

The Mercury

Big East Geology Field Trip

By: Travis Wells

On April 25th a group of seven intrepid students began an all day pilgrimage lead by Professor Ralph Bame. They were not the first to make the trip. The Annual big East Field trip is in it's 29th year. The trip started at 6:00am and after ended back in Glenville at 10:00 pm.

Professor Bame stated, "It is my hope that this trip will inspire many

more similar trips in the future."

Bame lead the eight Geology students to spots such as Blackwater Falls, Seneca Rocks, the Germany Valley stone quarry, and Spruce Knob.

Five hundred fifty million years ago a vast mountain range was located where the Atlantic Coast is today. Rivers and streams gradually wore the mountains down carrying pebbles, sand and silt westward, dropping them into a sea on the area now called West Virginia. For millions of years material was washed into the sea and settled into layers on the sea floor. About 440 million years ago, the weight of the accumulated layers compacted and cemented the sediment into rock. The Tuscarora sandstone is one of these layers.

About 275 million years ago, the earth began to buckle, gradually forming the Appalachian Mountains. As the ocean was slowly destroyed, the underlying rock uplifted and folded creating hills and valleys. Tuscarora sandstone was tougher than the layers and eroded more slowly, eventually leaving the top of Seneca Rocks standing above the surrounding area. This is called differential erosion.

This is just a brief fact, and one of the many things learned on this sixteen-hour trip. Taking pages of notes and collecting a sack full of samples the followers of Bame returned a little battered and bruised but better for it.

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Sherrie L. Hartman
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4/30/2002 4:00PM
Commencement Rehearsal

5/4/2002 10:00AM
Commencement

The Glenville State College Commencement will take place Saturday May 4 in the Jesse R. Lilly, Jr. Gymnasium beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Seniors should report to the ballroom in the Heflin Student Center no later than 8:30 a.m. for the processional lineup and breakfast. Caps and gowns are available for purchase at the bookstore. A professional photographer will be at the ceremony to photograph each graduate as the diploma is received.

After the Commencement, a reception will be held on the lawn of the President's House. A luncheon will follow in the Heflin Student Center. The luncheon will be \$8 per person.

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GSC Hosts Readers' Theatre

By: Travis Wells

Sponsored by: West Virginia
Humanities Council.

The Readers' Theatre production of *We Don't Tell Them Any Better: Letters From Home* West Virginia's Conscientious Objectors, was held April 25th and 26th, 2002 at 7:00pm in the GSC Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Adapted and Directed by Dennis Wemm, Visuals and dramaturgy done by Deanna Foxworthy, and Historical Research by Tom Trice. The show was an emotional and enjoyable look back at what life was like in Gilmer County during WWII.

The cast list boasts GSC students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. Fran Schmetzer, Doug Seckman, Brian Strader, Teresa Wayman, Jason Smith, Debbie Simon, Robert Burkowski, Paul Hartman, Nicole Maxwell, Lisa Ellis, Dennis Wemm, and Wayne deRosset, were among the members of the cast and crew who took part in this truly unique performance.

A Tribute to the Residence Life Staff

By: Jerry Burkhammer

Too many times the folks down in the trenches are the unsung heroes that never get any recognition. This is one time I want to make sure that doesn't happen. As Director of Campus Life I can tell you that there is a great deal of work that takes place both in front of, and behind, the scenes. This work could not be accomplished without the efforts of some amazing individuals, individuals who are, for the most part, students.

Under the direct supervision of two outstanding people in Resident Directors Patrick Hall and Brian

"When a Hollywood movie brags that it was ten years in the making, we take it with a grain of salt. Ten years ago, some of the main characters in our little presentation were still alive, and Deanna came into possession of the letters we'll be reading. I guess that gives us more credibility than Hollywood." comments Director, Dennis Wemm. "Deanna first approached me late last spring with the letters on disk, after she had completed the initial transcription. It only took me one time through to see the potential in developing them into a readers' theatre..."

...The Humanities Council came through with a development grant to cover the costs of putting a performance together. In fact, they doubled the grant request. This gave us the leeway to bring Tom Trice on board as historian to discover what he could about Conscientious Objection in general, and applicable information for West Virginia, which proved quite a bit harder."

