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--Tom Kennedy
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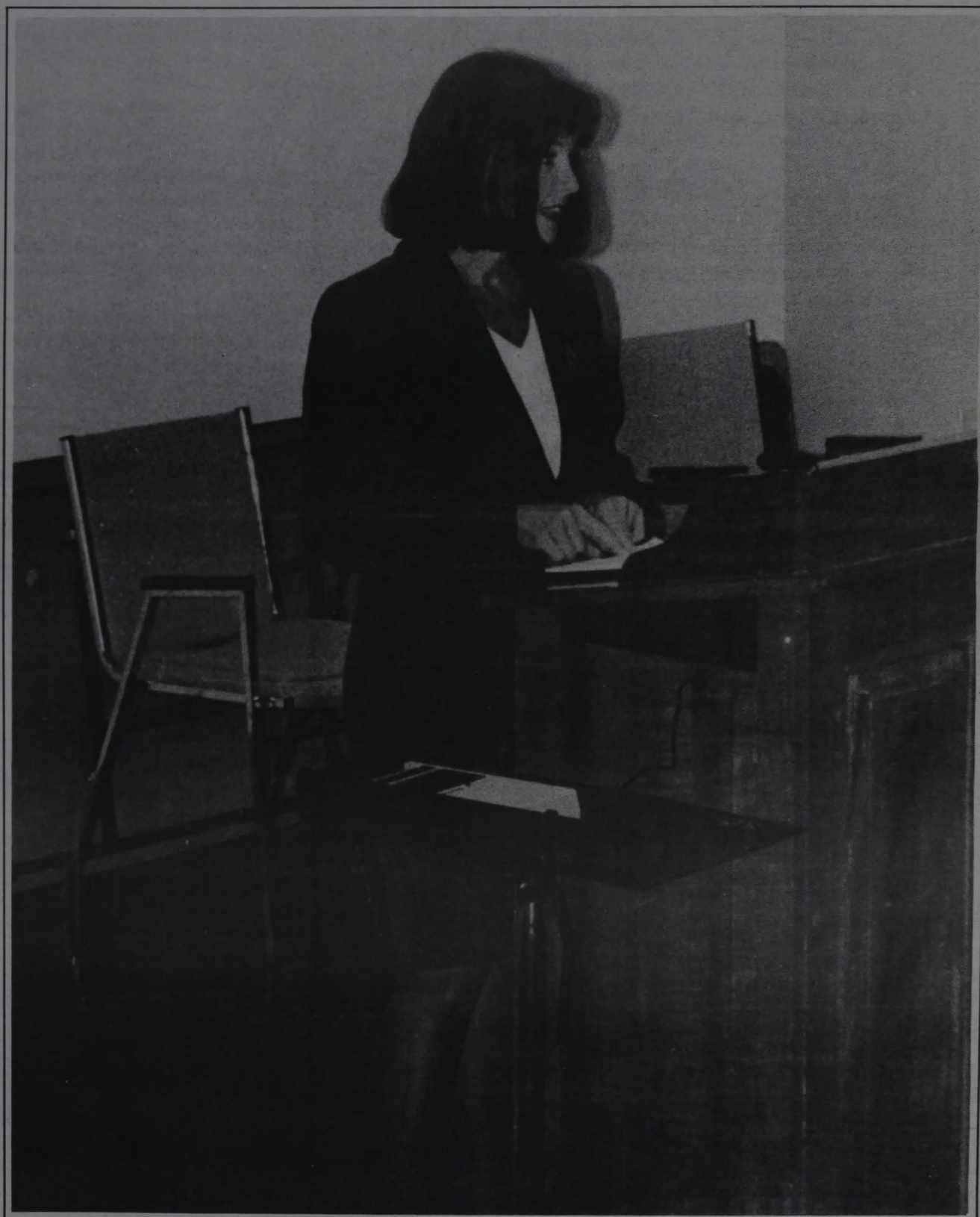
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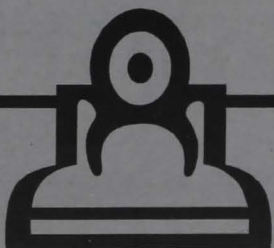
--Peter De Vries

TOP TEN LIST

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Campus Clips

The Records Office asks that all students submit their local addresses as soon as possible. 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.

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.

Models are wanted for representational drawing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. If you are interested, see Duane Chapman in Room 212 of the AB Building. Ext. 184.

A trip to Bridge Day is set for October 18. The van will leave at 8:30 a.m. Students attending Bridge Day will have the option of going on a camping trip, which will cost \$2.

Students taking the TOEFL test must register in Career Services by October 19. A payment of \$16 is due at the time of registration.

On Campus



Name: Della Castle

Age: 20

Class: Senior

Hometown: Bartow, WV

Major: Music Education

Hobbies: Band, choir, Percussion Ensemble
"Keep the rhythm"

ACS News

During the last few weeks, members of the American Chemical Society have been performing chemical demonstrations in preparation for National Chemistry Week in November. Dawn Lancaster and Sherry Carder did an experiment involving magic markers and tee-shirts, Dave Tingler and John Mills made a Pringles chip can rocket, William Kelley collapsed an aluminum can by heating and cooling it, and B. J. Woods made "elephant's toothpaste" and raisins dance in Sprite. Other students are planning more experiments for future meetings. ACS plans to travel to high schools informing students about the world of chemistry.

The American Chemical Society Southeast Regional Meeting will be held in Roanoke, VA, from October 19 through October 22. GSC's award-winning affiliates will be represented by advisor Dr. James Goll, students Dave Tingler, Dawn Lancaster, B. J. Woods, William Kelley, Sherry Carder, Jeff Lancaster, Chad Lancaster, and John Mills.

On Tuesday, October 14, at 12 p.m., ACS will be hosting guest speaker Dr. Kathy Covert. Covert will be speaking on the topic of catalysis.

ACS holds meetings every first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday. Those interested in joining are invited to attend our next meeting on October 14 or the following week on October 23.

TKE News

The members of TKE had their weekly meeting on Sunday. Topics discussed at the meeting were various fundraisers and activities that have been planned out for this year.

The new officers of TKE are as follows: president, Peter Drew; vice president, Jeremy Rodriguez; chaplain, Charles Holcomb; sergeant-at-arms, Roger Akers; treasurer, J. L. Lewis; historian, Chris Fox; rush director, David Bragg.

The members of TKE would like to welcome their new associate members: Paul Ryan, Jody Tingler, Jerry Burge, John Baxter, and Dave Wilson.

We are hoping to have a fun-filled semester with lots of activities. Associate members, "The time is now!"

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.*

We need you!

The Mercury is always looking for fresh talent. If you would like to gain journalism experience, give us a call at ext. 133. Be a part of the new legacy.

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.

Bridge Day Trip

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On October 5th
The Pittsburgh Theatre Group
Presents:
The Nutcracker Ballet

Sign-up deadline for the trip
will be October 17th. Anyone
interested may sign-up in the
Heflin Center from 11am to 1pm
Mon-Friday.



Glenville gives trick-or-treating the ax

John Clise
Staff Reporter

After hearing complaints of vandalism at a recent city council meeting, Glenville town officials have decided to cancel this year's trick-or-treating walk about town.

