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--Jeremy Rodriguez
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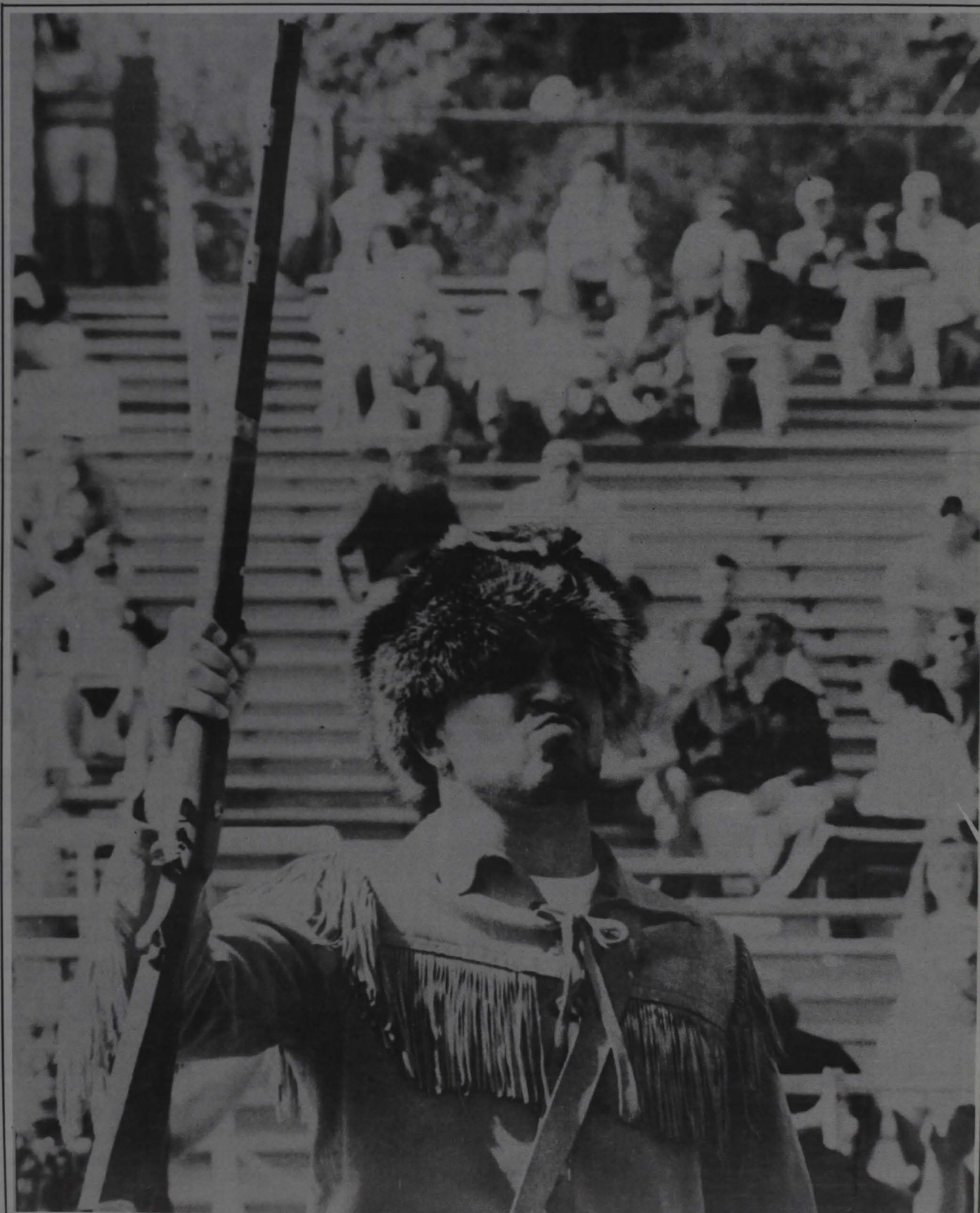
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"It's all right to learn things after you've written about them, but not too much ahead of time."

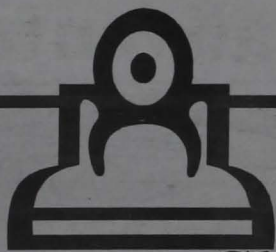
--John Barth

TOP TEN LIST

Children's Books
by
Stephen King



Homecoming Week 1997



Campus Clips

Student Congress has an open meeting every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m., beside the campus book store.

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.

Colors of Pride will meet on Thursday at 12 p.m. See an officer for the location.

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.

Comedian Cary Long will perform at 9 p.m. on October 22 in the AB Auditorium.

The Homecoming Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Amphitheater.

Delta Zeta News

Delta Zeta Sorority would like to congratulate Chrissy Curry, our new CCD, and Amanda White for being a Princess in the Forest Festival. We would also like to congratulate Mistie for rushing and being pinned on October 16, and we'd like to say that WE ARE PROUD OF YOU. The new members are doing an excellent job, so keep up the good work. We'd like to thank everyone for supporting us and buying our baked goods.

Delta Zeta will be selling candy-grams for Halloween on October 20-23, and 27-28. They will be sold during lunch and dinner in the Heflin Center Lobby, so buy a candy-gram and send it to a friend or someone special.

We will be helping decorate for the Homecoming Dance, Friday, October 24. We had a meeting on October 9 and 16. New member education went well. Girls, you are doing an excellent job. We are also selling scented candles. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please call us at 462-5924. We hope everyone comes out and enjoys the planned activities.

Respite Workers

Applications/resumes are being accepted for the position of Contracted Respite Worker to work with persons with developmental disabilities in the Gilmer County area. The Contracted Respite Worker provides relief services to clients and their families within the family home. Respite workers must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Prior experience working with people with developmental disabilities is preferred. Applications/resumes may be submitted to Human Resource Department, United Summit Center, Inc. #6 Hospital Plaza, Clarksburg, WV 26301. EEO/ADA

Mercury Poll

By William Kouns and Kevin Herod

"By Glenville's being such a small place with limited activities, does this make you consume more alcohol than usual?"

100 people responded.