The end result was a beautiful, true story of what went on in the lives of the families back home of the two young Gilmer County men, sent to fight for their country during WWII.

Randolph, an ace crew of resident assistants, office workers, night guards, and various other staff members combine to help make the residential living facilities an efficient and quality living environment for all our students. These quality individuals not only attend classes like every other student, but are involved in campus organizations, provide residence hall programming, set up neat things like street fairs, and then put in fifteen to twenty hours of work per week.

I just wanted to say thank you to these folks for all the hard work and dedication they give to Glenville State College and our residential living facilities and let them know it has been an honor and a privilege to work with and beside each and every one of them.

Pioneer Village has Inaugural Celebration

By: Jerry Burkhammer

On Wednesday, April 27, 2002, Student Life will hold an inaugural celebration commemorating the October 6, 2001 opening of Pioneer Village. The celebration will honor the students who initially took up residence in the new state-of-the-art residential living facility at Glenville State College. A plaque with each those students names will be permanently placed in the commons area of the Greenbriar House (building 8). Also to honor those initial residents, a commemorative tile has been created that bares a picture of one of the buildings and the date of the preliminary move-in. Special thanks go out to Resident Director Patrick Hall and the Resident Staff of Shawn Crow, Trena Williston, Jodi Ocheltree, and Brett Pettinger for helping to make the transition from Louis Bennett Hall to Pioneer Village. Thanks to all for a great first year.



Photo by: Tonya Brady

More Announcements

4/30/2002

GSC Awards Ceremony

GSC Awards Ceremony in the Ballroom at 10:00 am. Reception immediately following. Ceremony will honor those who have given 15, 20, 30 and 35+ years, those who have or will be retiring this academic year, the Classified Employee of the Year and those who have been chosen to receive the Presidential Award of Excellence.

4/30/2002

Senior Picnic

Senior Picnic, immediately following Commencement Rehearsal, Pickens Hall.

The Mercury

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Your Health: Drinking

**By: Melissa Hinterer,
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Whether you feel you might have a problem with alcohol and want to cut back, or you want to know how to keep your drinking under control, use these guidelines:

Do formulate a mission statement. Why is it you want to cut down or stop your drinking? Whether it's to help you lose the freshman 15, to feel healthier in general, or to stop getting into fights with your family, write down your reason(s). It sounds corny, but it'll make you take the challenge more seriously.

Don't go out with people who make you feel uncomfortable if you're not drinking. If you ever feel as though you could be easily persuaded to drink, make alternate plans with friends who are less inclined to include alcohol in their fun.

Do set a liquor limit. Telling yourself you will not drink during the week, or that you'll have no more than one drink a day, will get your mind set not to exceed your maximum.

Don't guzzle. When you are drinking, take hour-long breaks between. Drinking faster than your body can feel the effects can get you into real trouble. Avoid drinking games, you'll end up drinking more alcohol, more quickly than you body can handle.

Do alternate alcoholic beverages with non-alcoholic drinks, like soda or juice.

Don't keep beer, wine, or hard liquor at home. It'll be easier to resist if it simply isn't there.

Do take a vacation from drinking. Notice how good you feel, physically and emotionally, during that time. If you don't start to feel better, you may have a problem with alcohol.

Do save the cash you don't waste getting wasted. Whenever you refuse an alcoholic beverage, put the amount of money you saved in a jar. You can put your dollars toward spring break, dinner with friends, or that new jacket you've been eyeing but thought you couldn't afford.

Do eat before you start consuming any alcohol, and continue to munch while you drink. Eating while you drink slows down how quickly you get drunk.

Don't go to places where you'll be bored if you're not drinking or where you'll feel socially uneasy if you don't have a drink in your hand.

Do keep a drinking diary. Write down how many drinks you consume over a month-long period and how much it costs you. When you realize how much dough you're sinking on drinking, it might give you incentive to cut down your alcohol intake even further.

For more information on Alcohol visit your Campus Health Center.

Excerpts taken from a Facts on Tap brochure (The College Experience).

Sell your Text Books!

