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Pioneer Hoop Team Wins Tournament

by Sean McAndrews

The Pioneers opened up the 1994-1995 season by taking the Joe Manchin Tournament held at Salem-Teikyo University.

In the first game, the Pioneers were paired up against Urbana University of Ohio. The Pioneers jumped out to a 56-44 half time lead on Steve Shuff's 26 first half points. Urbana would get as close as seven before a variety of lay ups by Steve Shuff, Jeremy Rodda, and Jeff Brockell.

The Pioneers would be lead in scoring by Steve Shuff with 38, Jeremy Rodda with 16, Jeff Brockell with 15, and Fred Wilson with 10.

In the second game, the Pioneers would face their WVIAC archrival/foe Salem-

Teikyo. Salem-Teikyo was coming off two consecutive conference titles and a preseason ranking of #13 in the NAIA.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 9-3 lead on a variety of shots by Steve Shuff and Jeff Brockell and never looked back in this 90-76 win. The Pioneer post defense lead by Jeremy Rodda, Jeff Brockell, Kenny Gross and Ray Moore held the perennial WVIAC All-Conference players Antoine Hatcher and Georgeja Munizaba to 21 points for the game and nine points in the first half all on free throws.

The Pioneers were lead by Steve Shuff with 32, followed by transfer Fred Wilson with 16, Eric Contee with 13, and Jeff Brockell with 12 points.

See Page 5 for more hoop action.



Shown above are Arlington County Police Agent Jim Daly, Criminal Justice Club President Stephanie Johnson and Police Officer Don Fortunato. The officers were on campus last Wednesday to hold a the Drug Interdiction Seminar, sponsored by the Criminal Justice Club. The officers discussed types of drugs, laws regarding drugs, drug offender profiles and community oriented policing. photo by Heather Messenger

Students to Conduct Research at National Astronomy Observatory

Seven students will have the honor of conducting research at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, West Virginia January 7-14.

Dr. Joe Evans, along with students Murray Mace, John McKown, Daniel Mullens, April Ramsey, Thomas Stephenson, Monica Triplett and Susan Hutchison, will be conducting seven days of intense raw research under the guidance and supervision of some of the nation's reknowned astronomers.

The students will also have the privilege of working at Greenbank, an observatory used by scientists from all over the world.

The purpose of the program is to give prospective science educators experience needed in conducting and supervising raw research.

Funding for this research was awarded by the National Science Foundation Grant for a

three year cycle. This is the first year for the research funding. A previous "research experience" was conducted for students from West Virginia University during this semester.

Sue Ann Heatherly, education adviser at Greenbank, was extremely enthused about the first session. She was impressed with the enthusiasm and drive the students exhibited during the project.

Evans, who will be help with the supervision of the students, is also extremely excited about the session at Greenbank, "I see a potential for developing one of the major deficiencies in our teacher education program by giving pre-service teachers real experience in research. To be able to take a problem and visualize how you will approach that problem to solve it is one of the greatest benefits of the program."

While the students are at Greenbank they will be assigned a research problem to solve. An

oral presentation will then be given by each team as to the results of their research.

Students will also be honored by hearing several presentations by top-level scientists on their personal research. Topics scheduled to be presented include: "The Early Universe," "Pulsars," "Science From a Learner's Viewpoint" and "Gravitational Lenses."

"I am really excited," remarked Susan Hutchison, "but hesitant at the same time. I know the caliber of scientists who do research at Greenbank. But after discussing matters with Dr. Evans, he has assured me that they are both very human and helpful."

GSC will be one of the colleges attending at this time. Also attending will be students from Fairmont State and West Liberty.

An informative meeting will be held for those students who will be attending tomorrow in the Science Hall, Room 200.



Pioneer hoopsters override their opponents' offense. photo by Dave Sagan

Commentary

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a freshman at GSC, I would like to express my opinion on the "Fiddler on the Roof" review, by David Graham, appearing in the November third issue of *The Mercury*. Upon viewing this play, I noticed a few problems, which I did not look at pestimistically.

My opinion on Jamie Atkins, Motel, was similar to yours, except I don't feel he "slipped into the trap of acting..." Jamie has a great deal to offer, he has the ability to give his character energy and style. On the other hand, I found nothing you, David Graham, had to say about Craig Worl, Teveye, even close to my sentiment. Yes, he did contribute a strong voice, but he also gave many other contributions.

But, what bothered me the most about this review was the comment about the scene changes. Mr. and Mrs. Wemm and several cast and crew members put in long, hard hours trying to rid the stage to compensate for the numerous scene changes. Considering some people are very restless, if they used props that had to be taken off each scene change, most would have gotten up and left.

My advice to you is simple. If you're such a perfectionist, why don't you help out with the next play? This way you will not be so dissatisfied.

Sincerely,
Sheri Michael

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the Review by David Graham "Fiddler on the Roof" in the November 3 issue of *The Mercury*.

I would just like to make a few points that I disagreed with.

First, was about how Graham said the production had a few things that needed to be fixed in future productions. Yes, I think they needed to get better, but as you learn with experience you get better and they do not need you to tell them that.

Second, was about Motel

the Tailor--the stage needs actors like that with energy and style. There is no such thing that I have heard of as a trap in acting to be slipping in or otherwise. I thought his enthusiasm in the wedding scene was excellent because it is supposed to be a happy and enjoyable time.

In short I would like to say that where Graham had said that the production had its highs and lows; was an over statement. I have seen productions performed by professionals in Broadway like the West Virginia Symphony Choir when they performed "Die Fledermaus" this past October 29. The Glenville students performed ALMOST as good as the cast to "Die Fledermaus" did in scene changes and acting; especially without a curtain.

Sincerely,
Amanda Sands

Editor's Note

It seems that a couple of people have disagreed with my review. I encourage people to express their opinion. I must applaud them for having the strength to express their opinion in an open forum.

However, I do have a couple of comments about their letters. Both Sheri Michael and Amanda Sands misquoted me in regard to Jamie Atkins's portrayal of Motel. I said, "...You slipped into the trap of overacting..." There is a distinct difference between *acting* and *over-acting*. I suggest you look up the word, then reread my review.

As for the rest of your complaints, all I can say is I stand by my review, and if you wish, I will meet with you or anyone involved with the production to explain my position in order to clarify my review.

Also, Ms. Michael, you ask why I don't help with GSC theater. The answer is simple: I have! While you were still in high school, I was involved with theater. I don't participate in theater now because I have a com-

mitment to *The Mercury* as a theater critic and that would be a conflict of interest.

David Hunter Graham
Managing Editor/Arts &
Entertainment Editor

Dear Editor:

We've heard so much about Glenville State College and their problems in the past few months. I feel as though it is time to stop, think, and analyze our true feelings, as I did in October of 1991 when I was asked by Mr. Paul Marion, Interim Chancellor of the State College System of West Virginia, to evaluate Dr. Bill Simmons and Glenville State College. This was my just evaluation at that time, and it is still my evaluation. I feel that all of the GSC administration, faculty, staff and students need to be aware of how very much everyone in Gilmer County have appreciated all of their hard work and extra hours given to the children, parents and teachers of Gilmer County to help make our school system and our county a working proposition.

Therefore, enclosed is the letter that I wrote to Mr. Paul Marion and my evaluation of Dr. Bill Simmons and Glenville State College. I am hoping that these may be printed as they were written.