Yes 49%

No 41%

Larry Shue's

The Nerd

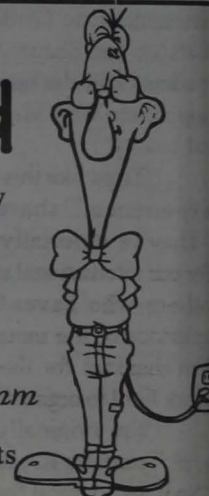
Wednesday-Thursday-Friday
October 29-31

Fine Arts Auditorium

8 p.m.

Directed by Nancy Wemm

Admission free for GSC students



Intramurals

Archery

October 27

5:30 p.m. Location of competition to be announced
Last day to sign up, October 23

Indoor Wiffleball

October 27

Starting time to be announced. Phys ed building, gym.
Last day to sign up, October 22

Sign up sheets are located in the Phys ed building on the intramural bulletin board.

Are you ready to find out what career is best suited for your interests, talents, and experience?

FOCUS II IS FOR YOU!

Visit the office of Career Services today to find out about this dynamic computer-based system to support career and educational planning. Call us at ext. 118 or just stop by.



Remember: It's your future we're talking about!



Michelle Martin enjoys a quiet moment.
(Heather Ware, Mercury)

GSC students have Seneca Rocks adventure

By Theodore Allen Webb
Staff Writer

Like true pioneers, Glenville State College students explored Seneca Rocks, Seneca Caverns, Spruce Knob, and French Creek Game Farm during an all-day scenic adventure Sunday, October 12.

With the help of Louis Bennett Hall house director Michael Newell, Pickens Hall house director Eric Poirier, and resident assistants Eric Griffith, Wendy Batson, and Shana Allen, GSC students had the opportunity to appreciate West Virginia's natural beauty.

"Trips like this are a great experience," shares Poirier. "They're especially beneficial for our international students and others who haven't seen the splendor of the mountain state. I'm thankful for the RA's who work hard to organize the trips."

"I'm originally from this area," confides RA Shana Allen. "So it was natural for me to help give the tour."

The fast-paced excursion into WV's wilderness began at 8 a.m. in front of Pickens Hall. After boarding a blue and white

college van, approximately 15 participants traveled through Buckhannon and Elkins before their first stop at Seneca Rocks.

"Seeing Seneca Rocks was great," feel Japanese international students Naoyuki Ohara and Mamoru Naito. "West Virginia is a beautiful place."

After standing in awe of the enormous cliff named after a Native American tribe, the students traveled to Seneca Caverns where they journeyed far into the depths of WV's "largest and most beautiful caverns."

"I really enjoyed Seneca Caves," said trip participant and GSC maintenance worker Elmer Malley after being plunged into total darkness by the cantankerous cave tour guide.

Following the cave experience, the brave and hungry pioneers shared a picnic lunch before going on to Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia at an elevation of over 4,800 feet above sea level.

"It took a long time to drive up there," remembers Clay native and Wagner resident Paul Jones. "But it was worth it."

From Spruce Knob, the

students could see for hundreds of miles in all directions in what seemed a never ending ocean of beautiful blue ridge mountains.

"It was amazing," says house director Poirier, seeing Spruce Knob for the first time.

After making their way back down the mountain, the students took a walk on the wild side at French Creek Game Farm. With bison, bear, deer, squirrels, snakes, wolves, eagles, rabbits, and other critters, French Creek

reflects the magnificent spectrum of species native to our region.

"I will never forget this trip," feels international student Naito. "I hope that we can see as much as possible and enjoy these experiences together."



Trip participants (l-r) Shana Allen, Wendy Batson, Eric Griffith, Paul Jones, and house director Eric Poirier explore the deep dark depths. (Staff photo)

It's a small world after all International students form club

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

Bulgarian student Margarita "Moe" Tzoneva, with the help of Dr. Gayle Burkowski, achieved success on October 16 with the first organizational meeting of the International Students Club.

"Once we're recognized, people are going to look at us differently," commented Tzoneva to a small crowd of international students.

The International Students Club, the brain child of Tzoneva and Burkowski, is a way for students to make new friends, learn about other cultures at GSC, and have fun.

Originally formed years ago, the club seems to have had little recognition on campus; however, efforts to change this

status have taken off due to Tzoneva's efforts.

"We want the campus to acknowledge that there are international students on campus," replied Tzoneva. "The purpose of this club is to have everyone involved—not only international students, but all students as well."

"We did have a International Students club in the past years," commented Burkowski at the meeting, "but we need to see more students involved to reach out to all students."

Burkowski is the advisor of the newly-formed club and a professor from the language division. She teaches English as a second language classes.

The meeting was a success for the new club as members discussed establishing a constitution

to submit to Student Congress. The agenda for the meeting included setting up fees, officers, and participation. The club plans to have a wide range of activities for all students, including trips, movies, and discussions about different countries and world events.

Those attending elected the following officers: president, Moe Tzoneva; vice president, Eric Ware; secretary, Sue Uchida; treasurer, George Yokota. Others attending included: Rieko Oishi, Midoru Tabita, Asami Suzuki, Masakazu Sarto, Naoyuki Ohara, Mayumi Ueda.

"We hope a lot of people join, American students or international students," commented Tzoneva. "We are here, most importantly, to have fun."

Focus II generates career choices

By Eric Ware
Staff Reporter

A new computer-based system of programs designed and implemented at GSC Careers Office can help any students choose a career.

Focus II, the wonder program that has generated excitement for the personnel at the Careers Office, provides a personalized guidance system geared for today's career environment.

Focus II enables students and alumni to discover and learn about career options related to their personal attributes and helps them make realistic decisions about goals, areas of specialization and the programs of study needed by assessing user interests and competen-

cies. This leads to exploration of occupation and education paths.

"This program gets very specific," replied Ruggiero. "We encourage freshmen or sophomores, if they are undecided, to use the program."

The program works in seven 15-to-20-minute stages and can be used in one sitting. Progress can be saved if users need to finish at another time.

"We can help students decide on majors," commented Ruggiero.

"For a career, we can give them specific job information. This program is geared for students who are undecided about their goals. We provide information to students that need to reach their goals."

