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—Cyril Connolly

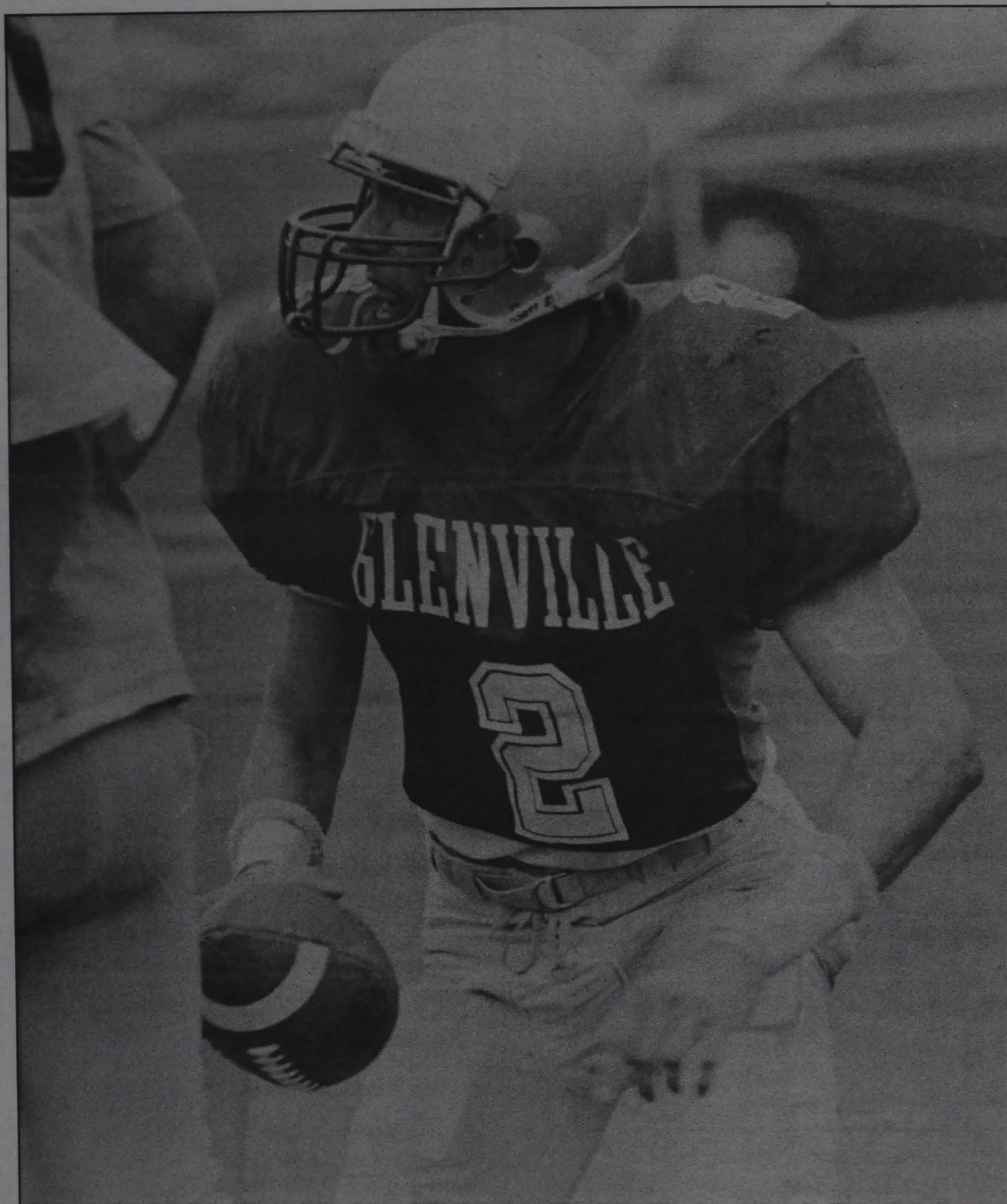
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"The technological revolution is far from over. Technology is changing daily, and it will be important for GSC to keep up with the latest developments."
--Nolan Browning
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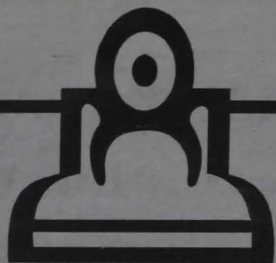
Have you hugged your pet rock today?

Let your voice be heard!

Watch for the *Mercury* poll takers!



GSC victory is sweet!



Campus Clips

The Records Office asks that all students submit their local addresses as soon as possible, or mid-term grades will be sent to home addresses. Students may pick up local address forms in the records office.

A mandatory meeting for all prospective Spring 1998 student teachers will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at 12:30 in Room 201 of Clark Hall. Contact Dr. Sharon Kraus if you are unable to attend.

Student and faculty volunteers are needed to spend one hour a week conversing with Japanese students. You choose the time and place. Men are especially needed. Contact Mrs. Burkowski in the Language Division.

The Student Voters Coalition is having a meeting on Tuesday, September 30. The group will meet in Room 301 of the Administration Building at 6 p.m.

Any organization interested in joining the Homecoming Parade should contact ext. 321 for more info.

Parking spaces are available behind Pickens Hall, between Johnson and Howard Streets.

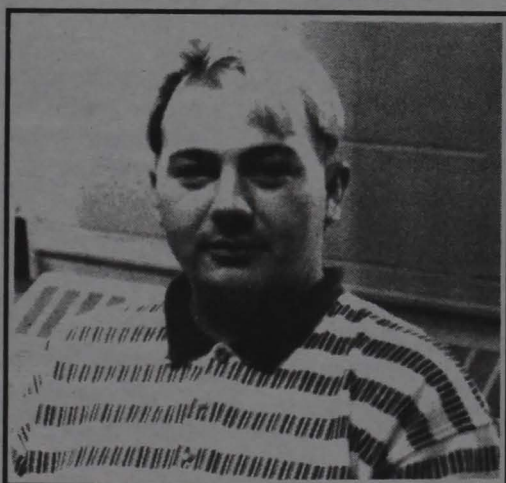
The Wheeling Symphony will perform on September 27. Tickets are on sale. To reserve seats, contact Debbie Starcher at ext. 130 or 462-4130.

Students interested in earning money by tutoring should contact Career Services at ext. 118.

The Chess Club meets on Mondays, 5-6:30 p.m., in Room 300 of the Science Hall.

September 24 is the last day to sign up for the Sept. 28 white water rafting trip, the trip to Sea World, and to see the ballet Dracula. See Activities Director Eric Poirier for details.

On Campus



Name: Steven "Frenchy" McCord

Age: 19

Class: Freshman

Hometown: Glenville

Major: Music

Hobbies: Singing and dancing.

"I'm just happy to be here!"

Prather workshop brings poetry and an artist's pain

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

On Monday Sept. 15, Dr. Barbara Tedford hosted a writing workshop conducted by poet David B. Prather from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Verona Maple Room. This workshop was sponsored by the Language Division of GSC and the Gilmer Arts and Heritage Council.

