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Members of Youth Opportunity Camp, with the help of Mr. Scott's Art 360 class, are experimenting with sponge art ink drawing.

104 Attend Annual Camp

GSC students and Coach Tim Carney. It was the first day of the Youth Opportunity Camp, which is sponsored by the Department of Welfare and the Glenville Community Action Office. There were 104 campers this week, their ages ranged from 7 to 14 years.

Camp activities varied from day to day. On Monday, the campers registered, went through camp orientation, saw "The Fabulous Country", a movie in the spirit of the 4th of July, and on Monday evening they went to Weston to see the 4th of July parade and fireworks. Tuesday they ventured to Marietta, Ohio for the day. While there they rode the riverboat and toured the Ohio River Museum.

Wednesday morning met the campers with classes in arts and crafts, ceramics, gun safety, leathercrafts, folk dancing and nature Wednesday afternoon highlighted the day with a swim in the GSC pool and Wednesday evening the movie "The Bears and I" was shown. Thursday the campers made a day long trip to Camden State park and a picnic at Coonskin Park in Charleston on the way back. Camp was dismissed today at noon, but this morning the campers were back in classes picking up where they left off on Wednesday morning or learning something new.

When asked about the requirements for being a camp counselor, Coach Carney said that there was no pre-requisite for the job. The counselors must be college students and the camp counseling class is optional. Coach Carney also said he thought the camp was very successful and the experience was very effective for the counselors, possibly as effective as student teaching, since the counselors spent over 100 hours with campers during the week.

The second summer term, beginning July 31 and ending Aug. 4

Monday, July 3rd was the be- will be held for children from Braxginning of a very busy week for 12 ton and Clay counties. Coach Carnev has announced that the camp counseling jobs will be available again during this week. Anyone interested should contact Coach Carnnev before July 24.

Miss Pearl Pickens

Succumbs At 79

Miss Pearl Pickens, the first dean of women at Glenville State College and an English instructor from 1947 to 1964, died June 27. Miss Pickens, 79 died while hosting tea at her home for a Glen-

She was a graduate of Glenville Normal School and West Virginia University, Miss Pickens did graduate work at Ohio State University and West Virginia University.

She was a former teacher in Gilmer and Harrison counties. Miss Pickens' taught English and French at St. Albans, Tanner, Troy and Glenville High schools. She was a former principal at Troy, Tanner and Glenville.

Miss Pickens was a former president of the Glenville Woman's Club, Glenville State College Alumni Association, Gilmer County Retired School Employees and Senior Citizens of Gilmer County.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Glenville where she was secretary of the Baptist Women. Miss Pickens was a member of the West Virginia Education Association and the National Retired Teachers Association. She was secretary of the Jobs Temple Organization,

In 1973, she was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the Glenville State College Alumni Association and in 1974, Pickens Hall, a dormitory named in her honor, was dedicated at Glenville State College.

Students Honored on Spring Dean's List

The following students made a quality point average of 4.0 on 12 semester hours or more taken during the second semester of the 1977-78 school year and are eligible to be placed on the Dean's Honors List for a period of one semester.

James L. Anderson, Jr., Reedy; Kimberly S. Beebe, Barlow, OH; Amanda J. Bell, Glenville; Stephen P. Boilon, Glenville; Lois C. Boso, Washington, Claude W. Campbell II, Glenville; Terry Kent Coffman, Birch River: James R. Cooper, Spencer; Martha Unalee Crump, Nitro; James T. Dotson, Alkol, Ruth A. Eddy, Smithville; Kyle L. Emerson. Cox's Mills: Wayne H. Ervin, Rock Cave; William N. Fletcher, Parkersburg; David W. Fuller, Baltimore, MD; Earl R. Hall, Weston; Margie C. Hanna, Summersville; Anita L. Harold, Glenville; Dorma E. Hughes, Ripley; David L. Jackson, Grafton; Patricia A. Keefer, Letart; Richard E. Lawrentz, Parkersburg; John M. Malcomb, Tioga; John C. McElwain, Webster Springs; Abigail A. McHenry, Reedsville; Marsha L. McIntyre, St. Marys; Annica A. Miller, Clarksburg; Ran-First Woman Dean dall C. Morgan, Vienna; Steven D. Morningstar, Cox's Mills; Ramona dall C. Morgan, Vienna; Steven D. D. Morton, Spencer; Rebecca A. Mullen, Harrisville; Cynthia J. Mus-Ridge Manor, FL; Steven Nemeth, Seaside Park, NJ; Randall Paul Newlon, Clarksburg; Mary Poole, Parkersburg; Mary Ann Radabaugh, Glenville; Gary E. Siegrist, Big Bend; Monica L. Snowden, Reedy; Deborah S. Stiller, Glenville; Allen Stump, Spencer; Michael G. Stump, Orma: Teresa Jane Stump, Glenville; Kathy Diane Turner, Glenville; Patricia A. Valentine, Paden City; Marlene M. Welch, Parkersburg; Charles D. Westfall, Grants-

ville: Rhonda Yvonne Wetzel, Paden City; Kim Elaine White, Weston; Randy B. Whytsell, Birch River; Vicki L. Wilson, Vienna.

