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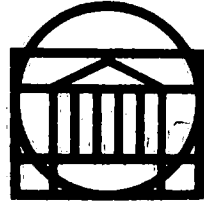
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Exploding sink closes chemistry lab; injures student

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Southwest Virginia Bureau

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After two recent mysterious explosions at the Clinch Valley College laboratory, the entire lab has been locked until officials can determine the cause of the problem.

The phenomenon of the exploding laboratory sink erupted for the second time in as many weeks Monday.

William Hooper, chairman of

CVC's department of natural sciences, said Monday's blast, unlike the first one, slightly injured a student.

Danita Kiser, a sophomore from Russell County majoring in Chemistry, received small cuts and abrasions when she was hit by flying glass.

"She could have been seriously hurt had she not been wearing protective eyewear, which we require," Hooper said. The erupting sink was filled with glassware to be cleaned, he added.

The first incident was in a different sink in the same CVC laboratory, compounding the mystery of the volcanic plumbing. After the first incident, that sink area was put off limits. The second blast caused officials to close the entire lab while officials seek answers.

"Why this would go from one sink to another we just don't know at this point," Hooper explained. "We honestly don't know much at all. The hypothesis is that various things are put in the sinks, a series of perfectly benign things got to-

gether to create something not so benign."

The "not so benign" agent lurking in the plumbing system, when it erupts, is loud enough to cause ears to ring, as well as powerful enough to hurdle shards of glass about the lab.

"It's mysterious, because a large extent we've been putting the same things down those sinks for years," Hooper noted.

Hooper said the state Department of Waste Management offered advice in how to clean out the

laboratory's plumbing following the initial explosion. However, everyone considered the incident an isolated one.

"It just wasn't very likely to happen the first time, I'm afraid everybody figured a second time was less likely," Hooper said. "we're now pursuing a process the find a way, or an agency, or somebody to not only help us clean it up, but find out what it is. In that manner we can safeguard against this ever happening again."



photo by Matt Hopkins

4-Play, an exciting new band composed of Clinch Valley College students, performed to a jam-packed and enthusiastic audience at Papa Joes Tuesday. See story, page 3.

SGA to hold local fundraising drive

Kathryn Kelley
HC Assistant Editor

Campus organizations, the town of Wise, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will all benefit from the Trashathon approved by the SGA.

In their meetings April 5 and April 7, SGA President Jeff Brickett outlined a plan where campus organizations could compete as well as help raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation collecting trash in the town of Wise.

The Wise Clean County Commission asked for the College's participation in their activities to celebrate Keep America Beautiful Month by cleaning up the area.

Brickett said the organizations

could get area businesses to pledge money for cleaning up the town and compete against other organizations by the number of hours they clean.

A minimum of approximately \$200 will be required for the organizations to raise funds for combating cystic fibrosis.

The organization that cleans for the longest time will receive a cash prize of \$500, the one in second place will get \$250, and the third organization will be given \$100.

"I think organizations are always interested in money," said Nancy Rasnake, senior representative. She said that organizations will

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Morality of principle and sensitivity characterize lecture

Jeff "Ajax" Mullins
HC Guest Writer

On Thursday evening, March 31, 1988, in the Chapel of All Faiths, Dr. Richard Rorty, an internationally renowned philosopher and Professor of Humanities at the University of Virginia, presented a paper entitled, "The Morality of Principle and the Morality of Sensitivity," in response to Allan

Bloom's new book *The Closing of the American Mind*. Bloom's book looks at higher education in American universities from the Platonic method of discovering absolute truth as opposed to Rorty's pragmatic view of questioning and creating it.

Bloom proclaims Plato as the true heir of Socrates and defines the philosopher as the paradigmatic human being. Bloom's philoso-

pher believes truth never changes that it is always the same and only needs to be discovered or rediscovered. Reason, the capacity for rational thought, is the source for discovering absolute truth. The role of higher education, according to Bloom, is to assist students in developing their capacity to reason for truth—especially for moral truth.