Prather, a published poet with works appearing in such journals as "Blue Unicorn", "The Arizona Unconservative", "Confluence" (published by Marietta College), and "Prairie Schooner", also has been anthologized in the recently published "The Best of WV Writers, 1991-95," as a winning poet in the WV Writers Competition.

Prather was also editor and publisher of "Tantra Press" in 1993-96, and has given readings of his poetry throughout the region, appearing sometimes with the group "Blackbirds."

The free workshop gave the audiences insight on feelings of home, and, as Prather discussed, those things that remind us of home.

"Many of us are defined by what we do. I define myself as a writer," commented Prather.

Prather discussed sources of inspiration to work with, either family, friends, relationships, or religion, and how to

draw upon these and our own emotions in writing.

"Emotion," Prather said "is a great source of artist pain... We draw upon these things to remind us of who we are."

Along with his writing exercises, Prather read excerpts of home and love from Andrew Hudgins; "Second Nature," a poem by Tony Hoagland detailing about the inner self, and many more.

"Each person has their own identity, their bodies, and their home," Prather said.

This workshop was made possible by the West Virginia Humanities Council cooperating with West Virginia Writers, Inc.

Local Briefs:

Local News Briefs is a non-profit calendar of events for local information. If you would like your event publicized please write to Mercury Office, attn: News Editor, Glenville State College, 200 High St., Glenville, WV 26351.

CPR Class: taking place in Normantown. If interested, call Donna Moore (certified instructor) 462-5394

WV Trappers Association: The WV Trappers Association's fall convention will take place Sept. 19-21 at the Gilmer Co. Recreation Center. Trapping demonstrations on Sat. A dance will take place on Sat. night at 7 pm, admission charged. For more info. call Scott Schimmel 462-7270, Dale Barker 477-3565, or Raymond Dishner 467-8893.

The Central WV Riding Club: will be hosting an open show Sat. Sept. 27. at 5 pm. The show will be held at Holly Gray Park in Sutton. Call 364-8365.

Folk Festival Meeting: Friday, September 19, 7 pm at the Country Store.

The Gilmer Co. Board of Health will meet Tues., Sept. 23, at 4:30 pm at the Health Dept.

THE MOON



Last
Quarter
Sept. 23



New
Moon
Oct. 1



First
Quarter
Oct. 9



Full
Moon
Oct. 16

5-DAY FORECAST

Monday- mostly sunny, high 68, low 45

Tuesday- partly cloudy, high 70, low 47

Wednesday- partly cloudy, high 68, low 57

Thursday- partly cloudy, high 70, low 53

Friday- cloudy, high 68, low 50

Expect cooler temperatures in the morning before rising to 70's by noon. Cool, foggy nights expected, with chance of showers on Thursday and Friday.

6:13 Sunrise 7:30 Sunset

'Good Night and God Bless'

Comic Red Skelton passes on

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

Household favorite and clown, Red Skelton succumbed to a long illness Wednesday at Eisenhower Medical Center in Ranch Mirage, California at the age of 84.

As one of America's most loved comic, Skelton delighted millions of audiences with his pantomime and comic skits, with such household favorites as Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, and Mean Widdle Kid. His vaudeville-like sensations not only earned him multiple Emmys and lifetime

achievement awards, but gained respect in millions of households for his clean good-humor acts and gentle heart. But most of all, he made us all laugh.

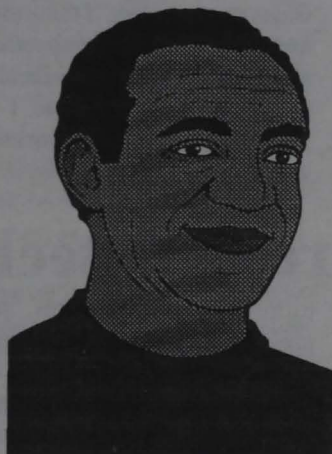
"To me that's the height of my profession," he once said. "It means you can do everything - singing, dance and, above all, make people laugh."

A native of Vincennes, Ind., born Richard Bernard Skelton took his first job as a newsboy at seven and entered showbiz at age 10 in a traveling medicine show. His popularity rose in a series of variety shows airing Tuesday nights on CBS

from 1953-70, placing among the year's top ten shows eight times. And he hit big screens with rolls in popular movies 1941's *Whistling in the Dark*, 1948's *The Fuller Brush Man*, and the 1950's musical *Three Little Pigs*.

After appearing on Broadway and guest spots on radio, Skelton's biggest role came with a doughnut skit in the 1938 movie *Having a Wonderful Time* starring Ginger Rogers.

He'll be best remembered, however, for his famous sign-off to his beloved audiences: "Good night and God bless."



The Coz!

Bill Cosby to entertain WVU parents weekend

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

Bill Cosby is scheduled to entertain parents day at WVU Friday Nov. 14, at 8 pm. Tickets for the show will go on sale 10 am, Saturday Sept. 27 at the Mountainlair and Creative Arts Center Box Offices and Ticketmaster outlets.

Tickets are \$15 for upper

concourse seating, \$20 for lower concourse seating, \$25 for floor seating, and \$35 for Gold Circle and cushion seating. WVU full-time students will receive \$3 discount on all tickets.

To charge by phone, call (304) 292-0220. For information, call (304) 293-SHOW. This event is sponsored by the WVU Arts and Entertainment.



Rachael Worby (submitted photo)

The Wheeling Symphony

The Wheeling Symphony will perform on September 27. Tickets are on sale. To reserve seats, contact Debbie Starcher at ext. 130 or 462-4130

Conducted by
Maestra Rachael Worby.

This performance will feature country music's Michael Martin Murphy

Student Seminars

Ruggiero and Weitman out to relieve test anxiety

By David Weese
Staff Reporter

Would you like to learn to manage your time better? Does the thought of taking a test make your stomach turn? Could you use some preparation for an upcoming standardized test like the PRAXIS II, PPSY, or GRE? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, help is on the way in the form of Career Service Workshops sponsored by Glenville State College's Career Services.

These workshops are the idea of Dr. Catheryn Weitman, the new Dean of Teacher Education at GSC. Weitman noticed most student teachers nationwide were having trouble

and felt that these workshops would give students a better advantage on these required tests.

"These workshops are designed to help student teachers, but anybody having trouble could benefit from them," states Career Services Director Jennifer Ruggiero. "We wanted something that would give students a better advantage when it came to these tests, so we came up with four workshops."

"The Time Management" and "Test Anxiety" seminars have already taken place, but "How to Take a Standardized Test" and "Test Taking Skills" are scheduled for the next two weeks, to be followed by seminars for content areas.

Legislative Internships

The state of West Virginia is offering two legislative internships this year, the Frasure-Singleton Student Legislature Program and the Judith A. Herndon Legislative Fellows Program, to GSC.

Last year, GSC seniors T.J. Drake, Jason Gordon, and Sandra Gibson participated in these legislative programs. Drake and Gordon participated in the Frasure-Singleton Program, while Gibson participated in the Herndon Fellow.

"T.J. and Jason both learned a lot from their experiences," says Mike Smith, coordinator of the programs on campus. "I am sure both will remember their week in Charelston just as people in Charelston associated with the program will remember them."