In a compromise, Glenville Mayor Joe Putnam is looking for alternative ways for local youths to celebrate this ghoulish day. Currently, Putnam is calling for a Gilmer County Halloween Party to take place October 30, in downtown Glenville or at the Gilmer County Recreation Center. Traditional costumes would be worn to this party.

This action, however, has enraged the local community, which feels local officials have overstepped their authority. Some wonder why the young kids are being punished for the actions of older teenagers.

Others are concerned that without trick-or-treating young people will be more likely to participate in rough housing and vandalism after dark.

One alternative to canceling the customary dressing-up celebration would be to form Neighborhood Watch groups in each area to police while youngsters knocked and rang on doors for the sweet bounty of candy bars, suckers, sweet tarts and other goodies.

This process was successfully implemented in Flatwoods, WV, two years ago and to date there has been no Halloween vandalism. It has also strengthened the community's communication and interaction between all residents.

It should also be noted that Glenville has a one hour time limit on trick-or-treating.

Business seminar on Oct. 14

The West Virginia Small Business Development Center will offer counseling for those individuals looking into starting small business. Both financial and start-up tips will be given.

This session will take place at the Gilmer County Industrial Development Association from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, October 14.

Liz Older, small business development specialist, will counsel those interested in starting a small business. Major as-

pects of planning a small business, including legal structure, advertising, insurance, record keeping and financing will be covered during this session.

The counseling session is free to the public. To register, call the Gilmer County Industrial Association at 462-8098. This office is located at 8 Howard Street.

Glenville State College student/entrepreneurs are welcome to attend this conference.

Mountaineer Mart robbed, two arrested

John Clise
Staff Reporter

In an odd set of circumstances, the Mountaineer Mart was robbed September 22, which landed a Tanner youth and store employee in jail.

According to arresting officer R.W. Bolyard, an investigation led to the arrest of Lindsay Queen, a store employee, who was slow to respond to questions about the robbery.

Trooper Bolyard reported that the Tanner youth was the "mastermind" of the robbery and that Queen "just went along with it."

Apparently, the youth entered the Mountaineer Mart around 2:30 a.m. and disclosed to Queen what the robbery intentions were.

The robbery is still under investigation. It is believed there may have been accomplices involved.

Further arrests may result depending on the outcome of the investigation.

Both defendants had initial bond set at \$50,000. The juvenile's bond was later reduced to \$5,000. Both defendants are currently free on bond.



Burnsville woman killed by truck in accident

John Clise
Staff Reporter

An accident which took the life of a Burnsville resident is still under investigation by Lewis County police; however, charges are not expected to be filed.

Teresa D. Tomblin, 43, was struck by a truck while walking near the center line of well traveled Rt. 33 near Camden about 8 p.m. on Thursday October 2.

The accident occurred about 200 yards from the Hilltop Inn," reported Deputy David Parks.

Deputy Parks also said that she apparently died instantly. A

county coroner pronounced Tomblin dead at 8:50 p.m. at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston.

Police have witnesses who saw Tomblin walking in the road. One couple had even turned to go back and warn her to leave the roadway; however, by the time they returned the accident had already occurred.

The couple, whose names are being withheld, were so upset they were taken to SJMH as a precaution.

Tomblin was an artist, born-again Christian and the mother of four children. She also had six grandchildren.

First Gilmer County Heart Walk set for October 26

The First Annual American Heart Walk for Gilmer County is being planned for Sunday, October 26 at 2p.m. in downtown Glenville. This event promises great fun for Gilmer residents and GSC students alike.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m.

This year's walk offers two courses, a two mile and a four mile course for participants to choose from. Both routes will begin and end in downtown Glenville. Prizes will be awarded to walkers according to the amount of money each walker raises for the cause.

Glenville is one of over

800 cities and towns participating in this year's American Heart Walk.

Gilmer County has a goal of \$1000 for this year's walk. The Walk's fund will go to fight the nation's number one killers--cardiovascular diseases and strokes. Money raised by the American Heart Association is invested into community relations, educational programs and research vital to caring for heart disease and stroke.

GSC students, faculty, administration, and campus organizations are encouraged to take part. To register, call Leisa Somerville 462-5781 or 462-4412.



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Pritt shares experience

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Reporter

Former West Virginia gubernatorial candidate Charlotte Pritt related her experiences as an activist in state government and higher education as part of Multicultural Fair.

After being introduced by GSC dean of teacher education Dr. Catheryn Weitman, Pritt shared her perspectives on getting and maintaining political support, how the media handles male and female candidates, and what happens when candidates lose elections.

"Politics is a spiritual boot camp," says Pritt, who was involved with Army ROTC during her studies at Marshall University. "You'll be tested and tested and tested."

According to Pritt, politics pushes individuals to recognize their boundaries and potential. A "coal miner's daughter," public educator, and state legislator, Pritt lost the 1996 gubernatorial race to Gov. Cecil Underwood last November after winning the

Democratic primary.

"My loss may have had a lot to do with gender and classism," feels Pritt, who is now president of the Charleston Division of Steel Oaks Investments, working in client relations. "Classism is still very much alive in the U.S."

The media also had a large role in her defeat, Pritt related.

"A lot of misinformation was distributed by some biased newspapers in our state," advances Pritt. "For example, right before the election, the *Charleston Gazette*, which had officially endorsed Cecil Underwood, ran a photo of me kissing a dog and Underwood standing in a pulpit."

Pritt says she became interested in politics through her work in education.

"In my area, impoverished children were going hungry," says Pritt. "I had to do something to solve that problem."

Through her work in education and the state legislature, Pritt developed her thoughts about the future of higher edu-

cation.

"We need better distribution of funding," Pritt replies when asked what could be done to improve state colleges and universities. "We also need greater faculty and student involvement. Students often have great ideas which are worth listening to."

An individual with strong views, Pritt feels WV needs leaders with courage and vision who are willing to work hard to solve our problems.

"In politics, you can either be a handmaiden or a warrior," states Pritt. "Handmaidens are recycled people who bow down to the power base so they'll always have cooshy jobs."

"God help the warriors because they have a tendency to speak their hearts. They are innovators and problem solvers who get things done."

Concerning her role models, Pritt cites the encouragement of her hard-working coal miner father and the wisdom of her grandmother.

"When I was a child, I asked my grandmother why God doesn't do something to make the world a better place," relates Pritt.

"My grandmother replied, 'Well, what have you done Charlotte? God works through people who act. You are the hands who give food to the hungry, the heart who shares love with the poor.'"

During her presentation, Pritt answered questions from the audience. One student asked what Pritt would have done differently if she could redo her campaign. Another asked if she had any intentions of running for governor in 2000.

"If I had it to do over again, I would have worked harder to build up my grassroots support," answers Pritt. "I don't know if I'll run for governor again. Politics has never been fun for me, although I like the problem solving. I think that people can do great things no matter where they are. Look at Mother Theresa and Dr. Martin Luther King."

Following her presentation Pritt stayed for over half an hour talking to students and faculty who wanted their pictures taken with the famous West Virginian.

"I was very happy to meet Charlotte Pritt," says Picker Hall resident Paul Jones of Clay County. "It's nice to talk to person you voted for."

"This presentation was informative," feels international student Mamoru Naito who helped cook Japanese food at Multicultural Fair dinner to promote cultural understanding. "It is good for citizens in the United States to meet leaders."

