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"I have tried simply to write the best I can; sometimes I have good luck and write better than I can."
—Ernest Hemingway

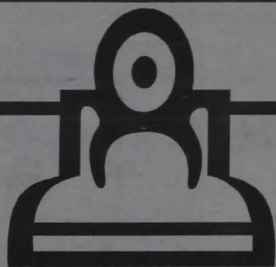
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"Fortunately, we have discovered the cause of the debilitating ailment that is robbing us of our voices. The cause is apathy."
—Jeremy Rodriguez
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Does GSC need a certified counselor?
See the Mercury Poll on Page 9!



Making a masterpiece!



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.

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.

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.

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.

Speaker Jennifer Ruggiero will present "Test Taking Strategies" on October 7, 12:15-1 in the Heflin Center Small Ball Room, and again 7-7:45 p.m. in Room 216 of the Fine Arts Building.

A tour of Seneca Caverns, Seneca Rocks, Spruce Knob, and the French Creek Game Farm is set for October 12. The van will leave at 8 a.m. Sign up in Scott Wing Office or call ext. 375 or 363 for information. Sign up by October 10. The trip will cost \$8.

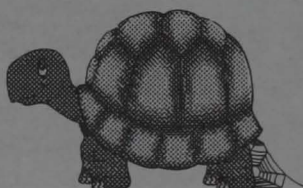
The hockey trip to see the Penguins versus Washington is set for October 17. Cost is \$37.

Delta Zeta News

Delta Zeta Sorority will have Heart Sis, October 2, at 9:30 p.m. We have been doing many things this week. The retreat to West Virginia Tech, in Charleston, was a hit. We had a really good time. We are still accepting people who are interested in joining the sorority. Contact Shelly at 462-4573, Amanda at 462-7490, or Marsha at 462-5924.

We are making a float for the Homecoming Parade, as well as helping the Dance Committee decorate for the dance on October 25. Be sure and look for the singing turtles.

Happy Birthday, Delta Zeta! Founder's day is October 24. Congratulations to new members Brandy, Tamara, Sarah, Lora, Allison, and Jo, who were just pinned. Keep up the good work and enthusiasm. Delta Zeta Sorority would like to thank students and faculty for supporting the bake sale.



MULTICULTURAL FAIR SCHEDULE

Beyond Tolerance: Finding the Common Bonds

Tuesday, October 7

Global Etiquette. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall. Presented by Catheryn Weitman and Amanda Hughes. Explore intercultural sensitivity and miscommunication.

Dinner and Conversation with GSC's Japanese Students. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Heflin Center Small Ballroom. By invitation only.

Music Fest. 8-10 p.m. Fine Arts Auditorium. Performance by GSC's music ensembles. Admission \$10.

Wednesday, October 8

The Politics Game: Playing the Racism Card. 3-4:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall. Presented by Rick Wilson of AFSC. Explores the ways groups are scapegoated for problems they didn't create.

My Soul Looks Back and Wonders: Two Dramatic Readings and a Powerful Monologue. 7-8:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall. Presented by Joseph Bundy. Based on three W. E. B. DuBois characters, the presentation and discussion will focus on African American struggle.

Thursday, October 9

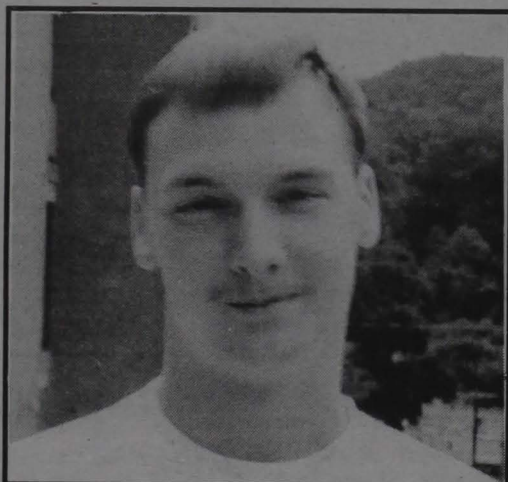
Panel Discussion: Ebonics as a Separate Language. 3:40-4:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall. Gail Burkowski, Delores Mysliwiec, and Brenda Wilson will present different points of view regarding Ebonics in the schools.

Women in West Virginia Government. 7-8:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall. Presented by Charlotte Pritt. Pritt will give a woman's perspective on getting and keeping political support.

Success Tips for Minority Students. 7-8:30 p.m. Physical Education Building, Room 209. Presentation by WVU's Sean Macom will address challenges faced by African-American students in Euro-American schools.

For more information about any presentation, contact Brenda Wilson at 462-7361, ext 307.

On Campus



Name: Rocky Bava

Age: 19

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Hendricks, WV

Major: Criminal Justice

Hobbies: Skiing, partying, hunting
"I'd rather be at home."

PICKENS HALL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

September 30, 1997

Meeting called to order by vice president Sonya Blackhurst.

Minutes read and approved

Old Business:

Julie was reimbursed for the football party.

Still looking into the door mats.

Change Machine is being checked into by Eric who is talking to Scott Montgomery.

Photocopier for the dorm is still being looked into at this point in time.

We passed the motion to buy first aid kits for the RAs at 9:10 p.m. during the meeting.

We passed the motion to buy another VCR for the dorms to lend out to students to use during the meeting.

New Business

Movie Night

Putting a Christmas tree in the main lounge for the holiday season passed. Passed at 9:18pm during the meeting.

We mentioned looking into helping out at Halloween with the kids and doing something fun for them. We are looking into that at this given time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 by Vice President Sonya Blackhurst.



Smith demonstrates ancient art of glass blowing for GSC students and faculty

By Marsha Hagner
Staff Reporter

Christopher A. Smith, a glass artist from Ellenboro, WV, showed Glenville State College students several techniques involved in glass art on September 30. He blew glass and created beautiful Christmas ornaments, as well as showing his true talent in making glass birds, cats and flowers. Smith, a true artist, has a glass factory in Pullman, WV. Several classes of students observed his demonstration, including Dr. Foxworthy's photography class.

"Glass blowing is an ancient art," says Dr. Foxworthy. Smith brought a small furnace to melt broken glass in preparation for the demonstration. The furnace was made of high-fire kiln bricks.

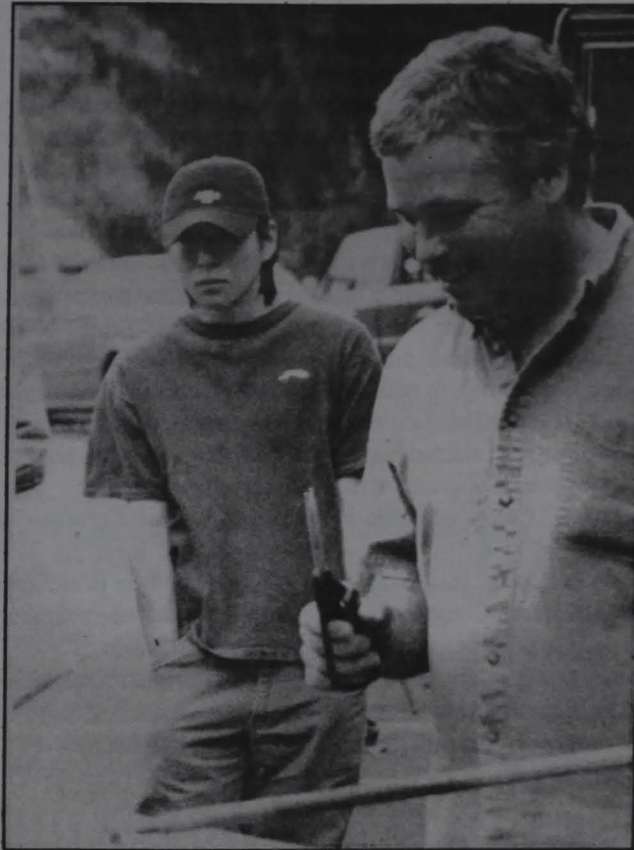
"[It's] real hot work, especially in the summer," says Smith. "We work early morning hours in the hot seasons, and in

the winter it's perfect, because it keeps us warm."