Rorty does not agree that Plato is

Socrates heir; therefore, he disagrees with Bloom's book in general and in particularly with the role of American universities. According to Rorty, "the Platonic notion of absolute truth is a thoroughly misleading slogan and culturally dangerous." Rorty's disagreement with Bloom stems from what intellectuals are good for and what their role in society should be.

The first kind of intellectual,

following Bloom, Rorty calls the philosopher—one who thinks of morality as a matter of principle. Rorty defines the philosopher, "as an intellectual who defines his task as the argumentative search for truth." The philosopher sees the sciences as central to culture and philosophy as a scientific subject. The philosopher thinks that the

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Opinions

Collie: Spring brings thoughts of love and anxiety

Jim Collie
CVC Campus Minister

"In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love," and many a young woman's, too! Important as these thoughts are, there may be more on your mind right now instead of, or in addition to, "thoughts of love." Again: I

want to borrow from my friend Ron Brown and share with you his list of some of the things college students may be thinking about at this time of year:

- April:
- * Summer job pressures.
 - * Selection of a major.
 - * Papers and exams are piling up.

* Job recruitment (and graduate school) panic.

May:

- * Anxiety develops because of the realization that the year is ending and that a deficiency exists in a number of academic areas.
- * Senior panic about jobs (or lack of jobs) and ability to finance one-

self until the first paycheck.

* Depression over leaving friends and facing conflicts at home with parents.

Wow! Is there no good news? Yes, there is. Each of these concerns can be resolved, if approached head-on with eyes wide open and with the use of all your

available resources. This goes for concerns you may have that aren't even hinted at in the above list as well. And don't forget to head you list of resources with God. For it is out of experiences just like yours that the Apostle Paul learned to say, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13 R.S.V.).

CVC hosts FBLA business competition

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Spring Regional Meeting was held March 26 at Clinch Valley College with 395 students competing for awards.

Twenty schools were represented from the counties of Buchanan, Lee, Scott, Wise, and the cities of Norton and Bristol.

First-place awards were earned as follows:

- Largest Local Chapter Membership- J.J. Kelly High School, Wise
- Largest Local Junior High/Middle School Chapter Membership- Grundy Senior High School
- Parliamentary Procedures- Honaker High School
- American Enterprise Project- John I. Burton High School, Norton
- Mr. Future Business Leader- Jon Johnson, Castlewood High School
- Ms. Future Business Leader- Stacy Ann Baker, John I. Burton High School, Norton

- Job Description Manual- Shawn Stevens, Honaker High School
- Career Manual- Pamela Hubbard, Honaker High School
- Job Interview- Deidre Salyers, Castlewood High School
- Public Speaking- Vanessa Capalad, John I. Burton High School, Norton
- L. Marguerite Crumley Scholarship Award- Stephanie Peterson, Castlewood High School
- Frank Manning Peeke Scholarship Award- Amy Lee Hall, Castlewood High School
- Accounting I- Michael D. Little, Clintwood High School
- Accounting II- Barry Evans, Coeburn High School
- Business Calculations- Greg Millam, John I. Burton High School, Norton
- Business English- Christopher Hall, Thomas Walker High School, Ewing