"I think Charlotte's presentation was a great way for GSC students to understand more about state government," says political science professor Dr. Mike Smith.

"It really makes us appreciate the courage it takes to place oneself in the political arena and stand up for what one believes in," adds associate professor of special education Brenda Wilson, who organized the event.

A moment with Brenda Wilson

By Shawana Smith
Staff Reporter

Last week's Multicultural Fair was designed to develop a greater awareness of other cultures in rural West Virginia students.

Featuring seminars and dinners to explore different points of view in American society, "Beyond Tolerance: Finding the Common Bonds," saw strong numbers of students in attendance at the events.

The Multicultural Fair has been presented at the Glenville State College Campus since 1992, when the educational division received a grant for these series of events.

"I am the organizer," associate professor of special education Brenda Wilson stated. "I call the presenters, organize meetings, do posters and get them put up, do news releases, oversee

sign-in sheets for class credit and see that the teachers get the sign-in sheets. I even attend each session."

"The educational division as a group was responsible for starting the Multicultural Fair," Wilson explains. "We realized that in West Virginia it's mostly white people, and that there was a need to have the Multicultural Fair to introduce different cultures to the people here."

This year's events included eight seminars and dinners featuring foods from other countries.

Wilson said, "Our students don't have much experience with different cultures, since we're so rural. This allows us to at least talk about diversity. Besides, you get to meet new people and share new ideas."

The main goal for Wilson is to see people learn awareness

of the differences in our culture and other cultures, and to be respectful of the other cultures.

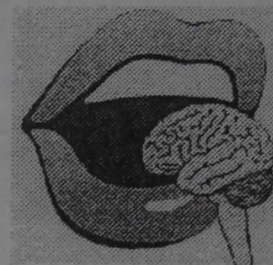
"This doesn't mean that you're gonna be perfect, because you are always learning," she explains.

"These sessions are just little steps to learning diversity. I called it 'Beyond Tolerance' so that we can go beyond tolerating and move into acceptance and understanding."

Mid-Term Reports

All students will receive mid-term reports this semester, regardless of class status.

Pick them up from your advisor after October 20.



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Music Fest crowds house during Multicultural Fair

By Eric Ware
Staff Writer

Once again, the GSC Music Fest thrilled and entertained audiences Tuesday night as Keith Haan, Harry Rich, Phil Rossano, and John McKinney conducted the ensembles, concert choir, chamber singers, and bands in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Rich conducted the powerful sounds of trumpet, trombone, and tube/euphonium ensembles, and brass choir, with great selections of "Toccata," by Telemann/arr. Schmidt; a traditional piece called "Amazing Grace"; "Danket dem Herm," by

Johann Topff/arr. Baldwin; and "Tequillia," by Chuck Rio/arr. Sweeney.

The auditorium was filled by the harmonic sounds of the concert choir and chamber singers, directed by Mr. Keith Haan, with selections like "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree," by Elizabeth Poston; the terrific arrangement of "Shenandoah," the American folk song, arranged by James Erb; "Freedom come from Bandari: Inside these Walls, Come in and stay awhile," by Rhonda Polay; Ave Regina Coelorum; and other selections.

The woodwind ensemble and the jazz band were conducted

by Director Phil Rossano with selections of "Toccata and Fuge in D minor," by J.S. Bach; "Love Shack" by Catherine Pierson; "Traces" and "St. Louis Blues."

Ending the awesome presentation that evening, Mr. John McKinney outstayed audiences with selections of Aerosmith's "Fever," arranged by Garth Brooks. Other selections featured solos on the marimba by Matt Schoonmaker.

The percussion ensemble started out the evening with "Mission Impossible" and the Marching Band selected pop favorite "Greased Lightning," giving everyone uplifted spirits.



John McKinney conducts during Music Fest.
(Heather Ware, Mercury).

Student Congress prepares for Homecoming bands

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

Homecoming plans proceed for Student Congress.

Congress member Melissa Stinson sought volunteers for "adopt-a-band" duty. Nine school bands, including Greenprier West, Smoot Jr. High, and Webster Springs, are currently scheduled to attend.

Congress members were asked to escort the nearly 550 expected students to the cafeteria for meals.

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

Activities director Eric Poirier brought up Casino Night. Members were reluctant to schedule it for a weekend.

"How many people do you think are going to stay for this?" Poirier inquired.

"I'd like to see it on Monday night," stated Parliamentarian James Arnold.

Louis Bennett Hall's grills and picnic tables have not been installed, but Student Congress will expect updates.

International student representative Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva updated the congress with the current status of a campus organization designed for international students.

"I've had three more Japanese students," Tzoneva explained. "No American students have said 'I want to join.'"



The various ensembles entertained the Fine Arts audience.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

Shir Wooton makes striking art in West Virginia

By Eric Ware
Staff Writer

"I like the West Virginia mountains, and their immensity," Shir Wooton commented at GSC's Gallery Talk in the Fine Arts Gallery.

At first glance, her paintings have a pleasant contrast with a dynamic intensity of colors. To this, Wooton replies, she "emphasises...to push colors greater to make all the colors more aware. The mountains of West Virginia has so many colors, I like to express these."

A graduate from Ohio University in graphic arts, Wooton

hails from Beckley and worked in graphic design. "I wanted to get away from graphic design." And with her first show in New York in 1993, she illustrated this with success.

"Life causes some changes," she replied. "At that time, I decided to make some changes. I wanted away from graphic design...and search for myself."

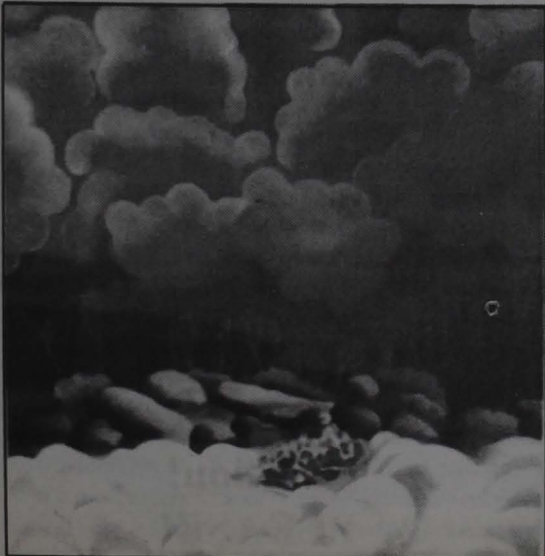
Wooton's paintings are depictions, either factual or fictional, of places in West Virginia.

One striking feature about her paintings is the contrast of

nature to man, as seen in one of her paintings titled, "Boot Hill." This painting of large, colorful boulder-like mountains surrounding a small black-and-white town, is described by Wooton as "abstracted from nature."

"The colors are striking because that's how I see the mountains," she explains. "I try to present striking colors in my paintings, because West Virginia has so many colors."

Wooton's art is on display at the Fine Arts Gallery this month and can be seen at the Gallery in Lewisburg.



Same-sex marriage lecture creates debate over the issues

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

A Multicultural Fair presentation about same-sex marriage transformed into a heated debate between West Virginia University instructor Gregg Thumm and several members of the audience.

Thumm, who stated he has been in a committed relationship for the past 12 years, began the presentation by outlining the difficulties faced by same-sex couples who cannot legally marry. Financial benefits such as joint health insurance, dental insurance, social security, and club memberships, are shared by married couples but denied to same-sex couples. "You have to pay two single rates," he stated.