"Like taking a hot marshmallow and turning," observed Foxworthy. To color the ornaments, Smith uses multicolor crushed glass. The ornaments are made of molten crushed clear glass. Smith uses long metal pipes to hold the glass and blows air into each piece. After heating the pipes for each ornament, so that the glass will stick to it, he plunges it and picks up a small ball of molten glass.

Smith makes it look simple, but it is a very precise job. After pulling the pipe from the kiln, Smith rolls the ball back and forth on a sheet of steel. After several rolls in broken glass chips, he places the pipe in the furnace again to melt the glass crystals.

After a few minutes, he uses metal tongs to create the creatures or Christmas ornaments.



Glass blower Chris A. Smith demonstrates his craft for Glenville students. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Nicholas County Center building addition

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

Glenville State College's Nicholas County Center is expanding its existing facility to offer students heightened educational opportunities via an \$850,000 addition.

According to Nicholas County Center director Robert B. Bailey, construction began in mid-July on the 9,800 square foot addition which will include a distance learning center, multipurpose science lab, huge student lounge area, and at least three additional classrooms.

Moreover, the addition will permit additional restrooms, vending machines, and more storage, lounge, and office space for the 65 faculty at the center.

"This expansion will be a real plus, especially for the students," explains Bailey. "The new science lab and distance learning center, which is compatible with the center at the Robert

F. Kidd Library, will enable us to increase our course offerings substantially over time. The student lounge will provide a good place to relax and study."

According to Bailey, preliminary planning on the new addition began about three years ago when he, administrative services/personnel director William J. Diehl, community college provost Dr. Nolan D. Browning, business manager Robert O. Hardman and GSC president William K. Simmons finalized the financing arrangements with the Nicholas County Building Commission. These arrangements were important because GSC leases the Nicholas County Center property from the commission.

"This was a real team effort," shares administrator Diehl. "We had to be sure the expansion would accomplish its purpose. We worked closely with the architects and building commis-

sion to achieve our goals."

According to Bailey, the Nicholas County Center began operating about 10 years ago in the fall of 1986, with approximately 200 students enrolled. Since that time, the center's enrollment has steadily increased to about 600-650 students per semester, with about 115 classes offered, causing a shortage of parking and facility space.

Bailey hopes that, with 80-100 additional parking spaces, the new addition will solve these space problems. To this end, the new building will be adjacent to the existing 8,200 square foot facility. Bailey foresees the addition being completed this spring, at which time the Nicholas County Center will have doubled its area to 18,000 square feet.

"Our GSC strategic plan recognizes that the Nicholas County area will continue to grow," relates Diehl. "The dis-

tance learning center and multipurpose science lab will make education much more accessible to the students in this area. It will alleviate the need for students to drive miles upon miles to the main campus for classes."

"What's remarkable about this new addition is that it's designed to be upgraded and expanded in the future," says Bailey. "Nicholas County, especially Summersville, is definitely growing. With the four-laning of route 19 from 1-79 to Beckley, enrollment is sure to increase. I wouldn't be surprised if our center needs to expand again in the future. Because of our long-range planning vision, we will be ready when this happens."

For more information about the Nicholas County Center or its expansion, contact center director Robert Bailey at 872-237 or administrative services/personnel director William Diehl at 462-7361 ext 101/320.

World Briefs

Dino totals millions

By Eric Ware
Staff Writer

Millions of years ago tyrannosaurs roamed the planet, and now bones of those creatures may bring millions of dollars at an auction at Sotheby's in New York.

Sue, the name given to the T-rex, was expected to bring in millions as onlookers making up of dinosaur collectors, university representatives, fossil dealers, and paleontologists started bidding Saturday at the auction house on 72nd Street, York Avenue.

"We expect the actual bidding to take five minutes," stated auctioneer David N. Redden, executive vice president of Sotheby's in a CNN interview. "The outcome will have a far-reaching effect on many aspects of fossil collecting."

Sue is said to be a unique find due to its well-preserved state and complete structure. About 90 percent of the fossil is intact, but missing a forearm and several small bones.

Fragments of the skeleton tell another story. Scientists believe Sue may have been in a life-threatening struggle as gash marks on the torso and a badly healed fracture is apparent. Also, test results show the dinosaur suffered from a painful case of the gout.

Local boy makes good.

GSC student Tom Kennedy will receive first prize in the state at the Literary Symposium this weekend.

See next week's Mercury for complete coverage.

Controversy over group fills Student Congress

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

Several students arrived at Tuesday's Student Congress meeting to participate in discussion and to attend voting for Colors of Pride, a gay/lesbian/bisexual student organization seeking official recognition by Glenville State College's student government.

The larger-than-normal number of attendees to the regular open meeting took many members by surprise.

"I've never seen so many walk-ins," stated congress member Melissa Stinson. "It's good to see a lot of people."

Opposing sides for the issue commented before the ballot vote was taken by Parliamentarian James Arnold.

"I feel that we should not recognize sexuality of any sort," advised GSC student Jason Gor-

don. "I believe in freedom of speech. I don't have a vote, but if I did, I'd vote against it."

Colors of Pride secretary Cris Gravely also commented. "If you want to believe homosexuality is a choice, then realize that religion is a choice, too. Student Congress recognizes religious groups."

Lisa Belknap, while a supporter of Colors of Pride, also commended Gordon for having the courage to speak out about an issue important to many students. "[Gordon] has to speak for the people who elected him."

Student Congress voted on the issue. Colors of Pride was recognized 13-8.

Tackling tough issues aside, Student Congress is also working to prepare for this year's homecoming celebration. Committees reported their progress to the members. Requests for ban-

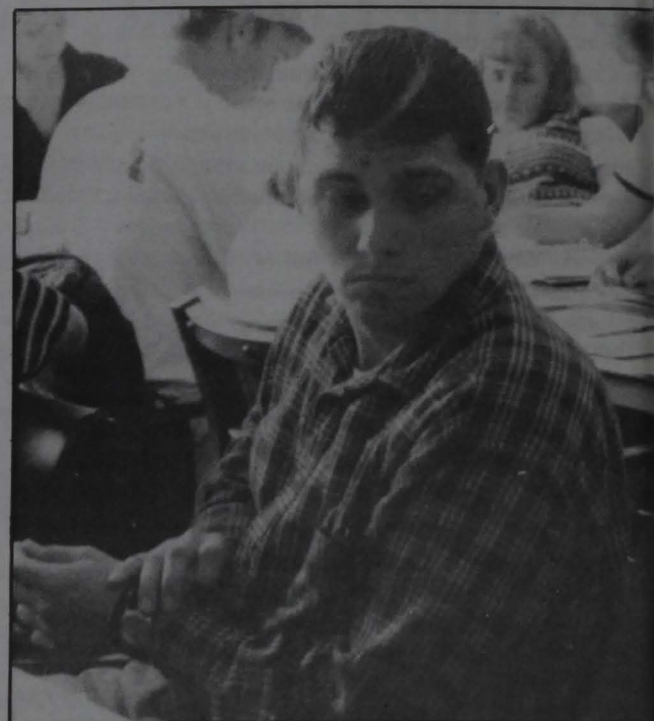
ners and area bands to join in the events were made. Melissa Stinson reported that eight bands have signed on to join in the parade.

