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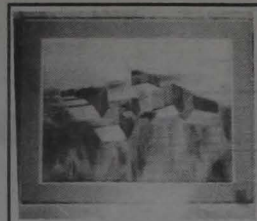


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GSC Grad at White House

By Theodore Allen Webb
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- History was made as Glenville State College graduate Janet Ferrell of Summersville

However, Ferrell was not content to be nonproductive, depending exclusively on government for her needs. In search of a better life, she enrolled at GSC's Nicholas County extension.

direction of Sociology professor Dolores Mysliweic. The other was an intensive one week program at the West Virginia state legislature, coordinated by Political Science professor Dr. Mike Smith.

After four years of dedicated effort, Ferrell graduated from GSC last May with a degree in Behavioral Science and a minor in Criminal Justice. Shortly thereafter, she was hired to work full time as an assistant coordinator at the state Family Resource Network. Among her many projects, she has been working on welfare reform in West Virginia in affiliation with the governor's cabinet.

"Attending Glenville State College was the best decision I could have possibly made," Ferrell firmly believes. "A lot of the classes I took helped steer me in the right direction. I was really inspired by Bill Roberts, who taught my social work class and Dr. Smith, who taught American National Government. Dr. Sirk, Mr. Basset, and Mrs. Mysliweic were all wonderful. They all challenged and encouraged me to keep trying."

Despite her enormous career preparation, Ferrell said she was completely surprised by the phone



Photo by Carl Wilson

GSC Parking Problem?

By Eric Ware

"Find the first available spot and park!" This advice was given to me as a freshman at GSC in the Fall of 1990. With increasing enrollment year after year, the availability of parking spots has decreased substantially, leaving commuters on their feet.

How much of a problem is parking?

"It's terrible!" Several freshmen commented. "You have to get here early for a spot for a 9:30 class."

Commuters who assemble at the Pioneer Snack Bar also agree that, with more enrollment, "something should give."

Last week, a situation occurred in front of President Simmons' house on campus, proving the limits students could reach in order to get a good parking spot. The scene was a line of cars parked on the sidewalk in front of the president's campus house. After many vehicles left, the few remaining were issued warning citations for illegal parking; however, one car that

remained sparked a heated debate.

Sources say that the owner of a red Camry came back to find his car, momentarily parked on the sidewalk, ready to be towed. The student apologized and started to move his car, but campus police would not let him go, due to the fact the towing company from Burnsville was already contracted out. The car originally responsible for the call had already left before being replaced by the Camry.

After much deliberation, campus police resolved the matter with the owners, and as Capt. Helmick stressed to them, "It was just my job."

Both parties shook hands after the incident, but neither were available for comment.

The question remains: what can be done to fix our parking problem?

"Our campus has always been known as the 'Friendly Campus,'" Mark Loudon commented, "and we'll try to help students find better parking."

"While we do like to see

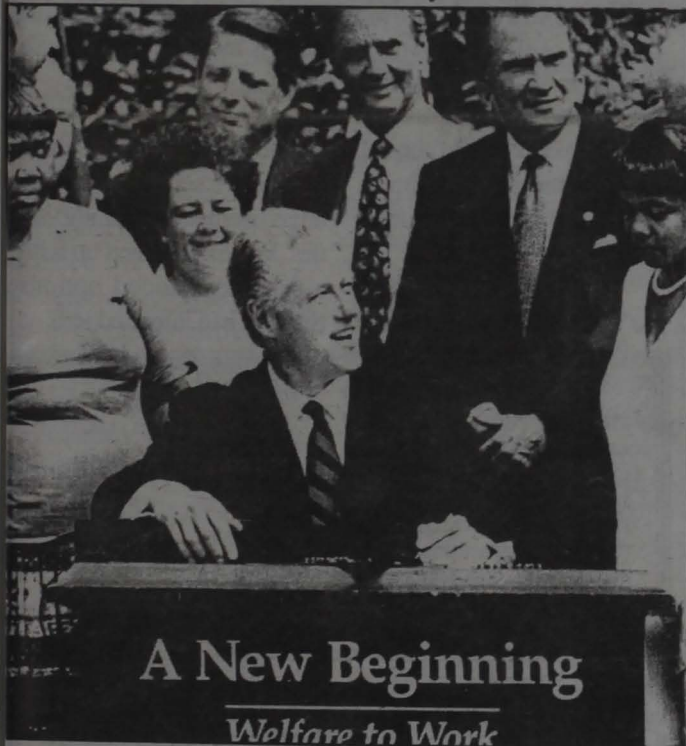


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stood directly behind President Bill Clinton when he signed the monumental Republican-promised welfare reform bill on Thursday, August 22.