Thumm also provided an historical context for the current gay marriage debate. In the past, he outlined, it was illegal for in-

terracial couples to marry. Hawaii's courts, whose decision is currently under appeal, have ruled that same-sex couples cannot be denied the right to marry.

"It doesn't matter how long you've been together," he explained. "That person is not recognized as part of your life, and [your partner] is treated like your roommate."

Thumm interpreted the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) as nullifying the Full Faith and Credit Clause, which requires that all states recognize marriages from other states. For example, a 15-year-old can marry in Mississippi and have the marriage recognized in the 49 other states. "Suddenly any state had the right to not recognize another state's laws," he pointed out.

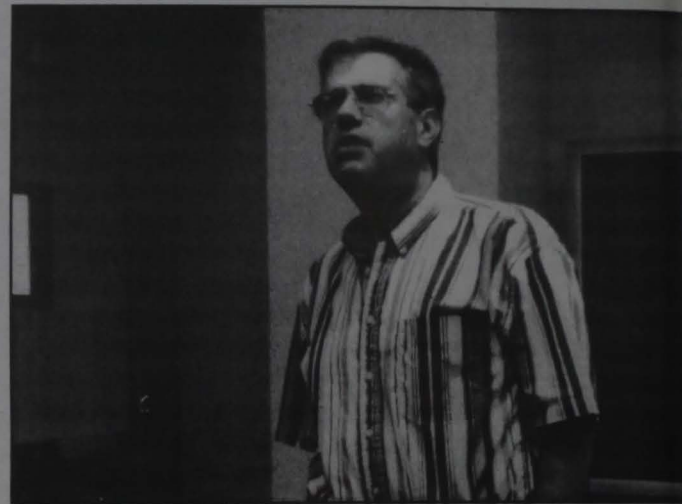
"Basically, it comes down to whether you believe that behavior is right or wrong," stated

one member of the audience. "And historically, in this country, people have said that gay behavior is wrong." That decision, he pointed out, will affect the way citizens vote and spend their money.

The discussion moved from the morality/immorality of homosexuality and into the realm of adoption of children by gay couples, as well as the claiming of protected minority status by gay activists.

"How can two gay people bring a child up in a world that --they're both gay, and the child might be a girl and the child might be a boy--where they're both gay," asked one woman. "How is that child going to grow up? You see two guys having sex and sleeping together, and you're a 'people'? That's ridiculous."

"I really would not intend for any child of mine to walk in



WVU Professor Gregg Thumm discussed issues surrounding same-sex marriage. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

and catch me," Thumm responded, eliciting some laughter from the audience.

"But that's not healthy for the child," the woman reiterated. "Biracial and gay are two very different things."

Concerns about the goals of Multicultural Fair also surfaced during the discussion. The issues of tolerance and diversity, and whether or not a forum that does not present majority views

was inherently biased, were brought up. Members of the audience engaged in lively disagreements over the nature of majority opinion.

If, as Brenda Wilson stated, the purpose of Multicultural Fair was to expose rural West Virginian students to other cultures and ideas as a way to spark debate, *Lifestyle Equity* can be considered a complete success.

Global etiquette covers cultural differences

By Annie McCourt
Staff Reporter

It was 1:31 p.m. and the Fine Arts Recital Hall was almost full with the chatter of students waiting for the Global Etiquette seminar to begin. Brenda Wilson introduced our two speakers, Dr. Katherine Weitman and Dr. Amanda Hughes. Weitman and Hughes discussed worldwide cultural etiquette in education and business.

Weitman and Hughes touched on such topics as culture, race, sex, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status and exceptionalities and how they play a part in cultural diversity.

They spoke about different time and work ethics, for instance, in some Asian countries to perform business transactions during the first meeting is considered disrespectful; this meeting is reserved for starting a friendship and getting to know each other better. It is considered more of a social visit.

Differences in acceptable physical nearness were also dis-

cussed. United States citizens generally prefer to have around 18 inches of personal space, while in some Latin countries people prefer to stand much closer, and in other countries standing even farther apart is more acceptable.

Some words, phrases, and non-verbal gestures are acceptable in the US, but considered obscene in other countries. The thumbs up sign is a positive gesture in the U.S. while some places in the world it is the equivalent of our "flipping the bird" gesture.

Weitman took time out of the seminar to ask the audience for input about cultural differences in our own backgrounds, such as Catholics not eating meat on Fridays, and the difference between a soda and a pop.

When asked if mixed ethnic groups received her awareness theme better than Euro-American audiences Hughes replied, "I have had students who have been more open and provided more insights, like a close



Katherine Weitman (Heather Ware, Mercury).

friend I have from Trinidad." Weitman chimed in saying, "It just depends on the person."

Weitman further stated, "Culture in this country is changing, and many people don't want to change with it. Euro-Americans are becoming the minority."

The emphasis on enjoying our differences while finding our commonalities was an important part of this seminar, and one can only hope that those in attendance will take what they learned and use it in their daily lives not just during Multi-Cultural Week.

Comedian Scott Wyler: "Serial Killers for President!"

By Annie McCourt
Staff Reporter

It was 9 p.m. and the crowd in the AB auditorium was noisy with anticipation until Pickens Hall House Director Eric Portier took the stage to introduce comedian Scott Wyler. Wyler worked the audience very well, and brought fresh light to such tired topics as the differences between men and women, with jokes such as: "You know there are several differences between men and women. Women think with their whole brain, while men...we think with our penis."

He touched on popular topics like country music, love, relationships, and my favorite: stupid things in our world. He gave examples of this like, "I was driving down the road and I saw a sign that said, 'do not attempt to pass when opposing traffic is present.'" Wyler's fa-

cial expressions really accompanied his comedic timing.

Wyler further introduced the topic "Serial Killers For President," and called the 1970's Pacer an aquarium on wheels. Wyler took time out of his stand-up routine to comment on WV drivers saying, "Do you have speed limits here, because if you do someone should tell you guys about it." To which the crowd laughed uproariously.

Wyler ended his energetic show with comments on student life: "When I was in college I learned a lot about what the toilet looks like from a dog's point of view."

Wyler is a funny Cleveland native who said, "The people here at GSC are great. They were a great crowd, and I'd be very happy to come back!" Aside from a few hecklers, the show was a success.

Kennedy takes first place with embargo

By Terry L. Estep
Staff Reporter

Social studies education major Tom Kennedy received the Claude W. Davis Award for best undergraduate paper at a West Virginia Political Science Association banquet on Friday, October 10.

The paper, titled "Helms-Burton Law and the U.S. Cuban Trade Embargo," was entered for consideration by Kennedy's political science instructor, Dr. Michael R. Smith.

Smith told Kennedy at the close of last semester that he wanted to submit the paper. "He recognized quality," Kennedy laughs. "I passed [Smith] in the hallway, and he said 'Come here, I want to talk to you.'"

A selection committee,

chaired by West Virginia University associate professor Dr. John C. Kilwein, informed Kennedy that he had won the award and invited him to the banquet, which was held at the Mountainlair. Dr. Smith also attended the banquet.

The paper traces the evolution of the trade embargo against Cuba from its inception during the Kennedy administration in 1962, through the Cuba Democracy Act of 1992, and culminating in the Helms-Burton Law, signed by Bill Clinton in 1996. "[The trade embargo] was one of the topics we could investigate for our paper," Kennedy explains.