Activities slated for homecoming week include karaoke, sumo wrestling, speed pitch, pool parties, and the return of comedian Kerri Long.

Louis Bennett Hall will also be getting two new grills and three picnic tables. "They're here," stated Congress advisor Dr. Al Billips. He explained that maintenance must remove a tree and pour cement as soon as they have time.

Student Congress hopes that future meetings will see greater numbers of students getting involved, even without possible controversy.

"I'd like to see more random students," Arnold stated after the meeting.



Jason Gordon spoke against the formation of Colors of Pride.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

GSC recognizes first homosexual/bisexual organization

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

Colors of Pride, the campus's first homosexual/bisexual student organization, has earned official status at Glenville State College.

With a vote of 13-8, GSC's student congress approved the group's application for recognition during its meeting of Tuesday, September 23.

The decision was then accepted by Student Services Vice President Dr. Al Billips and GSC president Dr. William K. Simons.

"It's important for student congress, as a student governing body, to support the rights of all students, including minorities," states student congress president Lisa Belknap.

"Official recognition by the college is a giant leap for our group," shares Colors of Pride president Terry Estep. "It will better enable us to create a supportive atmosphere for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, as well as their supporters."

Color of Pride's official status, however, was not

achieved without protest.

During the student congress meeting, student congress advisory council member Jason Gordon articulated campus concerns about the new group, while referring to a petition against recognizing Colors of Pride signed by approximately 100 students.

"I believe if homosexual and bisexual people enjoy each other's company and want to meet, they certainly have a constitutional right to do so," expresses Gordon, who represents GSC's student congress on the state level. "However, I and other students are opposed to the college recognizing any specific sexuality or club based on sexuality."

"In today's world, a lot of people think it's trendy or cool to be gay, and for people who are undecided about their sexuality, I think there should be a club that says it's okay to be heterosexual," continues Gordon. "There's been a lot of talk about 'minority rights' by this group's supporters, but I think this only confuses the issue with ethnicity. It's a crude attempt to label their

opponents as bigots. This issue has nothing to do with ethnicity, racism, or 'minority rights.' It is the question of whether the college should support a certain sexuality and how far that sexuality should be pushed on others."

According to Colors of Pride's constitution, one of the group's goals is to "provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for students of all sexual orientations to meet and discuss issues relevant to their lives." Thus, according to the members, it is inclusive for heterosexual, homosexual, and bisexual orientations.

"Membership is not an expression of sexuality, nor does it mean a person is of a particular sexual orientation," shares COP secretary Cris Gravely, who, along with Estep, vice president Vickie Sharp, treasurer Chrissy Life, parliamentarian Chad Nichols, and faculty advisors Keith Haan and Nancy Wemm, is working to get the new organization established. "It's simply a way to reduce ignorance of gay life and issues among the student

body and protect the civil rights of gay students."

Nevertheless, the student body appears divided on the issue of whether the new club should be recognized by the college.

"I'm not happy that this group has been recognized," feels junior general studies major Chad Samples. "I don't feel that an organization based solely on a person's sexual orientation should be recognized by GSC. This group seems to be very biased, and I doubt that other biased organizations would receive official recognition."

"To each his own," say dorm residents Allison Trant, Heather Bland, and Laura Conrad. "People should have the freedom to organize gay-friendly groups."

According to COP president Estep, official recognition will allow the group to schedule meetings and informative speakers on campus.

"We've been meeting at the house of one member," says Estep. "But that makes it difficult for some students to attend, be-

cause they may not know where the meetings are being held."

Estep says Colors of Pride is a very open organization, citing their home page on the worldwide web.

Visitors of the web site will find COP's constitution, progress report, questionnaire, humorous lists, links, and a page set aside for interesting hate mail. There is also a link to the college's official site. Those wishing to join COP are encouraged to seek one of the officers or to send e-mail for information.

"People wanting to find out more about COP can visit our web site at www.geocities.com/westhollywood/heights/8399/, shares Estep. "There's still a lot of hatred and disgust for gay people in our state, so the web site is a good opportunity for students to contact us anonymously if they need to. It also reduces ignorance, because it means we're not working in the dark where no one can see us. It is our hope that some day people will be able to be completely open about their sexuality without fear of retribution."

Wooton's art featured in GSC Gallery

by Marsha Hagner
Staff Reporter

Upon entering the Glenville State College Art Gallery, one may be pleasantly surprised by Shir Wooton's pastel pallet, rolling hills, and, yes, fluffy clouds. The artist's West Virginia roots become obvious after a glimpse of her work. Wooton resides in Beckley, and is the gallery director at Tamarack.

Shir Wooton's surrealistic art can be described as dreamlike and minimal. The viewer is presented with warm, joyous colors and many aerial depic-

tions of rural towns surrounded by soft pines.

Many of the pieces are similar in subject and theme. A few stand out from the portrayals of hilly terrain; however, it is important to note that all incorporate the same color scheme.

Two such pieces show rafts full of white water enthusiasts. An interesting feature of these paintings is that the individuals in the boats have no faces and lack any definite identity or characteristics.

Another picture deals with the very essence of color. This

particular work has no realistic subject, but rather it deals with effects which can be achieved by using different tonal combinations.

When Wooton was asked to describe her work in a few words, she replied, "Inspire dreams." She has a point. These "inspired dreams" are in high demand. Wooton is a well-collected artist.

Wooton will be in attendance at a reception at 7 p.m., October 7, in the gallery. The event is expected to bring approximately 250 people.

Shir Wooton

October 1-30

Gallery of the Fine Arts Building,
Glenville State College

Gallery Hours

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday - Friday

For appointments after hours contact
Duane Chapman at 462-7361 ext. 184.

Reception October 7 at 7 p.m.

in the Gallery,

followed by Music Fest at 8 p.m.

GOLDENROD XV Writers' Conference

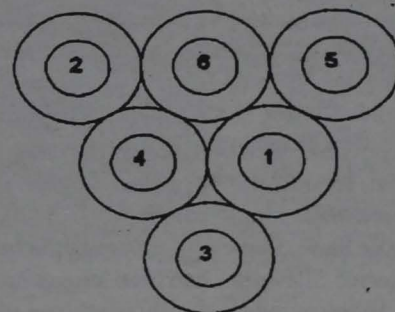
For its 15th anniversary, several writers are getting together and planning to keep everyone spellbound with suspense. Authors of fiction, non-fiction, mystery, drama, and poetry workshops will be there to entertain.