Ferrell's fantastic journey began with a tragedy in 1989, when, at 36, she found herself divorced and unemployed. In order to support her three young sons, then ages 7, 8, and 12, Ferrell was forced onto welfare.

"I wanted something better for my kids," Ferrell says of her decision to further her education. "I wanted them to see that their mother was doing her very best, and I wanted my family to be able to do the same."

While in college, Ferrell took the initiative, participating in two internship programs. One was a semester internship at the Women's Resource Center under the

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From the Editor's Desk

Gene Breza

We at the *Mercury* extend a hearty welcome to all the incoming freshmen and those whom meet Glenville State College for the first time! And welcome back to everyone pursuing a career through the various degrees offered here at GSC, freshmen through seniors! You know you can do it!

It has been a long, cool, wet summer. Nature has harvested the sun's rays causing an abundance of vegetative growth which feeds us all.

If you begin to miss the hills and hollows during the week, the Nature Trail which begins behind Lewis Bennett Hall offers a breath taking little walk sure to refresh your spirits. This hillock was chosen as an easily defensible position by Confederate Capt. W. T. Wiant during the Civil War, you might see why.

Thanks to the Maintenance Dept., a new concrete staircase with a flower well now graces the passage from Lewis Bennett Hall to the Administration Building. Other improvements not so easily noticed are the roofs of both dormitory halls. They were sealed and insulated, then tons of gravel used to hold them in place.

Talk of a student takeover of Glenville town proper has been heard. This can only be possible if students get involved, apathy being one of the greater hurdles in any political endeavor. Perhaps encouraging more than one candidate to run for the Student Congress offices would be a start.

The *Mercury* is a student newspaper, it is your paper. If you don't like it, let us know. And please, if you do appreciate it, know that we won't know it unless you let us know.

As managing editor, I will do my best to be fair to everyone, impossible as it may seem.

"It gives me great pleasure indeed to see the stubbornness of an incorrigible non-conformist warmly acclaimed."

—Albert Einstein

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Watch Out for Family Values

Tom Kennedy

Consider this scenario: the new car that you have been wanting is suddenly being advertised by a local dealer at just the price you have been wanting to pay, but when you get to the dealership, the car has been sold. The salesman seems sympathetic to your disappointment, and he shows you another car with more options than you had needed or wanted. After the salesman makes you a deal that you can't refuse, you purchase the car.

The next day depression sets in because you realize that you had spent much more than you had intended, and now you are stuck with your decision. This scenario is known as a bait-and-switch sales tactic, and I believe politicians are using it when they are selling family values to the public.

We are being told that a government that promotes a return to family values will be the government that can best

solve our problems of drugs, violence, and poverty. But, though most of us would like to see a country filled with caring people who can carry their own weight, we as a people must be careful not to fall for the bait-and-switch tactics of powerful interest groups.

It is the vagueness of what family values are that opens the door to danger. What, exactly, constitutes family values over values in general? If we do not have families, does it imply that what we want from life has no value? If we are not Christians, does this make our values valueless?

The Christian Coalition and other ultraconservative groups are the people who really got this family value thing rolling in American politics, and, when you think about it, "ultraconservative Christian" is quite an oxymoron. In general, ultraconservatives support capitalism in its most unrestricted form.

Since when are the major stockholders of wealthy

corporations, with their enormous wealth and power, taking on the model of Jesus Christ in their daily living? Is the CEO who decides to cut people's jobs for the sake of greed practicing family values? When business owners can afford to take better care of their workers, but decide not to, are these family values? When conservatives preach about people carrying their own weight and then vote against a minimum wage increase, thereby abandoning the working poor, is that an example of family values? When tobacco companies seek ways to increase addiction to a harmful product, or when the Christian Coalition says nothing about all these things because they are too busy playing politics, is this what is meant by family values?

I think we had all better start to wonder what it is these people are selling with their advertisements of family values. We just may end up with a few more added options than we had intended to buy.

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Friday September 13th will be the last day to apply for graduation in December. So if you haven't applied as of yet plan to visit the office of Admissions and Records soon.