Glenville State College Bookstore Buy Back 2002 May 1st - 3rd 9:00am-7:00pm "WHY YOU GET WHAT YOU GET"

BOOKSTORE MAJOR BOOK BUY (Finals) Value Factors:

1. Demand..We will pay students 50% of their retail cost for a book that has been readopted by the Professor for the upcoming term. We will only buy quantities needed (Fall 2002) based on enrollment projections
2. Professor has placed book adoption in time before buyback
3. Books that contain a CD will only be bought back with the CD
4. Quantities of books to be bought back will be split proportionately between the main campus and the Community and Technical College.

WHOLESALE:

We buy back everyday at wholesale. Wholesaler sets buy back value. (Blue Book)

Value Factors:

1. Demand..Wholesalers need to replenish their inventory. Popularity, other Colleges and Universities need the book.
2. Edition. Wholesaler only buys current editions. Publishers are reprinting books annually.
3. Book Type. Hardbound books usually have more blue book value than paper editions.
4. No matter where you purchased your book, it can be sold for wholesale value.
5. Books bought back at wholesale are shipped to wholesaler. Bookstore provides this service for the student and the Wholesaler.

Fitness Center's Summer Hours

Beginning May 5, the GSC Fitness Center will begin summer hours until Sept. 3.



Monday-Friday
7:00am-9:00am
11:30am-2:00pm
4:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday
9:00am-12:00pm
Sunday
4:00pm-8:00pm

These hours are subject to change depending on attendance.

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Multi-Subjects
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Multi-Subjects
Social Studies
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Social Studies
Suzanne R. Cummings
Walton, WV
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Multi-Subjects
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Alexis D. Dean**
Clarksburg, WV
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Multi-Subjects
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Tina L. Foster
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Joey R. Frashure
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Multi-Subjects
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Social Studies
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Multi-Subjects
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Opinions, Like it Matters

By: Anonymous

Since this will probably be the only chance I ever have of writing for this paper, I thought I would blow off a little steam that I have had. The main problem on this campus is that everything is too political. Sometimes it seems like you have to know someone to get somewhere on campus. Some people wonder why no one will run for Student Congress. In truth there are probably several answers. People always vote for people they know. People who are not as popular will not run, because to be frank, they are not known. For instance, a basketball player runs for President of Student Congress. Also, a student who is a Business Major also runs. Since the basketball player knows many of the athletes, he/she will most likely be the winner, even though the Business major was far more qualified. I know that before elections are held the students have a small forum for the candidates to speak on issues. However, these forums are not widely advertised, and even some of the candidates are not told about it until the last minute.

If you are a member of an organization, may heaven help you. If you don't have a connection on the hill, your organization is as good as dead. In one case, a mistake was made, and the organization was suspended. The group could not recruit, and was thus taken out of the game. Since that has happened another group has done

something very similar and got away with it.

The Fine Arts department is turning out to be anything but fine. The Fine Arts Building is turning into the Music Department. Out the door is the Art Education program. This program seemed to be very promising. It almost seems like the same thing is happening here as it is in public schools with the cutting of the Arts. Also, priorities seem to be all wrong in the Fine Arts Division. All the concentration seems to be on the percussion ensemble. Shouldn't the main focus be on the department as a whole? They have many gifted musicians, and the department's failure to expose their talents is a travesty.

Should everything be this way? Look around, the same students are in many organizations, running your college life.

That isn't how it should be. Take my advice. Make your voices be heard upon. Ignore the connections that have been made. If you know you share the same opinion as many others, then take the ball and run with it. Don't shy away just because you think you might lose. There are some great people on campus that is more than willing to help you out. There are some people on the hill that aren't enemies. Some truly try to help. They understand the campus is made by you: the students. The students are what matters, am I not correct? But after all, that is only my opinion.



Food For Thought Finals Week

Tuesday April 30th

9 - 11 pm Dining Room

Midnight Breakfast

Wednesday May 1st

8 - 10 pm PG's

Taco Night

Thursday May 2nd

8 - 10 pm PG's

Ice Cream Dream

Take a break from studying and join the fun!!!

Modern Education Kills: It Makes Us Unfit To Live

By: Edwin A. Locke

Andy Brown, the third generation in a family of pilots, was excited. This was his first test flight simulator in which he was to be co-pilot of a commercial airliner. He felt good about himself, because unlike his father and grandfather, he had gone to schools, which had practiced the most modern principles of education.