Dr. Barbara Tedford invites everyone to attend. The conference is being held in Morgantown on October 17-19. It will include such authors as Rob Shaw, Phyllis Moore, Joseph McCabe, Michael Seidman, and others.

For more information, contact Dr. Tedford at ext. 212.

Mathematical Mystery of the Month - October

The fifteen numbered pool balls we numbered 1 through 15. Can the balls be arranged in a triangular array such that the number on each ball below the top row is the difference of the two numbers just above it? If there were only six balls, the example below shows one way to do this:



If you think you have a solution, let your math instructor or Dr. Caulfield know. Results will be announced next month.

TOEFL TEST

December 11, 1997

Media Center Classroom 3 p.m.

*You must register in Career Services
by October 19.*

*A payment of \$16.50 is due at the
time of registration.*

SNL's Victoria Jackson

The *Saturday Night Live* actor will be performing at Fairmont.

Monday, October 13.

The bus will leave at 7 p.m. Sign up in the Heflin Center.

Cost \$2

Pizza Hut

Check out our new Pasta dishes!

**Don't forget Wednesday Night,
Large one topping Pizzas for 5.99!**

"Your official study-break headquarters!"

Present Your Glenville State College ID for a 10% discount off all regular priced items!!

Tour Scenic West Virginia

A trip to Seneca Caverns will leave on October 12. Sign up in Scott Wing Office by October 10. Cost is \$8. The trip will include a trip to Spruce Knob and the French Creek Game Farm.

The van will leave at 8 a.m.

GSC track teams bring home trophies and experiences

By Brent Gargus
Staff Reporter

In case you haven't noticed, this past weekend's race in Bluefield did not appear in the last edition of the *Mercury* due to technical difficulties. Here is a quick rehash of the Camp Creek State Park event.

The GSC harriers arrived early on September 27 to look over the five-mile course they have dominated for three of the last four years.

The meet consisted of the usual faces from around the WVIAC: Alderson-Broadus, Bluefield, Fairmont State, Concord, and Ohio teams Shawnee State and Clinch Valley rounded out a fairly competitive field. In the men's race, the Pioneers were

in usual championship form, coming from a strong performance in Elkins the previous week.

After a slow first mile, GSC's Michael Bee took a commanding lead with teammates Jonathan and Daniel Ramezan helping to push the pace for what would be a very tactical race. Other strong performances came from sophomore Brent Gargus, who gave chase up until late in the third mile before settling into the tenth slot. Junior David Bee provided another gutty performance.

Despite the fact that Dave had been struggling with a virus for the past two weeks he still managed to turn in a solid performance. "I haven't been run-

ning as well as I'd like to be at this point," said Bee. "Right now, my main concern is to get healthy again."

The surprise of the week came from freshman Tony Ball, who sneaked up to the 15th spot, running a personal best time for the season. Glenville's top finishers were Jonathan Ramezan, Daniel Ramezan, and Michael Bee, who reached 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, respectively. The three Glenville juniors dominated the race from start to finish. All in all, the Pioneers placed six runners in the top fifteen, out of a field of nearly seventy.

Coach Jimmy Galloway and his team of all-new, all-freshmen women came to Bluefield for the first time. Galloway, no

stranger to the course himself, was concerned with improving the Lady Pioneer's standing from last season. Laurel Bee led the women's team with an overall fourth-place performance, narrowly missing the third spot.

Finishing eighth overall and second on the team was Kim Riffle who set hard pace for the first couple miles. Other strong performances came from Hanna Tsegaya and Misty Steele both improving from last week. Rounding out the ladies score

was Jo Harris.

This is Galloway's debut season as women's head coach. Although he's working with an all-new team, Galloway feels that they can finish strong at the conference meet. "I'm happy with how the girls performed this week, but I still feel that we have more work ahead of us," stated Galloway.

On Saturday, both the men's and women's team traveled to Athens to run an invitational hosted by McDonalds.

Bands and footballs for GSC

By Marsha Hagner
Staff Reporter

The Homecoming Committees have been working hard to make the events this year exciting for the 125 Anniversary of Homecoming at Glenville State College, on the weekend of October 24-25.

There are several committees this year, from Dance and Spirit Committees to Coordination of the Queen and her court.

The Queen is Wendy Batson. The princesses in her court are: senior Tammy Cogar; juniors (tied) Kelly Ash and Likita Chambers; sophomore Christina Brown; and freshman Denise Moody. Moody is also the freshman representative

There are several other committees involved, including: The Volleyball Committee, The pre-game/half-time committee, the spirit committee and the program of events committee.

The parade and band committee has James Arnold, Melissa Stinson, and others people behind the scenes, working to make this homecoming the best ever.

There are approximately 10-12 bands coming to join the festivities, including junior- and high school bands. Arnold also helps the other committees. The parade will consist of bands, queen and princesses, color guards, floats by the Glenville City Council, DZ, and TKE.

"Student Congress would like to thank numerous people for their help, I.L. Morris, Dr. Bilips, the Delta Zetas, and everyone that has made the Homecoming festivities possible," comments Student Congress President Lisa Belknap, "I would especially like to thank the members of congress who have been so dedicated to this year's celebration.

The Dance Committee wants to thank Delta Zeta for their help in decorating for the Homecoming Dance. The theme this year is "We've Come a Long Way, Baby!" Baby bottles with the words "Glenville State College" printed on them will be passed out to attendees.

Golf sees green ahead

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Though the pouring rain put some in a gloomy mood, the Glenville State golf team kept their spirits bright Sunday, September 28, traveling to Canaan Valley State Park to compete in the Davis and Elkins/Canaan Valley Invitational.

The team managed to beat the conditions as well as most of the field by finishing 2nd out of seven teams, losing only to Davis/Elkins (D&E).

The consistency of the individual scores improved greatly this season. Travis Woodford led the team by shooting 81, Lewis Primm followed with 82, and Mark Johnson shot an 84. Tim Blake and Jeremy Simmons both shot 85.

"Only one person went un-

der 80," coach Rick Simmons pointed out. "He only shot a 78."

Though the Pioneers did fall to D&E, it was by only two points (330-332). The Pioneers nearly upset them on their home course. D&E were ranked 2nd in the pre-season as compared to Glenville's ranking of 7th.

The Pioneers did manage to defeat two conference schools, Shepherd and Wheeling Jesuit, as well as some really good PA schools, including a branch of Pitt.

Coach Simmons' team is right on pace for an excellent seasonal finish this spring. Simmons is still recruiting players for the current season and there is a looming possibility than Steven Fitzpatrick, one of last year's excellent golfers from the "Irish Connection" may be returning.

Attention GSC Football Fans:

"Warm up for Wesleyan"

Dance at the Recreation Center
Friday, Oct. 10 from 9pm to 1 am,

Assorted, Contemporary Adult
Music By the "Stalnaker Brothers."

\$8 singles

\$15 couple

Tickets available at door or call:

Tommy Ratliff, 462-7653; Terry Reale, 462-5776;

Rick Simmons, 362-7361 ext. 345 or Leslie Campbell, 462-7098.