The Frasure-Singleton Student Legislative Program gives students the opportunity to work

for a legislator for one week while the legislature is in session.

The Judith A. Herndon Legislative Fellows Program gives students the opportunity to spend a semester in Charelston. Students accepted for the program work in the legislature while it is in session, then work for a state agency. To qualify for the Herndon program a full-time student must have completed sixty hours of college study.

"Sandra Gibson got an inside view of the legislature," replied Smith. "When I visited her there, she took me to a committee meeting and told me a number of stories about events in the session. When the legislature was not in session, she got a wonderful opportunity to work with public television."

The deadline for these programs is the third week of October. Brochures are available at the Social Science Division.

Colors of Pride

Would you like to help create a friendly and supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and gay-friendly students at Glenville State College?

Visit our website for information:

www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/8399

Say hello to Social Science's Dr. Bruce Galenza

He's Canadian, has a black belt in Karate, and teaching at GSC

*By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter*

Far from his home in Alberta, Canada, Dr. Bruce Galenza, a new professor in the Social Science Division, doesn't seem to mind the change of atmosphere and size of Glenville State College. After moving from a class with an average of 550 students to a class of 30 to 40 students, Galenza feels he could "connect and be comfortable with the students of GSC."

"I like the class size," Galenza comments, "the students here are real motivated."

Leaving Canada in 1993, Galenza taught at Westmar University, Iowa, for four years in the field of research cognitive

psychology, and was Chair of the Psychology/Human Resources department. His research and teaching focuses on the understanding and developing of the teaching and learning process from a cognitive perspective.

Besides teaching in Iowa, he has traveled and taught across the United States, in Canada, and over the summer in Japan. Along with his interests in cognitive development, Galenza is also interested in multiculturalism and the "celebration of the different cultures all over the world."

"Once I've settled...I would like to see a multicultural club," stated Galenza, "and possibly start a karate club." Along with his interests in different cultures, Galenza is also a black-belt in karate, with 17 years experience.

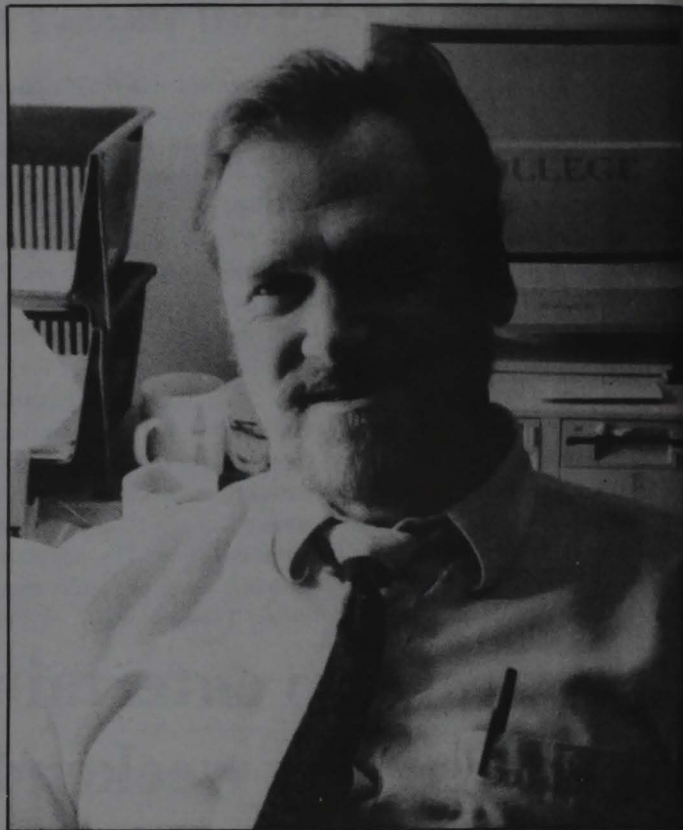
"We're fortunate to have him in higher education with all his experiences, and advising

student groups," commented Dr. Charles Holt, Chairman of the Social Science Division. "He fits right in. It's like he's been here forever. He's very involved with the students and the community, and he's doing a super job."

The Social Science Division looks to see changes in the accreditation studies with new ideas from Galenza and Dr. James Rodgers, of Somerset, England, by working together to change the psychology major. The new field, according to the Galenza, is going towards social and cognitive development.

"If that's where the field is going," he said, "we need to teach towards that field."

"I like the students here," Galenza expressed, "I think they are real motivated, respectful, and ready to learn. The faculty is a great bunch of people. I've settled in nicely. I'm working with a great staff."



Dr. Bruce Galenza (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Oversight committee predicts tech revolution at GSC

*By Theodore Allen Webb,
Staff Reporter*

Imagine taking classes without having to commute miles upon miles to Glenville State College's main campus.

Better yet, imagine earning college credit from the comfort of your own home via the World

Wide Web's information superhighway.

According to GSC Community College Division Provost Dr. Nolan Browning, this technological revolution is on its way. Moreover, students, faculty and community will be reaping the benefits, gaining better access

to instructional resources, improved technology, and professional development.

"Many of the developments are occurring right now," says Browning. "Land Resources division chair Dr. John Williams and land surveying professor Dr. Mujahid Akram have brought a new technology lab and software to Eberle Hall. Also, pilot classes are being conducted this semester utilizing GSC's distance learning centers at Lewis County High School and the Robert F. Kidd Library.

"For example, students in Dr. Duke Talbott's African history class have the option of taking their class either at the Lewis County Center or on the main campus. Students living in Lewis County don't have to drive all the way to Glenville. They interact with classmates on the main campus using microphones and large screen televisions to create a virtual classroom."

According to Browning, an Instructional Technology Oversight Committee is being developed to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of new technologies to enhance learning at

GSC.

"This committee will guide immediate and long range planning to integrate technology both on and off campus," shares Browning.

"The committee will include a representative from every division on campus, in addition to the input and leadership of academic affairs vice president Dr. Lowell Peterson and administrative services director Mr. Bill Diehl, who has been heading up campus technology efforts."

Dr. Peterson, who has been instrumental in the formation of the new committees, agrees that technology is the future of GSC.

"We need to adapt to a changing world to best serve the needs of our students, staff, and community," says Dr. Peterson. "This committee will be vital in advancing GSC into the 21st century."