The simulated take-off from Chicago was routine until the simulated chief pilot suddenly "died" of a heart attack. Andy immediately called the nearest flight center, and that advised him to return to Chicago rather than proceed to Denver, the planned destination. Andy thought about it for a minute and then became angry. Who were they to tell him what to do? He had been taught since the first grade to defy any authority figures, including his parents, who tried to "limit" his freedom of expression. He decided to keep going.

He proceeded to plot the course to Denver, but he was forced to do it by hand, because the computer had a simulated malfunction. At this point he started to feel a little uneasy; he had been educated with "fuzzy math" which gave full credit for wrong answers if you seemed to have followed the "right method." Computation, of course was passé, but he tried to figure it out "approximately." He did not worry about exactitude, because every teacher he had ever had in school and college had assured him that "you cannot be certain of anything."

Soon the plane entered a simulated storm system, and Andy was now forced to fly solely by instruments. This was getting difficult, and Andy started to feel resentment. After all, in school he had never been held to absolute standards. If he failed a test, he was always allowed to take it over until he got a good grade. This was so that his self-esteem would not be threatened. He looked down at his instruments but started to feel confused. One of the instruments was labeled "attitude" and another "altitude". He always had trouble distinguishing similar words, because he had been trained to read by the whole word method rather than by phonics. The teachers were happy if he got the "general idea" of what a word was. Spelling, of course, was also passé.

At this point Andy felt the need for reassurance. He had always worked in groups at school. In many courses, groups even took the exams as a unit. He had never been held individually responsible for anything. If there was a problem, it was someone else's job to fix it. But there was no one in the plane to consult — only 250 simulated passengers whose "lives" depended on his skills and judgment.

In desperation Andy called a control center, but simulated static from the storm made a good connection impossible. He pulled out the flight manuals for help, but they were very long and looked terribly complicated. He had not really studied them as he was suppose to. In school, he never had to actually read a textbook. Class periods and exams often consisted of the students expressing their feelings about the teachers' feelings about the material. Besides, some of the words in the manual were long, and he had not seen them before.

Andy's carefully cultivated illusion of "self-esteem" — based on a lifetime of having met no standards, having acquired no knowledge, and having answered no questions requiring an objectively correct answer — began to crumble when confronted by an inexorable — even if simulated — reality that could not be faked. The realization slowly hit him that his self-esteem was a sham and that, in fact, he was unfit to function in the real world. Tears began to stream down his face, and he was still crying 10 minutes later when the plane "crashed" into a mountain peak — 100 miles south of Denver.

Andy had "mastered" the core principles of modern education too well. His father and grandfather had been educated the old-fashioned way. They respected their teachers, because their teachers taught them something: they taught them to read using phonics; they taught them facts and how to think using facts. The teachers had standards (including the use of proper spelling, grammar and punctuation), and the students had to meet these standards. There was a right answer to every math problem, and you had better figure it out — on your own, and you had better be sure, and it didn't matter how you felt.

No, this is not a true story and Andy would not get a job with the airlines — today. But our society is rapidly being populated with Andy Browns. The modern educators' chickens are coming home to roost. If they become dominate in our society it will perish just like Andy's 250 simulated passengers — only the crash this time will be real.

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Nathan's Addiction

By: Nathan Calvert

Last week marked the first time being truly addicted to a game since the days of Super NES. The game is Tony Hawk Pro Skater 3. The system: Xbox. My thumbs... sore. I had never played a Tony Hawk game before, so I was not aware of the challenges that were laid before my eyes. This game is definitely a bear! So I say yo, check this.

I put in the disc, not knowing I would soon become addicted. The games I am used to playing are first person shooters, wrestling, racing, Role Playing or fighting games. I am not into sports games much, but occasionally I play NHL Hitz or NFL Fever. However this game is much more than a sports game. I knew I would not know what to do, so I went through the forums, which were very intuitive. They provide you with the basic tools to get your skate on. After completing the tutorials, I went on to play the game. I was aware from reading on Internet forums that Bam Margera, of Jackass and CKY fame, was on the game, so I immediately chose him. The levels are big and beautiful on the Xbox.