Sincerely,
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Employee GSC, '69-'79,
Records Officer
Graduate GSC, AB Educ. '78
English 7-12
Business 7-12
Language Arts 5-8, '86
Graduate WVU, MA '84 and '87
Communications Specialist
Reading Specialist
Retired teacher of Gilmer County '89
A Contributor to Children's College and Elderhostel.

Evaluation of Dr. William K. Simmons, Areas Evaluated--Course of Study, Organizational Growth, Community Affiliation, Public School Needs Accommodation.

Dear Mr. Marion:
SUBJECT: Periodic Per-

formance Evaluation of the President of Glenville State College, Dr. William K. Simmons.

Having known Dr. Simmons for so many years, it gives me much pleasure to be given the opportunity to evaluate this gentleman.

I have known him as a professor of English, academic dean, and President of Glenville State College. I shall never forget many years ago, as I sat in his English 101 class, Dr. Simmons, who had just recently received his Ph.D., made this statement, "I must find a new goal; one must always have a goal."

That goal in Dr. Simmons' life became centered in and around Glenville State College and Gilmer County. How to enhance the growth of GSC and make it viable to the needs of a community and a state, became the force that guided him. At each level of growth in this professional career, this has been his all-consuming goal.

As a professor of English, he trained students to think and to write that all-important essay. He sent forth graduates who had the necessary skills to bring

compliments to the academic program at Glenville State College.

As Academic Dean, he worked diligently to build an academic program that would mold better students--students who could think actively, evaluate issues, and come to responsible conclusions.

As President of Glenville State, he has enthusiastically looked at the overall picture of Glenville State College concerning how to build and sustain the growth of the college. He recently built all aspects of Glenville State College--the two year programs, 2 + 2 programs, summer programs, special need programs/community service four-year programs, the Parkersburg Community College Branch, and the extension programs.

Under Dr. Simmons' tutelage many two-year programs have been added. Petroleum Engineering Technology touched the heart-line of the community, as this community's economy is petroleum based. It has been a program of sharing between college and community.

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WANTED--STUDENT AMBASSADORS!!

The Visitors Center is interviewing for the newly formed Student Ambassador Program. Applicants should be willing to assist the Admissions Department and the Visitors Center with on campus tours for prospective new students, Open House, and other special occasions. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet new students as well as a bright spot on your resume. Any student who is interested needs to apply through the Visitors Center or contact Ewana Hayhurst at ext.225.



Editorial

The editorial staff of the Mercury would like to take this opportunity to discuss the turmoil that has been surrounding GSC since the termination of former Dean of Admissions Jack Samples.

This student operated newspaper has been in an awkward and most confusing position.

Only one member of The Mercury staff was residing in Glenville at the time of this termination. The remaining members returned to the campus for fall semester oblivious to the emotional uprising that occurred following Samples' dismissal. This left the majority of the staff without the experience of the initial shock brought about to GSC and the Glenville community.

Nevertheless, the pressure was put on to prove the paper was not a public relations tool for President Simmons.

Since, the editorial staff has been confused about its role in the situation. Our goal as a journalistic publication is to be objective based upon the facts. There have not been any apparent facts besides the termination of Samples. The Mercury has tried its best to be objective in the issues it felt necessary to cover.

Yet, The Mercury still receives criticism from an anonymous, accusatory minority group, without any known resolve but to oust the President.

The confusion does not begin or end there. The administration has contributed its fair share of confusion with its lack of response to the statewide press coverage of its lack of ability to lead. We feel the "say nothing" public relations tactics taken by the administration did nothing to make things better or promote the well being of the college. It opted only to open a line of communication when the matter had gotten entirely out of perspective.

It is difficult to be an effective form of media when parties suppress information; and what information is generated, cannot be confirmed.

How can The Mercury be an effective form of communication of the facts for the student body and the general public if the opposing parties are un-

willing to communicate in a public forum?

So, after much investigation into all aspects--the Real Mercury, SATFA, etc.--all we

can come up with about the whole ordeal is this editorial. Again, not full of the facts we so want, but of frustrations from those same 'closed doors' we complained of last year.

All classes meeting at: Will have examinations on:

8:00	MWF	Thursday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
8:00	TR	Tuesday from 10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
9:00	MWF	Friday from 10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
9:30	TR	Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
10:00	MWF	Monday from 10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
11:00	MWF	Tuesday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
11:00	TR	Thursday from 10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
12:00	MWF	Friday from 3:10 - 5:10 p.m.
1:15	MWF	Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
1:30	TR	Thursday from 3:10 - 5:10 p.m.
2:15	MWF	Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
3:00	TR	Monday from 3:10 - 5:10 p.m.
3:15	MWF	Friday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
4:15	MWF	Monday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Examinations will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 1994, and end at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 1994.

The schedule given above will be followed. Students in courses having multiple sections must take the examinations at the time scheduled for the section in which they are enrolled.

Examinations in evening classes are to be given at the last

regular class meeting. In arranged classes the final examinations may be given at the last regular session(s) prior to the final examination period.

In case of a conflict in the schedule, the instructor concerned should see his/her division chairperson or the dean of teacher education, and the vice president for academic affairs about special arrangements.

PBL Members Attend Conference



The GSC chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the fall leadership conference November 18 and 19 at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Five PBL members and one advisor attended various sessions on everything from how to interview successfully to what kind of jobs to prepare for in the future. They attended a session on the new FBI center in Clarksburg that informed about what kind of jobs would be offered when the center opens. They also attended the session on the NASA facility in Fairmont. Altogether the conference was interesting and successful.

PBL would like to extend this opportunity to invite all business students to attend our next meeting. They are looking for members to bring in fresh ideas for activities and fund-raising.

Shown in the picture from left to right, are: Todd White and Matt Miller, top row; and Dawn Nolan, Alice Lattea, Amy Ruble and Lisa Hardbarger, bottom row.

Conversational Green

by Jeremy Dean

Well here we are, the fall semester has at last come to a close. When we all meet again it will be a new year, so I feel, for me, this should be a time to look back. This is a time to ask myself, "What have I done right, or wrong?" but in most cases, just, "What have I done?"

We are all aware of the crap that has been flying around, not the least of which has come from my direction. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not the least bit sorry for anything I said this semester, but I have to wonder if I should not have done or said something more.

There are so many problems here at GSC and I've tried to give my opinion on a lot of them, and I even gave a few solutions that were totally ignored. Oh well, that's what happens when your only function is to pay all the bills, just ask any tax paying American.

Right or wrong, what's written is written, and my only regret is that I couldn't elicit more of a response from the population of GSC. I used the word "conversational" in my title because that's what I wanted--a conversation. That involves more than just me spewing my opinions all over you, it involves your response whether positive or negative to what I have to say. In this respect, my article was a total failure. Well there's always next semester.

I thought before I go home to celebrate Jesus' birthday with family, friends and a partridge in a pear tree, I would leave you with my Christmas wish list for Glenville.

(1) Maybe Santa could stop by the dorms and have his elves fix the suite beepers in Scott Wing. Maybe he could fix the showers in LBH so there would be more than one that doesn't spew cold water from the cold knob and scalding water from the hot knob, making it impossible to take a comfortable shower. Finally, he might fix the heaters so they work properly, some rooms, in LBH anyway, are a thousand degrees and others (like mine) seem to stay somewhere around absolute zero on the Kelvin scale.

(2) Maybe Santa could bring the kitchen staff a grill to make sausage on. I was told they have a hot air machine that cooks the sausage and that is why it always looks raw. I suppose that also has something to do with the bacon that is always burnt to the proverbial crisp. I would also like it if he were to bring the cafeteria some Alpha-Bits and Fruity Pebbles to serve.