Kennedy argues that U.S. policy toward Cuba has been geared more toward eliminating Fidel Castro than creating a

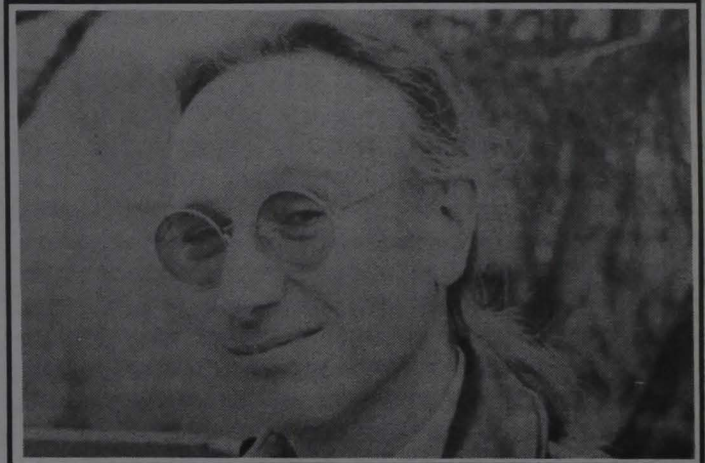
democratic country. His research substantiates that claim.

Kennedy states in the paper: "I believe that the Helms-Burton Law is the high point of foolishness in a thirty-five year policy toward Cuba that neither benefits our country nor serves to address any of our objectives."

Kennedy is no stranger to political commentary. During his time at Glenville State College, he has contributed many pieces to *The Mercury*. His fiction and poetry have been published in *Trillium*, the GSC literary magazine.

After the banquet, Kennedy was awarded a \$50 check and a certificate.

When asked about winning, Kennedy responded: "It's an honor, what can I say? There



GSC student Tom Kennedy received the Claude W. Davis Award for best undergraduate paper. (File Photo)

were papers from some big colleges, and Glenville won."

"That's two," states Christine Macom, referring to the number of non-traditional students who have won top honors

in the past three years for class papers. Macom took first place at the West Virginia Literature Symposium two years ago for her paper "Robert Frost: A Terrifying Poet?"

Criminal Justice Club seminar hits domestic violence for police

By Shawana Smith
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, October 7, the Criminal Justice Club presented a Domestic Violence and Police Response seminar in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month in the ballroom of the Heflin Center.

Don Fortunato, a patrol officer with the evening patrol, and Jim Daly, a detective master police officer with the criminal investigations division burglary unit, presented the seminar at the request of their ex-police partner Mr. Will Oliver.

Approximately 40 people attended the seminar discussing the amount of domestic violence apparent in West Virginia and other states. In 1995, there were over 600,000 calls into the Arlington County, Virginia 911 Center, and out of those 39,000

were domestic violence disturbances.

"Domestic calls are routine in Arlington, because there are about 30 to 40 domestic related calls per day," said Fortunato.

These seminars keep criminal justice and behavioral science students updated with current events.

"This is the third one that I've been to," stated George Randolph. "I really liked it, because it shows me a lot about the law enforcement career. I plan on joining the military and then going into some kind of law enforcement career after I get out of here."

"Since this is Domestic Violence Month, I think that it helps out and communicates the police response to domestic violence," Oliver stated.

"Somebody once said that

police officers are trained to handle everybody's emotions except their own, and that is very true," Fortunato explained. He outlined the importance of discussing the high intensity of emotions officers go through on the job.

"Guys who can sit and talk about their emotions and what they see, like we are with you, will last a lot longer."

As a piece of advice, Daly said, "Don't take it serious. It's a double-edged sword. Just take it serious enough to do your job at your best. Then leave it at work."

Fortunato ended the workshop by adding some advice to students: "Take it as serious as a heart attack while at work. When the uniform comes off, it comes off. Just educate yourself before putting on the badge."

Ask the Particle Man: Raining Rocks in October

By Aaron Frame
Staff Columnist

Wearing head protection in October will not be necessary because of meteor showers. There is doubt that any of the meteors expected to enter Earth's atmosphere in the upcoming days will be large enough to reach the surface of the earth. Still meteor showers are events that garner the attention of many people and are significant to the study of astronomy and to the pursuit of knowledge. October offers a plethora of opportunities to the professional and amateur astronomer to encounter and research the phenomenon of meteor showers.

There are many different streams of meteors that the path of the earth will cross in October. The chief of these is the Orionids. They name the Orionids after the constellation Orion that appears to be in the direction of their radiation. The Orionids viewing window will peak on October 21, at approximately 10:30 p.m., and is considered the last warm weather meteor shower of the year. For

our area, the best time to view will be in the early morning hours between 2:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. of October 22 with the shower continuing for the next couple of weeks. One should face the constellation Orion which is in the southeast during the viewing window.

The reasoning behind the difference in the projected peak time of observation, 10:30 p.m., and that of 2:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m., is that the moon will be too bright at the earlier time and the light pollution from the moon will interfere with early viewing. The debris causing the Orionid meteor shower is from the nucleus of Haley's Comet and was ejected from the nucleus many eons ago.

Orionids will come fast and will tend toward faintness. They may leave a persistent smoke trail as they encounter our atmosphere. A pair of binoculars is recommended for the better viewing of these smoke trails.

For more information about meteor showers and astrophysical events of October go to www.kalmbach.com.

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



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Bobcats claw their way past the Pioneers again

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Four out of the past five seasons now the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats have been able to defeat the mighty Pioneers. Regardless whether or not Glenville won the conference or went to the national NAIA championship finals, Wesleyan has always proven to be admirable foes.

It took former coach Rich Rodriguez until his final season at Glenville to win over Wesleyan and it looks as if new head coach Warren Ruggiero will have to wait as well, at least for another year.

On their first possession Wesleyan had no problem scoring as they easily ripped down the field, picking away at the Pioneer secondary.

On the Pioneers first possession they were forced to punt. Robbie Buffington's 51 yard boot forced Wesleyan's deep back into the end zone only to run out 16 yards and cough up the ball which was recovered by Glenville's Tierre McNair.

The Pioneers were able to capitalize on the fumble as they scored with a 5 yard touchdown (TD) pass from Wilkie Perez to Carlos Ferralls.