As far as graphics are concerned, the PS2 and the Gamecube versions have the same levels with some jagged edges and occasional slowdown. The Xbox version is more polished than the others, in terms of graphics and the frame rate. I have not read much on the Gameboy Advance version, but from what I have seen, it could be as addicting as the console versions.

Gameplay is where the heart and soul of this game lies. There are nine

objectives on every level as well as a few competition levels. The objectives vary from getting someone unstuck from a flagpole, to starting an earthquake. To win the competitions you must score big points. The main way to score in this game is by grinding off of anything you can get your board on. However, getting big scores requires a lot of practice. The combos you can use are almost endless.

Also included are several multiplayer modes. My personal favorite is graffiti. In graffiti, you trick off

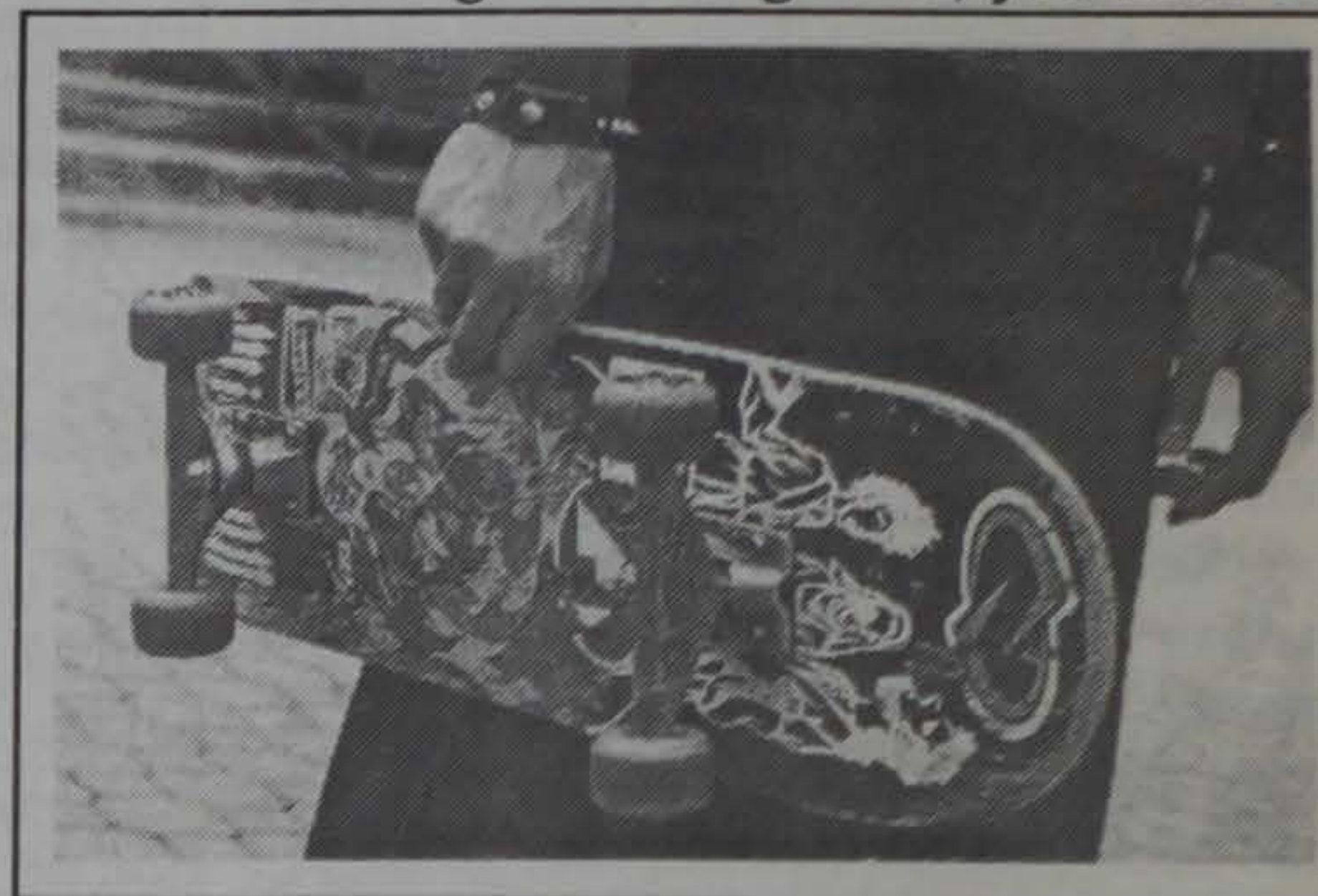


Photo by: Tonya Brady

of objects, and in turn they turn into your player's color. Whoever gets the most colored areas wins. The fun part however is the fact that you can steal the other person's areas by pulling off a bigger trick. Other modes include H.O.R.S.E., trick attack, king of the hill, and slap!

The extras are seemingly endless as well. Every time you beat the game, you get a new cheat, hidden character, or a new level. Also you can get clips of the skaters in action. The replay value in this game is great, and if you get bored with the game itself, build your own level.

If you do not own any of the Tony Hawk games, you owe it to yourself to pick this one up. By the time you read this, I'm probably still playing it.

Pooh To Visit GSC

By: Travis Wells

Alpha Psi Omega Glenville's Theater honorary is to perform a Children's Theatre production, May 7th - 10th. They will be performing A.A. Milne's play The House At Pooh Corner.

Performances are set for May 7 - 10 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Show times are 10am and 12am, with a special evening performance at 7pm on Wednesday for the general public. At the day performances local elementary schools are bussing in hundreds of children to see this timeless tale of childhood. Alpha Psi Omega nearly has the auditorium packed full during the eight, day-time performances.

Amazingly, the cast is pulling the performance together in only one week. That includes memorizing lines, building sets and rehearsals.