Test Taking Strategies

Come to a seminar sponsored by Career Services

Speaker

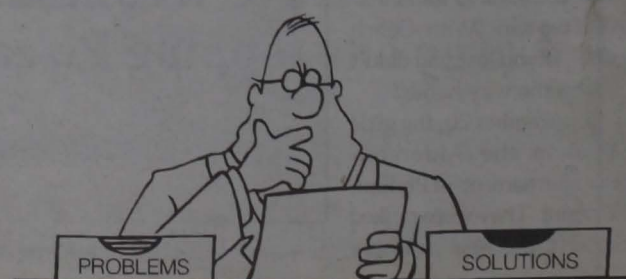
Jennifer Ruggiero, Director of Career Services.

October 7, 1997

12:15-1 p.m. Heflin Center Small Room

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

Call ext. 118 for more info.



Pioneers become Kings of the Hill in Penn

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

One down, six to go! With their 42-18 win over the West Liberty Hill Toppers, the Pioneers are well on their way to being kings of hill for another season.

With their tough Pennsylvania schedule out of the way and completely unblemished, the Pioneers have six games of the regular season remaining; all of which will be against WVAC teams.

The game against West Liberty was close during the first quarter; however, working behind the combined masses of Cam Perry, D.J. Williams, Davon Floyd, Allery Lockridge, Mike Rollyson, Willie Batton, L.J. Koprass, and George Randolph, Wilkie Perez went to work and connected with seven different receivers for an amazing total of 527 yards passing. Can anyone guess who the next USC player of the week will be?

With touchdown (TD) passes to Kenny Hinton and favorite receiver Carlos Ferralls, the Pioneers were up 21-6 at the half.

The Pioneer marching band, led by Jamie Adkins, took control of the field and performed an excellent half-time show comprised of the music from *Grease*.

The Pioneers wasted no time getting back to business in the second half. One possession after a blocked field goal attempt by Justin Barnes, Perez connected with Ferralls for an 80 yard touchdown pass, the biggest play of the game.

Perez connected with Ferralls once more during the game for a TD but not before doing the same with Robert Talley. Though the Hill Toppers managed to put 12 more points on the board in the second half, they were unable to put enough on to even be a factor.

The Pioneers sent them miserably packing back up that



Some frenetic action from Saturday's game. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

four-hour hill that leads to the outskirts of Wheeling.

Head coach Warren Ruggerio seemed very pleased after the game and had many positive things to say about his team. "Wilkie did a nice job," he said of his quarterback. "Their defense did a good job of pressuring him and he still made the

reads."

When asked what the main contribution to this season's success has been he gave his players full credit. "The kids come to play," he said. "They want to win. We still make some mistakes but we're making the big plays."

This week end the Pioneers

host rival West Virginia Wesleyan, who were defeated by number-one ranked Shepherd this past weekend. Though it is a state holiday in West Virginia (the first day of bow season), you should try to be out of the woods by noon and come catch the game at one.

Fluharty's Lady Spikers inject fun to game of volleyball

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Over the last couple of weeks the Glenville State College volleyball team has been working harder than ever before. With the new leadership of coach Tracey Fluharty, this year's team has been taking leaps and bounds. The team has drastically improved from the past in such aspects as self-esteem, self-confidence, and most importantly, how much they actually enjoy playing for GSC.

"Even the people in the stands are commenting about how much fun the girls are having," stated Fluharty, who has changed the dictatorship style of coaching in the program.

"As soon as we get on the bus, the girls start talking about what they could have done better, even if we win. [With Coach Osbourne], if you lost you didn't dare talk on the way home."

On September 20, the girls competed in the Alderson-Broadbent tournament in Phillippi, West Virginia. They were ranked and placed in the pool but only



Lady Spikers prepare for game. (File photo)

managed to finish 3rd overall. GSC juniors Cheryl Stout and Tina Jones were named as all-tournament players. On September 23, the team played Shepherd and were defeated 3-1 in sets of 8-15, 2-15, 15-2, and 6-15. Shepherd seems to be the girl's nemesis this season as they defeated the Pioneers in the opening tournament at Fairmont as well.

Kimbra Hott, Anissa Whithed, Crystal Affolter and Tina Jones led the team in digs at the AB tournament as well as against Shepherd. Julie Minigh, Sara Roedershiemer, Hott, and Jones led in serves. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Stout, and Crystal Affolter led in blocks.

Three days later the Pioneers went to Montgomery and defeated WV Tech 3-1 in sets of 4-15, 15-7, 15-3, and 15-11.

"In the first game I called a time out," said Fluharty. "After we lost I decided I wasn't going to call anymore and I told them if they wanted to win they had to do it now."

Win they did: three

straight. On the 29th, the team was defeated by AB once again. In the first set the Pioneers were down 14-0; they managed to rally for 8 points, then were disposed of 15-8. The second match, which was a closely-fought battle the entire way, ended with AB at 15 and Glenville at 13. The third wasn't close at all as the Pioneers were defeated 15-4.

Fluharty pointed out that she has added three new drills to the teams practices. Hopefully these strategies will add to the success of the program in the future. The lady Pioneers have a home meet this Thursday against Wesleyan. Not only has Wesleyan proven to be somewhat of a rival in all sports, they also have one of the best volleyball programs in the nation. The Lady Pioneers will need as much support from their home crowd as they can get, so be sure to grab your friends and come out and watch the game. What else are you going to do in Glenville besides griping about having nothing to do?

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Why don't we care?

This crazy suitcase mentality that afflicts students at Glenville State College makes little sense. After the commuters have gone and the dorm residents flee for the hills, there's very little left. The fact that Glenville offers little entertainment is a problem.

Student apathy is one of the top ten criticisms of the student body here at GSC, but I believe it is only a symptom and not the cause of many woes. School spirit, in one form or another, is hard to create when there is no reason to stick around and pitch in. The term "suitcase college" is often bandied about, but it is an accurate term.

After all, GSC becomes a place where you go to simply take classes. The Distance Learning Center, while providing greater education opportunities to a wider area, would almost seem to reinforce the idea that it doesn't matter *where* you get your classes, as long as you do. Watching that technology in action is incredible to see, but one wonders if it will create a greater sense of community between the disparate groups of students, or simply create a greater dehumanizing atmosphere where pride in your school becomes a trivial concept.

Believe it or not, Glenville has plenty to be proud of. We have a widely-recognized reputation for creating quality educators. Our music program, which has the limit of being strictly education- instead of performance-centered, puts on some great shows every year (there's a reason why Percussion Ensemble sells out every year). We have an awesome track team, and a football team that is beating the competition.