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The *Mercury* will attempt to include pertinent submissions and announcements; however, we can not promise to include them if they are not submitted by the Monday noon deadline.

Ferrell

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call which she received on Wednesday, August 21.

"Someone from the Department of Health and Human Resources called and asked me if I would be interested in going to the White House," Ferrell remembers. "At first I thought she was kidding, but I soon learned that he wasn't."

The very next morning, Ferrell drove to Yeager Airport in Charleston where she met Governor Gaston Caperton, his staff, and the head of the state welfare department. They hopped into a private six-seater airplane and flew straight to Washington, D.C.

"It was a hot day," Ferrell recalls. "They had lots of different military people stationed around the White House to make sure you didn't get lost". We were directed to the Rose Garden where we were served ice water."

"Then, I was told we were going to the Oval Office to meet the President. I thought I'd have time to collect my thoughts, but the Oval Office was just around the corner, and when we walked in, the President was standing right by the door!"

"He was very nice," Ferrell continues. "He shook my hand and thanked me for coming."

Ferrell then met Vice President Al Gore and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"When Hillary walked in, I told her, 'It really does take a village to raise a child.' (in reference to the First Lady's book *It takes a village*) And she said, 'How sweet.'"

One of the most poignant points of Ferrell's visit to the White House was when she handed President Clinton a note which had been written by her 13-year-old son, James.

"Dear President Clinton," James writes. "I'm

very ecstatic and elated to know that my mother, Janet Ferrell, is to be in your presence. She is overjoyed. I think you've made a bold and smart move. Although I'm only 13 and know little about politics, I have a strong feeling that this bill will be successful.

We have lived a hard life, but as you can see, patience and hard work pay off."

Later Ferrell was shown on CNN, C-Span, Good Morning America, and The Today Show with two other former welfare recipients who attended the historic 39-minute welfare reform bill signing ceremony.

"I think Clinton made a good political move by signing it because he was in a rock and a hard place," Ferrell says of Clinton's decision. "I know no bill is perfect, but welfare needed reform. I don't think they'll let people go hungry like some Democrats are saying. I feel this bill is what most people wanted. They're trying to flush out the people who are abusing the system and help those who are really trying to get back on their feet."

"The lady who interviewed me for *The Charleston Gazette* asked what made me think that other people can get off welfare, that I wasn't just a 'one-in-a-million success story'."

"That's exactly what I want people to understand, that I'm NOT alone! Most of the people on welfare aren't 'bums'. They're people like me, trying hard to get off government dependency."

"It wasn't easy for my family to get off welfare. I had

to work hard and make lots of sacrifices. But, there's always hope. Opportunities are out there, and it really is possible to live a free and independent life."

GSC Parking

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more incoming freshmen, we've also discussed ways to open up more parking...and for future developments of bussing students from the field, color coding parking, and directing traffic to parking spots."

Mark Loudon, GSC's Public Relations Director, assures us that they have not dropped the issue of parking, but in fact "have always been working on it."



Photo by Gene Breza

"President Simmons and myself have had discussions over the years to improve future parking...by opening up the 'pit,' paving roads, and discussed designated parking areas for freshmen."

As for the situation between campus police and the owners of the red Camry, Mark Loudon commented that, from Dr. Simmons' standpoint, "it was an unfortunate incident...and that President Simmons did not wish for the car to be towed..."

Political Chaos

As Bill Clinton accepted the Democratic Party nomination for president, Republican candidate Bob Dole was out stomping across America and applauding his own economic policies.

Dole plans a 15 percent tax cut and a \$500-per-child tax credit, which will lower the federal income tax bill of a family of four making \$35,000 a year by 56 percent. That means middle-class families will be able to take one dollar out of every two they now pay in income tax and put it back in their own pockets. It also means more dollars in the local economy rather than going to Washington.

In state politics, West Virginia Democrats will honor the "Outstanding Democrat of the Year" from each of West Virginia's 55 counties this September 21 at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner. This year's event will be held at the Charleston Civic Center.

Project Chairman Leff Moore said, "Our goal is to recognize these special people

who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society by working within the framework of our democracy and political system."

Those expected to attend are Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Congressmen Wise and Mollohan, and Democratic candidate for governor Charlotte Pritt.

Republicans and Democrats have squared off over the war on drugs. Republicans claim the war on drugs was being won for 11 years during the Reagan/Bush years.

