# **Pioneers Capture WVIAC Tournament Crown**



The 1972 Pioneers pose just after winning the WVIAC Tournament Championship held in Charleston last week.

The Pioneers of Glenville showing great composure toppled second seeded Morris Harvey by a score of 60-59 to take the grand prize in the 35th West Virginia Conference Tournament.

Jim Garnett's foul shot with 32 seconds remaining provided the Pioneers with the one point margin over the Golden Eagles who have now been runner-up for the past three years.

The victory was mostly an up-hill fight for the Blue Wave as Morris Harvey jumped out to early leads of 8.2. 15-7, 19-9, and 21-10. At the ten minute mark in the first half the Pioneers trailed by the score of 24-14.

Kevin Merchant opened the game up hitting on a long jumper giving the Eagles the initial lead at 2-0. Steve Datcher tied the score at 2-2 and from there on in it was all Morris Harvey. The Pioneers had a lot of trouble finding the basket in the early stages.

Late in the first half Glenville began to move the ball and gradually cut down the Eagle's lead. With 4:30 left in the half Co.ch Lilly's G-men had cut the lead to 32-28. At this point the Eagles slowed the ball down and almost ran out the clock. Henry Dickerson finally got off the last shot but it rolled off the

rim. The half ended with the score

34-29 in Morris Harvey's favor.

The start of the second half was a sad occasion for the Golden Eagles as the Pioneers came out determined. Glenville cut the Morris Harvey Eagles down to 48-47 with 12 minutes left to go in the game and Datcher evened things up in the contest at 48-48 on a foul shot. The Pioneers moved out in front by 52-48, but Bob Wesley came back with two consecutive baskets knotting it up at 52-52. From this point ties followed at 54, 75, and 59 before Garnett's free throw provided the Glenville victory.

The Golden Eagles had a chance to win the game after Garnett' goal, both of their shots rolled off the rim. Glenville gained possession until time ran out.

#### BULLETIN

The Pioneers evened the playoffs at one game each last night by defeating the Fairmont Falcons 60-50. The final playoff game, which will decide who will go to Kansas City, will be played Monday night in Clarksburg, at 8 p.m.

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# Southwest State College Choir To Appear At G.S.C. March 18

A group of 45 singers from the newest state college in Minnesota is presently singing its way to New York where they will board a plane on Mar. 20 for a ten week tour of southern Europe.

The Southwest State College Choir of Marshall, Minn., under the direction of Mark C. Aamot, former GSC music instructor, will present a concert on Saturday, Mar. 18 at 8 p.m. at the GSC auditorium.

The choir has put together a concert to make use of the acoustical settings of cathedrals and concert halls of Europe. Several motets beginning with the Renaissance Period and extending through the 1960's make up a portion of the program.

A Mass by Victoria, motets by Liszt, Schein, Durante, Bach, Brahms, Bepping and others make up the sacred portion of the concert. In addition to the choir a group of eighteen singers perform a cross section of American folk, musicals and popular music. The musicals "Hair," "Yesus Christ Superstar," are represented along with the popular composers Burt Bacharach and Paul Simon. A feature of this section of the program is the spiritual "Amen."

The Choir will spend about three weeks studying and singing concerts throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Itály, France and England. When they are not concertizing, the choir will spend some time in classes

that will give them credit at Southwest State College.

Student identification cards will be used for admission, and adult admission will be \$1; students \$.50.

# Miss GSC Contest Slated For April 13

The deadline for filing for the title of Miss GSC is March 20. Any interested student may file for the pageant at the Student Congress office by 4 p.m. on the day of March 20.

The pageant will be held on April 13, 1972. The winner of the pageant will then represent Gilmer County in the Miss W-Va. pageant at Parkersburg. In addition to this she will receive a cash prize and a trophy.

All entrants must be 18 years of age or older, must not now be nor have ever been married and must be a high school graduate. Other requirements will be released later.