- Business Law- Pamela Long, Castlewood High School
- Business Math- Chadd Smith, John I. Burton High School, Norton
- Computer Applications for Business- Jessie Catron, Lee County Vocational-Technical School
- Computer Concepts- Ted Edens, Lee County Vocational-Technical School
- Economics- Michelle Davis, Coeburn High School
- Office Procedures- Amy Wilson, Honaker High School
- Keyboarding Applications- Kelly Burgess, J. J. Kelly High School, Wise
- Keyboarding Applications Advanced- Vicki Lane, J. J. Kelly High School
- Shorthand I- Tammy Compton, Honaker High School
- Shorthand II- Veronica Reeves, J. J. Kelly High School
- Information Processing Concepts- Sonya Fleming, Honaker High School
- Introduction to Business- Margaret Hawkins, Lebanon High School
- Machine Transcription- John W. Steffey, Erinton High School
- 1988 Regional President- Melissa Dickenson, Castlewood High School
- 1988 Regional Vice-President- Kelly Hammel, Lebanon High School
- 1988 Regional Secretary- Sharon Miller, Honaker High School
- 1988 Regional Corresponding Secretary- Jennifer Hale, Castlewood High School
- 1988 Regional Reporter- Karen Lane, Appalachia High School
- 1988 Regional Advisor- Linda Harris, Castlewood High School
- 1988 Regional Director- Betty F. Humphreys, Clinch Valley College, Wise.

Poor Farm Society to present slide show

The Poor Farm Society of Clinch Valley College will sponsor a slide-illustrated lecture by Sharon Daniels as part of the observance of Founder's Day.

It will be held on Thomas Jefferson's birthday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the lecture hall of the Science building at the College.

The public lecture is presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for Graduation with Honors. Daniels, who is pursuing a College Major in Communications and Natural History, expects to receive a B.A. degree in May.

Highways to the West, the narrative written for Graduation with

Honors, is a journal account of a trip which Daniels made in 1980, following the route of the Oregon Trail and part of the Louisiana Purchase explored at the request of President Thomas Jefferson by Lewis and Clark in the early 19th century. Lewis and Clark's highway in 1804-1806 was a water route along the entire length of the

Missouri river. Other highways were a dusty, faintly marked trail followed by 300,000 pioneers who left homes in the East during the 1840s to settle in Oregon, and the modern, paved roads which carried Daniels on her journey.

The public is invited to attend. A reception will follow the lecture.

Peace Corps announces pay increase

Peace Corps has announced an increase in the monthly readjustment allowance paid to Peace Corps volunteers when they complete their service overseas.

Loret Miller Ruppe, Peace Corps director since 1981, approved a \$25 increase in the allowance earned by Peace Corps volunteers and trainees. The increase, to \$200 a month effective in January, is intended to ease the readjustment process

when volunteers return home after working in a developing country for at least two years.

Under the new rate, a volunteer serving a two-year assignment earns a total readjustment allowance of \$4,800, not including their training period. One-third is given to the volunteer just before completion of service, with the remaining two thirds sent to his or her home in the United States.

In addition to the readjustment allowance, Peace Corps provides extensive cultural, language, and technical training in the country of service, medical and dental care, paid vacation and living expenses.

Ruppe, who has visited Peace Corps programs in more than 60 developing countries, said she authorized the increase to help current volunteers and to provide additional incentives to those interested in Peace Corps. Congress ap-

proved a similar readjustment increase from \$125 to \$175 a month in 1982.

"Our volunteers work so hard," she said, "it's fitting that we reward their sacrifices and their commitment to peace and progress with an increase in the money they earn for their readjustment. We all wish it could be more but it must compete with the long list of priorities for peacemaking that the agency faces."

Foster presents Colloquium

Leigh Ann Skeens
HC Staff Writer

Tuesday's Faculty Colloquium in The Chapel of All Faiths featured Dr. Mark A. Foster, Chairman of the Sociology and Anthropology Departments, speaking in the topic of Hermeneutics and Transcendence: Exegetical and Eisegetical Explorations of Mystical Experience.

Hermeneutics is the art of interpretation which originated in Christian Theology and was later adopted by Western Historians and more recently by Social Scientists. In his lecture, Foster presented a paper which argued in favor of Hermeneutics. There are three major fields in Hermeneutics as proposed by Josef Bleicher; Hermeneutical Theory, Hermeneutic Philosophy, and Critical Hermeneutics.

The first field of hermeneutical theory claims that it is possible for each individual to have or be ca-

pable of experiencing objective knowledge. Using an example—person A has the ability to be completely objective about person B.