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Rational thinking?

[Ladies and gentlemen, due to an accident involving a bag of flour, a weevil, and a bottle of Sunny Delight, the part of Terry Estep will be played by Annie McCourt. -Ed.]

Howdy, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the wonderful world of rational thinking. I asked if I could write the editorial this week because I wanted to respond to all of the emotionalized arguments that I've been hearing across our lovely campus since the introduction of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and gay friendly organization *Colors of Pride*. I'm not going to offer my opinion on the organization itself, because enough time has already been wasted doing that. I just wanted to offer my opinion on the way in which some people choose to argue.

All across this campus people are using their religious beliefs as soap boxes to stand on during this controversy. As college students, we should have learned by now that you never bring religion into a debate, no matter what the subject matter is. Mentioning the Bible in an argument is the quickest way to turn off any thinking academic.

In our country, religion is so diversified that it is ridiculous for a person to think that his or her interpretation of the views of any higher power should govern the actions of anyone else. What it all boils down to is that the views you are choosing to express are your own personal opinions. They are not fact just because you can interpret a book to suit your needs. It blows my mind that otherwise logical people have to hide behind a book in order to express their personal opinion.

Furthermore, one of the better aspects of Christianity is the fundamental idea that the only one who has the credentials to judge anyone's actions is this higher power commonly referred to as God. How could anyone who calls themselves a good Christian try to take this power out of God's hands and be the judge and jury? We were supposedly put upon this earth to love our fellow man, not waste time judging their actions.

After reading this editorial, the religious right are probably going to run right out and shift the basis of debate to the idea that homosexuals don't reproduce like bunnies, making homosexuality unnatural. In order to nip that in the bud, let me explain that homosexuality is expressed in nature every day and anyone who has ever owned an un-neutered male dog should know exactly what I'm talking about.

id HOPED THAT SOONER
OR LATER SHE'D DROP
HER SUIT..

THAT'S WHAT GOT
YOU INTO
THIS MESS!



And now for a word...

By Jeremy Rodriguez
Staff Columnist

I would like to take a second to once again thank my readers for their support. If you would like for me to address any issues, feel free to drop me a line here at the *Mercury*. You do not have to sign letters to me if you do not want to, except for death threats.

I would also like to inform Mr. Kennedy that there are drugs all over the campus and the surrounding community. As much as I empathize with the average cancer patient, I can't bring myself to support any use of marijuana.

Tom, you are an educator. Look around at the children in our community who are currently destroying them-

selves with marijuana. I don't think paper, cancer, or clothing are worth the price of allowing this plague to have any more influence in our community then it already does.

I would also like to address the controversy surrounding the new homosexual club on our campus. I would like to say that it takes a great deal of courage for these folks to speak out for homosexuality in a community that will probably never accept their practices.

I do not agree with homosexuality, but I will not condemn, nor will I hate these people for their beliefs. I cannot hate homosexuals because God does not hate homosexuals. I cannot condemn homosexuals because, as a Chris-

tian, I believe that Christ came to save the world, not to condemn it.

I am also upset with the fact that Jason Gordon is going out on a limb to speak his mind about this new club, and no one else who shares his feelings about it will speak up.

If you agree with Mr. Gordon, find the courage to stand up and voice your concerns. It is unfair for those of us who disagree with homosexuality to expect Mr. Gordon to carry the weight of this issue himself.

Faculty and staff, don't forget to get your red pens from the language division office. It will help you as you correct your copy of the *Mercury*.

Put yourself in the spotlight

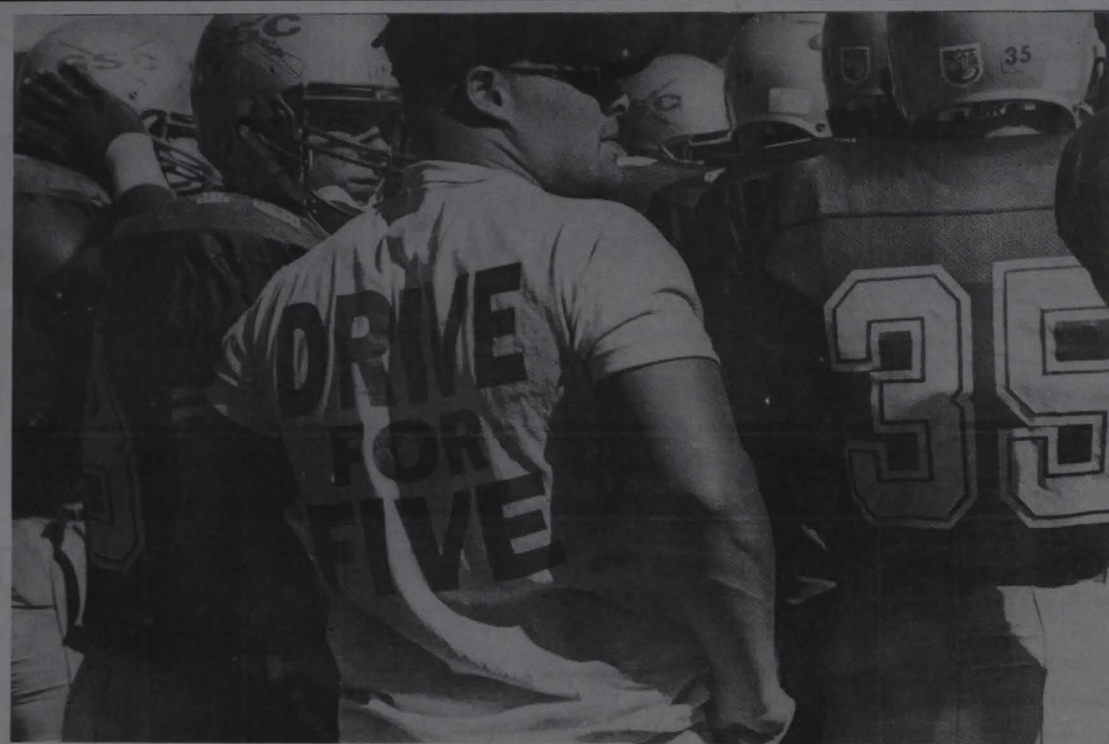
The *Mercury* is interested in guest columns from students and faculty members. Do you have an issue you care about? This could be your chance to reach the entire student body.