#### Interviewers Scheduled On Campus This Month

All students who are interested in signing up for an interview this month should stop by the Placement Office to do so now. Interviewers who will be on campus this month are: Mar. 3, Fayette Co., W. Va. 9-3 to recruit teachers; Mar. 18 U.S. Navy to recruit men; Mar. 15, GAO, 8-4 to recruit men and women Mar. 20 Lunenburg Co., Va., to recruit teachers.

Students are welcome to stop by the Placement Office to pick up literature on school systems.

If you sign up for an interview and cannot for any reason keep your appointment please inform the office.



Coach Jesse Lilly holds the WVIAC Tourney Championship trophy for 1972 just after the Pioneers defeated Morris Harvey for the title. Coach Lilly, head basketball coach here since 1966, has the reputation of being quiet and calm-a man to respect. (A feature story on Coach Lilly can be found on page four.)



Touring choir Southwest State College, Marshall, Minn.. under the direction of Mark Aamot will appear here March 18

# Congratulatory Letter Extended To Champion Pioneers Followers

To the President, Faculty and Students, Congratulations on securing the championship of the WVIAC basket-

I believe you are to be commended more for your conduct as fine ladies and gentlemen while winning here in our city. I was impressed by the fine manners of your team and followers.

I am a durable backer of Morris Harvey and I regret this loss but many

of my friends have commented that Glenville has more than a fine

I hope you go to the Kansas City tournament and that you will be successful there. I am confident that you will be good representatives

> Very truly yours, Robert M. Brady Save Supply Company Charleston

## Wife Is Spastic; Husband Worried

The following is a letter which I received from an individual who is associated vith Glenville State College:

Dear Mrs. Adkins:

My wife recently contracted a chronic case of the headache in the evening! Before that she ran away with Siamese twins who ran the trained dog act and cotton candy concession with the circus in Tandyville, Illinois. She drinks too much and eats Sen-Sen in the shower. Is there anything I can do to save my marriage?

In reply to "Worried in 101," I can only say that you apparently have S-O-M-E wife! On the other hand, I question that any marital problem can be as one sided as your portrayal reveals. One step toward a better marital relationship is your having: (1) admitted that problems do exist between you and your spouse; (2) attempted to identify some of the problem areas; and (3) sought the assistance of another whom you felt was competent to aid you.

However, I am not trained in any area of counseling and, by no means, could I be considered a marriage counselor. My advice to you is merely one of referral; I recommend that you seek the expert guidance and professional assistance of the Reverend Mr. Bellwether, Editor of Confrontation. For the time being, you might try stocking up on aspirin, locking up the booze, and turning off the water in your house.

> Roma Adkins Home Economics

# Do Not Disturb: Sleep Peacefully

There are students and faculty on campus who are constantly complaining about the apathy on campus; about the mindless conformity of students who want to memorize and regurgitate instead of think about the rules and regulations, written and unwritten, designed to stifle any individuality and dissent; about the lack of stimulating social and cultural activities. These people maintain that all this results from a basic philosophy of preserving the status quo at the expense of creativity and original thinking. There are those who say that we are not celebrating a century of progress, but that change of any kind is regarded as a potential mistake to be avoided at all costs.

To those people I say: surely you must be wrong. Surely if the problems were so serious, more students and faculty would be concerned. Do a few dissenters have the right to impose apparently unwanted change on the rest of the college community? Our great democracy was founded on the belief that the majority is always right; on the principle of the sacrifice of a few for the common good. It is not your responsibility to awaken us to reality. Please do not disturb the tranquility and smug complacency on the Glenville State campus. Just let us all dream on, snug in this fair glen among the maples.