Republicans site figures received from the Clinton Administration showing drug use among teenagers has increased by more than 100 percent from 1992 to 1995. When asked what he intends to do about this increase, Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry indicated the White House was satisfied with its efforts to combat drug use.

This report has been compiled from news releases sent to the Mercury office by the respective parties.

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New Student Orientation

April Estep

On Friday, August 16, 45 of Glenville State College's finest gathered in the Heflin Center with one common goal: New Student Orientation. For two days the counselors discussed ways to make the transition into college as easy as possible for the class of 2000.

On August 18, the New Student Orientation counselors were put to the test. New residents began rolling into Glenville at 8 a.m. While the Resident Assistants at both Pickens Hall and Louis Bennett Hall registered the newcomers, the counselors began moving the students in, much to the relief of many parents. Tom Young, a freshman, expressed his thanks to all who helped. "I thought it was awesome that the RA's and counselors helped me move my stuff into my room."

All too soon, however, the moving was done and the actual orientation began. At 1 p.m., the new students were

ushered into the Fine Arts Building. Once there, they were greeted by GSC President William K. Simmons, as well as other college personnel. At 1:30, new students were divided into smaller groups and assigned counselors. Until 4:30, counselors were available to help with any concerns and to help guide new students through the task of registration. Counselors, RA's and new students were given the chance to relax at a campus picnic held in the amphitheater at 4:30.

Following the picnic, the counselors let their hair down and presented a talent show. Chris Kenna, Keith Vannoy and John Justice led off the event with a sparring match. Drexell King and Becky Frashure followed with mime and lyrical ballet, respectively. Campus band Sloppy Joe came next and pepped up the crowd with three tunes.

Jamie Atkins rendered an energizing piano and vocals version of "Great Balls of Fire," with Jeremy Dean on drums. The final act took the

crowd back a few years with Cris Gravely, Susan Hunter, Chad Nichols and this reporter dancing to the beat of ABBA.

Monday morning dawned with a 6:30 walk around town. More gatherings followed in the Fine Arts Building, where students were assigned, and allowed to meet with their counselors. New students also had the chance to elect the freshmen representative to Student Congress. Congratulations go out to Joedy "Rudy" Gutto on his victory.

New Student Orientation came to a close with a dance and Casino Night hosted by Student Congress. Students were given play money and allowed to gamble their hearts out from 8 pm to midnight.

Many thanks go to all the counselors and RA's. Special thanks go to coordinators Jennifer Nottingham, Eleanor Nicholas, and Daniel Reed, whose hard work made the events of the two days so successful.

Casino Night

April Estep

The final event of New Student Orientation was a Casino Night with the Ratman and a dance, both hosted by Student Congress. Over 250 students registered at the door of the Heflin Center Ballroom for door-prizes and a stack of play money that could be gambled away at the students' prerogative. The Ratman brought several games with him, including a roulette

bers, and I think if students at Glenville State College came to recognize this that we could accomplish so much more..." It is speculated that this Casino Night could be a signal that the tide of apathy plaguing previous GSC events could be about to change.

Student Congress would like to thank the following people and businesses for their help and donations: Go-Mart, Pizza Hut, The Towne Bookstore, Minnich's, Betty's Floral Shop, Mountaineer



"Place your bets!" Photo by Gene Breza

wheel, Blackjack, and Poker.

Because of the success of Casino Night, Glenville State College is bringing back the Ratman and DJ Neal White for Homecoming Week. Student Congress President Mark Allen stated, "We are trying to make Homecoming this year sort of like GSC Week in an attempt to get both students excited about activities in the fall... There is power in num-

Mart, Rich's Gas Station, Foodland, Hair Expo, McDonald's, Front Porch Coffee Shop, Coach Rich Rodriguez, New Student Orientation counselors, the Resident Assistants at both Pickens and Louis Bennett Hall, and Activities Director Josh Bonnett.

Anyone with ideas or concerns about GSC can contact Mark Allen at Pickens Hall.

brochure is now in circulation and can be picked up at the main desk.

Pioneer Alley is not only used by students. McVain explained that "off-campus people generally come in the evenings," and they are predominately bowlers for leagues.

Asked if he ever had a problem with trying to avoid paying, McVain commented "most people, in general, are honest." However

Monday night, August 26, five people ran out without paying. McVain chased them, but they got away.

Pioneer Alley's billiard tables, according to McVain "are the premiere table for competition right now." The bowling alley is stronger and better with its new parts.