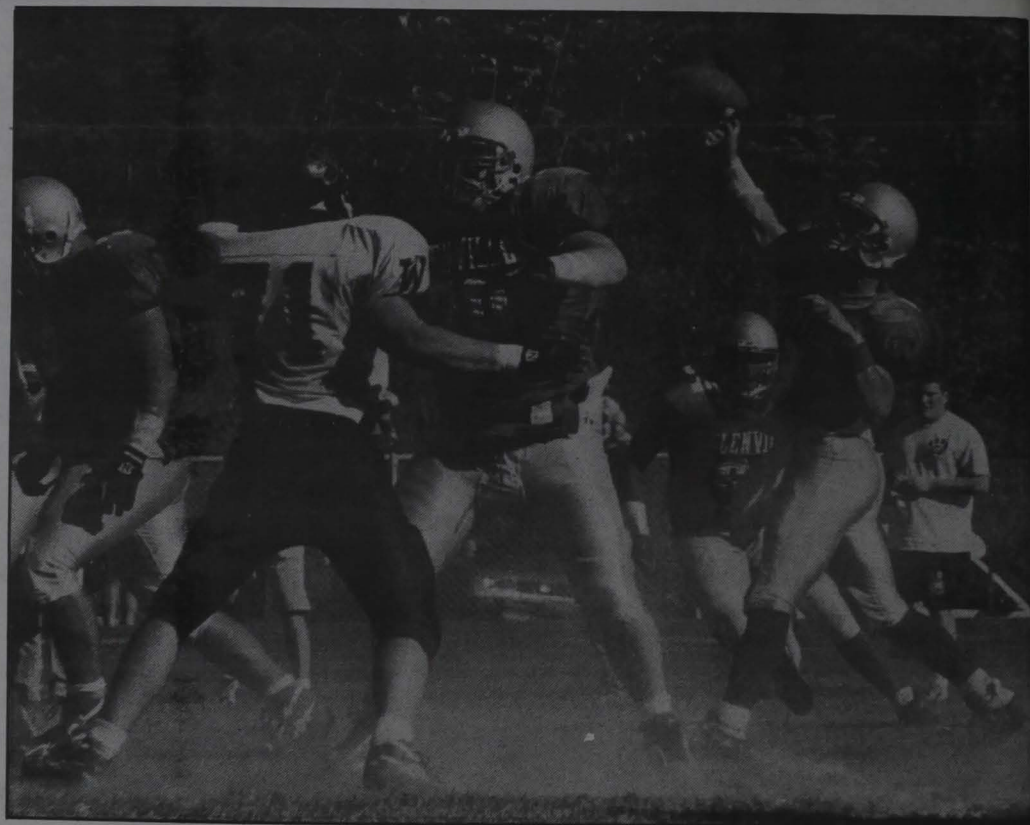
The rest of the first half seemed to be a similar struggle. Each team scored back and forth in a basketball like manner. The crowd saw big plays such as Ferrall's 45 yard reception that set up a Byron Stevenson TD and the second biggest offensive play of the game which consisted of a 77 yard TD pass to Robert Talley.

Just before the half the Pioneers benefited from a Willie Hart interception as Justin Bams' field goal put the Pioneers up by 3 at 24-21.

The second half had a similar start as Wesleyan scored first then Glenville. Robert Talley added a 25 yard TD reception to his growing collection, as well as six more points to the board.

Suddenly West Virginia Wesleyan began to roll. After scoring 2 by blocking Buffington's kick through the end zone they went on to score two more unanswered TD's. With the fourth quarter just under way the Bobcats now led 47-31.

Instead of heading for their cars, for the first time all season the Pioneer crowd really came to life and encouraged their team tremendously. Coach Ruggiero pulled out the big plays that have



Pioneer kicks up the dust against the Bobcats. (Staff photo)

destroyed all other Pioneer adversaries all season.

After Kenny Hinton's 37 yard kickoff return Perez' connected with Ferralls for a 50 yard TD pass. Next came the biggest offensive play of the game, an 80 yard TD pass to Talley in which Talley walked away from

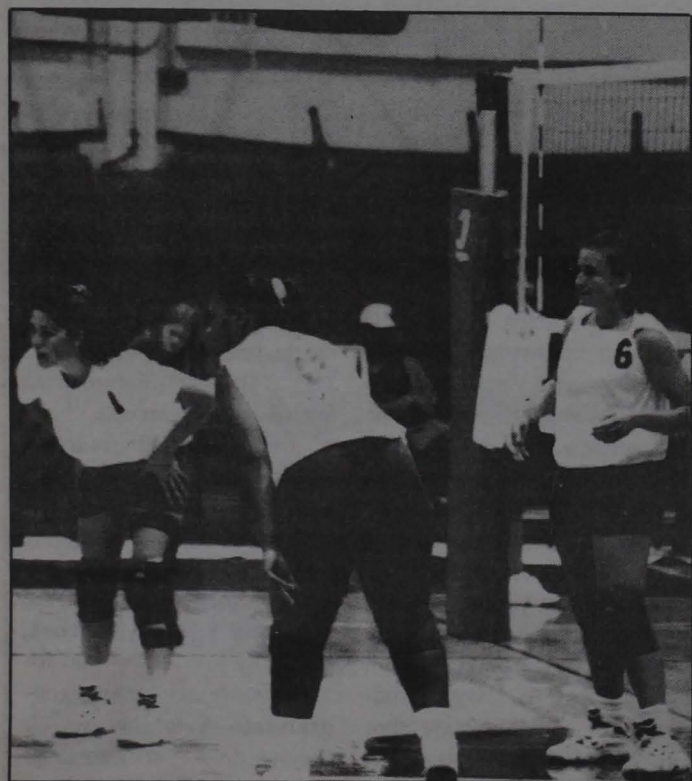
his pursuers and got called for telling them how easy it was to do.

With the Pioneers rolling with an amazing come back and three minutes left to go, GSC quarterback Wilkie Perez committed a quarterback no-no. Wrapped up by a swarm of Bob-

cats Perez tried to pass the ball off, as he successfully had through most of the game, instead of covering it up and taking a loss.

Catching the ball was a thankful Wesleyan player. The

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The Lady Spikers in Thursday's game (Chuck Holcomb, Mercury)

Pioneer V'ballers go one for two

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Two out of three ain't bad... nor is one out of two. Last week the Pioneer volleyball team played both West Virginia State (away) and West Virginia Wesleyan (home), defeating the first and succumbing to the latter.

In their triumph over state, the women won in sets of 15-12, 13-15 (lost), 15-9, and 15-5. The team fell short in the second game do to a lack of defense in the back row.

Following the unnecessary defeat the team made some necessary adjustments and breezed through the next two games for an easy win.

In the game against State Cheryl Stout had 15 blocks, 26 digs, and 32 kills. Carrie

Kirkpatrick had 14 blocks, and 10 kills. Anissa Whitehead had 17 digs and 10 serve receptions. Kimbra Hott had 11 digs and 12 serve receptions. Tina Jones had 23 digs and 15 serve receptions. Crystal Affolter led the team in serves with 13 as well as having 16 kills.

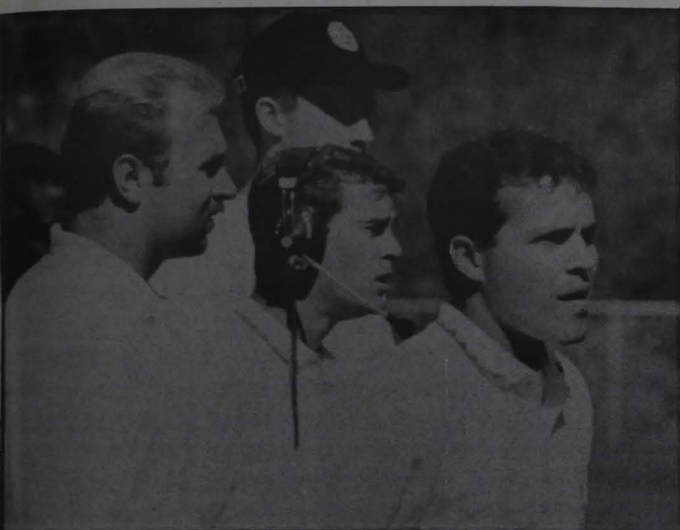
In perhaps the biggest crowd turnout for a volleyball game ever at GSC, the Pioneers fell to Wesleyan at home in three matches straight, 7-15, 4-15, and 13-15. Stout had 15 digs, 12 blocks, 12 kills and 14 serve receptions. Whitehead had 18 digs, and Hott had 14. Jones had 12 digs, 13 receptions and 12 serves. Kirkpatrick had 11 blocks and Julie Minighe had 25 sets, as well as 62 against State.

