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This portrays a familiar scene at the annual Folk Festival held in Glenville.

## Backwood's Past Enjoyed

Once again, Glenville had a fleeting glance at the past when area citizens donned their buckskins, long skirts, and bonnets to celebrate the 29th Annual State Folk Festival. This year an ever stronger interest in traditional customs and values was stressed to give a view of the authentic past. Though the city streets were paved and gasoline engines replaced the horse, participating individuals seemed to grasp each thread of heritage to weave a picture of our fore-fathers' Appalachian culture.

The Country Store, headquarters for the festivities, underwent a change in appearance which made everything within easily accessible. Particularly interesting was Mike Bailey's fine workmanship on his hand-carved pine staircase and pieces of furniture. He is a young, local talent with an intense desire to become a true artisan of woodwork.

Along Main Street craftsmen displayed their wares and demonstrated their skills in heritage crafts. The most impressive of these were the basket-weaving and corn husk dolls. While strolling from place to place absorbing the old culture, the strains of dulcimers, fiddles, and banjos filled the air as well as the smell of a pit barbecue. All of these produced a sensation of humble serenity.

Exceptionally pleasing were the window displays in the stores downtown. Merchants and local clubs used various themes in displaying antiques. Mrs. Bonnie Drake had a most impressive display in Midland's of her collection of dolls and accessories. The Spirit of Fashion Boutique featured many old publications of such works as *Paradise Lost* and an old retail catalogue. Also, the local churches offered displays of quilts and documentary films of local people.

Though attendance was less than in past years, the Folk Festival still spurred an interest in our heritage. However, improvements could be made in several areas. Many events conflicted with one another, thus making it difficult to appreciate all of the activities. The major events such as the Old Time Fiddler's Contest, Muzzle-Loading Contest, and McGuffey Spelling Bee could be re-organized for maximum participation. Several years ago, crafts such as apple butter making were popular. Perhaps the return of this way of life would fit the traditional mold much better. In the same vein, lye soap making could be introduced. Also, a speakers' forum featuring notable Appalachian authors and craftsmen could be incorporated to give the Festival a literary or academic flavor. Take note that these are suggestions rather than criticisms.

Knowing the hardships and conflicts the Folk Festival Committee endures each year, their never-ending effort to make the Festival a return to the past must be commended. Through the years, efforts to make the festival more traditional can be seen. With each passing year nearing the Twenty-first Century, these traditional values will mean more and more to those in attendance.



These players are seen working their drills during the 8th Annual GSC Football Camp.

## Ms. Nohe Enjoys Miss WV Pageant

The Miss West Virginia pageant was held June 8-10 at the Sheridan Inn in Clarksburg, W.V. Representing Glenville State College was Miss June Nohe of Parkersburg.

Although she didn't place, Miss Nohe felt that it was a good experience for her. She felt that the people involved in the pageant were all very friendly and made her feel comfortable. During her stay, June and her chaperone, Mrs. Francis Hamdon of Clarksburg were kept very busy. There were two full days of rehearsal with no real free time. She commented that, "The competition was good and all fifteen contestants were winners."

Miss Nohe's talent was a dramatic interpretation, the same one which she presented in the Miss GSC pageant. She wore two different evening gowns during the competition, one was rose colored and the other blue and white. After the pageant, Miss Nohe, along with the other contestants attended a reception in their honor.

The winner of the Miss West Virginia Pageant for 1978 was Miss Ivy Lee Meadows from South Charleston.

## Annual Camp Held For 174 Players

Glenville State College hosted its annual football camp for the two week period of June 11-23 with a total of 174 campers. The camp which is in its eighth year consists of 2-one week sessions for boys enrolled in grades 7-12.

During each week expert coaches were on hand to help the boys with the basic fundamentals and techniques of football.

Each evening classes were held to provide special instruction in areas of punting and punt returns, field goals, kick off and kick off returns.

Coaches on hand for the first week of camp included Coach Carpenter who is a defensive Coach from Marshall University, Coach Martinelli, who is head football coach at Ashland College in Ohio, Coach Casto, an offensive coach from William and Mary College and a GSC graduate, Coach McPhail who is head coach in Calhoun County and a graduate of GSC and Coach Griffith who is head coach at Dupont High School.

Coaches for the second week included Coach Cowley from Herbert Hoover High School, Coach Evans from South Carolina University, Coach Colobro who is head coach at Concord College, Coach Buckley



Pictured above are those who attended the opening session of GSC's Elderhostel '78.

## 'Elderhostel' Involves 19

Elderhostel at Glenville State College is presently in its second week, offering "Roots: Searching for Your Family History," "Ornamental Horticulture: Indoor Plants and Flowers," and "Wild Flower Identification."

Elderhostel is a national program that the State of West Virginia became involved with this year which

gears college level programs toward providing senior citizens with a living and learning experience.

"West Virginia Elderhostel '78" is partially funded under Title I-HEA of 1965 and the West Virginia Commission on Aging.

Utilizing the resources of the West Virginia State Folk Festival, held in Glenville last week, sessions in the seminar varied from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with square dancing and music concerts in the evenings.