(3) If Santa would just leave half a brain in each dorm room it would do a lot to improve the sanitary conditions of dorm life. Anybody who has half a brain does not take a dump in the hallway of the place where they have to live. They also do not try to burn up the carpets in the same building. Since it is impossible to catch these people (and even if they were caught they would probably get off on an insanity plea before J-board), the only other option is to give them more brain power so they will realize this is not behavior fitting a below average baboon, much less a human. Obviously they are not getting this brain power from GSC, so it will almost have to come from St. Nick.

(4) Last but not least, Santa would you please bring Dr. Proctor an enema machine because there is certainly more than one person in this town who could use one.

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Sports



Chuck Hython shows off his cold weather garb before the game against the Western Montana Bulldogs. The temperature for game day got up to a 'high' of 20 degrees. photo by Janet K. James

Pioneers Suffer Tough Loss to Montana, 48-38

The second ranked Glenville Pioneers football team went on the road to open this season's national play-offs. The Pioneers, along with a plane full of fans, travelled to Dillon, Montana November 19 to play Western Montana (7) at Vigilante Stadium. The Bulldogs pulled ahead to beat the Pioneers 48-38.

The Pioneer fans were stunned by the injury of starting quarterback Scott Otis, who had to leave the game late in the second quarter when he sustained two broken ribs. But, backup Rod Smith stepped in to keep the Pioneers on track, connecting on 25 of 47 passes for 363 yards and three touchdowns. Touchdown scores occurred on a seven yard pass to Walter Wilbon, nine yards to Derrick Belamy and 38

yards to Chris George. Smith also contributed a touchdown himself, on a one yard run. George said Smith did a "great job of stepping in."

Following the season ending loss, Head Coach Rich Rodriguez gave his thoughts on the team's performance. "We're disappointed because we didn't play like we are capable of playing," Coach Rod said. "But we're still proud of our guys."

On the offense, Otis managed to complete five of 12 passing for 98 yards. Wide receiver Chris George ended his incredible college career by catching fourteen passes for 279 yards and one touchdown.

The Pioneers ended the season 8-3, boasting a second consecutive WVIAC title, as well as a shot at a national title.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Glenville	7	3	13	15	38
Montana	7	14	7	20	48

TEAM	QTR	SCORING PLAY
GSC	1	Waterfield 1 yd rush - Buffington kick good
WMC	1	Beers 6 yd pass from Truman - Hvidevold kickgood
WMC	2	Beers 9 yd pass from Truman - Hvidevold kickfailed
WMC	2	Ferris 20 yd int return - Truman pass good
GSC	2	Buffington 22 yd field goal
GSC	3	Wilbon 7 yd pass from Smith - Buffington kick good
WMC	3	Taylor 17 yd pass from Truman - Hvidevold kickgood
GSC	3	Bellamy 9 yd pass from Smith - Buffington kickfailed
WMC	4	Snow 1 yd rush - Hvidevold kick good
GSC	4	George 38 yd pass from Smith - Buffington kickgood
WMC	4	Truman 4 yd rush - Hvidevold kick good
GSC	4	Smith 1 yd rush - Smith pass good
WMC	4	Howlett 15 pass from Truman - Hvidevold kick good

Cross Country Team Season Ends With National Meet in WI

by Monica Ann Null

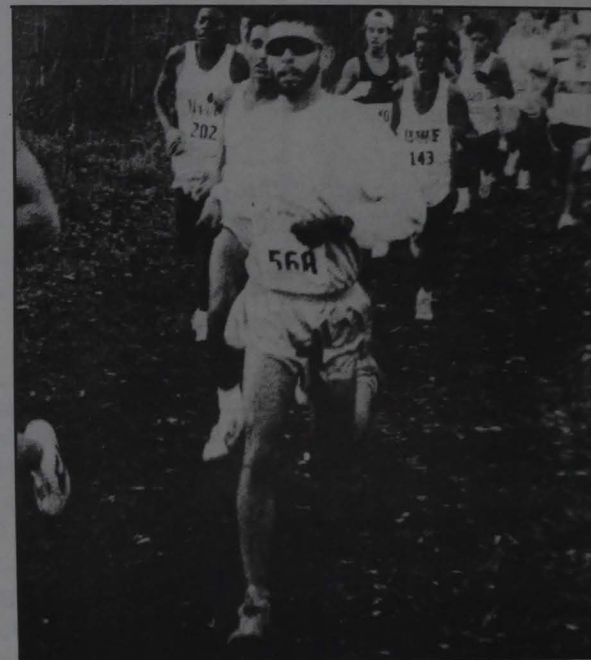
Cross country season came to a close November 17 at the national meet held in Kenosha, WI. Three harriers represented their alma mater well.

The air was cold and the wind blew strong as Coach Randy Maxwell gave his runners some encouraging last minute words. He wanted them to know he was proud of all three of them for accomplishing their personal goals of making it to the national competition.

As they stood among the 329 runners spreading across the starting line nearly 400 meters wide, excitement overcame them. They were three of the nation's best collegiate runners and this was the last race of the 1994 season.

As the announcer noted only five minutes into the race was to begin, senior Scott Davies took a few moments to reflect on the event. This was his last collegiate race, and he wanted it to be memorable.

It was evident, however, that Simeon Sawe of Lubbock Christian College (Texas) would be the winner, as he led the entire five miles of the race.



Scott Davies runs in the national meet held in Kenosha, Wisconsin November 17. photo by Rick Conklin

The WVIAC conference runners seemed to be stuck in the pack with only seconds separating them. Scott Davies was the first to finish for GSC with a time of 27:48. This placed him fourth overall in the WVIAC conference. Seconds later teammates Daniel Edgell and Sterling Beane crossed the line with times of 28:00 and 28:19 respectively.

Maxwell was more than pleased with their performances.

He wished this wouldn't have been the last race for his seniors as he stated, "With the loss of two seniors we are going to have to work hard for next year."

Maxwell added, "Replacements will be hard to find."

The men's cross country team took second place to Western Wesleyan on November at the conference meet. According to teammates, "GSC is only going to get tougher."

Lady Pioneers Have Slow Start, Record Now 0-5

by Sean Davis

The GSC Lady Pioneer Basketball team, playing with many new faces this season, is off to an 0-5 start. They opened the year at the Shepherd College Tournament on November 18-19.

In the opening game, the Lady Pioneers lost to St. Thomas Aquinas College by a score of 69-78. The leading scorer for GSC was Lori Charnoplosky with 19 points followed by freshman Jody Forsythe's 16 points and Christy Fitzwater added 11 points.

In the consolation game the Lady Pioneers lost a heart-breaker to Ohio Valley College

by a score of 75-78. Fitzwater led the scoring attack with 21 points. Marty Rose scored 15 points and Forsythe added 10 points.

In their first WVIAC match up, the University of Charleston pounded GSC 101-47. Freshman Shana Louk was the only Lady Pioneer to score in double figures as she scored ten points, in a game played November 30 at Charleston.

December 2 and 3 the Lady Pioneers squad took part in the St. Thomas Aquinas Tournament as Sparkhill, NY. They were matched up against Bloomfield College, NJ in the opening game of the tourna-

ment. The Lady Pioneers came up short in a 47-49 loss. Freshman Tanisha Brown led the scoring with nine points, while Charnoplosky added eight. In the consolation game the Lady Pioneers lost to the host team St. Thomas Aquinas by a final count of 58-74. Charnoplosky led the scoring pace with nineteen and Fitzwater scored 12, while Rose finished with ten points. The Lady Pioneer record stands at 0-5 while they are 0-1 in WVIAC play.