Hermeneutic Philosophy, the second field, maintains that objectivity is impossible because of hermeneutic preconceptions or biases that each individual has within them. It is those preconceptions that color the way individuals look at one another, thereby making it impossible to be objective.

The final field is called Critical Hermeneutics which grew out of Marxism. It states that objectivity is impossible and that one should make his or her biases explicit so that people will recognize each other's biases.

Beliefs are isomorphic, meaning, they parallel each other. The only way to correctly interpret or correspond with another person's beliefs is to be that person.

Mysticism, like the Social Sciences also adopted the hermeneutical theory of interpretation. Mysti-

cal experiences, if they exist, transcend or go beyond the ordinary conscious or ego—are influenced by the values, beliefs, and preconceptions that we all have. "All of our experiences are a result of our expectations," said Foster.

There are four phases or levels of mystical experience: buzzing in the ears; on a higher level, bells; an even higher level, thunder; and the highest level, a horn.

We can not say that people do not have these experiences. But, what we can do is challenge their interpretations of the experience, which are colored by their own past observations. In other words, the only way to be correct in the interpretation of these experiences is if one has made the correct interpretation. This statement, while seemingly having no meaning, is the actual truth. Only a person with no preconceptions or biases has the ability to attempt to accurately interpret a mystical experience.



Mark Foster

Clinch Valley band performs at Cantrell Hall

Angela Crawmer
HC Staff Writer

4-play, an exciting new band composed of Clinch Valley Col-

lege students: Bo Boyd, Jace Cuje, Will Henson and Steve Quindry played at Papa Joe's on Tuesday the 5th.

There was a large turnout for the

2 hour performance and the crowd got a taste of popular cover hits such as "Wild Thing", "You Really Got Me", "Animal", "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," and many more.

Freshman Will Henson, drum player, said there were conflicts in choosing songs. They compiled and performed what they felt people would like to hear.

During "You Really Got Me," an original by The Kinks, Henson played an outstanding seven minute solo on the drums. "the solo came from records I was influenced by," stated Henson. Henson, who trained himself on drums by listening to records, has been playing for thirteen years. He performed in a former band "Bomb Threat", and is currently active in the band "Bob Goode and the Hoods."

Senior Jace Cuje is lead vocal and rhythm guitar. He is a self trained guitarist, and has been playing for eight years. Cuje was in another CVC band known as "3-D".

The name for the band "4-play" originated from freshman Bo Boyd, who performs lead guitar and back-up vocals. Boyd has

played guitar for eleven years and now gives lessons. He has played in several other amateur bands, and is currently active in another band besides "4-play", known as "The Heat".

Sophomore Steve Quindry, who plays bass guitar, taught himself from books and has been playing for five years. He previously played for the band "Gezundhit". The original instrumental song, "4-play" was made up on the bass by Quindry.

The band intends to perform again in May. They wish to thank Charlie Group for his help in making the group a success. They would also like to thank everyone who showed up at their first performance. "The audience is the most important part of the concert," stressed Henson. The band members all in all had a lot of fun, and as Cuje said with a smile, "We shall return."