Box 207 - The Mercury
Extension 133



Homecoming Week 1997

GSC vs. Concord



Homecoming Week Schedule of Events

October 21 - Tuesday

Sumo Wrestling - Human Bowling

Karaoke - Speed Pitch at Clark Hall

(Rain Location - Heflin Center Ballroom)

Jeopardy-style Game Show 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Amphitheater

October 22 - Wednesday

Comedian Cary Long 9 p.m.

AB Auditorium

October 23 - Thursday

Homecoming Picnic 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Amphitheater

October 24 - Friday

Bingo Night 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Verona Mapel Room

October 25 - Saturday

Grand Parade 10 a.m.

Main Street

Coronation of Queen - 11 a.m.

Amphitheater

Pioneers vs. Concord - 1:30 p.m.

Pioneer Stadium

Homecoming Dance 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Heflin Center Ballroom



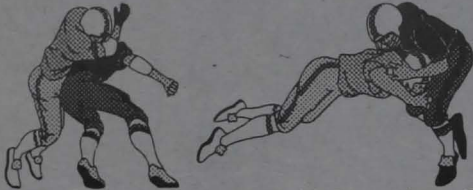
**A queen to
crown...**



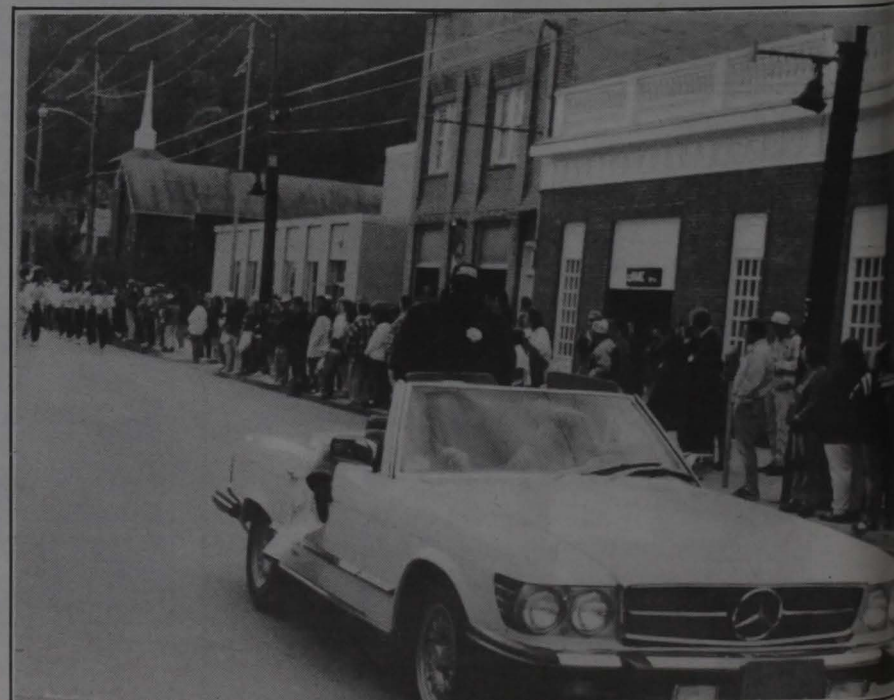
**A game to
win...**

And a dance!

1997 Pioneer Football Roster



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| 2 Carlos Ferralls | 44 Chris Sherman |
| 3 Brian Palmer | 47 Tyler Walker |
| 4 Jeremiah Witherspoon | 49 Marquay Smith |
| 5 Rob Buffington | 51 Eric Nickols |
| 6 Emerson Wallace | 52 D. J. Williams |
| 7 Tierre McNair | 55 Joseph Goodnite |
| 8 Al Lamar | 56 Ron Stutler |
| 9 Wilkie Perez | 58 John Mock |
| 10 Willie Hart | 59 Chris Weikart |
| 11 David Wilson | 63 Lavon Floyd |
| 12 Trent Sherman | 64 Allery Lockridge |
| 13 Ralph Feliciano | 65 Jake Rollyson |
| 14 Kenny Hinton | 68 Pat Sherrif |
| 16 Rahmal Stinson | 69 Jason Wible |
| 17 Hajji Ingraham | 70 K. J. Kopras |
| 18 Justin Rollyson | 72 Willie Batten |
| 20 Dwight White | 73 Cam Perry |
| 21 Mike Casto | 75 Yoan Moreno |
| 22 Jon Palbusa | 78 George Randolph |
| 24 Justin Barnes | 79 Paul Williams |
| 25 Shawn Black | 80 Robert Talley |
| 27 Dan Culliver | 84 Kevin Blanks |
| 28 Jason Gladwell | 88 Justin Hackney |
| 29 Byron Stevenson | 90 Larry Harvey |
| 30 Mitch Carte | 91 Casey Johnson |
| 31 Marquis Williams | 92 Wes Peters |
| 32 Aric Fulks | 93 Rob Gold |
| 33 Rashod Gillespie | 94 Mark Drewes |
| 35 Chris Brammer | 95 Ahmad Reynolds |
| 36 Eddie King | 96 Nathan Milam |
| 38 Kenny Howell | 97 Garland Green |
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*This 1997 Homecoming supplement is brought to you by
Heather, Eric, Terry, Annie, Kevin, and by the letter "D."
The Mercury...
Tastes great, and it's good for you!*

To celebrate this year's Homecoming theme, "Past Years to Remember," *The Mercury* offers this glimpse at a few past Homecoming celebrations. We hope that this year's celebration will be just as special.



Leader of the Pack: Matthew Cottrill

By Meredith Bartlett
Staff Reporter

No one can accuse Matthew Cottrill of a lack of spirit. In fact, he is the leader of the athletic department's pack of loyal fans, the GSC Pioneer.

As of last year, Cottrill had no real ambition to become the voice of GSC's crowd, but after the student congress president urged him to run in the mascot election, all that changed. He came out the winner, and now enthusiastically dons the leather cap and suit.