As the story goes: Christopher Robin has decided to run away with his

friends Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, Tigger and the rest. Probably they'll go to the North Pole or to the South Pole. For there is a dark, mysterious threat that he is to be sent away to Education. Nobody knows exactly what or where that is, and if he is sent to such a distant place, what can his friends possibly do without him? So it's generally agreed that they'll run away. As the situation becomes clearer, Christopher Robin isn't quite so sure that running away is the answer.

The cast list includes: Jeremiah Smallridge as Christopher Robin, Brian Strader as Pooh, Travis Wells as Tigger, Tonya Brady as Piglet, Todd Hull as Rabbit, Doug Seckman as Eeyore, Keiichi Kure as Roo, Joy Woofert as Kanga, and Abbie Burge as Owl.

If You have a young person in your life or are just young at heart, come out Wednesday and support GSC theater. It'll set you back \$1.50, but hey that's a 20 ounce Pepsi.



Ode to Finals Week

Submitted by: Travis Wells

Twas the night before finals, and
all through the college,
The students were praying for last
minute knowledge.
Most were quite sleepy, but none
touched their beds,
While visions of essays danced in
their heads.
In my own apartment, I had been
pacing,
And dreaded exams I soon would
be facing.
My roommate was speechless, his
nose in his books,
And my comments to him drew
unfriendly looks.
I drained all the coffee, and
brewed a new pot,
No longer caring that my nerves
were shot.
I stared at my notes, but my
thoughts were muddy,
My eyes went a blur, I just
couldn't study.
"Some pizza might help," I said
with a shiver,

But each place I called refused to
deliver.
I'd nearly concluded that life was
too cruel,
With futures depending on grades
had in school.
When all of a sudden, our door
opened wide,
And Patron Saint Put-It-Off
ambled inside.
Her spirit was careless, her man-
ner was mellow,
She wore a white toga, she started
to bellow:
"What kind of student would
make such a fuss,
To toss back at teachers what they
tossed at us?"
"On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes!
On last year's exams!
On Wingit and Slingit, and last
minute crams!"
Her message delivered, she van-
ished from sight,
But we heard her laughing out-
side in the night.
"Your teachers have pegged you,
so just do your best.
Happy finals to all, and to all, a
good test!"

Campus & Homecoming Committees—A Great Opportunity!