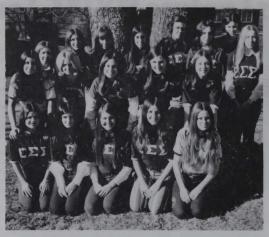
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Tri Sigma pledges for this semester are: 1st row Patricia Carper, Cathy De Garmo, Cathy Reveal, Susie Chapman, Cathy Baker, 2nd row, Melanie Hess, Stephanie Chadwick Marsha Huffman Janie Broome Rosie Young, 3rd row, Janet Rose, Debbie Goodman, Joyce Brenwald, Kim Jones, Deborah Moody. Susie Cottrill, Karen McCormick, and Judy Rhodes.

# 'Scalpers' Get Rich At Fans' Expense **During Frantic Fight for Playoff Tickets**

Once upon a time there was a little rural community known as Scalperville. This community was not known for anything in particular except for its college and a festival that occurred once a year. During the winter of the year everything took a change for the good. Suddenly the roundball team from Scalperville became nationally known because they won the conference tournament and had defeated two nationally ranked teams. The city and the college were in a state of jubilation. The people rejoiced as the team prepared to meet Fairville for the right to go to Kanine City for the national championship.

Suddenly the jubilation ceased and ignorance and greed overcame the community. It all started when the "ticket seller" made a very monumental mistake. You see, he was only given a small amount of tickets to sell to all the people, but he failed to use the knowledge that he supposedly possessed in selling the tickets. The Scalpers from the city came in crowds to get the tickets becaase they loved the team and wanted to go with them, but some of the greedy Scalpers beat the fans to the tickets and bought them in bunches. Then when the "real" fans came to buy, the Scalpers had all the tickets and forced the faithful fans to pay twice the cost of the ticket. Therefore, the greedy Scalpers had the fans in a predicament, the fans were forced to pay the price or not support the team they loved. To try to pacify the students the "ticket seller" amazingly got some additional tickets the next day—but alas the Scalpers had finished their task.

The poor students paid the Scalpers and were able to follow the team that they loved and the Scalpers got rich and the "ticket seller" well, he is the moral to the fable. The moral is—maybe it's time the college acquired something more than a bundling "ticket seller."

P.S. If this sounds like Glenville, it's purely coincidental.

Scalped



Theta Xi pledges include: bottom row, Barry Lyons, freshman business administration major from Parkersburg; Gene King, junior math major from New burg; Terry Handschumacher physical education major from Warner Ohio; Lou Manley, freshman social studies major from Glenville; Victor Cross. sophomore forestry major from Buckhannon; Dave Bush sophomore social studies major from Spencer: Mike Smith, sophomore biology major from Clendenin; major from Spencer: Mike Smith, sophomore biology major from Lendenin; Bob Maynard, freshman physical education major from Eunice; Duane Ball, senior chemistry major from Grantsville; Tom Ullum, freshman business ad-ministration major from Grantsville. Top row: Rick Butler, sophomore math major from Normantown, Jonathan Hildreth, sophomore business administra-tion major from Spencer and Kenneth Vannoy, freshman business administra-tion major from Spencer and Kenneth Vannoy. tion major from Ulysses, Pa.

#### Greek News

The pledges of Sigma Sigma Sigma for second semester 1972 are: Judy Rhodes, a Phys. Ed. major from Cathy Baker, a special Spencer: education major from Clarksburg; Cathy DeGarmo, a business major from Buckhannon: Marcia Huffman. an elementary major from Parkers-burg; Deborah Goodwin, elementary major from Parkersburg: Melanie Hess, from Elkins; Susan Chapman an elementary major from Weston Sue Cottrill, a math major from Weston: Kim Jones, an early childhood major from Glenville; Betty Hewitt, a home economics major Glenville; Patricia L. Carper, a social studies major from Charleston Rose Young, a music major from Clenness major from Charleston: Javnie Broome, a music major from Ravens-Karen McCormick, an art major from Charleston; Janet Rose, an elementary education major from Sutton;DeborahMoody, an art major from Weston; Joyce Brenwald, a business major from Glenville: Cathy Reveal, an elementary major from Charleston; and Pam Coe, an early childhood major from New Cumber-

In a special ceremony, the pledges of Sigma Sigma Sigma were

duced to their "Big Sis."

Judy Rhodes' big sis is Paulette Poling; Cathy Bakers' Margaret White; Cathy DeGarmo's is Vickie Lacey; Marcia Huffman's is Pam Sumpter; Debbie Goodwin's is Susie Smith; Melanie Hess's is Becky Von Buseck; Susan Chapman is Mel Hutchinson; and Sue Cottril's is Karen Kibble

Deborah Davis is Kim Jones' big sis. Barbara Shomo is Betty Hewitt's sis, and Margaret Ball is Patty Carper's. Rose Young's big sis is Karen Price; Stephanie Chadwick's is Darlene Hart; Jane Broome's is Jackie Morton; Karen McCormick's is Terri Smith; Janet Rose's is Debra Slack; Pam Coe's is Brenda Rose; Deborah Moody's is Kathie Fox; Joyce Brenwald's is Judy Bias; and Catherine Reveal's is Robin White.

On Wednesday, Mar. l, Delta Zeta Sorority held a senior ceremony for seniors who will be doing their student teaching this semester. The two are Jenny Page and Rosie Corathers. Both have been very active in campus and sorority affairs. Miss Page served as song leader and president of the Theta Xi chapter, while Miss Corathers served as guard and song leader. Miss Corathers also brought honor to Delta Zeta when she was chosen, as Glenville State College Centennial Queen.

Also on Wednesday the sisters serenaded and presented a rose to Tane Rentchler in honor of her becoming a social affiliate with the chapter. Mrs. Rentchler was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, in which she also served as rush chairman, before transferring to Glenville from W.Va. Wesleyan. She was also president of her dorm and secretary of A.W.S. on that

Another honor came to Delta Zeta last week when Sherri Catalano was awarded "Best Individual Cheer-leader" at the WVIAC tournaments in Charleston.

#### RATLIFF ANNOUNCES MARAT/SADE CLOSED

Mr. Gerald Ratliff is announcing the cancellation of the play Marat Sade which was previously scheduled to be presented this semester.

Mr. Ratliff stated that the primary reason was "he couldn't get enough students to try out." Another reason for the cancellation was the fact that the auditorium was available for two nights only in April. No further dramatic performance has been announced by Mr. Ratliff at



Steve Datcher and Earl Hawkins pose with other members of the all-tourney team. Both were named to the first team.

## Eagles Fall In Final Game Glenville Is Number One

Glenville's path to the finals of the WVIAC tournament was by no means easy. The Pioneers faced three tough opponents in Salem, Wheeling, and Fairmont.

In the opening game of the tournament Glenville faced the Salem Tigers. Salem came out determined and played the Pioneers very tough in the early going. As the game progressed, however, the Pioneers managed to build up a big lead. At the 10 minute mark, Glenville controlled a 25-16 lead behind the shooting of Steve Datcher and Earl Hawkins. Coach Lilly's cagers took a 47-36 lead into the dressing room at the half.

The Pioneers hit a cold spot early in the second half and quickly saw their 11 point lead at half dwindle. Glenville went over four minutes without a point as the Pioneers managed to cut the lead to 59-51.

But then the mighty GSC machine began rolling as the Pioneers managed to outscore Salem 29-4 in the last eight minutes.

The dynamic duo of Datcher and Hawkins led the Pioneers as Steve scored 29 points and Earl gunned in 27. Hawkins took top rebounding honors with 17 and Datcher snatched down 14.

In the quarter finals, Glenville came up against the "Mod Squad" from Wheeling.

Once again the Pioneers were led by Datcher and Hawkins who combined for 34 points as the Blue Wave up-ended the Cardinals 62-51.

Wheeling did not go down without putting up a tough fight especially in the first half. The Cardinals using a stalling offense went out in front by as much as six points before the Pioneers could manage a 28-27 halftime lead.