Cottrill does not receive any big bucks for doing the job,

but the perks are enough to keep him happy. "I get to stand up close at the games and get the good seats," he said. Another bonus Cottrill receives has to do with his trusty sidekick. At the end of the season he lays claim to the Pioneer's official gun.

Cottrill covers all home athletic events. He will also be urging on the basketball team in their away tournaments later in the year.

There are downsides to every job, like the costume getting a bit warm, but "I like the hat," remarked the mascot.



This year's Student Congress organized the Homecoming Week festivities. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

The Homecoming Court



Senior Princess
Tammy Cogar



Homecoming Queen
Wendy Batson



Junior Princess
Lakita Chambers



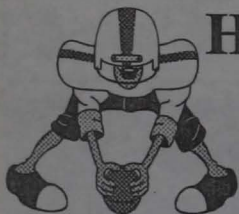
Freshman Princess
Denise Moody



Sophomore Princess
Christina Brown



Junior Princess
Kelly Ash



Homecoming Heirarchy

Lisa Belknap: President
James Arnold: Parliamentarian

Committees

Dance Committee

Tammy Cogar, chair
Rhonda Todd
James Arnold
Brian Randolph

Banner committee

Randa Mullenax, chair
Brian Randolph

Spirit committee

Rebecca Frasure, chair

Volleyball Committee

Darrell Roane, chair
Jack Beard
Matt Cottrill

Coronation Committee

Kelli Jarvis, chair
Jason Gordon
Shana Louk

Program of events

Rondel Carihfield, chair

Pregame/halftime Committee

Kevin Tanner, chair
Amy Nichols
Tracy Lane
Becky Frasure
Chad Nichols

Parade & Band committee

Melissa Stinson, chair
James Arnold
Ernest Tingler
Tim Spencer



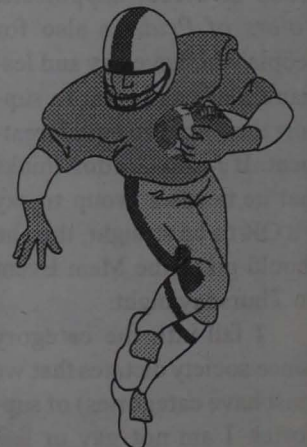
Snyder Scholarship Established

On September 9, 1997, a memorial scholarship was established in honor of Earnest M. "Mike" Snyder through the Glenville State College Foundation, Inc. The scholarship was established and has been supported by Margaret Jack Snyder and friends.

Mike Snyder, a 1955 graduate, was a popular student and outstanding football player during his years at GSC. Scholarships from the fund will be awarded to a GSC football player in satisfactory academic standing.

For more information

about the fund or to make a contribution, please contact Ed Hamrick, GSC Foundation, Inc., (304) 462-4125.



Dear editor:

First, let me start by saying that it is not usually my policy to disagree with anyone, anyplace (far be it from me). In one big blur, 25 years has passed of my life, and I have said very little. Since my family's philosophy is "The less you say, the better you are," one tends to become emotionally numb by not responding to some aspects of their environment.

I am going to express my opinion by responding to an article in the *Mercury* entitled *GSC recognizes first homosexual/bisexual organization* by Theodore Allen Webb.

This article appeared in the October 7 edition. I feel compelled to argue some viewpoints expressed by the opposition of adopting a gay pride group at GSC, and by no means want anyone to think I am playing devil's advocate.

More specifically, I will focus on opinions expressed by Mr. Jason Gordon. Gordon is an elected officer in GSC's congress that supposedly represents the people who put him there. In an attempt to make a platform against the recognition of

Colors of Pride, Mr. Gordon presents weak arguments against its implementation.

I have to base my answer of this highly complex matter on what Mr. Gordon shared during an interview with Mr. Webb, since he was the only one brave enough to voice his position in this matter.

After I perused the article in *The Mercury*, I spoke with Jason--a fellow classmate of mine. He expressed his certainly heightened concerns regarding this matter. I respect him for his opinion and for the quality person he is.

An articulated man, Mr. Gordon was able to enlighten me further on his position on this matter (his reasons against recognizing the pride group).

Let the debate begin: first, I disagree with Mr. Gordon's statement that "In today's world, a lot of people think it is trendy or cool to be gay, and for the people who are undecided about their sexuality, I think there should be a club that says it's okay to be heterosexual." I think that being gay is not a fad or craze as Jason suggests in the above statement.

Why would individuals

proclaim their "sexuality" to the world, only to be greeted with hatred by other segments of the population. People of the homosexual persuasion are highly scrutinized by the bulk of society. Placing various labels such as "faggot" or "queer" is an attempt to denigrate the "unsavory" behavior gays express, if any.

Moreover, Mr. Gordon stated that he would entertain the idea of creating a group that would incorporate the idea that "it's okay to be straight." Of the majority of the population, an estimated 90% are heterosexual, and the other 10% homosexual. Who is the minority here?

Next, Jason made the following statement as a reason for not recognizing the gay pride group. "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." Well, if "this issue" has nothing to do with "minority rights," what's the point?

Traditionally, people of homosexual orientation were placed in a group--a subgroup

(10%), and labels put on their heads, therefore making them visible so they could be ridiculed or even extinguished in the case of Nazi Germany. GSC's *Colors of Pride* group adopted a goal for the organization, which I have examined and concluded that it's this group's intentions to make a safe haven for all persons of any sexuality--to help develop themselves and become comfortable as a person by focusing on issues concerning their sexuality, gay or straight.

In response to "this sexuality being pushed on others," I will say that it (being gay) is not contagious, as Mr. Gordon suggests here. For more than 16 years, I have associated with friends who are gay and that did not influence my sexual orientation, which is heterosexual. It is my belief that people are born homosexual (or are genetically predisposed to be gay), therefore it is not a learned behavior.

Sexuality isn't carried around in a little package and cannot be handed off to the person sitting next to you. Enough of this circular reasoning--damn it, we are supposed to be educated people and make rational decisions based only on the facts.