There are many opportunities available for
Glenville State College students to take active
roles on campus and it is time to reappoint the
student openings for various committees on cam-
pus. Student Congress is also looking for stu-
dents who would like to help plan Homecoming
2002. If you are interested, please check the
committee(s) you would be interested in serving
on and send to Student Congress President, Jen-
nifer Butler via campus mail at Box # 2736, or
stop by the Office of Student Life in the Heflin
Student Union by Friday, May 3, 2002.

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Professor Rich to Present At Commencement

From the Web

Glenville State College has announced that Professor Harry Rich has been chosen to give the faculty address during the College's 128th Commencement on May 4, 2002. The commencement ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Jesse R. Lilly, Jr., Gymnasium on the GSC campus.

Harry Rich, Associate Professor of Music, has been a member of the GSC faculty for seventeen years. He has seen the Division of Fine Arts through various states of development as an instructor of applied brass, music literature, brass techniques and brass ensembles. Professor Rich has always been very active in the college's recruiting program, and in addition to serving on the faculty senate, he has served as an advisor to the MENC National Association for Music Educators.

A member of the International trumpet Guild, Professor Rich has performed during many campus recitals. Many West Virginia high school band programs have benefited from the clinics organized and conducted by Professor Rich.

Professor Rich's address is expected to be entertaining as well as inspiring. The College administration is proud that Professor Rich has agreed to speak during commencement ceremonies.

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Remedial Courses

Classic American Sentences

A study of some of the easier sentences that have shaped the face of American literature. The student will learn the traditional place of capital letters, commas, periods and question marks in the American sentence and will be encouraged to apply this understanding to their own writing. Students will be required to write a minimum of fourteen words.

Shapes and Colors in the Western World

Students will learn to identify and name common shapes and colors, with emphasis on primary and secondary colors. For the final exam, students will be expected to pound a series of pegs into their correct holes.

Techniques of Sharing

A course designed to familiarize the student with concepts of ownership, altruism, and ways of combining the two. Students will rapidly move from simple "playing together" to the more advanced "letting someone else use it." Required for subsequent classes in dodge-ball and juice time.

Editor's note: The preceding was meant to be funny. It is in no way an attack on any person, department, or otherwise. It is not in any way a real schedule of classes. If you try to enroll in any of these classes you will be laughed at insistently. Enjoy.

Sports



Lady Pioneers Hold Banquet / Harold Wins Award

From the Web

On April 13, 2002 Head coach Steve Harold and his Lady Pioneers held their annual Lady Pioneer Basketball Banquet. There were many dignitaries in attendance, the likes of which included Glenville Mayor Wayne Richmond, County Commissioner President Reta Kight, and West Virginia House Delegate members Bob Ashley and Brent Boggs. Approximately 225 attended in a tribute to a great season put on by the Lady Pioneers.

Many awards were handed out at the banquet, senior recognition awards went to Colleen McBrien and Tammy Spence for their outstanding play for 4 years at Glenville State College. Next in line were the academic awards. The Lady Pioneers are ranked as the top team grade average among Glenville State College sports teams with a 3.31 overall GPA. There were six team members named to the Presidents List (3.5 to 4.0) and four others named to the Directors list (3.0 to 3.4). After the academic awards, conference and tournament award winners were recognized and those who did not receive their trophy before the banquet were awarded

their trophies at that time.

The many special guests expressed their congratulations and told how their community was very proud of the Lady Pioneers. The last speakers of the evening were West Virginia House of Delegates members, Bob Ashley and Brent Boggs. They brought with them from the House Floor a House Citation, which is very hard to achieve by any means. The citation showed many of the amazing accomplishments of the Lady Pioneers this season and was signed by members of the House of Delegates.

On a final note, Dennis Fitzpatrick announced to the crowd that Head Coach Steve Harold has been chosen as the West Virginia College Coach of the Year. Coach Harold will be presented this award on May 5th. Each year, the sports writers of West Virginia vote on a coach from all sports on this prestigious award.

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Greg Bamberger said, "We are so proud that Coach Harold is receiving this honor. His hard work ethic transfers to his players. He and his team have worked unbelievably hard this season and they deserve all honors bestowed upon them."