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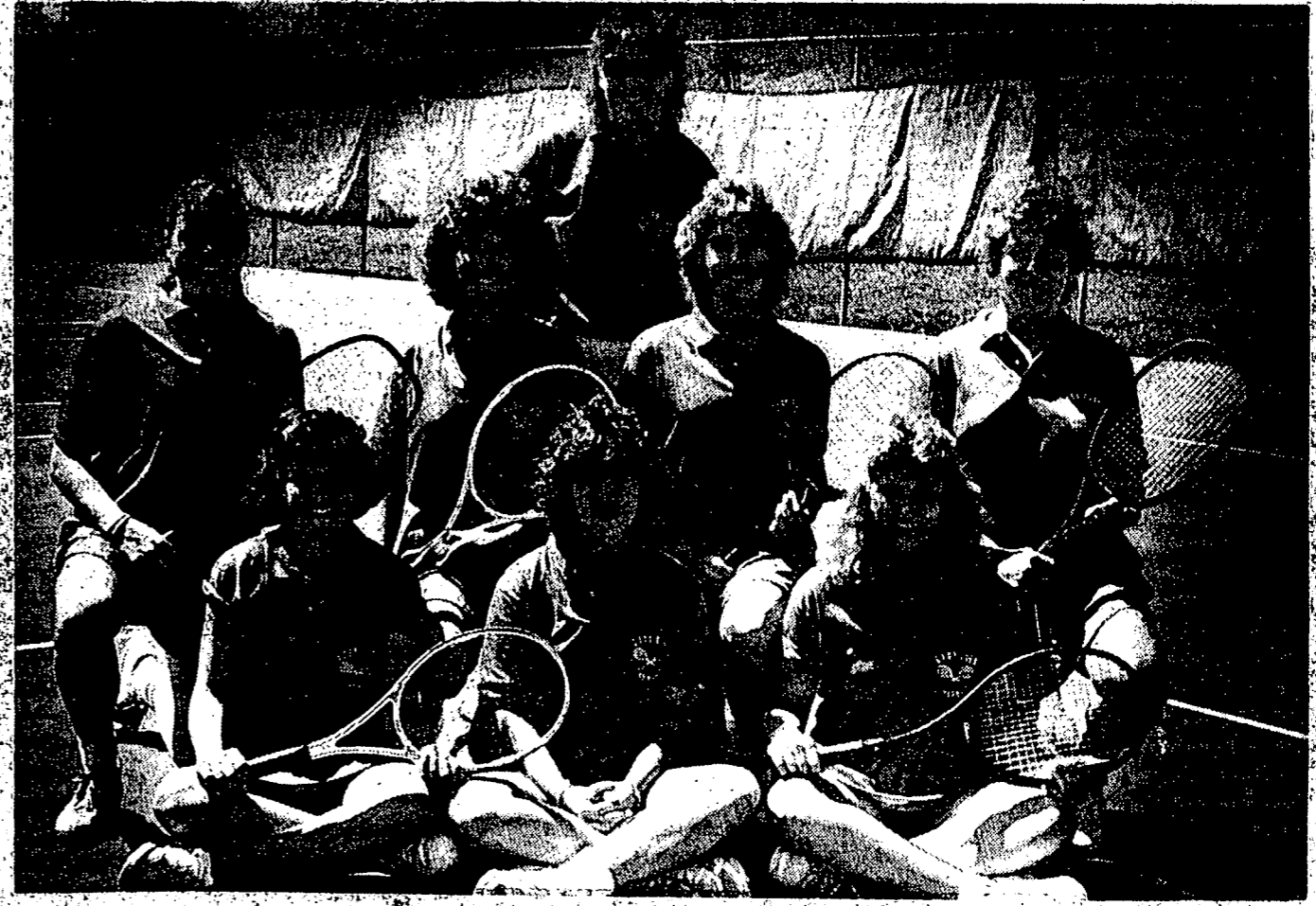
I petition you to broadly reformat the current laws on wastes, pollutants in view of the increasing environment problems such as acid rain, depletion of the ozone, air pollution which poses the greatest imminent threat to our health and environment, pollution of streams and the Bay, and the pressing hunt for landfill sites which pollute drinking water sources. I ask that technology, on site reduction, basic recycling, and other effective measures to curb pollution be fully employed. Nothing is more important than our ecological systems so Virginia's resources—money, time, expertise, and imagination—must be used to preserve and clean up our environment.

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TENNIS

The 1988 Women's Tennis Team



The 88 Women's Tennis Team: (left to right) Sitting: Rose Hall, Joy Hill, Rhonda Fleming, Second Row: Maureen Collins, Teena Sturgill, Robin Tickle, Tommie Peace. Standing: Coach Debbie Kaminsh.

Season Opener:

Lady Cavs make impressive start on 1988 tennis season

Rusty Mullins
HC Sports Editor

The Lady Cavalier netters started off their season right last Tuesday with an impressive 8-1 win over Virginia Intermont. It was the first match for the lady netters since the 1986 season and for an entire year lay off the Cavs came out strong. In the top seed match, Rose Hall topped Ellen Cuthertson rather easily winning 6-0, 6-0. The second seed match was likewise easy for CVC's Maureen Collins as she blew

by VI's Jennifer Wallace 6-1, 6-0. CVC's third seed, Robin Tickle, ran into trouble battling VI's Nicole Scherfendert losing 6-3, 6-3. Scherfendert seemed to be on the level of a first seed instead of a third, but Tickle put up a fight and battled to the final point. CVC's fourth seeded Rhonda Fleming took VI's Missy Knecht 6-4, 6-0. Tommie Peace, CVC's fifth seed, outlasted VI's Valerie Hays 6-2, 6-3. Teena Sturgill continued CVC's winning ways by

beating Nanette Whitehurst 6-3, 6-0. VI didn't have any luck in the doubles either. Hall-Collins took the top doubles match from Cuthertson-Scherfendert 6-2, 6-0. Tickle got her revenge in doubles by teaming up with Fleming and winning 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 over Wallace-Hays. The third seeds didn't do any worse with Peace-Sturgill downing Knecht-Whitehurst 6-3, 6-0. What a start to a rebuilding program.

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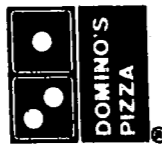
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Attention

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Sigs thank restaurant

The Brothers and Associates members of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity would like to express their thanks to Rax restaurant and in particular Jeff Salyers, manager. Their interest in helping our fraternity has been a great asset to our continuous success as a college and local organization. We are very grateful for the support and kindness they have shown to us over the last few months and we hope that in the future we may be able to continue our work with Rax.

Address given by professor

A convocation address entitled "Science, Anti-Science, and Human Values" will be given at Clinch Valley College by philosopher of science, John J. Compton.

The lecture is at 1 p.m. April 14, in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Compton, Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University, has written and lectured extensively in the philosophy of science,

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also raise funds for a good cause like combating cystic fibrosis.

"I think this will be good for Cystic Fibrosis (Foundation), good for the town of Wise and good for the organization," Brickett said. In order for the Trashathon to work, Brickett added that the drive needed at least ten participating organizations.

In addition, Brickett urged those

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questions of morality and the meaning of life are universal truths already present; we only need to discover them. All men and women have the same basic human nature, according to the philosopher, which is linked to a transcendental order of reality, but which is hidden from us by our passions and

metaphysics, phenomenology and existentialism. He has held elected offices in the Metaphysical Society of America and the American Philosophical Association.

He has held fellowship at Princeton University, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities. Compton is a recipient of the Harbison Award for Distinguished Teaching. He is a graduate of the College of Wooster and holds a Ph.D. from Yale University.

The public is invited to attend.

Applicants to be interviewed

The Honors House will be conducting entrance interviews during the next two weeks. If you are a student, and you wish to apply for residence in the Honors House next Fall, you are required to receive an interview. To set up an appointment, please call Garrett or Elaine Sheldon at 328-5410, or stop by H. H. Apt. A-205, or leave a note in Box 101 or 113 in Smiddy Hall.

Road Rally to be conducted

The SGA will hold a Road Rally on Wednesday, April 13 in the upper parking lot at 5 p.m. First place is \$50, second place is \$25, and third place is \$15.

running for SGA to start thinking about the issues on campus. As this year's session of SGA comes to a close, Brickett said, "I hope that this year... I have helped people in some ways."

Brickett added, "If you keep things going, you can really do stuff for the students this year."

SGA Elections will be held April 27. