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Blood Drive Conducted

Dr. Bruce Flack, Gilmer County Red Cross Blood Chairman, said that the Red Cross blood drive held Tuesday at the Trinity United Methodist Church attracted 35 donors who contributed 35 pints of blood to the blood bank. Dr. Flack noted that there was not a great deal of student involvement in the recent drive, which was sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the local church.

Dr. Flack concluded that, "Blood collection is part of a continuing program and we need to do better. Our next blood drive will be held on Sept. 12 at the Glenville State College Ballroom." The chairman indicated that he expected a greater response at that time.

According to Director of Placement Joseph M. Hickman those enrolling in Education 301 for the second summer term need to have completed the accompanying activity prior to enrolling in the class.

Candidates Necessary

Applications are being accepted now for candidates in the Miss Sternwheel Regatta 1977 Beauty Pageant scheduled Friday, July 15 in the auditorium of Charleston National Bank.

Entrants must be single female: between the ages of 17 and 21, as of August 1, 1977, according to pageant chairman Kelly George.

The contestants, who must be American citizens, are judged on their poise, personality and beauty. The winner will reign at all festivities during Charleston Sternwheel Regatta week, August 27 through September 5, 1977.

Applications can be obtained from Ms. George at 342-3411 or 342-2964 or by calling Linda Conley 344-8488 or 348-2522.

A \$20.00 sponsorship fee will be charged all finalists to help cover the expenses of the contest.

Dean Peterson Approaches Varied Duties Optimistically

By Debbie Vance

On July 1, 1977, Dr. James Lowell Peterson assumed his new position as Dean of Academic Affairs at Glenville State College. He was formerly a member of Glenville State College faculty serving as associate professor of chemistry.

As dean, Dr. Peterson will be doing routine work such as approving extra hours for summer school students, approving program changes, scheduling, enrollment, and approving class size, and advising any students who have graduated but are still taking courses at GSC. Presently the Dean, along with division chairmen and the President are interviewing applicants for open staff and faculty positions for the fall.

A major area of concentration will be preparing for the re-vision

Pre-Registration Held

Pre-registration for second term summer school is being held now - July 8, 11-13. Students are being urged to register today, July 8, or Monday, July 11 because freshmen pre-registration is being held on Tuesday, July 12. Fees do not have to be paid at pre-registration.

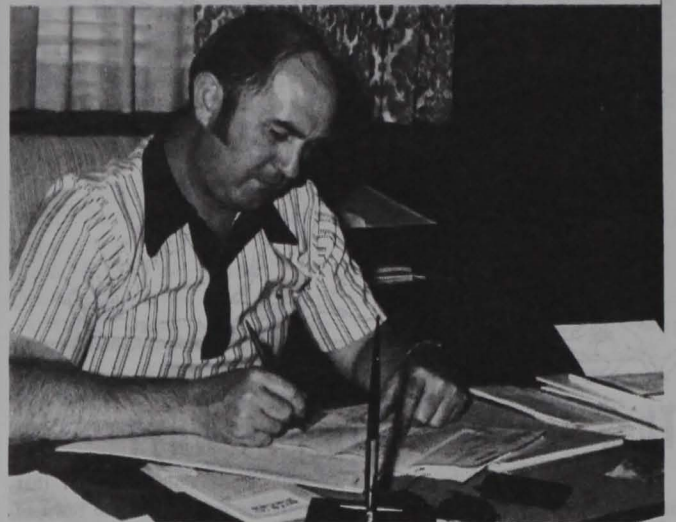
The last day of classes for the first summer term will be Tuesday, July 12, 1977.

Classes for the second summer term will begin on Wednesday, July 13, 1977. July 13 will also be the last day for registration. Students are being urged to register before July 13.

Staff Is Introduced

Things in room 4 Clark Hall have never been better. The hard-working staff who spend their Wednesday evenings in the coolness of the Clark Hall Basement are listed below.

Peggy Bauman is Editor with Susan McCartney as Assistant Editor. Other staff members are: Photographer, Dana Jones; News Bureau Director, Debbie Vance; Cartoonist/Advertising Manager, Gil Valdez; IBM typist, Lisa Jones; Typist, Jo Price; and reporters are Debbie Vance, Ron Gregory and Steve Stanley.



Getting right down to work is new President William K. Simmons as he goes about his newly-acquired responsibilities. Simmons is optimistic about the future of Glenville State College.

Pres. Simmons Returns, Assumes New Title July 1

By Debbie Vance

Dr. William K. Simmons officially took office as President of Glenville State College on July 1, 1977. Dr. Simmons began his presidency with open-mindedness, optimism, enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility toward his duties.

As president, Dr. Simmons' major concern is filling the open staff and faculty positions. He is very pleased with the progress of this task and the prospects it holds for the fall.

Last week the new President attended - along with forty other college Presidents - an Institute for College Presidents, sponsored by the American Board of Education, in Palm Beach, Florida. There were twenty presidents from private colleges and twenty from public colleges. They discussed a president's duties and responsibilities. Some of the duties of that office are, planning the college's events and future, signing and approving certain paper work, helping to improve the school in any way and, lending a hand to any student, staff or faculty member that needs it. Dr. Simmons fully intends to do all these things and probably more. He plans to work directly with students and faculty in overcoming any problems that arise. He feels that he has three major responsibilities as president. They are 1) to maintain

the stability of the school, 2) to maintain the quality and integrity of the education, the educators and the students, 3) and to keep the college modern and up to date with change.

Dr. Simmons says that he will not propose to make any drastic changes in the way things function here at Glenville. He did say though, that the dormitories would be made more appealing to live in. This fall, he and some other administrators will meet with students to discuss some possible improvements in dorm life.

Although the office of President is a hectic job, Dr. Simmons intends to move into it slowly and deliberately. He explained this as planning before beginning and being very cautious in making decisions. He believes in giving people as much freedom as they can be responsible for and fair treatment for all. He sees the trend moving to rural life and feels Glenville has a great opportunity for utilizing the beautiful Appalachian countryside.

All in all, Dr. Simmons is anticipating a bright future for GSC. With several new staff and faculty members, and an administration that is receptive to new ideas and changes, working co-operatively with each other and the student body, the President's office predicts a very interesting and productive year.

Teaching Methods Class Gets Practice

The Science 321 Class has been having a practice teaching exercise for the past two weeks. The class, being directed by Dr. Joe Evans, is designed to acquaint prospective teachers with various science teaching methods with an emphasis on using the inquiry or discovery method.

The nine member class has been teaching two groups of elementary age children. The first group consists of children in grades 2-4. With this group the concept of classification is being emphasized. The second group is made up of upper elementary students. They are discover-

ing the world of simple machines. Each member of the Sci. 321 class has had an opportunity to work with both groups and offer suggestions to each other as to how each might improve his teaching skills.

The 1977 Kanawhachen was sent to the printer June 1, according to Editor James Nutter. Proof has been returned for correcting and the cover has been completed and proofed.

This year's yearbook includes color spots, duotone and sepiatone and is scheduled for late summer delivery.

Job Market Dim

"There are very few summer jobs in central West Virginia," according to Director of Placement Joseph M. Hickman. The director noted that the College Student Employment has been discontinued this summer at GSC. The program has been administered by the state government for students in past years, according to Hickman. He said that he assumes that the program will be reinstated this fall, although he has received no official confirmation of this.

Other than "a couple of electrical linesmen jobs in Preston County," Mr. Hickman said that employment is difficult to find for the summer. He added, however, that it is not decidedly worse this year than in others. Summer employment is usually difficult to find in this area, he said.

Mr. Hickman stated that it is now too early to determine how students who graduated the past year in teacher education will do in the fall's job market. He noted that the pattern is similar to past years. "The areas where jobs have usually been tight continue to be," Hickman said.

The director noted, though, that graduates seem to be doing well in finding teaching jobs in the areas of early childhood, mathematics, elementary education, and mental retardation. He noted, however, that "It's still very early. Employment of teachers usually reaches its peak in late August."



Happily anticipating the future, newly-appointed Dean of Academic Affairs Lowell Peterson reflects a relaxed attitude towards his duties.



They Always Return . . . Why?

For three years I have attended Glenville State College and in that time, I have heard so many complaints about the college and the town of Glenville itself. Many students say that the college offers no entertainment, the professors are dull and boring, the food is terrible, the dorm rules are strict and the dorms themselves are hardly more than a hole in the wall. As for the town, they say it offers nothing. No places to go and nothing to do.

I would like to refute all of that! Glenville is a small town and therefore the college, too is small. Many people think that that is not good but I consider it a blessing. In a small place like this everyone gets to know everyone else (if they care to) and I think that is good because the people of Glenville are so nice and friendly and helpful. So many students don't try to become acquainted with other people and they just don't know what they're missing. It's true that there aren't very many places of entertainment in Glenville, and hopefully that will change, but there are people and getting to know them and talking with them can be as enjoyable as anything else.

As for the college, the Cultural Affairs Committee brings in entertaining groups and educational programs that are really very profitable, but not very many students take advantage of this. I feel that GSC is endowed with a goodly number of highly educated and competent professors. I think this is evidenced by the statistics. Ask Mr. Hickman, director of Placement, how many graduating seniors get jobs. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Although I have never visited other college dorms, I feel that ours are very nice and supplied with all of the necessities. As for the hours, - well, if there's nothing to do, what are they complaining about?

Although I have heard so many students strike out against the college and the town, every year during Folk Festival, Homecoming, or Alumni Day nearly all of them return. Why? I think I've given you the reasons.

Susan McCartney
Assistant Editor

The GSC Student Congress has released the Student Programming Entertainment Schedule for the 1977-78 academic year. Entertainment includes:

Tuesday-August 30, 1977 Ballroom 9-12 p.m. Mix - "Marble Faun"
Saturday-October 8, 1977 Ballroom 9-12 p.m. Homecoming Dance featuring "Staircase"

Friday-October 28, 1977 Auditorium 8 p.m. Concert featuring Chunky, Ernie and Novi

Sunday-November 6, 1977 Gymnasium 8 p.m. Exhibition Basketball

Glenville State College vs. Republic of China National Team

Thursday-February 2, 1978 Auditorium 8 p.m. Concert featuring "Michael Johnson"

Friday-March 17, 1978 Auditorium 8 p.m. Inspirational speaker featuring Rosey Grier

Friday-April 14, 1978 Ballroom 9-12 p.m. Dance featuring "TNT PowerHouse"

Friday-May 19, 1978 Auditorium 8 p.m. Concert featuring "Timberline"

Tales Told

A new book of ghost tales collected by noted West Virginia folklorist Ruth Ann Musick will be published July 2, 1977, by the University Press of Kentucky.

Like the author's Telltale Lilac Bush, this collection of Appalachian folktales, entitled Coffin Hollow and Other Ghost Tales, is certain to delight both the professional folklorist and the general reader. The late Miss Musick had the help of her college students in gathering the tales from which the 96 in this volume were selected, and most were told by people who lived in the students' home area - the countryside of West Virginia.

The tales are set in coal mines and remote cabins, in hidden hollows and on mountain tops. Some of the stories hark back to the days when the mountains and valleys of the state were first settled and Indians still threatened. Many are set in slave times and reflect the Civil War bitterness of a divided state.

But most are told as the experiences of the immediate family or friends of the students themselves, and one story is as recent as the war in Vietnam. Long-dead moonshiners keep watch over their stills, and travelers are beset by headless dogs or mysteriously vanishing hitchhikers. Haunted fields will not be plowed, and coal mines are populated with both vengeful and friendly ghosts.

Ruth Ann Musick, who died in 1974, taught for many years at Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia. Her brother, Archie L. Musick, created the striking scratchboard illustrations that accompany the text.

The Theta Xi Chapter of Delta Zeta sorority will hold its annual summer retreat at the sorority house at 305 East Main Street during the weekend of July 15-17.

The events of the weekend will primarily center around preparation for fall rush activities.

The Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sorority will hold their retreat on the weekend of July 15 also. The Sigma Retreat will be held at the Smith Cabin. The sisters will also be planning fall rush.

Campers Convene

Twelve GSC students are striking sparks of joy in the hearts of some Gilmer County youths this week. The members of the Physical Education 399, Camp Counseling, class are getting some practical experience as camp counselors under the direction of Coach Tim Carney. These students began the summer term by studying the rudiments of camp counseling. Now they have a good chance to apply what they learn.

The Youth Opportunity Camp has been an annual event for some ten years. It is jointly sponsored by the Governor's Youth Program, Department of Welfare, Gilmer County Department of Welfare, Gilmer County Board of Education, West Virginia University Extension Service, Community Action and Glenville State College.

Some of the classes conducted during the week are leather craft, nature trail, folk dancing, arts and crafts, ceramics, canoeing, and gun safety.

A few highlights of the camp are swimming in the college pool and at Cedar Creek and an all day excursion to Camden Park.



The new tennis courts, which opened June 29, have been full nearly everyday.

Ms. West Attends Ky. Short Course

Miss Virginia West, associate professor of English, recently attended a Short Course in Appalachian Literature at Berea College, Berea, Ky. The course included a survey of the body of literature with emphasis on some important writers of the regions such as John Fox, Jr., Jesse Stuart, James Still, Thomas Wolfe, James Agee, Harriette Simpson Arnow, John Ehle, and Wilma Dykeman.

Resource persons were Loyal Jones, Director Berea College Appa-

lachian Center; Wilma Dykeman, author The Tall Woman, The Far Family, Return the Innocent Earth and others; Dr. Jim Wayne Miller, author of The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same, and Dialogue with a Dead Man; and Dr. Cratis Williams, professor of English, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. and author of The Southern Mountaineer in Fact and Fiction and numerous articles on mountain speech, folklore and cultural history.

Nat'l Sigma Convention Held

The Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority held its national convention in Chicago during the week of June 27- July 1. Two GSC Tri-Sigma's attended the six day convention. Mary E. Martin and Deborah A. Wildman represented the Delta Alpha Chapter of GSC as collegiate delegates.

Mary E. Martin is currently the President of the Delta Alpha Chapter. Her past offices include Vice-President and President of the 1976 Spring Pledge Class. She is majoring in Social Work and is a junior at GSC. Her activities on campus include the Social Work Club, majorette of band, and saxophonist in band.

Deborah A. Wildman is currently the Membership Director of the GSC Tri-Sigma Chapter. Her past duties include Founders Day and Walton House chairman, and Treasurer of her 1976 Spring Pledge Class. Her majors are English and Secretarial Studies with a minor in Journalism. She is active in Kappa Delta Pi, the Mercury staff, Band, and Student Congress.

In Chicago, the women were given a tour of Chicago, attended six banquets, and worked with workshops dealing with Sorority Business, Entertainment, and Philanthropy.

Kits Available

The West Virginia Affiliate of the American Heart Association is seeking all kids that are interested in having fun and helping others to join in the fight against heart disease.

The Heart Association has announced that it now has available to the public free upon request a 'Heart Fund Summer Fun Carnival Kit.' The kit tells all children how to stage their own backyard carnival for the benefit of the Heart Fund. All proceeds made during the carnivals will be turned over to the Heart Association to fight the state and nation's number one killer-heart disease.

The kit includes two parts. The first tells how to set up the carnival and offers suggestions and instructions. The second part contains materials to promote the event, such as posters, flyers and balloons.

The kit can be obtained free of charge by writing Carnival Kit, 211 35th St. SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Kits will be available until August 1, 1977.

State Heart Association President Dr. John Zeedick said that he is hopeful that many children in the state will hold carnivals for the Heart Fund this summer. "Besides giving all children something to do, they will be helping us fight heart disease," he said.



A hot game of football is underway at the Youth Opportunity Camp.

SCORE AT: THE SCOREBOARD

Beer, Foosball,
Pool, DJ Nightly