There are video games, a television and a ping pong table. McVain invites people "to come in and try them out."

Moving Up Pioneer Alley

by Angela Greenlief

Jess McVain has been gradually making improvements in Pioneer Alley since he was hired last September. He has adjusted the hours of business, set up new games, and has started work on aesthetic improvements.

Pioneer Alley is located underneath the bookstore and is open from 2pm to 10pm on weekdays and 5pm to 10pm on weekends. Students with college i.d. are admitted free of charge from 1pm to 3pm.

However, there are league games on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. At these times the alley is open to leagues only.

McVain completed the replacement of the masking (the wall hiding the bowling machinery) and changing the room from salmon to white. He plans to change the color of the pool tables from salmon to GSC's colors and have a Pioneer mural painted on the masking units above the lanes.

A "Jack of all trades," McVain, did the work himself while students worked the front desk. His theory is "Anytime you can present something that is appealing, it will increase your business."

However, the changes aren't only to the building. McVain has added a ping pong table and tournaments are possible if enough people

express interest.

Also, Pioneer Alley is sponsoring a free contest called the "license plate contest." McVain explained it to be "kind of a scramble," where contestants must decide what word the license plate letters will make. The prize is a free evening of bowling.

Also new to Pioneer Alley is a "Buy 10, get one free punch card" which patrons may keep with them. After paying for the first 10 visits, the 11th time is free.

Six thousand dollars were spent on repairs and parts, all of which McVain has organized in his computer. He has also used chures, posters, etc. to promote the business. One such

Message to All Japanese Students—

A consul from the Consulate General of Japan in New York will be coming to the campus of West Virginia University in Morgantown soon in order to meet the needs of all Japanese people in West Virginia on passport renewal, passport reissue, etc.

The consul will be on the WVU campus on Thursday, October 3, 1996. The room reserved for the occasion is "Laurel Room" on the second floor of Mountainlair. Consul Endo will be there from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. in the morning and 1:30-4 p.m. in the afternoon.

If your passport is going to expire within the next 6 months, you should process for its renewal at this time. It is vital that you send to New York an application form, photos, etc., at least 3 weeks before the consul comes to WVU.

Almost Impromptu—

A free "do it yourself" writer's workshop has been planned for Saturday, September 6 at the Waldomore in Clarksburg, located on Pike Street next to the public library.

Registration for the event begins at noon with activities starting at 1 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a lawnchair and a snack.

Poetry, short stories, nonfiction, fiction, movie and film writing will be on the agenda in panel discussions and workshop forms.

Dr. Barbara W. Tedford, Glenville State College English professor, said, "this will be a good opportunity for Trillium writers and those interested in creative writing to meet other West Virginia writers." Tedford went on to say she knows most of the panel leaders and that they are "dedicated to helping all writers improve

He will bring the new passport on October 3, 1996. If you need to renew your passport, contact Prof. Minami, Dept. of Foreign Languages, WVU, as soon as possible to get an application form and other necessary information.

You are required by Japanese law to send a "Zairyuu Todoke (Resident Report)" to the Consulate General of Japan. The Consulate General must have your "Zairyuu Todoke" at hand before they can process for your passport renewal. If you have not yet sent a Zairyuu Todoke to the Consulate General, please contact Prof. Minami as well.

Minami's office is 317-E Chitwood Hall, WVU (304-293-5121 Ext. 5537). Minami's home is 380 Dorsey Ave., Morgantown (304-296-1698).

their skills."

Those in attendance may recognize Mary Lucille DeBerry from her visit to the GSC campus this past Spring Semester. DeBerry will be discussing the art of writing poetry from pictures.

June Langford Berkley, whose family roots are tied to Glenville, will be discussing the topic, "Finding and Working With Your Narrative Voice." Much of Berkley's work is concerned with using one's own family history as a background for stories

In addition to this workshop, Berkley will also be the featured guest at GSC on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. She will be presenting her performance art monologue "The Spaces Between: Telling the Untold Stories. The program is free to the public.

Blood Drive to be Held

The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, September 11. Anyone interested in donating blood should report to the Wesley Foundation Building between noon and 6 p.m.

From the Career Services Office—

West Virginia University's Health Sciences and Graduate recruiting team will be on campus September 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Heflin Center Lobby. Over 105 graduate programs and all the Health Sciences, which include Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medical Technology, Physical Therapy, Dental Hygiene, and Exercise Physiology, will be represented. All interested students are encouraged to attend. For additional information, call Jennifer Nottingham (ext. 222) or Eleanor Nicholas (ext. 118).