Men's Golf Team Qualifies for East Tournament

From the Web

For the fourth consecutive year, the Glenville State College Men's Golf Team has qualified for the NCAA Division II East Regional Tournament. The team, coached by Rick Simmons, will be competing at West Lafayette, Ohio, on April 29, 30 and May 1. The tournament consists of eight schools in a fifty-four-hole competition. The winner of the East Region will go on to compete in the national tournament in Orlando, Florida.

A trio of seniors, Ben Heiner of Vincent, Ohio, Joe Gossett of Ripley,

West Virginia, and Matt Plosila of Conneaut, Ohio leads the Pioneers. The remainder of the team is Jerry Stutler, a junior from Spencer, West Virginia, and Freshman Trent Roush from Mason, West Virginia. The team has played consistently throughout the season. The Pioneers have excelled in head to head team matches.

Coach Simmons said, "I've worked with most of these players for four years. My seniors have worked very hard and have been great role models for the rest of the team. This just proves that hard work pays off. I'm proud to be their coach."

Greg Dale, Coach of the Coaches, to Speak

From The Web

Glenville State College will be hosting a coaching workshop on May 17, 2002. The speaker at the workshop is Dr. Greg Dale, a sports psychologist from Duke University. Dr. Dale is known as "the Coach to the Coaches".

Greg Dale, who holds both a B.S. and M.A. in physical education, received his Ph. D. in Sport Psychology/Motor learning from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1994. He has served both Winthrop University (1994 - 2000) and Duke University as an associate Professor (2000 - present). He is also the author of two books related to sport psychology and coaching.

Dr. Dale is a sport psychology

consultant to Duke University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, the coaching staff of a National Football League team, the sport psychology staff for USA Track and Field among other organizations. He has worked as a consultant to a number of elite athletes in track & field, tennis, golf, basketball and football.

The topic that Dr. Dale will be speaking upon is "Seven Secrets of Successful Coaches: How to Unlock and Unleash Your Team's Full Potential".

The presentation will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium on the campus of Glenville State College. There is no charge for the event and it is open to all coaches and the general public.

"Celebrate Women in Sports" Dinner

From the Web

On April 24th Glenville State College held its first "Celebrate Women in Sports" Dinner in the Heflin Student Union's Verona Mapel Room. "Celebrate Women in Sports" is a national program, and Glenville State College is proud to be able to participate in the program and showcase its women athletes.

West Virginia State Senator Karen Facemyer was the featured speaker at the event. The senator reflected on her experience as a female athlete at Glenville State College during the formative years of intercollegiate competition for women's sports.

Former West Virginia House of Delegates member, GSC alumna Marge Burke also shared memories of Women's Athletic Association basketball, which was the predecessor to today's National Association of Girls and Women in Sport.

Both Senator Facemyer and Mrs. Burke challenged the current athletic teams, trainers and cheerleaders to never be second best or be made to feel inferior. They urged the women athletes to take pride in Glenville State College and be confident in their field of study. Both speakers are highly respected and successful in the realm of politics and state and national government.

Each GSC women's athletic coach shared highlights of the previous season and gave awards to individual athletes. Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Greg Bamberger issued academic certificates for athletes with 3.00 average and those with 3.5 and higher. Professor O. Timothy Carney shared memories of his nine years coaching women at GSC. Coach Carney is retiring at the end of the current semester.

Glenville State College President Thomas H. Powell offered a charge for the future of Women's athletic programs at Glenville State College and provided insight on the significance of women's athletics in higher education. "Women's athletics is an integral part of the higher education experience. As we have seen this semester as our own women's basketball team competed in the NCAA Division II Final Four Tournament, women's athletics is exciting, entertaining and can pull a community together," commented Dr. Powell.

A highlight film was viewed in closing and red roses were given to each athlete who in turn gave to a mentor or someone who encouraged them to participate in sports.

After the dinner, Senior Women's Administrator Janet Kay Bailey said, "I would like to thank everyone who contributed to his event to make it a special evening for these young ladies. I am very proud that 'Celebrate Women in Sports', a national event, is now experienced at GSC." Ms. Bailey received the 1999 Pathfinder Award at the first national "Celebrate Women in Sports" dinner in Boston and was instrumental in establishing the dinner at Glenville State College.