They will play their home opener Saturday hosting Davis & Elkins College at 4 p.m. Sunday they will host Shepherd College for a 3 p.m. tip-off.

WVIAC Football Conference Selections Made

by Sean Davis

The WVIAC League Champion GSC football team were well represented on the All Conference teams recently chosen.

The Offensive Player of the Year went to GSC's All-American standout Chris George. George broke almost every receiving record possible in every college level. He set records in catches, yards, all purpose yards and touchdowns. The Coach of the Year honors were given to Rich Rodriguez for the second consecutive year. "It is pleasing and quite an honor, to receive this recognition again. We have a good staff, and this shows it," said coach Rodriguez.

Three Pioneers made the offensive first team, which included offensive lineman Shawn Robinson, quarterback Scott Ortis, and wide receiver Chris George. A total of five Pioneers made the offensive second team. They were tightend Walter Wilbon, Wide Receiver Derrick Bellamy, Running Back Juan Hartsfield, Punter Brian Fisher, and offensive lineman John Jackson.

The Pioneers put six players total on both the defensive first and second teams. On the first team were defensive lineman Todd Graham, end Chuck Lytho, defensive back Tom Reid, and return specialist Chris George. The second team included linebacker Brian Johnson and defensive back Tommie Williams.



Chris George (25) shown here in action, received the Offensive Player of the Year award from the WVIAC Conference. photo by David Sagan

Hoopsters Start Strong

by Debbie Johnson

The Glenville State men's basketball team is off to a fantastic start, supporting an overall record of 5-2 and 2-0 conference mark. What's behind this fast pace of the Pioneers? Four junior transfers along with a solid group of returning players, have helped make the Pioneers on the toughest teams in the conference.

The four junior college transfers are: Kenny Gross, Al Thornton, Fred Wilson and Jason Brenneman. Gross, Wilson and Brenneman all played at Garrett Community College for two years. They participated in the National Junior College Tournament and were major factors in that successful program. Thornton came from Highland Community College on Kansas where he played for one year. Another new recruit is Scott Ledbetter, out of Glen Burnie High School in Maryland.

Head Coach Gary Nottingham commented on the transfer players, and the boost they have given the GSC program. "We lost a lot of people and had to recruit players who had experience. These junior college transfers have brought not only experience, but maturity as well. They have all contributed to help make this team successful."

The Pioneers will host the University of Charleston this Saturday, and they will be looking to keep their perfect conference record. Glenville already has conference victories over WV Wesleyan and conference powerhouse Salem Teikyo.

Regular Pioneer Men's Hoop Season Action

by Sean McAndrews

Glenville vs. Ashland

The Pioneers drove four and a half hours the day after Turkey Day to play Ashland University of Ohio. This would be the first long road trip of the young season.

The Pioneers came out cold in this ball game control of Hoops. The Pioneers would keep the game close trailing by 10 most of the half before Ashland began hitting their free throws. The Pioneers would lose 80-62.

The Pioneers were lead by Steve Shuff with 19 points, Fred Wilson with 13 points, and Jeff Brockell with 10 points. The Pioneers are now 3-1.

Pioneers vs. O.V.C. Glenville vs. WV Wesleyan

The Pioneers spent Thanksgiving break in Glenville. Their first opponent was Ohio Valley College from Parkersburg at home on Tuesday, November 22. This home opener was played in front of a sparse crowd.

The Pioneers came out flat, trailing 51-37 at the half. The one bright spot was as the half got closer and closer, Steve Shuff got warmer and warmer ending up with 21 points.

The Pioneers would slowly cut the O.V.C. lead that had been built up by a variety of Danny Singletary lay-ups and three pointers. Pioneer transfer Kenny Gross three pointer at the 3:10 mark tied the game at 85-85. His subsequent lay-up at the 2:12 mark gave the Pioneers the 87-85 win.

The Pioneers were lead in scoring by Steve Shuff with 34 points, Jeremy Rodda with 13 points, and Jeff Brockell with 10 points.

The Pioneers' real home opener in front of a crazy student section took place on Monday, November 28 with WVIAC foe WV Wesleyan. This would be the official WVIAC opener for both teams.

The Pioneers would jump out to a first half lead of 46-31 in front of a ruckus home crowd.

The Pioneer lead was directly related to the five three pointers, by a variety of players.

WV Wesleyan would get as close as nine on the shooting of All WVIAC selection, Ortiz Vandross. The Pioneers would seal the victory hitting 8 of 10 free throws to end it.

The Pioneers were lead by Steve Shuff with 20 points, Fred Wilson with 14 points, followed by Eric Contee and Jeremy Rodda each with 12 points.

The Pioneers are now 4-1.

More Hoop Action

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Pioneer Basketball 1994-1995 Roster

1993-1994 Record: 15-11

1993-1994 WVIAC Record: 10-9

Starters Lost: 3 Lettermen Lost: 6

Starters Returning: 2 Lettermen Returning: 5

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
04	Jason Brenneman	G	6-2	Jr.	Oakland, MD
11	Derek Basile	G	5-11	Fr.	Clarksburg, WV
12	Jwayne Jenkins	G	5-10	So.	Cheltenham, MD
14	Al Thornton	G	6-1	So.	Largo, MD
20	Clint Winland	G	6-3	So.	St. Mary's, WV
22	Scott Garber	F	6-4	Fr.	Dunmore, WV
24	Steve Shuff	G	6-3	Sr.	Anstead, WV
30	Fred Wilson	G/F	6-6	Jr.	Cumberland, MD
32	Eric Contee	G/F	6-3	Jr.	Up. Marlboro, MD
33	Ray Moore	C	6-8	Fr.	Fayettesville, WV
40	Jeff Brockell	C/F	6-8	So.	Perryville, MD
41	Scott Ledbetter	C	6-8	Fr.	Glen Burnie, MD
42	Kenny Gross	F	6-4	Jr.	Pr. Frederick, MD
44	Jeremy Rodda	F	6-5	Sr.	Parkersburg, WV

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Carvell and MacDonald Speak to Forestry

by Kris O. Phares

Monday December 5 at 10 a. m. Dr. Kenneth Carvell and Dr. William L. MacDonald spoke to approximately 40 forestry students in room 204 of Eberle Hall.

"How do you make sure your good oak stands are going to be replaced with good oak regeneration?" was the question addressed by Dr. Carvell's presentation. Carvell, professor of silviculture, taught at West Virginia University for 35 years before retiring in 1988.

Carvell explained differences in acorns of the white oak and red oak groups. He feels many acorns of the red oak group do not survive the winters because they dry-out. The red oak group's acorns do not germinate in the fall like the acorns of the white oaks. This could be one explanation of why some oak stands have poor oak regeneration.

Carvell studied pests of acorns such as beetles and the acorn butterfly. He also looked

at the effects of wildlife consumption of acorns. Carvell concluded, "There is no shortage of acorns." The conclusions of Carvell's studies suggest that the lack of oak regeneration is not due to the lack of acorns.

In 1962, Carvell's research on the study of environmental factors of oak regeneration was published by *Forest Science*.

One of the environmental factors studied was the effects of sunlight. Carvell found that with sunlight "flat-top" or poor oak seedlings would straighten. However, the seedlings could not respond fast enough.

A solution Carvell offered was to perform a commercial thinning 20 to 25 years prior to a cutting of a stand to promote good oak regeneration.

American Chestnut Blight, the fungus that causes it and present research being done were the topics of Dr. MacDonald's presentation.