Furthermore, I spoke with some of the officials of the *Colors of Pride* organization, and they assured me that it was not their contention to force feed anyone sexuality and only wanted their organization to be accepted at face value. (This answers the idea of this group being "sexuality pushers.")

At last, I feel very strongly about the opinions herein. I saw for myself, by seeing my friends, what hatred lingers out in society against gays as a whole. I am glad to see such a small world adopt and recognize this special interest group based on their sexuality; this is what makes them the minority.

They have deviated from the social norms that are based mostly on circular reasoning and now need to stand alone or with others that have similar interests and will do so in the gay pride organization.

Congratulations GSC Congress--you have just taken this institution one more step in the right direction with your decision to pass the bill that recognizes the gay pride organization!

Patrick S. Cutright

Dear Editor,

I've been hearing a lot of bad comments about *Colors of Pride*. It has sparked a lot of debate on campus. Many people seem to be getting stuck on the fact that it's a gay and lesbian organization. They are forgetting the third group involved: supporters. *Colors of Pride* is also for people who have gay and lesbian friends and want to support their right to equal treatment. If Jason Gordon thinks that he needs a group to say it's OK to be straight, then he should go to the Main Event on Thursday night.

I fall into the category (since society dictates that we must have categories) of supporter. I am not gay or lesbian--in fact I'm very happily married--but I have gay and

lesbian friends. I even know some drag queens. I want to make this perfectly clear: *Colors of Pride* is not just a gay and lesbian organization. It's a group that anyone can join, but its main purpose is to support and inform everyone about the day-in and day-out struggle for equality these people--gays, lesbians, my friends--must go through. Think of that before you decide how you feel about this group of people. I'm proud to be one of them.

Greg Richmond

Dear editor:

The question of whether homosexuality is right and wrong, to me, is easily answered. I logically ask myself: If all mankind was gay, all mankind would fail to procreate (reproduce). Thus, mankind would cease to exist. We would have failed God's ultimate plan to "be fruitful and multiply."

If you do not believe in God, that is fine; perhaps a scientific argument will persuade you to accept the logical truth. That truth is that

homosexuality departs from the laws of science and the laws of natural selection. How can mankind survive and continue to evolve through homosexuality?

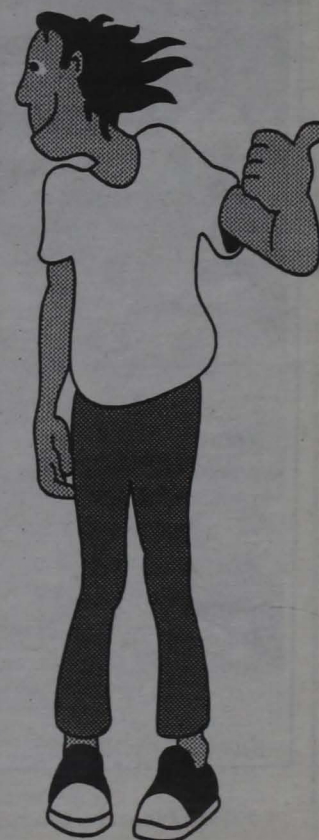
Heterosexuality is then, in fact, the only means of reproduction and survival. Therefore, my conclusion is that homosexuality is not logical, but is in fact wrong, unnatural, abnormal. Only such harlequins as those involved in that erroneous lifestyle, could promote such a lifestyle.

Jason Gordon

The Mercury wants to hear from you!

Write to us at *The Mercury!*
Box 207, Glenville State College,
Glenville, WV 26351-1292

All letters must be signed with a phone number to be considered.



Pioneers Clip Flacon's Wings 23-14

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

The Pioneers traveled to Fairmont last Saturday to face the Falcons in their 1997 homecoming game. Pregame hype from Fairmont's end led to media publications stating that GSC quarterback Wilkie Perez would not complete a pass and that Glenville was under NCAA inspections and was possibly facing suspension. From Glenville's end, we would like to take this time to apologize to the misled people of Fairmont.

It seems that Perez completed 27 passes for

270 yards, including three for touchdowns and as far as we know, Glenville will still be playing Concord on Saturday.

The Falcons scored first at the end of the first quarter to take the lead in their seventh loss in as many years to the Pioneers. After several drives in the second quarter Perez completed (that's right, completed) a pass to Robert Talley that was good for a 19 yard touchdown. The Falcon's scored once more in the opening half to go into the locker room with the lead at 14-7.

In the third quarter

both teams had major plays and good drives but none good enough to be successful. Neither team scored in the third and the Falcons were still up going into the fourth at 14-7.

Leading the comeback train was Carlos Ferralls who, after the driving help of Talley in the air and Byron Stevenson on the ground caught a pass good for a 21 yard touchdown. Oh, by the way, the pass was from Perez.