Those students who made a quality point average of 3.5 or more on 12 semester hours or more taken during the second semester of the 1977-78 school year and are eligible to be placed on the Dean's Honors List for a period of one

Seyed A. Agah, Tehran, Iran; Mary W. Alltop, Glenville; Roy S. Alltop, Glenville; James T. Arden, Glenville; Cynthia L. Baker, Brandywine MD: Barbara Ann Ball. West Union: Susan C. Bame, Forest, OH; James D. Baylous, Parkersburg; Ennifer L. Beckett, Parkersburg; Clark B. Bell, Big Bend; Gary F. Bonnett, Trov; Debra Frame Brady, Gassaway; David A. Brosius, Sutton; Beatrice E. Brown, Burnsville; Connie S. Buzzard, Parkersburg; Pamela S. Campbell, Duck; Steven W. Campbell, Aberdeen, MD; Sandra J. Chambers, Ripley; Thomas E. Cislo, Brandywine, MD: Sandra K. Clifton, Little Birch; Irene K. Clowser, Cedarville; Virgil Perry Coe, Summersville; Janet E. Cogar, Flatwoods; Christy A. Collins, Richwood; Steven W. Collins, Glenville; Laura L. Conley, Glenville; Bobby J. Conrad, Weston; Rondlynn J. Cool, Guardian; Debra K. Cottrell, Washington; Joe B. Crislip, Parkersburg; Jeffrey G. Davis, Glenville: Judith D. Davisson, Glenville; Richard J. Debold, Pittsburgh, PA; Edward T. Donatell, Stow, OH; Shelia G. Drennen, Oak Hill; Charlotte R. Eary, Fayetteville; Constance J. Emerson. Cox's Mills: F. Dee Fisher, Parkersburg; Stevan M. Fisher, Flatwoods; Stephen W. Frame, St. Albans; Karen L. Frazier, Jane Lew.

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MISS PEARL PICKENS

Tribute to a Friend

It was difficult to prepare a fitting tribute to a lovely lady in 1974 when Pickens Hall was dedicated. It is even more difficult now that she is not here to inspire me with her twinkling eyes.

Miss Pearl Pickens was a teacher, a dean, a fellow alumni, a confidante and most of all, a friend to me. All who knew her respected and loved her the tiny figure who always carefully appraised each situation before judging, who always thought before speaking, whose life was as organized as her lesson plans had been and who enjoyed each moment given her. Not even when she fell and was confined to her home with a broken hip did she lose courage. In her own words, she 'learned to be homebound' and found much to do

She knew her subject and she practiced 'what she preached'. Delicate, neat and orderly were contributing attributes of both her classroom manner

As dean of women, she was both strict and lenient. She always loved young people and attempted to understand their viewpoints. In those days, there were fewer students on campus so everyone knew everyone else. Miss Pickens was always attendant at social events, she was aware of our problems and involvements and in all situations, a witty, understanding 'mother away from home'

Five years ago when I secretly gathered biographical information for the surprise naming of the dormitory, she became skeptical when I asked so many questions. I always replied: 'I'm just bringing files up-to-date,' A few weeks later I received an envelope containing a picture which she instructed me to use for her obituary. We laughed about that later as I was honored to tribute to Miss Pickens at the naming of her residence hall,

So many pass through these portals; few are noticed or leave any impression. Not so with Pearl Pickens -- to know her was to love her and Glenville State College and I (multiplied by hundreds of students), are better be-

Perhaps John Milton summed her up best when he said, 'Grace was in her steps, heaven in her eye, in every gesture dignity and love.'

Mrs. Yvonne King

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MISS JENNIFER CHISLER

Miss Jennifer Chisler represented Gilmer County in the Braxton County Regatta held June 22-25.

Miss Chisler was one of 14 girls who enjoyed many activities on the lake which included hydroplane races and colorful activities performed by professional water skiers.

Miss Chisler commented that it was a "new and interesting experience" and that she had met alot of 'really nice people."

While at the Regatta Miss Chisler stayed with Kenna Seal, Superintendent of Braxton County Schools and her escort was Gary Wolfe of Glen-

Queen for the 1978 Regatta was Miss Nancy Ranson from Ripley.

Greek Stats Compiled

The sorority and fraternity averages have been released from the Dean of Student Affairs office for spring 1978. The total Greek average, 2.82, was slightly lower than the non-Greek average which was 2.89.

The Delta Zetas came out on top with a 2.97 over the Sigma Sigma Sigma's 2.88 in the sorority averages. The overall women's average was 2.95 and the overall sorority average was 2.94.

In the fraternities, the Lambda Chi Alphas had a 2.76, slightly above the Theta Xis 2.75. The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is in third place with a 2.62 average. The overall men's average of 2.81 bettered the overall fraternity average of 2.70.

Change is a Start

First impressions of Glenville in the summer may not be too favorable especially for the incoming freshmen who will be on campus next week, but with the surge of students in late August come lasting friendships and many exciting events and activites to look forward to.

With the beginning of the fall semester one can prepare for the responsibilities of college life as well as many enjoyable events and activities. For those needing financial aid, there are positions available in offices all over the campus (including the Mercury office.) Interested students should talk to Mr. Dan Perkins of the Financial Aid Office. Getting settled into the weekly

routine of classes is a long awaited joy to many.

After the responsibilities are realized, one can prepare to enjoy many As a teacher, Miss Pickens was a paragon to imitate. She demanded perStudent Attends Regatta aspects of campus life. The Pioneer spirit is alive and well at GSC and there
fection and I daresay she got perfection in return on most of the classwork. week activities which include mixes, a picnic, and the organizations' carnival gets the student into the spirit of things. For those interested, fraternities and sororities on campus can become lasting committments and the student can become involved in the marching band, chorus, or the Drama department along with other organizations or activities.

Weekends in Glenville can be fun, but for the upperclassmen who prefer to live from a suitcase, home is usually a better place to be. If one experiences a Glenville weekend, he will soon discover the town's good points. To you, the inexperienced freshmen, we extend a welcome to Glenville State College and to Glenville itself in hopes that you will find it an enjoyable college home.

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