"Chestnut has done extremely well were they have escaped the fungus," com-

mented MacDonald. He said since the mid 1970's there has been a renewed interest in chestnut blight research due to a phenomenon known as hypovirulence. Hypovirulence inhibits the fungus from being as lethal as normal strains and occurs a virus is contracted by the fungus.

MacDonald explained some studies that try to utilize the hypovirulent strains of the fungus to biologically control the blight. He mentioned a study WVU and the Roche Institute that is using a genetically engineered strain the of the chestnut blight fungus.

Other research MacDonald discussed was the cross breeding of American Chestnut and Chinese Chestnut. This would produce a hardy, fungus resistant, chestnut tree with predominantly American Chestnut characteristics.

These speakers presented their discussion to the silviculture and insect and disease courses in forestry.

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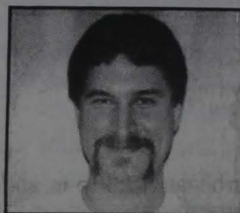
In your opinion, should the faculty and staff and the student body be involved in the endless saga of "President Simmons vs. GSC?" Why or why not?



Name: Heather Messenger
Rank/Position: Senior
Major: Behavioral Science
Hometown: Weston, WV
Answer: Yes. I feel this issue needs to be resolved. It is all the bad publicity it is causing issues such as education.



Name: Al Billips
Rank/Position: Dean of Student Affairs
Hometown: Glenville, WV
Answer: Yes. Several self-serving issues of leadership, when petty personal grievances come before the good of the College to believe that the college is totally unfair.



Name: John Park
Rank/Position: Senior
Major: Education
Hometown: St. Marys, WV
Answer: I feel that we should have an administration answer the question of the faculty and of the 1,200 no longer turns out like the meeting that goes away!



Name: Gary Gillespie
Rank/Position: Professor of Forestry
Hometown: Glenville, WV
Answer: The faculty is willing to take on many of the problems that result from the problems are laid to rest, the blame is on the faculty.

Organization Fair to be Held

On Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 11 an Organization Fair sponsored by the Activities and Programming Board will be held. This fair will be open to all recognized GSC organizations, clubs, and student groups. This is a great opportunity to showcase your organization, provide relevant information, answer any questions and recruit new members.

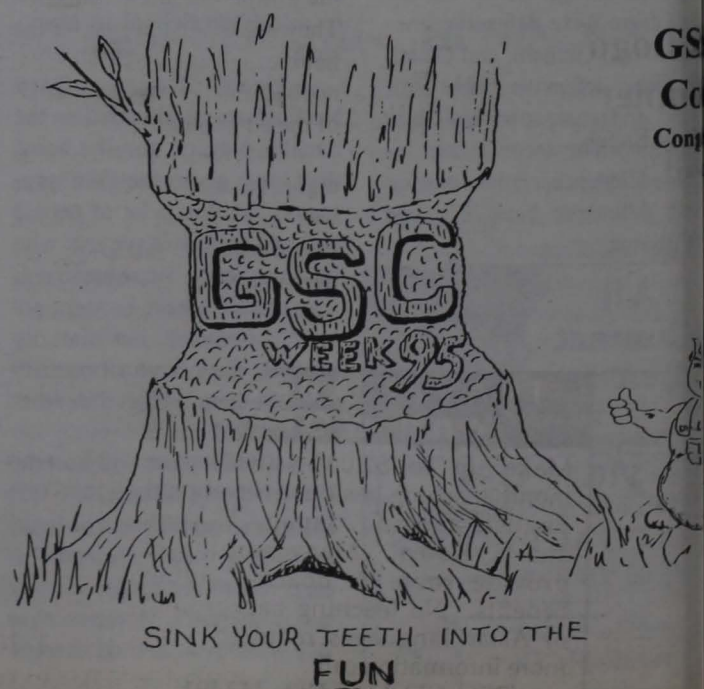
The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Heflin Student Center Snack Bar. Space will be limited.

To encourage groups to participate and help in the marketing of the event, there will be cardboard and markers provided to make signs for the event. Also, this would be a great time for a group to do a fundraiser. Interested groups please contact Sean McAndrews immediately. I hope all organizations can participate. If you have any questions call extension 113.

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Fisher Returns From Miss WV Pageant

by Angie Mick

On Nov. 4, 5, and 6 Regina Dawn Fisher, GSC sophomore, participated in the Miss West Virginia Pageant. After months of preparation, the time finally came for her to go forward and compete with girls across the state to become Miss West Virginia 1995.

This competition required the perfect body, perfect smile, beautiful clothes, and a charming personality. Fisher was one of the few chosen that had the potential to compete with standards as high as these.

Fisher arrived at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Huntington at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 4. Registration began at 6 p.m. Orientation began at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until 9 p.m. During orientation, Miss West Virginia 1994 spoke, and the participants of the pageant had the opportunity to meet Miss Teen West Virginia 1994.

At 9 a.m. the next morning began one-on-one interviews with five different judges, two men and three women. Each interview lasted for two minutes. Fisher said that each judge began an interview with "Tell me a little bit about yourself." They also asked her about her hobbies and interests. Fisher did not become nervous in this part of the competition.

The main show was that night. The first part of the show was the swimsuit competition. Fisher said this made her very nervous. Next was the evening

gown competition. She found this to be the most fun part of the competition. Fisher's gown was white, full-length, long-sleeved, and beaded. She said the most unbearable part of her outfit was her four inch heels, though.

After the main show came the cocktail party. This lasted until 11 p.m. that night. "I was tired and went to my room early that night, though," said Fisher. This was because the next morning brought the next main show. During this show the top ten girls would be chosen. Fisher placed 11th, meaning that she was one away from being in the top ten. The new Miss West Virginia was Tracy Holcome, from South Charleston. This pageant had been her fifth time entering.

Fisher says she hopes to be in the pageant again next year. The things she plans to change will be—"I plan to wear my hair down more next time, and I hope I'll be more relaxed." Fisher's supporters that followed her to Huntington to watch her compete were her mother, her father, her horse trainer (Fisher is an avid equestrian), her grandmother, and her trainer Terry Ellyson and family.

Fisher said "I had a great time. I didn't have the time to talk extensively with any other participants, but I know that during the pageant I was in the room with some very beautiful, talented women. I was proud and honored."

Shop Talk with Dr. Barbara Tedford

Why major in English?

by Barbara W. Tedford,
Professor of English

Students sometimes have the notion that the only profession open to English majors is teaching, so they decide to major in something more practical, even though they love to read Mark Twain and enjoy writing poetry. A major in English is actually great preparation for careers in such areas as law, library work, government, business, and the media.

At Glenville, the requirements for a non-teaching degree in English leave plenty of room for electives in other fields, as well as for a minor with practical applications. A graduate with a liberal arts English degree generally has the knowledge and flexibility of mind valued by businesses and graduate schools.

For example, since English courses develop communications skills, a graduate can apply these in jobs such as editing, technical writing, advertising, and the media. An English graduate's ability to analyze written texts and to think logically is put to good use in such fields as sales, marketing, programming, and management.

In addition, English is a valuable preprofessional major for college teaching, law, theology, and even medicine.



Dr. Barbara Tedford
photo by Dave Sagan

Admissions tests for graduate schools require good reading comprehension, understanding of grammar and usage, and ability to organize ideas. A person majoring in English develops these skills, as well as general knowledge in the liberal arts.

Since future trends in the job market are uncertain, I think it would be wise for college students to gain a broad background in liberal arts and expect to take further training in a specific area later. Glenville offers two approaches in English--professional writing and literature, but one does not rule out the other.

People who major in English in college eventually become ministers, psychologists, counselors, sales managers, lawyers, writers, librarians, archivists, curators, politicians, translators, owners of advertising companies--and many more. I know some of them, and I also know many who earned their doctorates in English and now happily teach in colleges and universities across the land.

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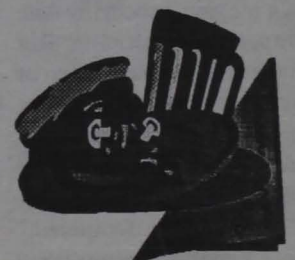


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Arts and Entertainment

'Messiah' Moves Audience



by Annie McCourt

Music Department performs "Messiah." photo by David Sagan

"It was really exciting," said Jamie Harmon after appearing in Handel's "Messiah" with the rest of the music department December 1. All performers seemed to enjoy themselves on stage, which made the performance all the more captivating for the audience.

George Frideric Handel was born in 1685, the same year as Bach, and he composed the entire oratorio "Messiah" in just 24 days in the year 1741. The popularity of "Messiah" is due to its appeal to both singer and audience. The musical text of "Messiah" is presented in three acts. The first, "Prophecy and Promise of the Redeemer," is the story of the prophecy of Christ's coming and the joy found in his short life. The second, "The Suffering Lamb Who Redeems," is an oral account of Christ's sacrificed pain in the hopes of saving the human race. The third, "Thanksgiving for the Defeat of Death," is a piece devoted to Christ's rising after the crucifixion.

The solo pieces were extremely moving, especially Ann Minor performing the aria "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," in scene six part, one. Lori Crouter should be commended for sharing such feeling through her voice as she performed "He Was Despised." Darlene Evans soprano was superb as always, as was Christo-

pher Simpson's bass. Pianist Amanda Sedlock did not only offer fantastic accompaniment, but she performed a resounding solo as well. Karen Smith and Heather Davis were outstanding. The final solo performance of the show was amazing, and Jamie Atkins should feel very proud of a job well done.

"I'm glad I was able to share this experience, I don't think I could have had a better teacher," Tanya Dalton said of the conductor, Keith Haan. Other personnel in attendance were Lori Garvin, keyboard;

Jamie Atkins, piano; Patrick Gainer, oboe 1; Dawn Lilly, oboe 2; Keith Jean, trumpet 1; Harry Rich, trumpet; and Matthew Schoonmaker, timpani.

"We practiced everyday for the second half of the semester," Jamie Harmon, a participant in the show, replied. All I have to say that it really paid off. The "Hallelujah" chorus itself, one of the most resounding choruses in any piece of music, was done to perfection. All of the participants really worked together to pull off a great show.

Six Sensational Selections from the Media Center for the Holiday Season

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6. REC 5001 *A Chipmunk Christmas*--Alvin, Simon and Theodore sings the classics songs of the Christmas season.

Congratulations 'Crazy Caption Too!' Winner!!



Congratulations to Summer Banks, winner of the Crazy Caption Too contest. Summer, stop by the Mercury to pick up your Pizza Hut gift certificate. Thanks to all the entrants from the editorial staff. It keeps getting harder and harder to pick the winner, keep writing those crazy captions! John Park--you got second place.

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Pioneer Hoops

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Pioneers vs. Radford

The Pioneer NBA-type schedule of seven games in 15 days with three road trips of at least three hours plus to the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, ended with Division I opponent Radford University of the Big South Conference. This would be the first game between the schools, though the coaching staffs knew each other well. Radford Assistant Bill Lilly is a Glenville State Graduate and was an assistant for Gary Nottingham before going to Radford. Assistant Coach Kenny Osborne was an assistant at Radford before coming back to Glenville to work for Coach Nottingham. As for myself, I work Radford's Men and Women's Basketball Camp during the summer. I know, who cares?--get onto the game.

The Pioneers started the game somewhat cold-some-what nervous, missing several inside shots before a Jeremy Rodda jumper cut the lead to four, 6-2 at the 17:10 mark. The Pioneers would get as close as eight at the 10:31 mark, and would trail at half 38-26. The Pioneers would cut that lead in half on a Fred Wilson jumper 48-42 at the 13:41 mark. The Pioneers would keep it close, trailing 62-50 at the 6:20 mark before falling 77-55.

The Pioneers were lead by Jeff Brockell with 14 points, Steve Shuff with 13 points and Fred Wilson with 10 points. The

Pioneers played well with the NCAA Division I Highlander team forcing them into 27 turnovers and only being out rebounded by four. The Pioneers are now 5-2 awaiting their WVIAC foe U-C on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m..

Glenville vs. St. Vincents

The Pioneers traveled three and a half hours to latrobe, PA, home of Rolling Rock Beer, Pittsburgh Steeler Training Camp and the St. Vincent's Bobcats.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 40-25 half time lead; eleven points by Fred Wilson, nine points by Steve Shuff, and eight points by Jeremy Rodda.

The Pioneers would start the second half cold being out scored 30-9 in the first 13 minutes. Steve Shuff's three point play pulled the Pioneers within two at 53-55, followed by a dunk 50 seconds later to tie the score.


Starting at the 4:45 mark, the Pioneers would hit 11 of 12 free throws to seal the 68-61 victory. The Pioneers were lead by Steve Shuff 24 points, followed by Fred Wilson and Jeremy Rodda splitting 22 points evenly. The Pioneers are now 5-1.

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Billips Announces Holiday Dorm Schedule

Dr. Billips, dean of student services has announced the Residence Hall schedule for Thanksgiving vacation. The Residence Halls will be closed on Friday, November 18, at 5 p.m. and will reopen on Sunday, November 27, at noon. The lunch (noon meal), Friday, November 18th will be the last meal served. Dinner (evening meal) will be the first meal served Sunday, November 27th. Before you leave the Residence Hall for the break please be sure that: (1) You have unplugged everything in your room including clocks, stereos, etc. (2) You have turned out all lights. (3) Your curtains and windows are closed. (4) Your door and windows are locked. Please note that the college is not responsible for anything stolen from your room. All rooms will be checked to see that you have complied with the above requests. Students should also note that registration will be on Tuesday, January 10, with the first day of classes being January 11.

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many of the petroleum specialists who speak to the students work in the petroleum industry in this county. More recently, a Criminal Justice Program has been started. This is also a program set up after measuring the tempo and needs of the county and surrounding counties. Other Associate in Science Degrees of General Studies, Administrative Office Support Systems, Arts Management, Management Information Systems, Music Management, Printing/Media Management, and Resort Area Management have been added. The Emergency Medical Services Program with three levels of certification is a program that has filled a vital need in this area and surrounding areas. This program has given Gilmer County an emergency service with skills far above most surrounding counties.

As two-year graduates in forestry and land surveying moved into the job market, and the college administration observed that the demand for these graduates were in many unanticipated fields of work, they rose to this need of broadening the skills of these graduates by implementing 2 + 2 Programs. The following 2 + 2 Programs, which combined an Associate in Science Degree with a Bachelor of Science Degree, were added: AS in Forestry and BS in Biology; AS in Land Surveying and BS in Biology; AS in Forestry and BS in Business Administration; AS in Land Surveying and BS in Business Administration; AS in Petroleum Engineering and BS in Business Administration.

