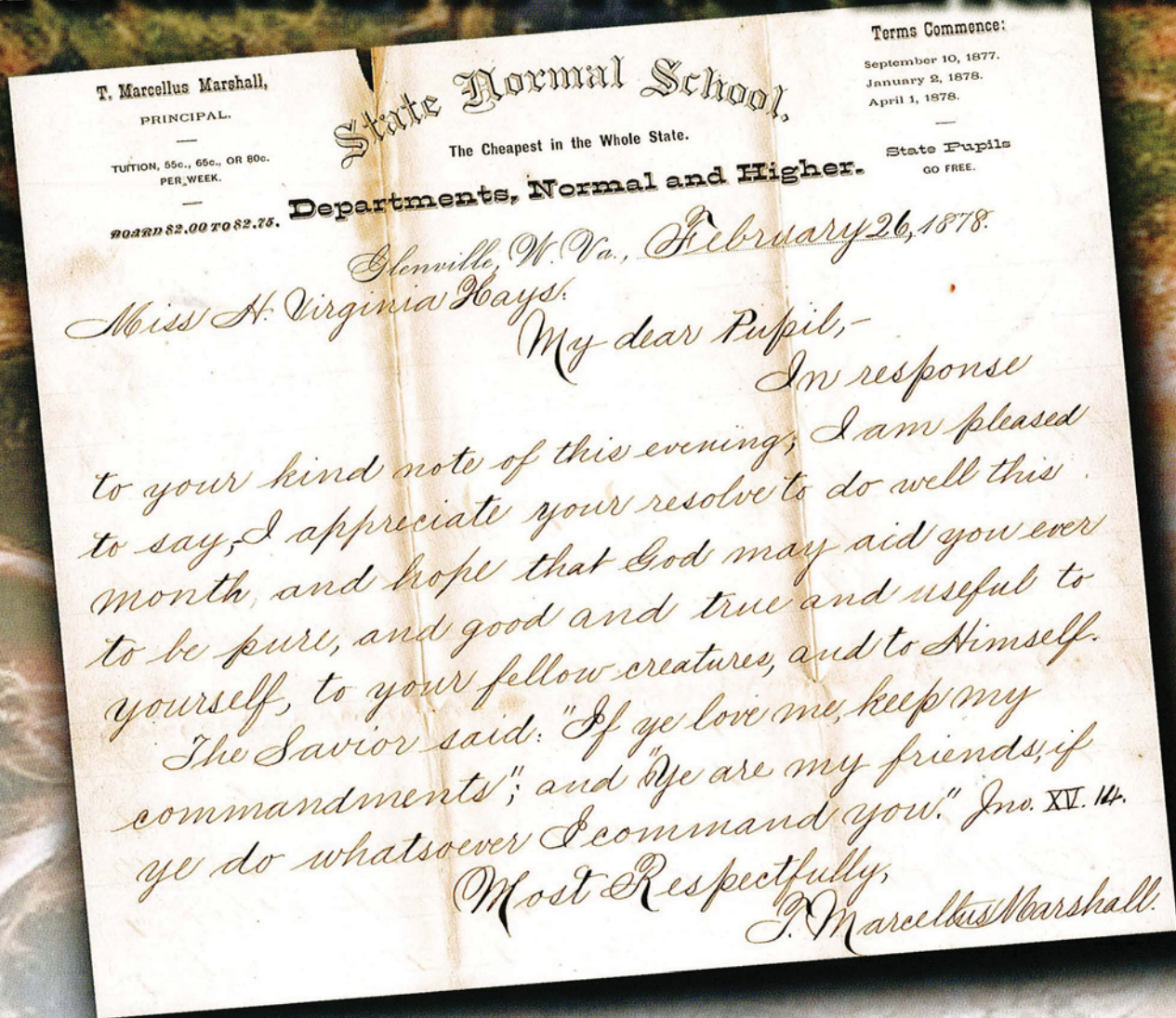
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# Traditions That Endure



When GSC First Lady Irene Powell came across this message from our first Principal, T. M. Marshall, we knew alumni and other readers of *Today's Pioneer* would be interested in some of the early philosophy and traditions of our school. One innovation no longer available, noted in the letterhead, is that "state pupils go free." One tradition that has endured from 1878 is how, from even the earliest days, our school has truly cared about the success of our students.



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