"What can you say," com-

mented Coach Tracey Fluharty after the Wesleyan game. "They are the first ranked team in the conference and we played extremely well. This is the most motivated and ready to play I've ever seen our girls. The practice before was intense and set the atmosphere for the game."

Coach Fluharty feels that the key issue is that the girls are playing together as a team. "They have no reason to put their heads down," she states. "In the past," she adds, "many teams did well to score 2 or 3 points against Wesleyan. Look at us... We scored 13."

Coach Fluharty would like to thank everyone who came out to the game against Wesleyan. She would like to see the same turnout for every home game.



Coach Ruggiero watches the close match. (Staff photo)

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Bobcats turned the gift into three with a field goal and ran the clock down to win by four at 50-46. Three of five Pioneer games this season have been decided by less than a touchdown.

All in all the Pioneers played an exceptional game. Ferralls had 215 yards receiving and two TDs and Talley had 187 yards and three TDs, proving Ferralls isn't the only aerial threat. Byron Stevenson had 40 yards rushing and one TD. Once again Robbie Buffington put up



The close game made for a lot of tension. (Staff photo)

NFL numbers averaging 45 yards per punt with his longest being 66.

Perez isn't the reason the Bobcats were up by 16 in the first half and he's not the reason we lost by four.

Cross-country teams travel to Pennsylvania for Invitational

By Brent Gargus
Staff Reporter

This past weekend both the men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Carlisle, Pennsylvania for the Dickinson Cross Country Invitational. This meet proved to be the most competitive race the pioneers have run all season.

At the beginning of the race spectators couldn't help feeling overwhelmed by the "wall" of nearly 300 runners at the starting line. The field consisted of 36 teams, some from as far away as New Jersey.

Early in the men's race, there were a few runner's who went down due to the congested pack that was moving rapidly through the tight turns on the narrow portion of the course.

The Pioneers managed to get out well, avoiding the rough and tumble of the first mile. Once again Jon "Godfather"

Ramezan led the pioneer attack cracking the top fifteen places while butting heads with some All-Americans. Daniel Ramezan and Michael Bee also showed a lot of guts placing 42nd and 52nd overall, not to mention some impressive times.

David Bee and Brent Gargus rounded out the Pioneer scorers, placing 107th and 109th respectively. Other Pioneer placers were freshman runner's Tony Ball taking the 116th spot and Jeremy Rowen placing 225th. As a team the GSC harriers went 27-9 that day, taking 10th overall.

Sophomore Brent Gargus seemed rather pleased with the outcome, "I feel that the guy's left a good impression today, and are ready to take the Conference by storm."

The Lady Pioneers also had their work cut out for them this weekend. Like the men, the women also faced a massive

field with 234 finishers.

Laurel Bee was the first Pioneer to cross the line. After the race Laurel commented that, "I didn't feel all that great, but I ran a pretty good time regardless." Kim Riffle also ran a competitive race finishing only 44 seconds behind Bee.

Coach Galloway was happy with Kim's performance, "I think she can finish in the top twenty at the Conference," contended Galloway.

The third Pioneer finisher was Misty Steele who provided a good performance as well. Rounding out the rest of the scorers were Hanna Tsegaya and Jo Harris.

Next weekend Both the men's and women's teams are idle. A week from this Friday they'll be hosting the Pioneer Invitational at Cedar Creek State Park, race time is at eleven. Come see what it's all about.

CROSS COUNTRY STATS

Men's finishers	place	time	(5-mile)
Jonathan Ramezan	15th	26:53	
Daniel Ramezan	42nd	27:47	
Michael Bee	52nd	28:00	
David Bee	107th	29:07	
Brent Gargus	109th	29:10	
Tony Ball	116th	29:21	
Jeremy Rowen	225th	34:25	

Women's finishers	place	time	(3-mile)
Laurel Bee	122nd	22:10	
Kim Riffle	156st	22:54	
Misty Steele	222nd	27:46	
Hanna Tsegaya	224th	29:00	
Jo Harris	228th	39:40	
Women's finishers			

Corrections

Two of last week's sports headlines, "GSC track teams..." and "Pioneers become Kings of the Hill in Penn" were incorrect.

The first story was about the cross-country team. The second story was about a home game. Blame your editor, not Kevin Lake or Brent Gargus.



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Linksters still chipping away at the season

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

The Pioneer golf team is still chipping away at their season. This past week they traveled to Wheeling, West Virginia to compete in the 11th annual Rhododendron Classic. The team finished 8th out of the 13 team field comprised of schools from West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Travis Woodford led the team once again by shooting 157 for the two day tournament. Jeremy Summers shot 166, Mark Johnson shot 168, and WV State transfer Tim Blake shot 171.

The Pioneer squad managed to play very well on the front nine but didn't do too well on the back nine either day.

"The back nine ate us up both days," commented head coach and GSC Sports Information Director Rick Simmons. "It was the more difficult of the two nines."

The team will be back in action October 18 and 19 at the Pipestem Fall Invitational, hosted by Concord. If you see a golfer around campus congratulate them for the job they've done and wish them luck; however, don't kiss them, they're not Irish anymore.

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A little more culture would be good for us

Multicultural Fair has come and gone, and the only thing left is the shouting (some of it will be directed at *The Mercury* for not getting full coverage of every event; that's justifiable, but not the point of this editorial) over ebonics and same-sex marriage, with a good dose of the role of "wimmin in gov'mint."

There has been a great deal of debate over the role of Multicultural Fair--is it to expose us to other cultures and broaden our world view or is it designed to push your basic European white male further into the background? We could sit up and talk about it all night, but the Fair was a success in either regard. Points of view were explored, frustrations were vented, and there are probably a few people on campus who simply aren't speaking to each other this week.

If you think Multicultural Fair crept in and out without notice, you haven't seen people arguing about whether or not "hickbonics" should also be accepted as a valid form of English. Southern West Virginia Community College associate professor David Moore studied and codified rules of "hickbonics," and found it to be a consistent grammar system...remember that the next time you can't choose between "you all" and "y'all".

Joseph Bundy's reading of the works of W.E.B. DuBois were fascinating studies of the veil that exists over African-American citizens even today. It was a great presentation, with the exception of one specific incident (if you were there, you know *exactly* what I'm talking about).

Attending these guest lectures only whets the appetite for intellectual stimulation. An extended series of such seminars, no matter what the topic, would be most welcome on this campus. Variety is the spice of life, and the constant booking of the Wheeling Symphony seems like a waste when you consider the types of speakers we could get instead. A visit by Maya Angelou would be more impressive than Rachael Worby and Michael Martin-what's-his-name.

Do you have an opinion about Multicultural Fair? Share it with us. Write to *The Mercury*. It's very lonely here.