The Continuing Education Program has developed into a very worthwhile program. The Elderhostel Program is offered ten weeks during the summer. Many private homes play host to Open House each summer for this program giving the participants, who come from all over the United States, a view of West Virginia as it really is. Children's College, which offers many skills for children, is a two-week event each summer and attracts children from many other counties. Basketball and band camps are annual summer events and sometimes cheerleading camps are also held. Many of the teachers for these programs are drawn from the wealth of resources

found in the county. These programs have added a strong measure of stability to the college's summer economic status.

In the fall of 1985, a special need arose for a program that would permit teachers with 7-12 certifications to gain certification at 5-6 grade levels. As it turned out, a program had already been very expeditiously implemented at Glenville State College to meet this very grave community and state need. This program was in their new 1986 catalog, just out. In May of 1986, Glenville State College graduated the first student in the state in the Language Arts part of this program--me. I would like to impress the point here that although Glenville State College had its program in place and was ready to graduate students in this area, the State Department of Education did not yet have its program of certification in place; the State gave its first set of competency test in this area in December of 1986. Glenville State College does move quickly. Certifications at grade levels 5-12 have continued in English/Language Arts, Business Education Comprehensive, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies.

A more current special need has been that of helping the four county elementary schools boost their faltering education program. Glenville State College's Ed McKown is supplying a music program for these schools, and Deanna Foxworthy and Charles Scott have supplied some of their art needs. Special help is also being given each Friday to the county's four-year-old program, and Tim Carney organized Midget League teams for 5-6 grades. Terry Reale of-

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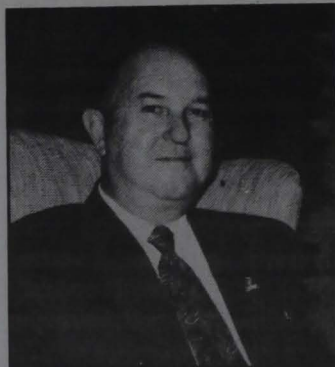
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President William K. Simmons
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President Simmons to Teach Class

by Amy Jo Rowan

GSC President, William K. Simmons, will be teaching a class on the Summersville campus next semester. He is looking forward to instructing English literature in Survey 303.

The class will meet on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.. It will cover literature from Beowulf to Chaucer and into the 18th Century.

Administrators are required to teach one class every 18 months. Dr. Simmons had observed classes at Summersville last fall, and the students had asked him to teach there. He agreed because, as he states, "It is good to have interaction between people from the main campus and the students at the Nicholas County Center."

Dr. Simmons has a Ph.D. concentration in English and he enjoys reading Old English. "Teaching this course will give me the opportunity to reacquire myself with the elements of the heroic age, and to get to know more of GSC's students," he stated.

Dr. Simmons hopes to teach an upper level class in Chaucer as his next instruction assignment.

Burkowski To Obtain Doctorate

by Janice LeRose

For some, obtaining a doctorate can be a life-long goal. But for Gayle Burkowski, assistant professor in GSC's English department, it was something that grew out of professional development as a teacher. Mrs. Burkowski always wanted to get her college degree, but she never dreamed of getting a Ph.D.



Gayle Burkowski photo by David Sagan

Burkowski obtained an A.B. in education from Glasborough State College in New Jersey. After moving to West Virginia, marriage and family, she taught seven years at Braxton County High School and worked on a masters degree at night at West Virginia University.

When asked about her experience teaching at the high school level, Burkowski said, "I am glad I had the experience teaching high school students, but I prefer the college level."

"They are more intellectually challenging. College students want to learn more than high school students," she added.

Burkowski's doctoral dreams began in 1989. She fulfilled class requirements and passed her exams, and then began work on her dissertation, which has, along with her teaching and advising responsibilities here, occupied her time for the past three years. A doctorate takes approximately five years to complete. "My advisor told me that statistics say only 1/3 finish through four years, and one in five complete the five year program."

She added, "Most people go all the way through and take their exams, but for different reasons, don't finish dissertations."

Her doctorate degree will be in language and rhetoric English. The title of Burkowski's dissertation is "A Descriptive Study of Peer Response Groups Writing on Computers," which primarily teaches writing and how writers using computers use peer response groups in sharing their papers.

Burkowski will be working on her final draft over the holiday break and will submit it with the hopes of its return by next spring.

Reflecting on her biggest challenge over the past few years, she said, "Staying with it when there were so many other things in my life--working, family, the kids. I always knew what I had to do. There was never enough time. Anybody who has a dream should push for it and obtain it. It takes a lot of work, but it is able to be done."

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fers a tutoring program in reading which continues throughout the summer. Rick Tubesing, Library Director, trained parent volunteers at Normantown Elementary to set up the school library. Sincere caring and support have been shown by many Glenville State College departments for the county's public education system, which is evidence that this attitude of caring is being fostered by the administration.

Special needs have also reached out to supply community service. In the flood of 1985, the college reached out to give solace and food to the mass of people stranded without housing or food. The college has always supported the West Virginia State Folk Festival with facility use, guidance, talent, and the endless giving of time. Mack Samples, Dean of Records and Admissions, has for many years been the Director of the Folk Festival. This festival, which runs for the better part of a week, adds much to the county economy.

Four-year programs of Social Work, Sports Management, Specific Learning Disabilities K-12, and Behavior

Disorders 7-12 and 1-6 have been added. A nursing program emerged as a joint effort between West Virginia University and Glenville State.

The Glenville-Parkersburg Community College Branch grew to great heights, and by the time it ceased to exist, Dr. Simmons had built the Summersville Extension into a Branch College. This year's enrollment at Glenville State College of 2280 has topped the enrollment figures of all past years, and again, community resources were tapped to implement this year's program of study for the overflowing enrollment of the freshmen class.

Three gas wells have given Glenville State College an independent gas supply, thus freeing up money for development of the Summersville Center and other areas of need. Dr. Simmons' administration has seen the building of a picturesque and much needed Fine Arts Building on campus.

The decisions that Dr. Simmons has made for the welfare of Glenville State College have brought the college to an all-time high in growth factors. At the same time that he enhanced the college's growth, he also enhanced the county's

growth, for with an eagle eye, he evaluated the needs of the county, and encouraged programs to fill those needs. Some of these programs filled a money bank, while others filled a good will bank. Need seems to be the measuring stick by which the value of a program was measured. In the marketing world we call this the "supply and demand principle". Good will seems to be the underlying thought process in his and his staff's communication strategies with the public. This is a college deeply involved with a community process; therefore, good will for Glenville State College is at an all-time high in Gilmer County. I wish that I could have recorded the voices of each school principal in the county as I talked with them about the programs of need that Glenville State is fulfilling at each school. Except for the college, there are many programs that could not now be offered at the public school level due to a county and state in economic crisis.

At a time when our nation and state are deep in recession, the growth of Glenville State College stands out as a reminder that someone set a goal that reached outward to dimensions far beyond himself; someone

implemented a plan and worked a scheme of ideas for growth and development that complemented not just a college, but a whole community of people, and thereby, has permitted these people to dare to dream a dream.

Many of the dreams that we dare to dream in Gilmer County and in West Virginia I attribute to Dr. William K. Simmons and his skills in planning for institutional growth at all levels and his ability to work with and to assess the needs of a community and state.

Enclosure: Special Needs Program--

Glenville State College's Special Needs Program as viewed by Gilmer County School Principals

I interviewed all public school principals in Gilmer County. This was their comments. My only regret is that I did not tape record their enthusiasm. All names mentioned are instructors at GSC except where indicated.

1. Ed McKown is supplying a music program for grades K-6 in the four elementary schools. "He is building an enthusiasm in students for music that will never be forgotten." Students will present a two-day Christmas musical in the Fine Arts Building.