The program centers around historical perspective, folk songs and music, antiques and artifacts, musical playing techniques, instrument making, blacksmithing, quilting, chairbottom weaving, and mountain toy making.

Last week, 12 senior citizens from West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey took advantage of the week-long activities. This week there are seven.

The weeks of June 25 through July 1 (which includes "The Individual and the Law," "Poetry Writing and Appreciation," and "Edible Wild Plants") and July 9 through 15 (including "Appalachian Heritage and Crafts," "How to Survive as a Consumer," and "Indoor Plants and Flowers") are still open.

Hostelers live in campus dormitories with summer students, although residents may commute. Field trips, picnics, tours and involvement in regular campus activities await interested participants.

Other state colleges participating in the Elderhostel program include: Bethany College, Fairmont State College, Marshall University, Shepherd College, West Liberty State College, West Virginia State College and Wheeling College.

Any girl interested in trying out for the GSC drill team for fall of 1978 please see Jeff Hudkins or Mr. Vineyard in the Music Department.





## Five Will Cheer Pioneers' Efforts

Cheerleaders for the Fall of 1978 were chosen at the closing of the school term. Terrye Evans, head; Kim Bickel, Debbie Carson, Cheryl Cline, and Tammy Gunnoe will represent the Pioneer cheerleading squad.

Terrye Evans, a Junior, is from Vienna, West Virginia. She is a Business Administration Major. Terrye is a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and Order of Diana where she holds the office of Vice President.

Kim Bickel is a Sophomore from Gassaway. She is an English major. Kim is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Girls Basketball and track teams.

Debbie Carson is a Junior from Sutton. She is an Art major. Cheryl Cline, a Senior from

Elizabeth, is a Social Work major. Cheryl has been a majorette at GSC, participated in the choir, and is on the Mercury staff.

Tammy Gunnoe, a Junior from Charleston is a Business Administration major. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, F.A.O. Campus Planning Committee, and Mercury

staff.

In the Fall there will be three more girls added to the squad, one regular and two alternates. The date for these tryouts will be posted the first week of classes this fall. Anyone that is interested will be welcomed.

## Summer's Services Excel

Though summer term means a decline in student population on campus, by no means does GSC curtail its academic excellence and service to its people. One would think that the summer session is less hectic and more peaceful but the staff and administration, as usual, is hard-working and attempting to give the area people the full service of our institution.

Summer activities on campus range from the usual class attendance to a variety of workshops and week-long camps. For the first time, West Virginia is offering a summer travel program for the elderly, appropriately coined, Elderhostel '78. GSC is proud of participating in this program. Four weeks have been scheduled for various classes and activities to those older individuals who attend. Also, the annual football and cheerleading camps offer special training in sports skills to area youth. Tentative workshops during the summer cover such topics as reading, criminal justice, social services, and office systems. These workshops are held daily and may be taken for college credit.

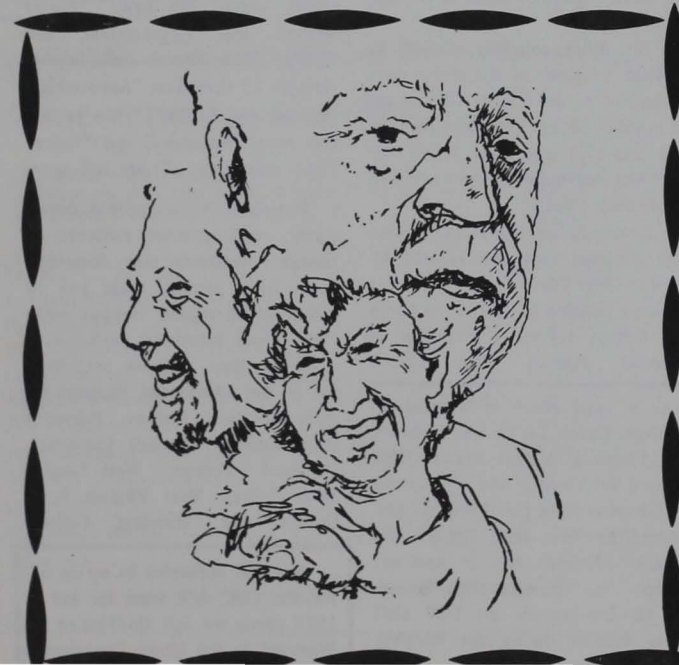
GSC stresses student involvement with local youth and classes are offered in camp counseling and driver's safety. Lately, interest has been placed on special education.

All of these services GSC offers during the summer months. Then, the complaint that there is nothing to do is still heard. Last week, the community of Glenville celebrated the annual Folk Festival. Events and activities were scheduled at various points around the city. Once again, GSC came to the call. The college's facilities were used and members of our staff proved the college is an ample host.

So, why are the idle complaints heard? With so many activities on campus, there is plenty of chance for student involvement. It only takes a willingness to volunteer one's free time.

GSC offers its service to you, so why not reciprocate and actively enjoy your summer?

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## Delta Law requires you to read this message before you leave town.

O.K., this is goodbye! Go out and get drunk!  
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