Operation Native Talent, a statewide job fair for West Virginia college and university graduates, will be held at WVU on September 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 50 employers from West Virginia and other states will be present to accept resumes and conduct brief interviews with students (a list of employers will be posted in the Career Services Office). All seniors, excluding education majors, are encouraged to attend. Students must register with the Career Services Office and attend job search skills workshops on September 10 in the Verona Mapel Room from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Jennifer Nottingham or Eleanor Nicholas.

"There comes a moment in the day, when you have written your pages in the morning, attended to your correspondence in the afternoon, and have nothing further to do. Then comes the hour when you are bored; that's the time for sex."

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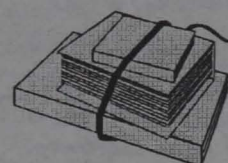
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Prepare for the Opening Volley—

By Frank Konig

With the new season underway, expectations run high for the Glenville State Women's Volleyball team. As is the case for every coach, the main objective is to improve on the last season. If the trend holds true as it has in the past three years, this season should be one of the best in the last decade.

Coach Kenny Osborne is comfortable knowing that his foundation consists of six impact players that started at one time or another throughout the last year. He has a good balance between returnees and newcomers which should help the team develop into a powerful nucleus. Along the front line stands five foot ten, sophomore Cheryl Stout. Last year she scared blockers and left welts on the arms of the defense with amazingly powerful kills. Accompanying Stout, are senior Manda Simmons and sophomore Jodie Beall who, along with size, add blocking and power hitting. Setting the Pioneer power hitters is junior Michelle Smith. An experienced setter, she knows the system and hopefully will be able to gel with the returnees and newcomers quickly.

Amongst the newcomers, freshman Crystal Affolter from Stoutsville, Ohio

stands out to Coach Osborne as a, "great passer and a strong hitter." Sara Roedershiemer, a freshman from Parkersburg, brings, "very good hitting and serving." Christy Waller, a sophomore from Waterford, Ohio who played on the Pioneer Basketball team adds, "good size and added presence to the front line." Lastly, sophomore Kimbra Hott, from Franklin provides, "good solid defense."

Coach Osborne has depth and experience on his side and therefore his expectations are high. "We have a chance of being in the top four in the conference." The West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is no "cake walk," with WV Wesleyan reaching the Elite Eight in the NCAA National tournament, and the University of Charleston reaching the Regionals, the GSC Pioneers have a formidable task ahead.

One thing for sure, Coach Osborne has made strides to improve the quality and level of play. "We have implemented more quick, special plays to pick up the tempo," explains Osborne. Making the games more exciting and taking advantage of the experience is going to catch opponents off guard and hopefully draw larger crowds.

As is the case in most sports, if the coach can get his

players to work hard, have fun, and stay motivated, success is always attainable and wins will keep coming. As a complement to the team, Kenny Osborne declared, "this is the hardest working team. I've been having the most fun I've ever had as a coach."

So far, the season has been progressive. After a 2 and 4 start last weekend at Fairmont State, the future looks bright. Being the inaugural tournament, it was a chance to see how the team played together and fared against tough competition.

The trick for this year's team will be to maintain their pre-season work ethic and to stay united on the court. Next in line for the Pioneers is the Tri-Match Tournament at WV Tech on Sept. 9. Then the ladies are at home to host the Quad-Match Tournament on Sept. 14.

Comedy Night!!

Comedian Randy Riggle will be performing in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Wednesday September 11 at 8pm.

Clear your schedule and plan to attend a night of laughter and enjoyment.

Pioneer Football Tuning Up for the Regular Season

By Frank Konig

Weeks before the average student even contemplated coming back to school, the Glenville State College football team was hard at work preparing for the 1996 season. Comprised of players from all over the United States, the Pioneers received a NCAA Div. II pre-season ranking of twenty-one.

With Rod Smith running the offense and the last minute transfer from WVU by Wilkie Perez, Rich Rodriguez has a reliable one, two punch at Quarterback. The return of Anthony Baker and All-American Carlos Ferralls gives this year's team an explosive offense.

The Defense, although relatively small is antagonizing. The front line is quick, the second line, led by Jevon Hicks is smart, and with Chad Baker as the last line of defense, Glenville's Opponents will be scrambling.