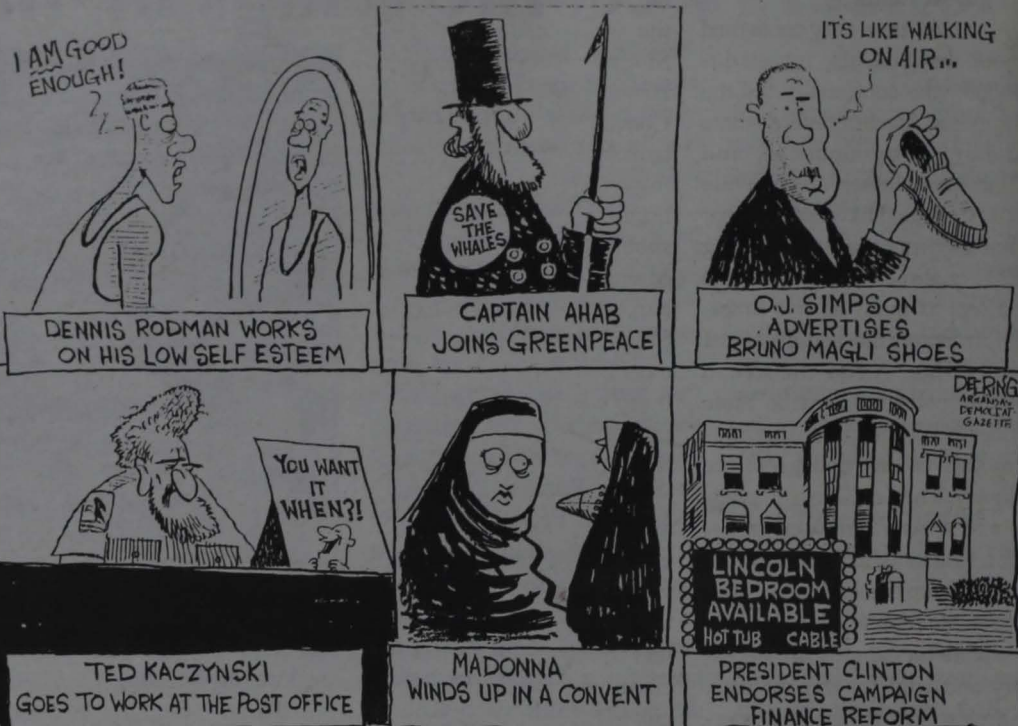
More students should get involved with the campus. Student Congress has an open meeting every Tuesday at 12:30, but very few students show up to voice their concerns or make suggestions. When eight walk-in students arriving at the meeting makes everyone marvel, you know there is serious apathy at work.

Consider the formation of the gay and lesbian organization. This is a college where the students tend to be religious, and I doubt a lot of them approve of homosexuality. Still, only five people came to the meeting to speak out against it. The gay group was recognized. If one hundred students had come to speak out, I doubt it would have made it.

Your editor is obviously biased in favor of the gay group, but he does recognize the power of student involvement. Imagine the power of every student on the Glenville State College campus showing up to *demand* that parking lots be left alone and that "beautificaon" be side-stepped in favor of convenience. That won't happen until students wake up and, as Jeremy Rodriguez points out, start exercising their voices again.

Hey, it could happen.

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Start exercising your voice

By Jeremy Rodriguez
Staff Columnist

I must start by saying that I appreciate the warm and encouraging responses I received after my last column. Many people responded because they were surprised that I was literate. Some responded because I criticized the *Mercury*. Most commented on how great it was that I mentioned the trial. For those who thanked me for mentioning the trial, I thank you, but your support is misplaced. I am not fighting for your rights. If you think that someone on campus is fighting for you, then don't you think they're the people who deserve your support?

On a different subject, I would like to comment about an epidemic of laryngitis that has stricken our campus recently. Fortunately, we have figured out the cause of the debilitating ailment that is robbing us of our voices. The cause is apathy.

For those of you who require a more scientific explanation, here it goes. One day, when

Glenville State College students handed over their tuition and fees, they quit caring about what their money was for. Over time, the students forgot that they were the employer. They forgot that they, the people who fork over the money, had a say in the product they were buying. Eventually, apathy gave way to ignorance. The students no longer had a clue about what was going on.

While we were busy not paying attention to, caring about, or knowing what was happening on campus, somebody had to decide what was best for us. That is when it started getting harder to talk. Many were trying to talk, but their diseased voices wouldn't carry.

When the silence finally afflicted all of us, it was too late. Our campus was changing before our eyes, and we had no say in determining its course. The worst part is that we have had laryngitis for so long, that people in charge expect us to remain silent.

Fortunately, I have a feel-

ing that this campus-wide epidemic is coming to an end. The *Mercury* could possibly help with the ignorance, but you must fight the apathy. The best way to do this is by first approaching your student congress representative or administrator of your choice. Then, explain to them that you are over your laryngitis, and would like to discuss some issues that are important to you. Parking, 24-hour visitation in the residence halls, commuter's rights, and faculty of the year honors are among the more popular issues concerning college students.

One person might not be able to make a difference. Two people may not be able to make a difference. Hell, 74.5% of the people may not be able to make a difference, but silence guarantees that you will never be able to make any difference. It is your money, your education, and ultimately your future. Get over the laryngitis, so that we can really go pioneering into the twenty-first century.

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Dear Editor:

I have been very concerned about the students, myself included, who continually fail the Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Trigonometry, and Chemistry classes at Glenville State College. I have learned that some students repeat Beginning Algebra three, four, and some students as many as five times. Unfortunately most students just quit college. A few transfer to another college. Glenville State College has the finest math instructors of any college in the country. They are always available to answer questions or assist a student whenever they (the teachers) are not teaching a class. The computer/study labs already available on campus are necessary and vital for the students. Learning how to use and operate the programs for the above mentioned classes is difficult. Without the assistance of a tutor/instructor, students often spend all their lab-study time just trying to figure out how to operate the programs.

I believe the system in progress at GSC has much potential. With rooms, computers and programs already available, I have several suggestions for consideration. It is my belief that too many students fail these classes under the present system, and in turn, leave GSC to seek the post-secondary education elsewhere. Or even worse, they drop out of school entirely, feeling themselves failures and perhaps afraid to ever attempt college again.

I am requesting that Glenville State College consider seriously alternative programs and systems within the Mathematics Department. First, a math-study

lab. Second a testing center for the whole college. The Math Study Lab would have one instructor plus student tutors. Computers, video viewing systems and work tables for studying would be the materials needed in the MSL. The MSL should be open five days a week. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends--Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hours like these would be necessary and more effective than the tutor system already in use at the college and the study groups and sessions. While attending study groups, I receive the help I need with the required work, but find that in a group situation, there is less structure and too much "social time," thus making it difficult to study and learn. Although the available tutors are a blessing and invaluable, people's schedules and time are so difficult to coincide between tutor and student, taking much away from the effectiveness of this program.

Other colleges that have a system similar to the MSL find the effectiveness of this to come about by giving students a 1/2 credit for attending lab 3 days per week and one full credit for students attending lab 5 days per week. This shows faithfulness on the students' part and allows them the time to work and rework problems until they get them right. The way things stand now, instructors cannot afford the time required to let students do make-up work or retry tests. A student needs to have the option to retry a test 3 times, and while still attending regular class, cannot take the next test until the previous test has been passed with satisfac-

tion. It is so senseless to let a student continuously fail test after test after test all throughout the course. This is discouraging for both the student and instructor and does not constitute a good learning environment.

Considering the cost for one Algebra class (3 credits) is \$244.50, this is a lot of money (especially if you're a five-time winner). Actually, if a student repeated Algebra five times, the cost would total \$1222.50. Therefore, there must be more effective means of delivering these courses. No student is unteachable, and deserves the chance to learn in alternative ways when the traditional methods do not seem to work. This is not a reflection on the instructors at all, but would only assist them with their current, overburdened system of grading homework and tests.

I have seen the above mentioned system work well in other colleges with an extremely low failure rate. A system such as this would benefit GSC students, instructors, and tutors. Suggested salary for an instructor working in the MSL is \$15/hour and \$10/hour for tutors (or work/study credit). We must find alternative methods to help the students and I sincerely believe that a system such as this will work at GSC.