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"What's Left?" - Light'n Up

By Tom Kennedy
Staff Columnist

Marijuana--the word can bring vivid images of unkempt long hair, bell-bottom jeans, acid rock, and Vietnam war protesters. To many people these images reflect a time that is best forgotten, but the stigma attached to the recreational use of this drug is keeping our country from benefiting from its many positive uses.

For those of you who are beginning to get uptight, you can all inhale now. I do not advocate the illicit use of *any* drug. But instead of the images described above, picture a plant that can help cancer patients endure the nausea of chemotherapy at a fraction of the cost of currently prescribed drugs. Picture a plant that needs little or no insecticides or fertilizers, can be grown on marginal land, and can still produce quality fabric, vegetable oil, and paper in a very short period of time. It's no pipe dream. Instead of a drug that is ruining our fair country, marijuana can im-

prove the lives of the seriously ill, help the environment, and provide raw material for quality products.

Because of its dark past and pressure from corporations that would rather not have the competition, marijuana remains illegal for any use. Ironically, the prescribed drug to relieve nausea and vomiting in cancer patients (Marinol) has psychoactive effects lasting eight hours compared to less than four when using marijuana. In addition, many patients cannot hold down Marinol but have no trouble inhaling marijuana, and marijuana works much faster and costs a few cents a dose compared to \$86 a day for the current prescription drugs.

As mentioned earlier, marijuana is a great agricultural product as well. Hemp is a close cousin to marijuana, but it is not the same plant. Still, hemp is illegal to grow in the U.S., so American clothing manufacturers have to import hemp from other countries. Hemp has very

little THC (the psychoactive chemical in marijuana), and the only "high" someone could get from smoking it would be the pounding headache from inhaling carbon monoxide. Considering the nutrients and the considerable amounts of insecticides needed for growing cotton, and the resources used and the pollution caused by making synthetic fibers, it wouldn't be a terrible idea for the world to start using more hemp products.

Despite a coalition of scientists, oncologists and patients to legalize marijuana for medical use and despite the obvious environmental and economic advantages for the use of hemp products, the leaders of our government refuse to legalize marijuana for *any* use. Besides the pressure from business, a large segment of the population refuses to see positive benefits from the "killer weed." Cutting off your nose to spite your face may be a good look for Halloween, but it's much more productive to lighten up.

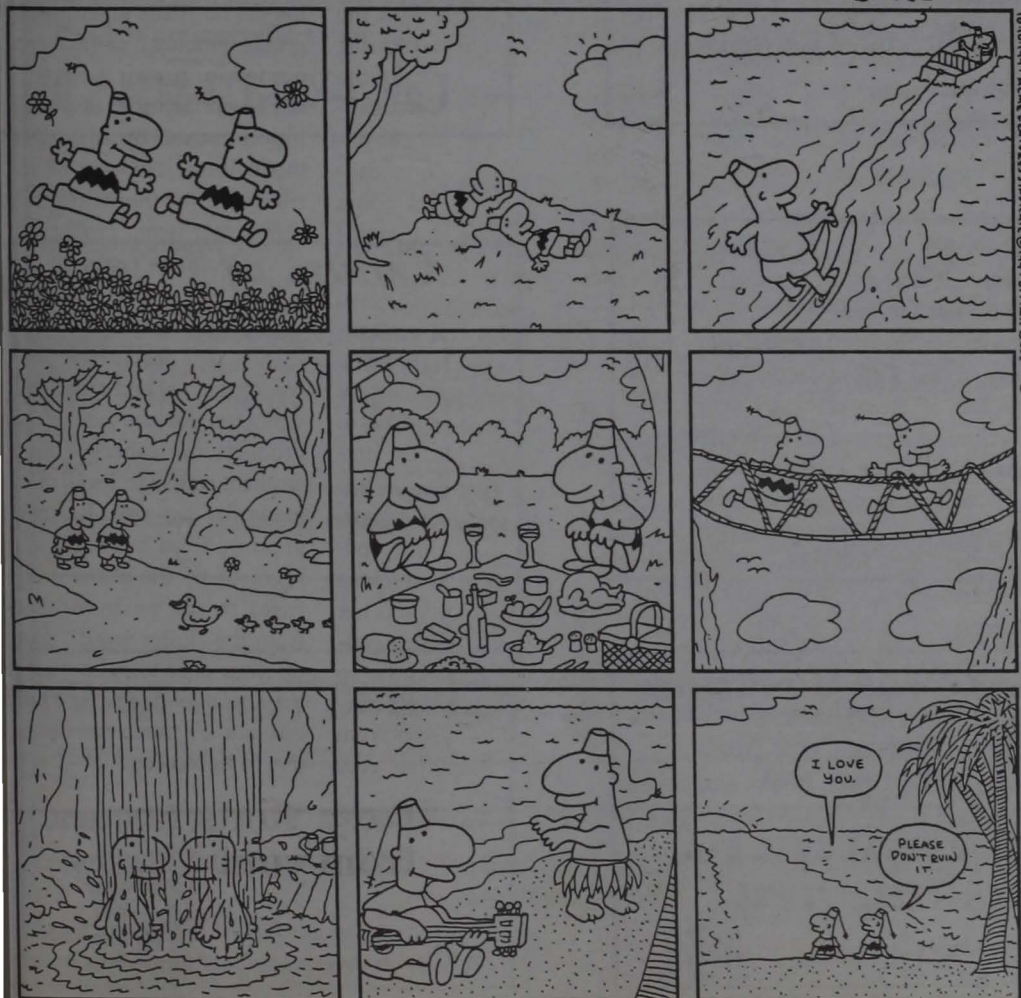
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Aries (March 21 - April 19) — Fluctuation and uncertainty abound this week. Love yourself, then love others. Your attitude can hold you back. Be impartial when making decisions. Prepare for stiff competition.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — A change in your personality is necessary. Pressure to settle down is overwhelming, but love is just around the bend. Prepare for money troubles. Face the consequences of your decisions.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) — Money and energy are available this week. Get ready for a sudden change of luck. Act realistically to make a relationship work. Bullying won't get you what you want; try a different approach.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) — You have the Midas touch in money matters. Let go of that relationship; the expectations are too high. Conflict accompanies change; get ready. Find your self-worth and self-respect soon.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) — Hold on to your hopes this week because a painful change is on the way. Take a leap of faith into a new life. Be a hermit this week and get your life in order. A love affair is in the future.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) — Your commitment is validated this week. Money is available, but make a careful work decision. What you need now is philosophical answers. Become an independent thinker.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) — New interests distract you. Pre-

pare for major changes whether you want them or not. Become more impulsive. Being alone can help you get yourself organized. One major goal will be reached this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) — Prepare to fall in love. Develop your hobby; it may turn into your profession. Face a conflict before it explodes in your face. Be secure in your place in the world. The spotlight is on you this week.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) — A guilty conscience obscures your future. Don't let your relationship with your parents overshadow your other relationships. A difficult situation will end this week. Become more patient. A new love interest is here.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) — Hard work leads to your goal. Become more adventurous. You can be both independent and loyal. You're doing too much; slow down. Your goal is in sight; optimism and foresight help to achieve it.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) — Be more humble and gentle. Use your intelligence to make changes. It's normal to fear being hurt; be strong. Cooperation makes a happy romance. New and overwhelming emotions emerge this week.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) — Deep feelings surface due to rivalry in love. You're at a crossroads; explore. You've taken on too much; back off. Learn to trust your intuition. A choice in love will lead to a fight.

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