"I am very excited about being a part of this effort," enthuses assistant sociology/criminal justice professor Dr. Lori Kepford, who will be representing GSC's social science division on the committee. "I hope the

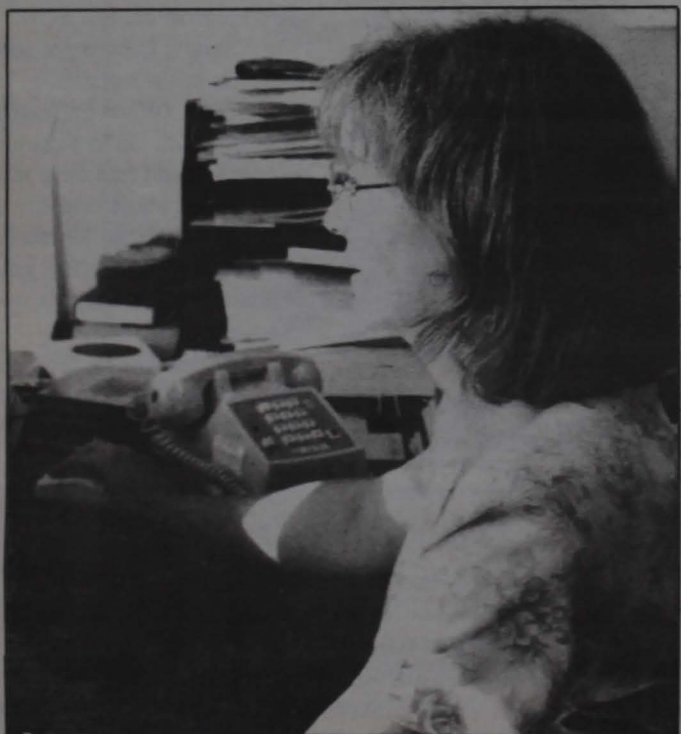
committee will be able to establish a vision for implementing technology."

Although the committee has not assembled and many of its organizational details have not yet been settled, it will probably devote much attention to professional development for GSC faculty.

"Last year we acquired a \$60,000 grant for professional development in instructional technology," confides Browning. "Not all of this funding was used last fiscal year, so we may have some monies left to use toward helping faculty learn new technology."

"This learning would include workshops and seminars to aid in professional development, and the acquisition of new computer hardware and software like Power Point and IPSA, [which] would help instructors generate course syllabi and tests."

According to Browning, the Instructional Technology Oversight team will probably engage in much grant writing and become a standing committee, although the membership may change from year to year.



Dr. Lori Kepford (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Gauly River offers spills and chills

By Kevin Lake
Staff Writer

Among the many, exciting attractions in our beautiful state of West Virginia, none other can be labeled as challenging, as dangerous and as wet and wild as white water rafting. West Virginia offers three main rivers for commercial white water rafting; the New, the Cheat and the Gauley.

Eric Goddard, a senior at Glenville State spent this past summer as a guide on the New River working for the company White Water Information. Goddard guided tours consisting of the upper New River which extends for 12 miles from Prince Thurmond, the 7 miles middle section stretching from Thurmond to Cunard, and the 7 miles long lower section which extends from Cunard to Fayette Station. All three sections of the river can be toured at once on an overnight trip in which the rafters camp at a rest spot through the night and resume

rafting the next morning.

Goddard pointed out that though white water rafting can be very enjoyable when done safely, there are many dangers associated with the sport. These dangers include obstructions such as rocks and limbs, powerful currents, recirculating hydraulics, and swirling eddy walls.

The irresponsible actions of passengers which include not following the guide's instructions as well as, believe it or not, the inability to swim can land you unwillingly in some of these harmful situations. Sadly, there are even occasional deaths on the river. However, statistics show that most deaths and accidents in general are due to one major irresponsibility of the rafters and other river users: drinking.

"90% of the accidents are drug and alcohol related," Goddard stated. "Most of the time it's stupid, drunk fisherman. They see a good hole below some

rapids and try to make it, not realizing they've had too much to drink."

Many of those who cannot swim seem to fall into the baby boomers generation, out living their second childhood. However, they completely underestimate the viscousness of the river.

"They come here thinking it's an amusement ride at Disney Land," Goddard commented.

Many of these dangers can be avoided due to the safety precautions taken by the rafting companies. All guides must be certified in CPR and first aid and many have completed swift water rescue and wilderness first responder courses. Of course safety jackets are worn at all times.

Goddard spoke of an incident he himself was involved in which he was pinned under a rock by the current for nearly twenty seconds. Though that doesn't seem like a long time to most of us, image being under water not knowing if you'll ever

breathe air again. When asked how he handled this, weather he prayed or what, Goddard said, "...I was going for air man. I was just thinking Life!"

Goddard admits that since the accident he hasn't grown "boat shy". He stated that a little trepidation just pumps you up.

Much history lies in the gorges of the rivers. The town of Thurman, one of the transitions on the tours, was once the Dodge City of the east. It had a population of 5000 and hosted the longest recorded gambling match in the world. The game lasted for 14 years.

The valley walls of the river are no longer populated with human life. The valleys last inhabitant was an old African American woman left over from the coal mining days. As the rafters would pass by, she would charge the banks and hurt rocks while cursing at the rafters who she called the "river demons."

The New and the Nile are the only two rivers in the world

that flow entirely north, never deviating south. They are also the two oldest rivers in the world. Geologists have estimated the rocks in the basin of the New River as being as old as 300 million years.

After the Glacier melt down of the last ice age, the Teays river system, of which the New is a part of, was formed and flows from the New to the Ohio. Of all the rivers in the original system, the New is the only one that still flows in the original course.

From now until the middle of October is the best time to go down the Gauley river as the dam below Summersville has been opened and a tremendous amount of water is gushing through the valley. At this time 2,800 cubic feet of water per second is guaranteed by the dam authorities.

Season's end is nearing so if interested act fast. If not, do not miss the opportunity next Summer.

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP!!!



September 28

Bus leaves at 5:30 a.m.

Only \$69.50, plus \$2 travel expense.

Price includes breakfast and lunch.

Sign up in the Heflin Center between
11 a.m. and 1 pm.

No sign ups after September 24!

Ramezan Finishes 3rd at Davis and Elkins

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Saturday, the Pioneer men's and women's cross-country teams traveled to Elkins to compete in the annual Forest Festival Invitational. Finishing fifth out of 10 teams, the men's team proved to be on pace for the creep-and-destroy tactics they are so famous for.

Top finisher for the Pioneers was junior Jonathan Ramezan. The course at Elkins was no stranger to him as in his senior year at Gilmer County High School he won the West Virginia State Cross-Country Championship there.

Juniors David and Mike Bee finished 18th and 19th, respectively. Daniel Ramezan finished 24th and Brent Gargus

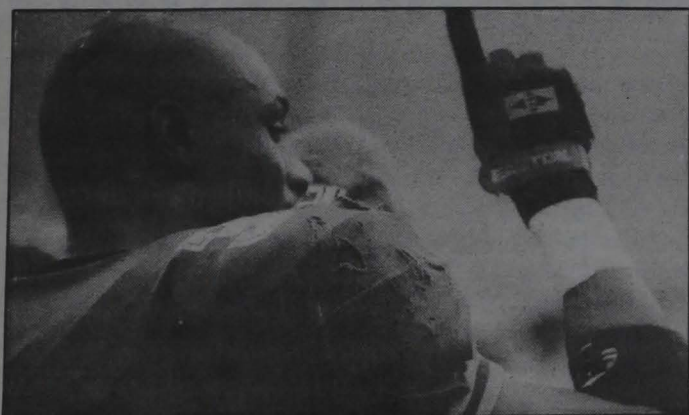
rounded out the team's top five by placing 45th in the field of nearly 200 distance runners. GSC's Tony Ball was 68th.