The game was still close in the second half with the score tied at 33-33 all with 17 minutes to go. Glenville began moving then, scoring 8 straight points for a 42-35 lead. With 10 minutes to go, GSC led 49-41 and easily moved on to a 63-51 victory.

Steve Datcher tossed in 18 points to lead the Pioneer attack. Earl Hawkins followed with 16 points. Jim Garnett was the other Pioneer in double figures with 10.

Glenville's semi-final opponent was the top-seeded Fairmont Falcons. This game was considered by most of the sports writers the best game of the tournament. Both teams featured tight defenses and well organized offenses.

The lead bounced back and forth through the game. Glenville scored first on a goal by Earl Hawkins but the Falcons came back and had a 18-17 lead at the 10 minute mark. The Pioneers fought back and had a 36-29 lead with 3 minutes to go in the half. At this point Fairmont's coach Joe Retton, was hit with two technical fouls. The half-time score ended with the Pioneers up 40-35.

Fairmont scored the first three points of the second half as the Pioneers hit a dry spot going six minutes without a point. At the ten minute mark, the Blue Wave held a 47-46 lead.

The game was tied throughout the remaining few minutes of the game. With 58 seconds to go the score was all even at 61-61. Fairmont had the ball and went into a stall offense working for the last shot. But the Falcon plans were altered when Ron Jones tied up Brad Butcher. The Pioneers controlled the tip and the Blue Wave held the ball down till the final seven seconds when Earl Hawkins went for a lay-up and was hacked.

Hawkins made the first of the two free throws, but missed the second. The Falcons got the ball, but time ran out before they could get a shot.

This victory set the stage for the finals between Glenville and Morris Harvey. And as everyone knows by now, our Pioneers came through in first class style winning the tournaments 60-59 over the Golden Eagles.

# Glenville Stumbles At Play-off Meeting

The Glenville Pioneers suffering from a cold shooting spell dropped the opening game of the district 28 playoff. The final score of the Tuesday evening contest played in Fairmont was 72-61.

Glenville fell behind from the start and did not get a basket until 16:00 was left in the first half, but still the Pioneers only trailed 5-4. Fairmont began to move at this point behind the shooting of Butch Haswell and Lerman Battle, moving out to 12-5 lead with 14 minutes to go in the half.

The Pioneers did not give up without a fight, however as they closed in and pulled within two points at one point. From there on, Fairmont moved out quickly to a seven point advantage.

To the end of the half the teams played on even terms until the final minute when the Falcons shot out to a 10 point advantage at 39-29 which was the score at intermission.

Fairmont increased its lead in the second half to a 13 point lead with 12 minutes remaining. At the 9 minute mark the red hot Falcons extended their margin to 55-35 which was their biggest margin.

Glenville came back at this point slicing the Fairmont lead to 13, but the big lead was too much for the cold Pioneers to overcome.

Steve Datcher, the MVP of the tournaments, took top scoring honors gunning in 22 points. Earl Hawkins who was shut out in the first half came through with 14 in the second. Ken Ledbetter did a good job of coming off the bench netting 10.

Lerman Battle and Butch Haswell were the Falcon's top scorers with 19 apiece. Ed Lemon added 16

The game was very hard fought with three technical fouls being called, one on Coach Carney, one to Coach Retton and one on Fairmont guard Ted Echols.

#### WOMEN FINISH 2-5 IN BASKETBALL PLAY

The GSC women's basketball team completed seven games this season winning two out of seven.

Despite the fact that the team has won only two games Miss Barbara Walker, a member of the team, stated that "our lack of height is a disadvantage and we've only played one semester."

With these handicaps the team succeeded in downing Marietta 36-26 and Salem the following week, 45-33.



Jim Garnett is followed by Fairmont's Ted Echols in the first in a series of playoff games for the chance to represent District 28 in Kansas City.



Steve Datcher receives the Tourney Most Valuable Player award after Glenville defeated Morris Harvey for the conference crown.

#### **Steve Datcher Is Honored**

Glenville's own star forward Steve Datcher was named most valuable player in the West Virginia Conference Tournament.

Datcher led the Pioneers in scoring in all four games averaging 23.2 points per contest. He also averaged eight rebounds per game.

Steve was the key factor in the Pioneer's one point victories over Fairmont in the semi-final game and Morris Harvey in the final game. Datcher had 29 points against Salem, 18 against Wheeling, 24 against Fairmont, and 22 points against Morris Harvey.

Along with Datcher, Earl Hawkins

was named to the All-Conference team. Earl averaged 16.7 points a game and led the Pioneers in rebounding, hauling down 11 snatches a game. Earl was the hero of the Fairmont game as his foul shot won for the Pioneers.

Morris Harvey placed three players on the All-Conference team; Henry Dickerson, Shan Phillips, and Bob Wesley.

West Liberty landed Chuck Taylor and Doug Krueger on the elite team.

Lerman Battle of Fairmont, Earl Thompson of Bluefield, and Shepherd's David Rogers rounded out the squad.

#### Have You Heard

We are Number I. .

The score board clock reads 32 seconds left, the game is all tied up 59-59 and Glenville's Jim Garnett stands ready to shoot his one free throw. It's up and it's good, Pioneer leads, 60-59. Morris Harvey comes down and misses, the clock stops at the unlucky time of 13 seconds. It is all over. The Pioneers win their second WVIAC tournament in three years. Final 60-59 Pioneer victory.

This was the way it was last Saturday night as the Blue Wave came through with another great win.

The WVIAC tournament this year-has to go down in the record books as one of the most exciting ever. Glenville played superb ball all the way through When I arrived at the tournament Wednesday, most of the sports writers had made Fairmont a strong favorite to take the first place trophy. By half-time of the Fairmont-GSC game, most of the writers had agreed that our Pioneers Wegethe tears to heart

The Fairmont-GSC game in my opinion was the best game of the tournament. Both teams played super defense and disciplined offenses. It was basketball at its best. The second half has to be the most pressure-packed half of basketball I have ever experienced.

Now the Pioneers are in the District 28 play-off once again playing our archerival Fairmont State. These games should be once again very hard fought and very close. And even if the Pioneers fall short in their bid to go to Kansas City, I know that myself and everyone else here at GSC will still believe that our Pioneers are still number 1 in every respective way.

Elmo Starcher, a former Glenville State basketball star in 1920 was honored at halftime of the Fairmont State-GSC game. Mr. Starcher has never missed a tournament since it's beginning.

If any of the coaches around the area are planning on using stalling tactic against their opponents, just ask the coaches of Wheeling, Fairmont and Morris Harvey how

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they work. All three of these teams tried using the stall against the Pioneers and all three ended up losing the game. I am a firm believer that the stall should be taken out of the game and some kind of 24 second clock be set-up like the one used in the NBA. Great Mysteries...

There were two great mysteries that plagued me after the tournament ended. Number one was how Ken Ledbetter was left off the All-Tournament team. Ken did a great job of coming off the bench and sparking the Pioneers. Ledbetter threw in 14 big points in a reserve spot against Morris Harvey.

The second great mystery is how in the world could Fairmont's Lerman Battle win, the sportsmanship award. I know "Crying" Lerman is a good basketball player but "best sport"? Golfer's Pream.

Tom Weiskopf probably still is on cloud nine after winning first prize at the Jackie Gleason golf tournament. The first prize money was a mere \$52,000. High School Tourney...

The West Virginia high school tournament gets under way in a few weeks. The favorites this year are Greenbrier East and Williamson, but I am not going with either one as I predict that the Mountain Lions of Charleston High will take top spot Scalpers...

I feel that it was a crying shame the way that some of our fellow Pioneer students did in the buying of tickets for the playoff games. I know some people who had to pay as much as \$4 or \$5 for a ticket just because some of our so-called Pioneers got greedy. The scalper really has something to be proud about. He has the pride it takes to be cheap and dishonest to his fellow classmates and the loyal fans of GSC. Really something to be proud about? Final Score...

I hope that next Monday night we will be having one of the biggest victory celebrations in Glenville's history. With the capabilities of this Pioneer squad it is not too hard to fore see. Have a good week and watch out for the two "kinky hedge twins."

### Cheerleader Is Honored

This year a GSC cheerleader was awarded a very special honor at the tournaments in Charleston. Miss Sherri Catalano, a sophomore on the squad, was presented a trophy for "Best IndividualCheerleader" at the WVIAC tournaments.

Miss Catalano, a language arts comprehensive major from Spencer, competed with cheerleaders from fifteen squads in the conference. This is the first time in seven years a GSC cheerleader has been awarded this trophy.

Besides cheerleading Miss Catalano is an active member of Delta Zeta sorority and News editor of the

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Miss Sherri Catalano won an outstanding cheerleader award at the WVIAC Tournaments last weekend adding to the hardware carried home by the Pio-

# **WGSC Selects New Executive Staff:** Will Strive to Better Serve Students

With the newly-formed excutive staff of WGSC Radio Station, the campus station will now attempt to better serve the students of Glenville State College and the residents of the Glenville Community

The new executive staff will include Lee Harbert and Dennis Lively. This will be the executive committee which will run the station and take the place of the former office of station director. A constitution is being drafted which will alter the administration, and which will better serve Glenville State College. along with this new administration, the news department of WGSC is in the process of being upgraded. This means more up-tothe-minute news and a weekly campus and town report. Along with this there will be interviews, broadened sports coverage, and hopefully

a weekly commentary.

In these ways, WGSC hopes to serve you better

# **Pioneer Coach Jesse Lilly Praised As Unsung Hero**

Jesse Lilly, head coach of our tournament-winning basketball team. is also the unsung hero of the team. He, unlike other state coaches, is the quiet calm coach who sits and watches the game, calculating each and every play, watching each and every man. It isn't his way to jump around and yell at the players in the hearing range of the fans and the players from the other team; rather he takes them aside and corrects their mis-

Coach Lilly has 24 years of coaching experience behind him. He was born in Beckley and was graduated from Glenville State College in 1948. He coached basketball at Elkins for two years, and football at the same school for ten years. He started coaching at Glenville in 1961-62 when he was a basketball coach. He coached football from 1962 until 1966 and then took over coaching basket-ball again from 1966 until the present.

On the subject of the influence of fans, Coach Lilly says there are two types. One is the inspirational yell the crowd and the cheerleaders send to the players on the floor. This type of yell inspires the team to try harder. This is part of the reason the Fairmont team has won 66 consecutive games on their home court in a streak beginning in 1965. The other type of yell is the type that the visiting team hears: the yell in favor of the team they are trying to defeat. This type of yell

gives a feeling of unwantedness. When asked why he is not as belliger-

in our state, Coach Lilly said that he has a philosophy. He feels that the players work hard all week, and their mistakes are corrected then When game time comes, he feels that it is their game; he will not take their glory from them. The crowd shouts their feelings, his voice is then just one of theirs. If there are any comments to be made on a play, the time to do it is after the

Coach Lilly says that we have four returning starters next year. They are Steve Datcher, Earl Hawkins, Ron Jones, and Ken Ledbetter. He says there are several good freshmen coming up too, including Roger Caudill, Arthur Blackman, Hardman, Eric Eugene Mackle, and Datcher, who is currently ineligible.

Jesse Lilly strikes people as a humble, dedicated coach. He knows his sport, and he uses his experience in coaching to turn out some fine basketball players and some cham-pionship teams. Discussing his philosophy, he says; "If we think terms of winning and losing, which we do, we want to win first. if we lose, we don't cry over it. If you cry over a win, if you're so happy you cry, that's OK. But, instead of crying when we lose, we just say, 'Let's hurt a while!"

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