2. Deanna Foxworthy has her education psychology classes teach art to K-2 at Troy to observe different levels of growth in children.

3. Charles Scott and his students have in years past helped with art at Glenville Elementary.

4. Last school year a college art student came to Normantown Elementary School and taught art to all grade levels. "At the end of the year the students had a really marvelous art show."

5. Rick Tubesing, Library Director, trained parent volunteers to set up their library at Normantown Elementary.

6. Terry Reale offers a tutoring program in reading and other skills which continues all summer.

7. Audio-Visual equipment is just as close as Don Phillips; He often delivers the speaker system and sets it up. Don and his student helpers also work on media equipment for different elementary schools.

8. The students who work

with the four-year-old program at GSC help each Friday with the four-year-old program in the elementary schools.

9. When as an award for good behavior, elementary students are taken to the college pool to swim, the college furnishes life guards.

10. The GSC Student Education Association helps the elementary with American Education Week.

11. Tim Carney organized the Midget League teams for 5-6 grades.

12. The Physical Education Department supplies student officials for elementary school ball games.

13. The printing office often helps by printing the elementary school handbooks.

14. Don Phillips has been known to bind the handbooks.

15. A college teacher, Shane Lewis, and a student, Anibal Rubio-Serrano, have been hired to teach French and Spanish, respectively, to high school students. These are skills that would not be available to our county students at this time but for these gentlemen.

16. GSC facilities are used by the high school for graduation, prom, homecoming dance, and for track.

17. The Children's Theater Production each year is a highlight of the elementary students' school year.

18. The science department has helped with science projects. Of particular interest was the project of the eclipse of the sun.

19. The college for many years sponsored an annual Science Fair and Social Studies Fair which encouraged students to build elaborate projects.

20. Barbara Tedford for years helped with Tanner Elementary School's annual Language Arts Fair.

21. "They send us really good student teachers."

22. Anibal Rubio-Serrano, a student at GSC, is teaching Spanish to all 5-6 grades in the county. "This is their best learning time for foreign language."

Future Plans:

The college plans to provide students to tutor at-risk high school students once they are identified. (This had been happening since 1992--GOOD PROGRAM!)

Dear Editor:

I am currently a student at Glenville State College and the granddaughter of a retired Navy Veteran. I was very upset when I realized that Glenville State College does not close on November 11, for recognition of Veterans Day. Most businesses and schools close in order to show respect for United States Veterans. Men and women not only risked their lives, but many died serving our country in past wars and conflicts. What was even more disturbing was the fact that several of our college students have served in Saudi Arabia, Panama or even Vietnam.

Veterans are much like those who fought for equality and civil rights; yet Glenville State College closes to recognize and observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This holiday, much like Veterans Day, deserves the same respect and recognition. Officially, Glenville State College observes Veterans Day over Christmas break, but in my opinion this is like overlooking it altogether. On June

1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an act of Congress "to honor veterans on the eleventh day of November of each year...a day dedicated to world peace." By signing this act, Veterans were given specific recognition for serving our country.

The significance of Veterans Day is much overlooked in the midst of the Christmas season. This is especially true, if there are students like myself, who were not aware that the college does officially recognize Veterans Day over Christmas break.

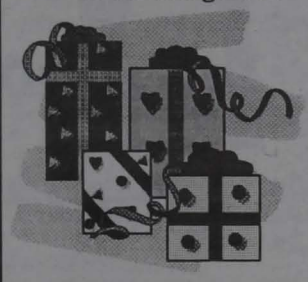
Veterans Day has already passed this year, but I urge the students and faculty of Glenville State College to take time during Christmas break to remember and honor the United States Veterans. If in the future Glenville State College would close and recognize Veterans Day on November 11, it would bring the college and community closer together, as well as, properly honor our veterans.

Sincerely,
Emily S. James

Merry Christmas!

and Happy New Year to President Simmons, wife and family, and the staff and faculty of Glenville State College.

--the Cooking Staff



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Student Teachers Return to Campus

All 24 fall student teachers will return tomorrow for their final day on campus.

Having completed an intense 15 weeks of student teaching, Kappa Delta Pi, the education honorary society, will begin the day with a reception breakfast to reward their efforts, because, as Debbie Simon, field placement coordinator, put it, "Student teaching is tough, they all deserve recognition."

Kappa Delta Pi will also be awarding the most accomplished student teacher with a plaque at the reception. President William Simmons will also be on hand to speak to the prospective graduates.

Student teachers will then be asked to evaluate their field experiences. "Their opportunity to share with us their feelings gives us good ideas on field experience requirements," Simon said.

Student teachers will also be able to evaluate their cooperating teacher, after 15 weeks of being evaluated themselves. But there doesn't seem to be any reason for student teachers to be apprehensive about the cooperating teacher's assessment of their ability, as Simon said, "the evaluations have been excellent."

The special speaker for the day will be Gabe Devono. Devono, who will speak at 1 p.m., is the personnel director for the Lewis County Board of Education. Since the availability of permanent job placements in West Virginia are few, Devono will be speaking to the group about how to apply for substitute teaching, and what the requirements are.

Devono, who previously served as principal of Lewis County High School, will also be bringing a permanent substitute from the Lewis County system to address any questions or concerns students may have about substituting.

Red Cross to Hold Blood Drive

by Susan Hutchinson

A special blood drive, Holiday Heroes 12 Days of Christmas, will occur at the Wesley Foundation Monday, Dec. 12. Students may donate blood between the hours of 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The American Red Cross, an agent of the United Way, is planning blood drives in each county in the state during the month of Dec. in an effort to increase blood donations. Charlotte Nicholas, executive director of the Lewis County chapter of the American Red Cross, explains the reasoning behind the blood drive, "Over the holiday season there is a decline in blood donations, but this is when donations, are needed the most. We need donors with all blood types, especially those who have rare types."

For those who may be considering giving blood, there are a few facts and guidelines that may make your decision to donate easier.

Fact: Giving blood is very safe. It is next to impossible to contact AIDS or other blood disorders from donating blood. Each needle and blood bag is used only once and disposed of after usage.

Fact: The technicians and nurses are screened frequently for any type of blood disorders.

Fact: Protective gloves are worn by all technicians and nurses. The gloves are changed and discarded after working with each donor.

Fact: Nurses and technicians are trained to handle any situation that might occur.

Fact: Giving one pint of blood can help up to three people. The blood can be separated into three major component parts including plasma and platelets.

Fact: A person must wait at least 105 pounds and be 17 old or older to donate blood.

Fact: Epileptics and diabetics can donate blood if their conditions are under control.

Fact: You should eat something light approximately two to three hours before you plan to donate blood.

Fact: You may be saving the life of someone you know.

If you decide to donate blood, you will be asked several health related questions. You

will also be given a mini-physical which generally includes having your blood-sugar, pulse, temperature, blood pressure, hemoglobin and weight checked.

After donating blood, you will be given a snack to bring up the level of your blood sugar. A donor is usually asked to wait approximately 15 minutes for observation before leaving.

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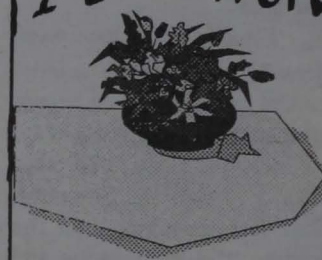
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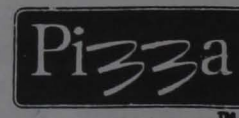
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