BJ Strickland

Dear Editor:

I would like to offer my compliments on the fine job you are doing with the *Mercury* this year. The new look, layout, and photography are excellent. The quality of writing is much improved, we have an intelligently written editorial page, and the reporting and articles are of timely interest. All of you have done a fine job revitalizing this newspaper.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Harry Rich
Assoc. Prof. of Music

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Around the Bend: It's been too long!

By Eric Ware
Staff Columnist

It seems that every time I sit down for this column I get side-tracked here at the *Mercury* office. I've got plenty to say. For one, let me start off by introducing myself to those that haven't read this column before.

Around the bend is a column dedicated to the commuters to vent your frustrations and questions about problems on this campus. Last year, this column exposed the snack bar removal issue that would, by now, be history if it wasn't for you speaking your mind. This column is also dedicated to tips about winter driving, oil changes, etc... to help those that have questions about specific problems.

So now we've got that out of the way, let me express the fine job Mr. Reynolds of the Maintenance Department did when painting the lines below the administration building. The

chaos of that parking problem was just too much. There's also parking around the dorms, behind the Wesleyan Foundation, and other streets that are still open and not in use. My advice is look to these places before driving around for fifteen minutes to find a closer spot. It's just not going to happen. Also, lock your car! It's been rumored to me that someone was stealing car batteries last year. I don't know why someone wanted numerous car batteries unless it's a fetish of some kind.

So if you have something to vent, vent it here! I want to hear your angst! Write to Mercury Office, "Around the Bend," and either drop your letters off here at the office, or send them to the mail offices located on the second floor in the Administration Building.

Remember, problems can't be solved until they have been heard.

Mercury Poll

"Do we need a certified counselor on campus?"

By Erica Dierkes and Cheryl Stout

Yes 84%

- "College is a mental crisis."
- "My tuition is high enough to pay two certified counselors."
- "What should a person do at 2 a.m. if they have a crisis? Call the president?"
- "I didn't know we didn't have one?"

No 15%

- "We need a nurse on campus instead."
- "Most people want a friend, not a counselor."
- "GSC doesn't have anything, so why should they have a counselor?"
- "We need more parking lots, not a counselor."

Maybe 1%

- Would they have to eliminate a parking lot to build an office?



Domestic Violence and Police Response

A Criminal Justice Seminar
Tuesday, October 7

3:30 p.m.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Kiss the Girls gives new meaning to fear

By Brent Wood
Staff Columnist

This week's movie review is the psychological thriller *Kiss the Girls*, starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. Freeman plays criminal psychologist/detective Alex Cross. The story starts with an intense introduction from the villain telling of the most important point in his life, his first attack.

Detective Cross learns that his niece has been missing for four days in Durham North Carolina. He heads to Durham and discovers that his niece is the eighth young woman in a series to be kidnapped with out any trace.

A body is discovered and Cross rides to the scene to see if it is her. He soon discovers that the women being taken are not just being raped and killed, they are being used as pieces in a mad man's collection. Of course there are doubts whether the man they are up against is mad at all or a genius with a twisted meaning of love.

Ashley Judd plays Kate McTernian, a doctor at the Durham hospital. She is beauti-

ful, intelligent and passionate—three things that fit the profiles of the other missing women. After being stalked in her own house, Kate is drugged and taken hide-out where she is to be the next in the line of victims. She meets her masked captor "Casanova." She also discovers the other women are still alive and being held in an underground cavern. Kate's defiant nature and kickboxing skills allow her to escape. At the hospital she meets Detective Cross and they begin working together. When drugs and amnesia prevent her from remembering where she was, the pair immediately begin making headway in the case. Judd and Freeman are remarkable together.

The make-up and scene design effects were amazing. The script, directing and casting leads to a plot twist that could never be expected. The surprise, mouth dropping ending makes this movie a possibility at Oscar time.

The only problem about this movie was the sheer terror that someone like that could actually be somewhere in the world.

MAST helps study woes

By Marsha Hagner
Staff Reporter

Crystal Gum is one student who took advantage of the benefits of Math and Science Tutoring (MAST). A nursing program student, Gum found out about the program through professor Evans. In order to improve her chances in her microbiology class, she decided to give it a try. "I started making A's and B's," says Gum. "It really helped me."

In the tutoring classes, the students can discuss any problem they have in their subject area, such as homework, re-explained class discussions, or test review. There are approximately two tutors to four students in each group; therefore, students get a great deal of one-on-one with the tutors.

"I think it's very good and recommend it to those people that are having trouble in their classes."

For more information about arranging tutoring, contact Dr. Carl Armor at ext 126.

Ask the Particle Man: "What is 'El Nino?'"

By Aaron Frame
Staff Columnist

El Nino, or Southern Oscillation (ENSO), is one of the many variant wonders of weather inherent to this planet's atmosphere. The term El Nino is a Spanish word meaning "little one" or "boy child" and was first used by Peruvian fishermen as a reference to Christ to describe the warm water currents that arrive around Christmas time.

An ENSO is said to be occurring when a shift in the pressure of large air masses takes place. This shift causes a reverse in the trade winds and instead of normally blowing east to west, they begin blowing in the opposite direction. This in turn causes the ocean water currents under these large air masses to do the same.

The typical effects of this reversal are the drying of regions like India, Australia, and the South Pacific, the shifting of the jet stream is shifted across North

America and an increase in the amounts of snow this area will receive. The west coast and central parts of the Americas receive intense rain fall and lessens the amount of hurricanes in the southern parts of the United States and Central America. The account for this change remains a mystery to scientists who are still currently studying this atmospheric phenomenon.

An average ENSO occurs roughly every four to seven years and can last from fourteen to twenty-two months. The last ENSO to cause considerable damage happened during the months of 1982 to 1983. The damage from this ENSO was heaviest around the regions of South and North America. Scientists are predicting that a currently occurring ENSO will be a large one and will define a predicted severe winter for most of North America as is typical of the conditions of an ENSO of this size.

Do you have a question for The Particle Man? Send it to The Mercury, Box 207, Glenville, WV 26351.

Fruit flies provide sleep cycle clues for scientists

By Eric Ware
Staff Writer

Two teams of biologists believe they have located the human version of the "internal clock" gene that is responsible for sleep in fruit flies.

Group leaders Cheng Chi Lee, assistant professor of genetics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and Joseph Takahashi of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Northern University, are researching the gene responsible for many sleep disorders.

"This research will un-

cover many points about human sleep and internal clocks," Takahashi stated in a CNN interview. "It's big news."

The version is found in humans and mice, and crucial for the fruit fly internal clock. This period reacts like on and off a switch, as reported by the Lee group, and known since the discovery in 1984.

"We were beginning to believe it might not be there," stated Takahashi. Just last May, Takahashi and colleagues reported finding the gene in mammals through research in mice.

Art Beat

Models Needed

The Art Department is looking for models. Art 202 (Representational Drawing) needs people to draw. If anyone is interested, contact visit-

ing professor of art Duane Chapman at ext. 184. Models are needed between 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Participants will be paid for their time (Work Study/Work Ship).

Art Club

Alpha Rho Tau is a student chapter of the National Art Education Association. Art majors and minors interested in joining should contact Duane Chapman at ext. 184. The Art Club has many purposes, such as sponsoring projects for exhibits, field trips, speakers, enlisting students from high school, promoting art as a career for art education majors/minors, and other areas of art.