Our first glimpse of the 1996 squad came three weeks ago in a blue white, offense against defense scrimmage. The offense worked well and had its way with the defense which looked in disarray. It showed the lack of

experience the defense possessed and the effects of only two weeks of solid practice for the newcomers.

A week later, the Pioneers played a more formal scrimmage. Again, in the blue-white, offense against defense set, the team looked to be much improved. The defense did a good job of controlling the offense and influenced the quarterbacks, after getting around the front line. Rod Smith continued to shine, even without Ferralls, who sat out the game due to an injury. After watching the scrimmage, Coach Rodriguez mentioned that the team "needs to work on conditioning and overall attitude concerning the offensive attack."

Finally, the last test for GSC came in a scrimmage against nationally ranked, Indiana University (PA). Glenville showed that the hype over this season is warranted after coming out on top 10-7 after the two quarter scrimmage ended. Rodriguez said, "although there were some bright points, there are still many things to improve on."

The Pioneers open their season officially Sept. 7 at Livingstone University in North Carolina.



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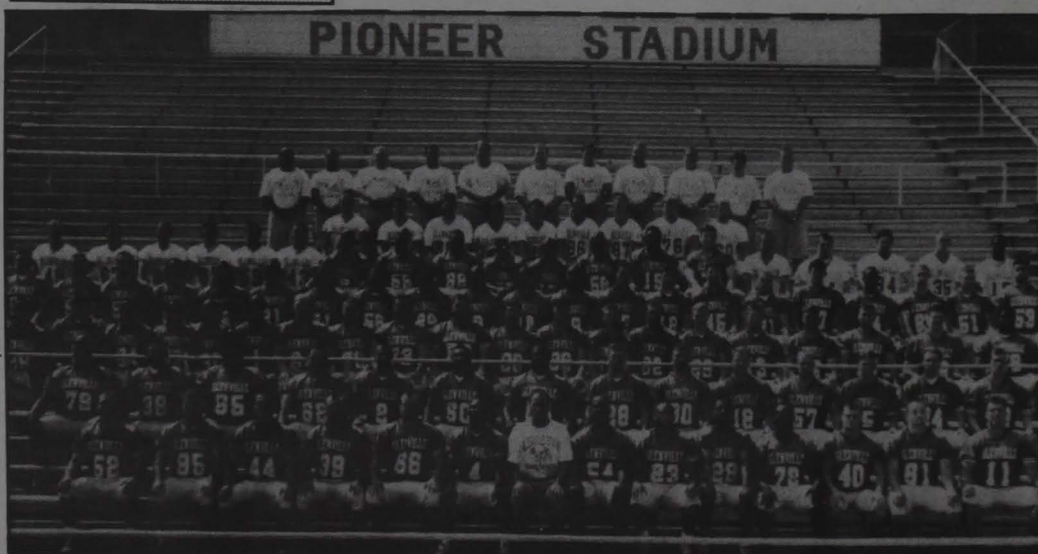
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1996-97 GSC Pioneer Football Team

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Summer Movie Invasion

Movie Review by Brent Wood

Welcome back from your glorious summer break! This past summer there were numerous notable film releases. My personal favorite and the largest blockbuster had the shortest name: ID4. If you missed this star-studded, special effects spectacular, it will be playing in some theaters for an additional month. With an all-star cast—Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith, Randy Quaid, Margaret Colin, and Mary McDonnell—and an inspiring musical score by David Arnold, Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin's hit grossed \$100 million in its first six days alone, breaking Jurassic Park's record.

To date, the total gross for ID4 is \$256 million. I have given it my four tickets' worth and might go again. Whether you are going to see it for the first time or the fourth, pay special attention to the speech given by the president, played by Bill Pullman; it is sure to add a sense of pride in your country and your humanity. This movie is sure to be seen at the Academy Awards.

Despite appearances, this summer was not solely designed for ID4; there were other hits and award winners you should have seen. Meg Ryan and Denzel Washington brought forward the truth about the horrors of warfare in *Courage Under Fire*. Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson and newcomer Matthew McConaughey tried to prove justice could be found by following their hearts in *A Time to Kill*.

Action movies were big takers this summer with *The Rock*, *Mission Impossible*, and *Eraser*. Kurt Russell reprised the role of Snake Pliskin in *Escape from L.A.*. Sean Connery returned as the voice of Drago in the fantasy film *DragonHeart* with Dennis Quaid. John Travolta continued with his string of hit movies with *Phenomenon*, a tear-jerking story of a gifted man and his struggle for love. Marlon Brando returned to the big screen with Val Kilmer in the non-stop action thriller *The Island of Dr. Moreau*.

Let us not forget about the many comedy films that were also released, which ranged from slapstick to simply ridiculous. Michael Keaton tried to manage a job, a failing marriage and kids by cloning himself in *Multiplicity*. Eddie Murphy also played multiple parts in *The Nutty Professor*. MTV's debut, *Joe's Apartment*, featured talking, singing, and dancing roaches. Another funny-but-stupid movie was *King Pin*, with Woody Harrelson and Randy Quaid. Michael J. Fox scared up some laughs in *The Frighteners*, while Robin Williams relived his childhood in *Jack*. Looking for a corny, side-splitting motion picture based on a 70's t.v. show? The Brady Bunch returns in *A Very Brady Sequel*. The film was so off-the-wall funny, the audience members who didn't leave were rolling in the aisles.

As always, there were several movies that people went to see but shouldn't have. Jim Carrey's *The Cable Guy* was disappointing to many. Demi Moore's dive into exotic dancing in *Striptease* was a washout.

Comic book crossover films were disastrous—both *The Phantom* and *Barb Wire* veered from their original courses to create greater box office appeal. Shaquille O'Neal's second attempt—*Kazaam*—was definitely not a breakthrough performance. Mario Van Peebles tried to be a perfect killing machine in *Solo*, a too-common story. The disappointing *The Crow: City of Angels* failed to recreate Brandon Lee's last performance.

Jesse Reed

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On August 30, Glenville State College received a treat: prints and watercolors painted by native West Virginia artist Jesse Reed. Reed, a Professor of Art at Davis and Elkins College, is a world traveler. He has visited 96 different countries and has brought pieces of each of these foreign lands to the GSC Art Gallery.

His collection portrays people, places, and animals which are unique to their respective areas. From coal-town houses in southern West Virginia to the majestic elephants of Africa, Reed's paintings and prints capture the spirit of each subject.

The artists will be returning to Glenville on September 5 for a gallery talk. His show will run from September 3 to September 27. Gallery hours are posted outside the gallery, which is located in the Fine Arts Building.



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Off the Shelf

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Looking for the Neanderthal

Summer is not only a time for getting away from the office for two weeks, having family cookouts and wearing thong bikinis at the beach. Summer is also a time when the publishing houses try to get your dollars by bringing out the big guns: the summer blockbusters. These are the novels by authors with a large readership of loyal fans eager for their next fix—Stephen King, Patricia Cornwell, Tom Clancy. These novels are also called "beach reading," which distract you from the fact that you should have stopped wearing a thong about ten years ago.

One of the big summer prospects is the Neanderthal-in-modern-times novel *Almost Adam*. Not to be outdone (nothing succeeds like excess), Random House has published their own version: John Darrton's *Neanderthal*. Darrton's novel is a 365-page attempt to break into the type of storytelling that Michael Crichton seems to do so effortlessly. To be honest, Darrton seems to believe he is Crichton.

The plot of *Neanderthal* is simple: Matt Mattison and Susan Arnot are anthropologists who are offered the opportunity of a lifetime. Their mentor, Jerome Kellicut, has disappeared while searching for Neanderthal men, who have miraculously survived extinction in a remote valley in Tajikistan. A note from Kellicut, urging them to join him, is accompanied by a fresh skull fragment. Aided by a shadowy scientist named Van, who clearly knows more than he lets on, they travel.

The pair find Kellicut living amongst the docile Neanderthals, observing them closely and envisioning them as the evolutionary betters of mere *homo sapiens*. These Neanderthals lack a spoken language and share the telepathic ability to see through others' eyes—a trait Van and his bosses would very much like to harness for espionage. Along the way, the doctors encounter a second tribe of brutal, murderous Neanderthals in the mountains, bent on destroying the small pocket of Eden.

Neanderthal is a pathetic effort to cash in on a formula known to pay big bucks. The characters spend more time worrying about their libidos than they do with real scientific study of the wondrous creatures they have discovered. Clearly, no one in this novel has ever heard of the Prime Directive of non-interference. Like a James Bond novel without Ian Fleming at the typewriter, *Neanderthal* fails to deliver the goods of a Michael Crichton storyline. Wait for the paperback and see for yourself.



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