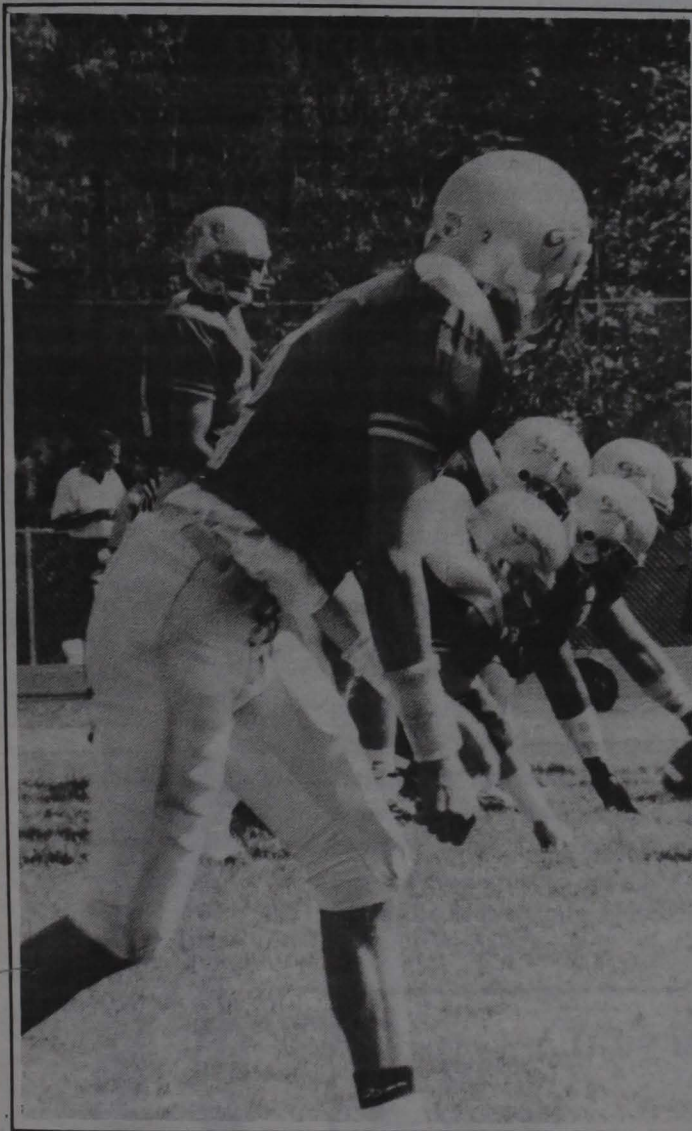
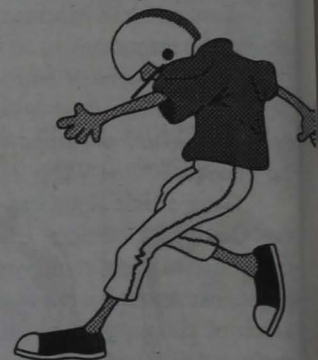
With only a few minutes remaining the Pioneers were able to score again on a five yard pass

to Kenny Hinton. The amazing thing about this play is that the ball was thrown by Perez. This put the Pioneers up 21-14 and Fairmont's pregame experts feet even further in their mouths.

The Pioneers put the proverbial nail in the coffin when on Fairmont's last possession a Glenville blitz led to a sack in the end zone worth another two points (safety). Up 23-14 with less than a minute to go Perez, after proving the "experts" wrong all day took a knee to run out the clock and the Pioneers went home winners while the Falcons

stayed home, losing faith in astrology.

Perez managed throw no interception among his unexpected completions. Ferralls had 8 catches totaling 108 yards and Talley had 5 for 65 yards. Stevenson had his best game yet with 133 total yards.



The Pioneers practice. (Heather Ware, Mercury)

Pioneers aim big guns at Concord

By Kevin Lake
Staff Reporter

Standing at 2-1 in the conference and 5-2 overall, the GSC Pioneers are more than ready to face Concord College in this year's Homecoming game. The Pioneers will be pulling out the big guns on both sides of the ball via their roster of exceptional players, as well as from the sideline through the knowledge of their new coaching staff led by head coach Warren Ruggeiro.

The awesome Pioneer offense will be led by sophomore Quarterback Wilkie Perez, who distantly leads the WVIAC in passing yards and has had two consecutive games of passing for over 500 yards this season (Wesleyan and W. Liberty). However, as good as he may be, Perez' accomplishments would not be possible if not for the excellent offensive line that has been doing a stupendous job of protecting him this season. The line consists of Lavon Floyd, Allery Lockeridge, Jake Rollyson, Pat Sherrif, K.J. Koprass, Willie Banton, and Big George Randolph who all alternate in and out of the game throughout its course. The only full-time lineman is the big cat Cam Perry, who claims a

fulltime job of hiking the ball and slapping around defenders at center.

Through the first part of the season Perez' favorite target seemed to be senior Carlos Ferralls, who leads the league in all-purpose yards and is second in receiving, third in punt returns, and fifth in scoring. After realizing opponents did their homework and studied films, it became apparent that Perez needed someone else to throw to, hence, Robert Talley. Against Wesleyan Talley wrapped up 25, 77, and 80 yard TD catches. His great speed makes him a major threat.

Byron "Sleepy" Stevenson has upped his play on the ground recently as opponents have been trying to control Glenville's passing game. Another threat and "when in need" man is junior Kenny Hinton, who is fourth in the league in kick returns and is an excellent receiver as well. Watch for Hinton and Ferralls to be threats on special teams as Concord is weak in this area.

The Pioneers are strong on defense as well. Larry Harvey and Garland Green lead on the line and have helped the Pioneer defense become number three in the league against the rush.

Jeremiah Witherspoon also leads on the line as well as the team in sacks.

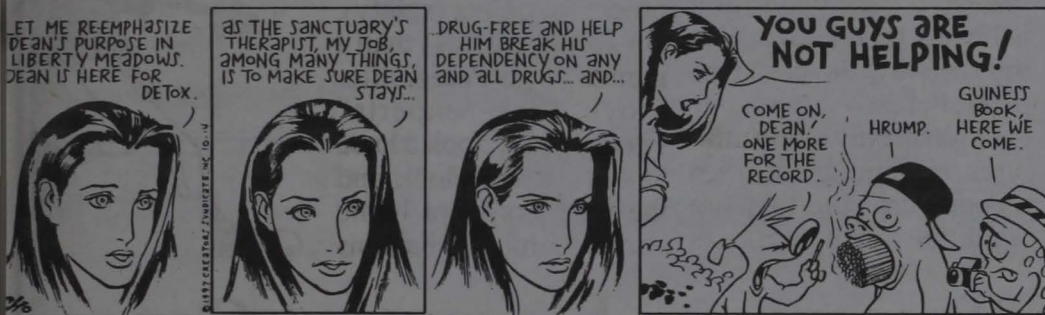
If one were to pick a weakness in the defense it would have to be the secondary, but linebackers Brian Palmer and Blake Tasker seem determined to turn this around. Palmer is a league leader in tackles and Tasker is a true freshman who arguably has the skills to play at any level.

As far as coaching goes the Pioneers are far above average. Coach Ruggeiro and his staff have proven themselves worthy by already having a 72% win rate in only their first year at Glenville.

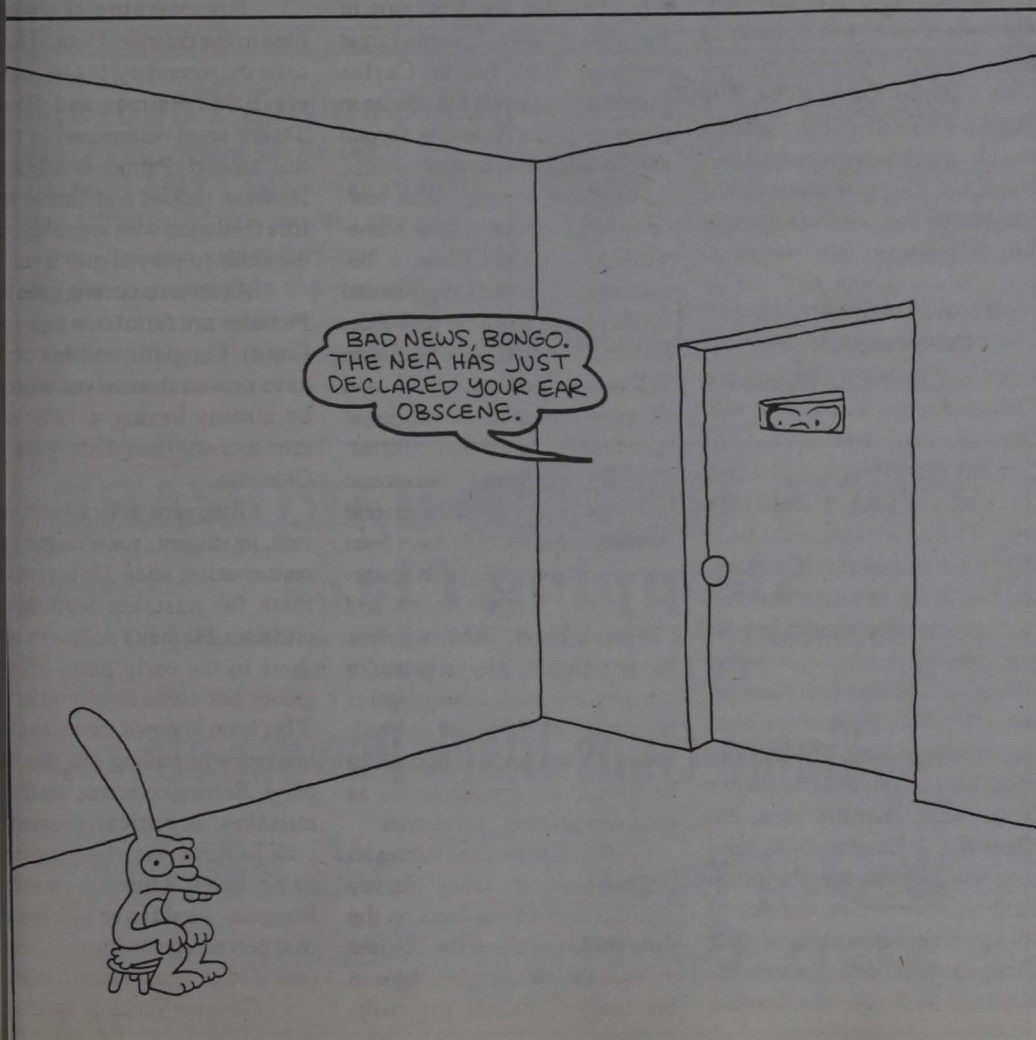
Ruggeiro portrays a very safe, intelligent, some might say conservative, style. He leaves no room for mistakes leading to criticism. He punts on fourth and short in the early parts of the games but come fourth quarter, if his team is down, he shows no hesitation in pulling out the big plays. Barring common, needless mistakes at critical moments such as turnovers, the big plays have been winning games. Ruggeiro would have a phenomenal percentage on big play success if such a statistic existed.

Concord College...beware!

THATCH by Jeff Shesol



LIFE IN HELL



Cristola's Magical Mystical Predictions

Aries (March 21 - April 19) -- Give something up to get something better. Rely on intuition this week. Be more honest about emotions. Dreams are a source of inspiration. Prepare to fall in love.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) -- Become gentle and humble. Your future is clear; go for it. Self-worth is not measured in money. You are full of contradictions this week. Develop your personal philosophy.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) -- Travel is imminent. Take a leap of faith this week. Think carefully before starting or quitting a job. Look to yourself for answers. Prepare to start a love affair.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) -- Your wish will come true. Life is a series of stages; move on. Guilt obscures your future. Save money this week; more money is on the way.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) -- You're doing too much; back off. Impartial decision-making is necessary this week. Your name will live on after you. Your name is on the town this week. Love yourself, then love others.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) -- Major changes happen this week. Your new idea is full of potential. Develop loyalty and constancy. Endings are painful, but new things are possible. You will be rewarded this week.

Libra (September 23 - Oc-

tober 22) -- A new relationship is around the bend. Hard work equals success this week. Money problems arise soon. Conflict can open your mind. Emotions are overwhelming this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) -- You give advice more than you take it. New career options surface this week. One person can make a difference. Wedding bells are in the future. An old love returns.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) -- Discover your sensual side. Face the consequences of your actions. A difficult love decision is at hand. Change of scene is just what you need. You are full of potential; use it.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) -- Money is not a guarantee of security. The most obvious solution is too often the last tried. Gossip flies this week. Keep to yourself and order your thoughts. Betrayal can be overcome, but it's up to you.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) -- Patience is a virtue; develop it. Accept yourself and others will accept you. If you take a stand, stick to it. Hope is yours in this week of problems. Endings are painful, but necessary.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) -- Love is here to stay. Face your problems before they get overwhelming. Learn to control your anger. You've done well; celebrate. Money and energy are available this week.

Top Ten Children's Books by Stephen King

10. *One Fish, Two Fish, Dead Fish, Cruel Fish*
9. *The Secret Garden that Dripped Human Blood*
8. *Sewer Sam and the Case of the Missing Brother*
7. *"Mommy, where do demons come from?"*
6. *My Big Book of Flesh Wounds* (with Peter Straub)
5. *It, Them, and other Scary Pronoun Stories*
4. *The Story of Santa Claws*
3. *The Day Miss Annie Met Her Favorite Writer*
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