Field trips will be planned if enough students are interested in the clubs.

Photography Contest

The 18th Annual College Photo Contest has many prizes to award. Students are invited to send in color or black and white photos to be judged. Prizes and/or cash will be awarded. The Grand Prize is a Nikon N70 AF SLR with 35-80/f4.5-5 AF Zoom-Nikkor lens and \$1000 Purchase Award. Interested students may contact Deanna Foxworthy or Duane Chapman. Entry forms are available.

Art Division Beat

All seniors are encouraged to begin thinking about what art they would like to enter in the Senior Art Show. If there are any questions, contact your advisor or professor Duane Chapman, at ext. 184.



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Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

By Cris Gravely, Staff Astrologer

Aries (March 21 - April 19) — Keep your pride and arrogance in check. Get set for a new relationship. Hard work is necessary to reach your goals. A difficult situation ends this week, with money becoming available.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — Prepare for a sudden change of luck in affairs of the heart. Even impossible dreams can be useful. Conflict can open your mind. Get ready for material success.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) — Pressure to settle down is heavy, but love is just around the bend. You're doing too much; back off. You've created a problem, now face the consequences. Save money this week.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) — Keep to yourself this week. Marriage or a love affair is possible now. Set realistic spending limits. Slow down and try not to do so much. Be pleased with what you've been able to do.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) — Develop your personal philosophy. Prepare to experience new emotions. Keep new goals in sight. You have the power to make change. Get ready for money problems.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) — A leap of faith is all that is needed to get your wish. Stop delaying; take action now. Conflict makes you realize that you're deluding yourself. You can't go wrong with money this week.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) — Take another step in your plan for the future. Friends seek advice from you this week. Enthusiasm is contagious; use it. Subtlety is a great manipulator. Indulge yourself this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) — Bad sides of your personality surface this week. There is still hope for a lost love. Prepare for stiff competition. Guilt about the past comes back to haunt you. Money becomes available in small sums.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) — Don't avoid conflict; face it with strength. A new relationship is on the horizon. Work on developing charm. Watch out for gossip this week. Learning a new skill takes hard work.

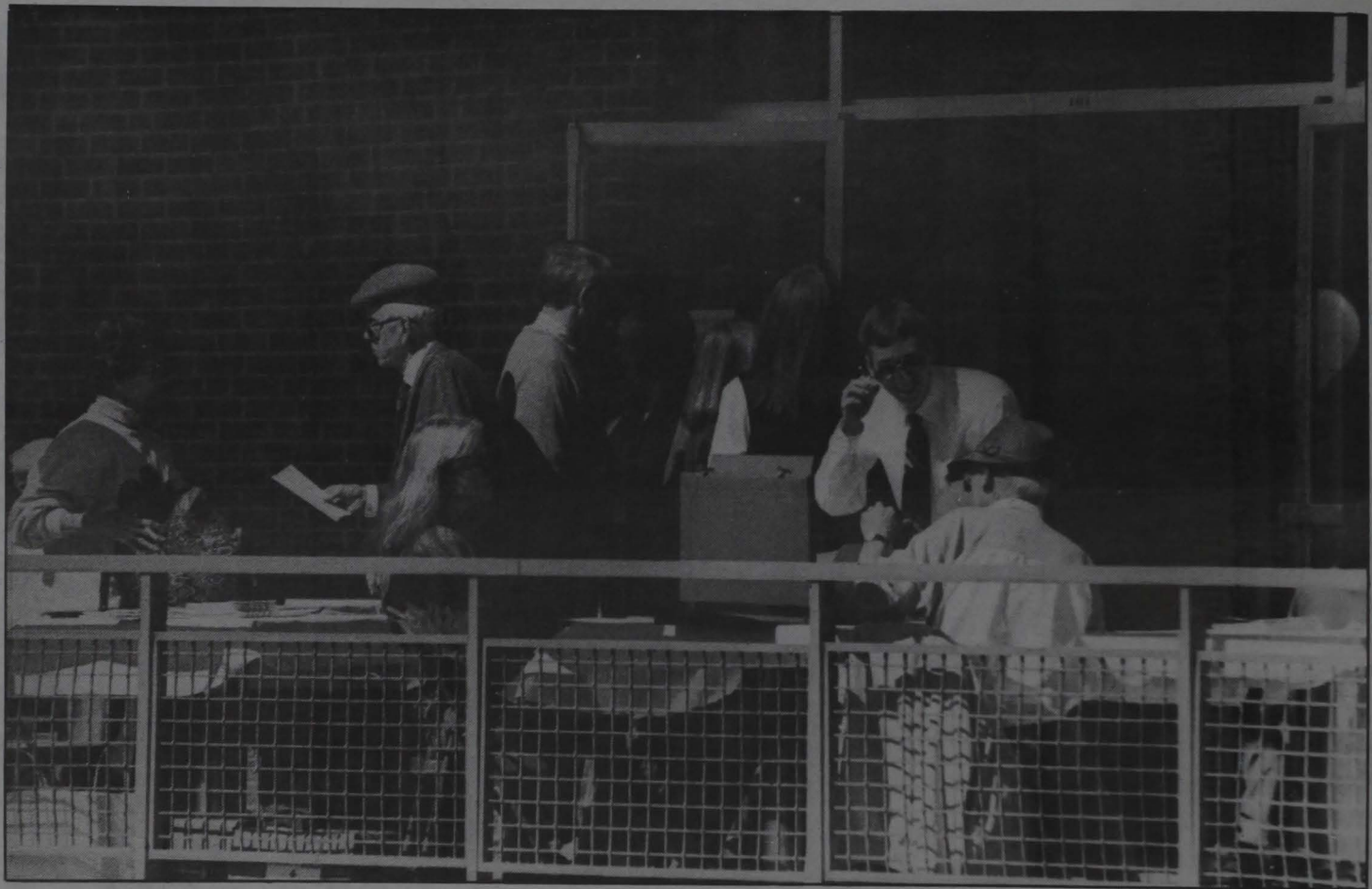
Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) — Be more patient and caring. Contentment is yours this week. Prepare to be in the public eye. No one is perfect, not even you. You are not defined by what you own.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) — Confusion and uncertainty abound this week. A dream from the past is still possible. More challenges must be met to reach a goal. A calm state of mind comes late this week. Generosity is a two-way street.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) — Being honest about new emotions can lead to a relationship. Develop loyalty and constancy. Tense balance is bound to be disrupted. Be careful when making a work decision.

Top Ten Reasons to skip class

1. Thursday night's ink stamp residue won't wash off.
2. You have to see Dr. Proctor about "embarrassing rash."
3. Friends kept you up discussing neo-chauvinism in "Barbie Girl."
4. Your sense of direction fritzes and you "sorta" remember the location of class.
5. Fell victim to a friend, ten burritos, and the words "Race you!"
6. Went into shock over the depleted state of Professor de Rosset's reserve shelf in the library.
7. You spent the night quietly burying your roommate behind LBH.
8. The elves in the Pickens Hall laundry rooms were getting "uppity" again.
9. You have an irrational fear that Dr. Palm's powers are strongest during his 9 a.m. classes.
10. There just isn't enough coffee in the world!



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