In the women's race, the lady Pioneers showed even more improvement as they took their 15th-place finish from last week and improved it this week to seventh.

Freshman Laural Bee led the womens team by placing 22nd in the field of 100 runners. Senior Kim Riffle placed 48th, Jennifer Pingley was 59th, Misty Steele was 74th, and Hanna Tsegaye was 80th.

As far as his feelings toward Ramezan, coach Jimmy Galloway was nothing but pleased. "He really wants it. He goes out and tries to win it every weekend."

Pioneers pluck Eagles in wet home opener



*By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter*

This past warm but rainy Saturday afternoon the Pioneer football team hosted the 6th Nationally ranked Eagles from Clarion University. Being the school from which head GSC coach Warren Ruggerio and most of his

new staff came, Clarion promised to be admirable foes for the Pioneers. However, promises made, promises broken.

The game seemed to be pretty much a stalemate until with two-and-a-half minutes left to go in the first quarter, Justin Barnes struck first for the Pioneers with a 32-yard field goal, putting them up 3 - 0.

Six minutes into the second quarter Wilkie Perez connected with Carlos Ferralls for a 36 yard touch down pass putting the Pioneers up 10 - 0.

The Pioneer defense played exceptionally well through the rest of the first half and the rest of the

game, forcing Clarion to punt on any occasion that they did not force a fumble. Though they were given several more chances in the first half to score, the Eagles failed.

With just over three minutes left in the half Perez connected once again with Ferralls for a 10 yard touch down pass. With just enough time left for one play, Clarion attempted a desperation pass but never got the ball airborne as the mighty Glenville defense forced and recovered a fumble.

After an exceptional half time show from the Pioneer marching band, which featured arrangements from the songs of the classic group Blood, Sweat and Tears, both teams came back on to the muddy field to start the second half. Three minutes into the half the Pioneers went all the way to the 7-yard line on a drive that included yet another poetic pass from Perez to Ferralls and ended with Perez running the 7 yards into the end zone for another touch down. Justin Barnes' third extra point attempt of the day was good once again to put the Pioneers up 24 - 0.

On the next Clarion possession the amazing defense of Glenville forced yet another punt. On the following possession of Glenville Perez' perfection for the day was a bit tarnished as he threw



sends them squawking back to the nest

an interception. What seemed to be a break for Clarion turned quickly into yet another disaster as the G-fense stepped in once again and on the first play of the possession Blake Tasker intercepted a pass and took it 57 yards the other way for yet another Pioneer touch down. After Barnes graced the field for another PAT the score went up the 31-0.

Only four minutes later, you guessed it, Wilkie Perez connected with Carlos Ferrals for a 20 yard touch down. Barnes stepped onto the field for the PAT yet when the ball was snapped, the setter, Feralls, jumped to his feet and threw to the end zone where he found Larry Harvey for the two point conversion.

At this point in the game it was decided that Perez and Feralls would be taken out to risk injury and for a job more than well done. On the next Pioneer possession full-time receiver and backup quarterback Tierre McNair drove the Pioneers to the Clarion red zone then ran the ball the rest of the twenty yards for the touch down. To the crowd's request, backup field goal kicker number 69, "Bob," was brought onto the field to have his extra point attempt blocked. Though he missed, he still admitted to the over-ecstatic band

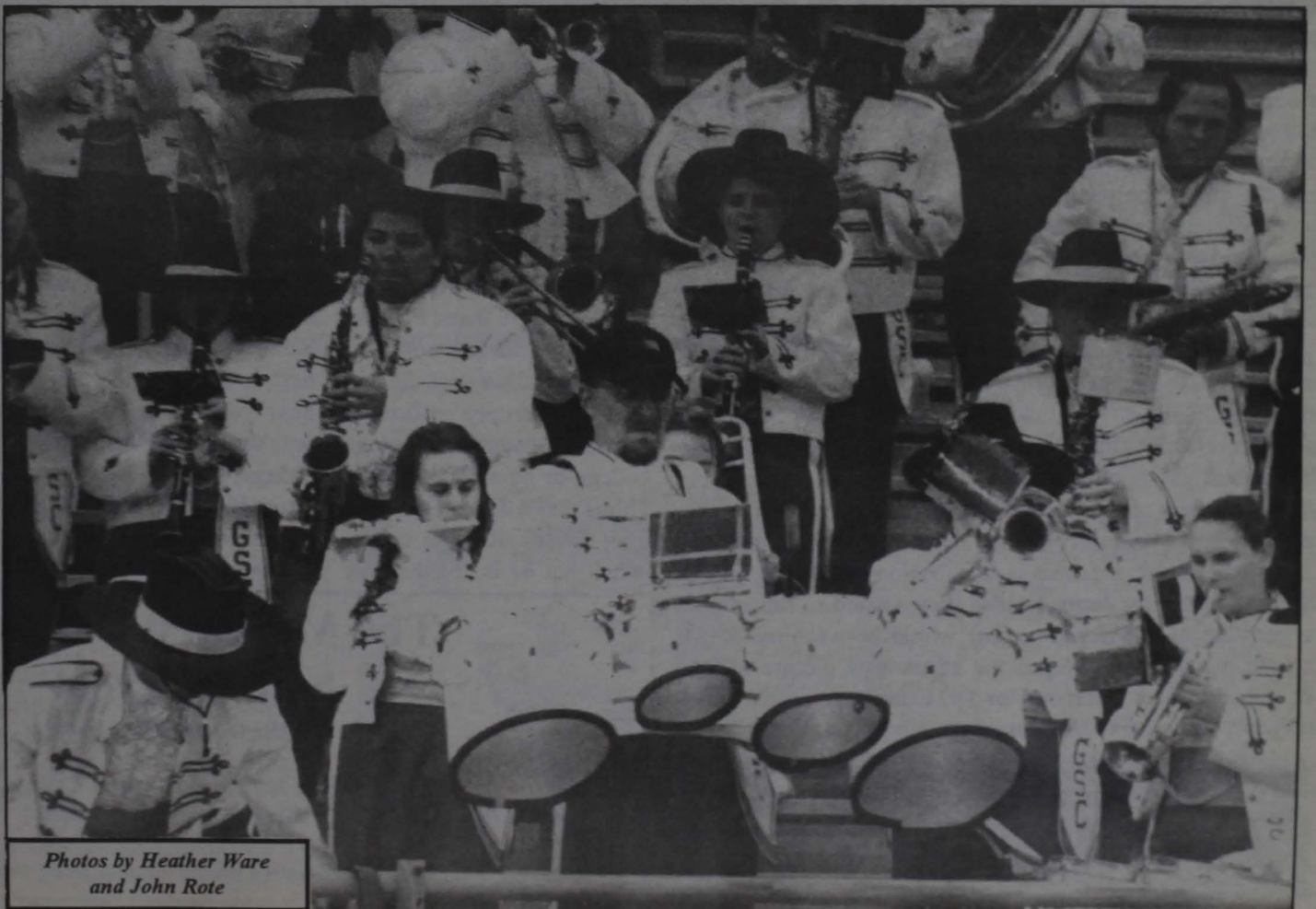
minutes later that he "felt good."

As if they could give the game included Perez Clarion any more of a beating, with two and a half minutes left to play John Marquis Williams ran the ball in from 25 yards out to put the Pioneers up 51 - 0. The PAT was no good, no fault of Bob though as the Pioneers attempted a two point conversion. Actually, Bob threw a pretty nice block on the play. Yes, Bob, we saw it from the stands.

Hats off the Coach Ruggerio and his entire squad for pulling such an upset on their old team. Hats off to an exceptional show by the offense and a PERFECT game played by the defense. It doesn't

get any better than this.

Offensive leaders for the game included Perez with an amazing 349 yards, Ferrals with 241 yards receiving, John Stevenson led the running backs with 41 yards and Robbie Buffington, who averaged 40 yards against Jefferson, averaged 37.



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and John Rote

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Gay folks and tarot cards?

We've been hearing comments about the confusing layout error in last week's paper that placed House Director Eric Poirier's picture over a paid advertisement labeled "Gay in Glenville?" It's the sort of mistake that makes you cluck your tongue in amusement, but the joke gets really old really fast. Let us stress for the record that Eric Poirier and the purchasers of the ad space are separate entities altogether. We apologize for the confusion.

We do not apologize, however, for running the ad. Reports of grumbling have reached the *Mercury* offices, and the verdict is that our horoscope and the inclusion of an ad from a gay organization are a sign of the End Times for your illustrious paper, or at least for the people who run it. The editor is a confirmed atheist, so it's a forgone conclusion, isn't it?

This is a complaint that has been heard before. When the theatre department's *Bloody Jack* performance was prefaced by tarot readings, there were irate members of the campus who believed it to be the work of the devil. We won't debate the issue, except to say that it was all in fun. No money was charged for those readings, and they were not mandatory.

Almost any serious newspaper you will pick up will have a horoscope in it. There is a simple reason for that, friends. Lots of people like to read them. The editorial staff of the *Mercury* may not believe Cristola's predictions of the future any more than the people who read them, but that's not the point. We add them because we are striving to be a real newspaper, and that means adding entertainment to the news. If we only wanted to be straight news, we'd chuck the funnies and crossword.

Eric Poirier has been a very good sport about the layout of that ad. We've heard those giggles, but the question that comes to mind is "Well, so what if he *was* gay?" Would it affect how he does his job? Not hardly. This campus once had the highest gay population per capita in the state, according to one alumnus, and to hear people react to the ad as if it were something new and dirty is both amusing and distressing.

To be honest, if a campus organization called Hemophilia Rodeo Clowns for Jesus decided they wanted to run an paid advertisement in the paper, they would be welcome to. Of course, we'd try not to put the ad under a picture of Eric Poirier, President Simmons, or Dr. Palm (unless, of course, they were members). We learn from our mistakes.

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DERING ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE



Waiting for the bloom to fall

Jeremy Rodriguez
Staff Columnist

According to recent *Mercury* articles, this semester is a time of change at our college newspaper. Upon reading this, I found myself laughing out loud. I said to myself, "Self, these guys accidentally printed the April Fool's Day issue early." As I read on, I began to realize that the new *Mercury* staff was serious. I can't believe it.

If the *Mercury* staff really believes that they can pull off honest, accurate reporting, more power to them. Personally, I think that the power of the press will last until the first time the *Mercury* reports on something negative about the college or its administration. I hope that it doesn't take too long for Mr. Rote to understand that he is not the only

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one with a "subversive agenda" that "may not be obvious to the casual observer."

It is not that I don't want the *Mercury* to be successful, because I wish the *Mercury* staff luck. Just in case Mr. Rote can complete his agenda, here is some advice: If you hear your name associated with the phrase "enemy of the college," please hire a good attorney. If you find yourself being followed around by strangers, invest in a handgun.

Most important of all, if you are invited to a meeting that starts with the phrase "Well, John, there's been talk," brace yourself for a painful grievance process.

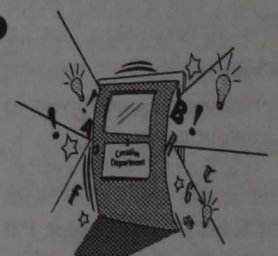
I would like to conclude with a challenge to the *Mercury* staff. Rumor has it that there will be a very important trial this fall.

If you truly wish to enlighten and entertain, then you'll have a reporter sitting in that courtroom.

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Title IX loosens athletic purse strings

Gender equity allows for more women's sports

By Theodore Allen Webb,
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College is progressing rapidly on its journey to achieve gender equity for its athletic program.

According to GSC athletic director Steve Harold, "gender equity" refers to the concept of providing equal opportunities for both male and female student athletes.

The basis for gender equity is Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Enforced by the Office for Civil Rights, Title IX is a federal statute that prohibits sex discrimination in education programs receiving taxpayer funding, including athletics.

"Although we are a small college, we're doing our best to comply with the gender equity requirements of the federal government and NCAA," relates Harold. "We've already achieved this equity in certain respects. For example, we've established equitable budgets for comparable men's and women's sports."

Since GSC athletics switched from the NAIA athletic conference to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a more formalized structure for achieving gender equity has been enacted.

To this end, the NCAA provides resources for GSC ex-

plaining gender equity and outlining compliance requirements involving equitable sports offerings, scholarships, and other program areas like equipment and supplies.

"I feel the move from the NAIA to NCAA has been a positive step for GSC and gender equity," shares Harold. "The NCAA is much more structured and in tune with federal guidelines."

One of the resources provided to GSC by the NCAA is a guidebook entitled *Achieving Gender Equity: A Basic Guide to Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics for Colleges and Universities*.

First published in the fall of 1994, the guide is designed to give chief executive officers, athletic administrators, and faculty athletic representatives an understanding of the Title IX law. As such, the guide functions as an essential tool in NCAA athletic programs administration.

According to the guide, the NCAA created a gender equity task force in 1992 in response to concerns sparked by the organization's gender equity study. The study indicated that despite the relatively even distribution of membership undergraduate enrollment by gender, males constituted nearly 70% of intercollegiate athletics participation and received nearly 70%

of the operating budgets, 70% of scholarship funds, and 83% of recruiting dollars.

"Football may be the biggest reason for these disparities," says Harold.

"There is simply no female sport which is comparable to football's membership and budget requirements. This poses and especially challenging problem for small colleges like GSC to comply with the gender equity requirements set by the NCAA. Schools without football programs attain gender equity fairly easily."

Since the adoption of the 1972 education equity law, enormous growth in women's athletics participation has occurred, igniting a much stronger emphasis on equal distribution of resources for men and women in athletic programs than has been accomplished historically.

According to the NCAA handbook, most of this growth occurred in the 1970s. By 1978, the number of female high school student-athletes had grown from 300,000 to over two million.

At the same time, women's collegiate sports participation doubled from 32,000 participants in 1971 to more than 64,000 in 1977. The most recent NCAA participation study from 1994-95 shows that overall participation in women's sports have increased from about 93,000 in

1990-91 to more than 110,000 in 1994-95.

These developments have caused many small colleges like GSC to reevaluate their athletic programs in respect to treating men and women athletes as equally and fairly as possible.

"Gender equity progress has already occurred in many of the high schools," acknowledges GSC golf coach and former Gilmer County High School athletic director Rick Simmons.

"For example, at Gilmer County High, a rotation system has developed by which there is a more balanced distribution of prime time games scheduling between the boys' and girls' teams."

"Gender equity is a modern reality based on the Title IX law," concludes Harold. "It is something which not only GSC, but institutions and athletic administrators everywhere, must understand and deal with."

For more information about gender equity, Title IX, or equal opportunity in GSC athletics, contact athletic director Steve Harold at 462-7361, ext. 102.

For more information about the NCAA and its gender equity requirements, contact Janet M. Justice, director of education outreach for the NCAA, 6201 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66211-2422.

Entertainment

ART

Cooper Gallery: 121 E. Washington, Lewisburg. Works by Jimilu Mason, Braxton resident Bill Hopen, Barbara Young, G.P. Cooker, Robert Hassle and others, through Sept. Gallery open at 10 am to 5 pm. Mon.-Sat. Call 645-6439.

Cooper Gallery: Raku Pottery Workshop by Robert Hassle, Master potter/sculpter. Call 645-6439.

Craik-Patton House: 2809 Kanawha Blvd. E. Museum. Open 1-4 pm, Thurs.-Sun. Adults \$3, \$2 seniors and students. Call 925-5341.

Cultural Center: State Capitol Complex. Contemporary Drawing Exhibit. Sept. 28. 9 am to 5 pm. Mon.-Fri. Call 558-0220.

Picture It Framed: 202 Hale St. P. Buckley Moss Prints; local artists. Mon.-Fri. 10 am to 5 pm. Call 342-7525.

Pro-Art & Framing Center Inc.: 187 Summers St. Paintings by artist/writer Dianna Simms of Charleston. Mon.-Fri. 9 am to 5 pm. Call 344-0030.

Sunrise Museums: 734 Myrtle Rd. "Champions of Modernism: The Art of Tomorrow and Today." 11 am to 5 pm. Adults \$3.50, children, seniors, students, teachers \$2.50.

WVSC: Della Brown Taylor Art Gallery. Poets & Painters. Thurs. Oct. 3, 9 pm to 4:30 pm. Call 766-3198

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Car Show: 17th annual All Ford Car Show & CHilli Bash. 9 am to 4 pm. Sunday at the Capitol Complex with games and prizes. Free to spectators. \$10 entry fee for drive through showing. Registration at 9 am. Call 727-1709.

International SN '95 Mustang Owners Club: Sponsoring a cruise-in for 1979-97 Mustangs. 3 to 9 pm. Sat. at Kanawha Cinemas parking lot. Call 562-6742 of Hooters, 926-8000.

Mary Ingles Trail Festival: Winfield Wellness Walk. Call 562-0518.

Kanawha Valley Dragway: Rt. 35, Southside, 15 mi. west of Winfield. Gates open 10 am. Admission (including pit pass) \$10 on Fri. \$5 on Sat.

Michele Wellings cops top art prize at Fall Regional Exhibition

Glenville State's Michele Wellings took third place, and \$50, at the Fall Regional Exhibition, held at the Parkersburg Art Center.

Her winning entry was in the drawing category.

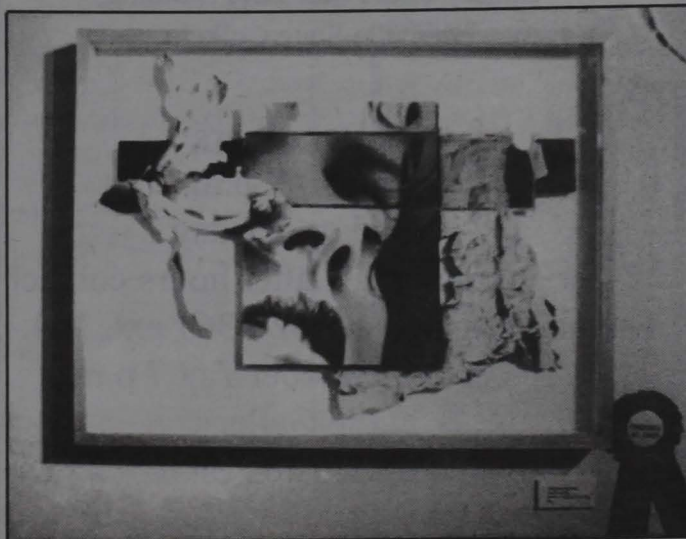
GSC was well represented at the exhibition, with works from Sherrie Tingler, Pat Wilmoth, Tim Parker, and Tim Harman, along with Wellings. These students will have their

works shown at the Art Center through November 9th.

Prof. Duane Chapman, of the GSC Art Department, wanted to remind all interested parties that entries for the juried Mountain State Forest Festival Art Exhibit, are now being recieved.

The exhibit is presented by the Seneca Trail Artists Guild.

Contact Chapman for more details, at 462-7361 ext. 184.



A winning entry from the Exhibition (submitted photo)

Rent comes due for students in Washington D.C. trip

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

Seventeen Glenville State College students traveled to Washington DC to attend a touring company production of Jonathan Larson's musical, *Rent*, on Saturday, September 13.

"The show kicked major butt," Alpha Psi Omega president Criston Gravely said. "We'd been wanting to see it for a long time!"

Rent, a modern adaptation of Puccini's *La Boheme*, opened off-Broadway in 1996, but moved uptown and swept every major award, including Best New Musical. *La Boheme*'s love story was complicated by the jealous rages of one character and the onset of tuberculosis of his true love.

Rodolfo and Mimi were updated to showcase Roger's fear of commitment and Mimi's heroin addiction. *Rent* also uses Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome to replace tuberculosis in the plot.

"The touring company was cast to look like the original cast," notes Chad Nichols. "The voices were almost identical, and that was my biggest fear."

"The show cuts across every age group," states Alpha Psi Omega co-advisor Nancy Wemm. "There were grandmothers there. That broad spectrum was very nice to see."

The show has proven popular. GSC's graduation ceremony featured a medley of songs from the show. Larson's creation has spawned enough merchandise to open a boutique in Bloomingdale.

"I bought a piece of that merchandise in DC," states Chris Hopkins, holding up a keychain with the *Rent* logo stamped into the metal.

"I also got a couple of autographs from the cast," he adds.

"It was a wonderful show," states Wemm. "Everyone cried, and I told them 'Good, you're all getting sensitive!'"

The *Rent* trip, sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, also entailed an overnight stay and a tour of DC.

"A squirrel came up and nibbled my finger," Nichols points out. "There were squirrels and pigeons everywhere, and we just missed seeing the Hope Diamond. We saw a fake, and I thought it would be way bigger."

After Sunday's tour, the

group viewed The Flying Karamazov Brothers' adaptation of *Room Service* at the Arena Stage.

The four-member acting troupe cast themselves into fourteen different roles for the performance. "It was very confusing," Gravely stated. "It was just too busy."

The trip was not simply entertainment for the students, however. "It's good just letting everyone see a full-scale professional production," observes Gravely.

"The students also get to see what realistic ticket prices are like," adds Wemm. "Their tickets cost \$67.50. We usually charge about five."

The education for theatre was given a boost during the Karamazov show when a spotlight cue was executed improperly. "The cast covered it up with a joke," Wemm points out. "Murphy's Law applies equally, but the show must go on!"

Alpha Psi Omega will perform their annual Children's Theatre production during the Spring semester.

Rent will be presented at the National Theatre through November 2.

Looking for a Job?

Graduate with a AS or BS in business or Marketing. Full-time position at Fit-Mont 116-A, Norway Ave. Huntington, WV 25705. Salary starting at \$22,000. Office work, sales and computer skills required. Contact Tim Fitzsimmons at (304) 733-3489 or fax (304) 736-3923.

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Pressley Ridge, Clarksburg, WV, now hiring for full-time positions for Teacher/Counselor. Requires 4-year degree in Psychology, sociology or human services. *They will consider '97 December graduates.* Salary \$19,000-19,500. On-site living, 4 days on, 3 days off shift. For more information, contact Stephanie Clemons (304) 624-9875 or the Career Services offices at ext. 118.

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Delta Zeta News

Delta Zeta Sorority has been doing some very exciting things this week. We had Rose Preference. This is where we giving the rushees their bids, tell them who their rose buddies are, and ask them to join us the next night at Pinning. Pinning is where we ask them if they choose to join the sorority and learn about it. We have six rushees and we are still accepting others; if anyone is interested, we are rushing all semester. You can call Shelly 462-4573; Amanda 462-7490; Marsha 462-5924.

We are planning more fun and exciting events and would love to hear from you.

Shir Wooten

October 1-30

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For appointments after hours contact
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Guest speaker

Jennifer Ruggiero, Director of Career Services.

September 23

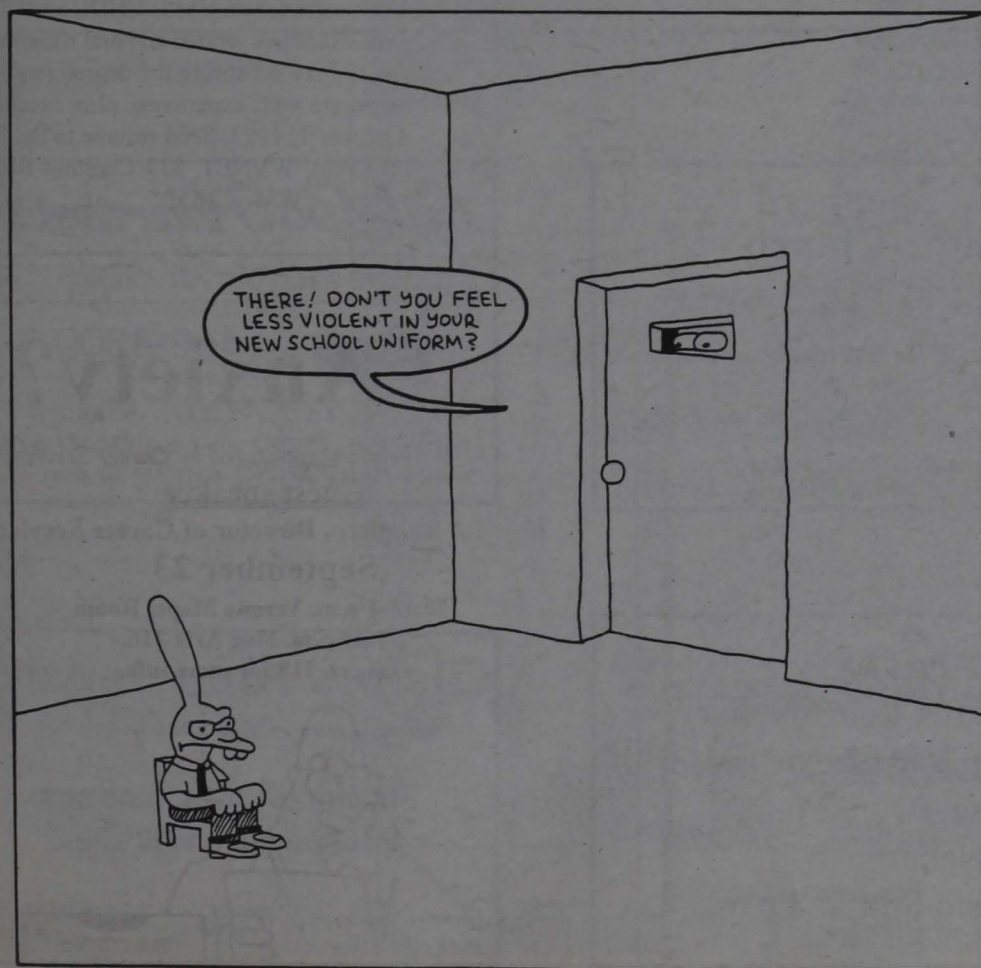
12:15-1 p.m. Verona Mapel Room

7-7:45 p.m. Fine Arts 216.

Call ext. 118 for more info.



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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21 - April 19) -- New skills surface this week. You can't love anyone until you love yourself. Overcome obstacles to reach your goal. In this situation any decision will lead to trouble. Give something up to get something new.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) -- Be impartial when making a decision. Experience your romantic side. You feel caged in now; be adventurous. Watch for gossip this week. Find your own identity.

Gemini (May 12 - June 20) -- Marriage and family are in your thoughts. Be assertive in that relationship. Discover your creative side. Prepare for anxiety. Get ready for early material success.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) -- Learn to control your rage. Face the necessity of giving something up. Enthusiasm precedes hard work. Seek solitude this week. Explore your sensuality.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) -- Face the bad side of yourself. Prepare for a new relationship. Experience stiff competition this week. Use intellect and strategy to make change. Develop more confidence with money.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) -- Prepare for major disruptions this week. Love is here to stay for a while. Develop constancy and loyalty. A difficult situation is ending. Discover interest in a new field of study or work.

Libra (September 23 - Octo-

ber 22) -- Keep to yourself this week. Watch for betrayal in a relationship. Get ready to be in the spotlight. Don't compromise your dignity. Money and energy become available this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) -- Clarity and optimism abound this week. Prepare to start a love affair. Start work on a new idea. A new person in your life disrupts you for a time. Handle money with care.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) -- Find hope amid difficulty. Disturbing emotions rise this week. The time to act is now. Conflicts abound this week. Take care when making a decision about work.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) -- Reach a goal you've worked hard for soon. Boredom takes over a relationship. New possibilities are yours this week. You are still doing too much; back off. You will not be forgotten.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) -- Be more open with your emotions. A relationship is possible now. Try one more time; you can do it. The status quo will be upset this week. Regain faith in life and your abilities.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) -- Trust your instincts. Pleasure and satisfaction are yours this week. You've taken on more than you can deal with emotionally. There is such a thing as too strong and too idealistic. Money comes to you soon.

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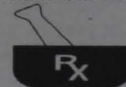
Thought of the Week:

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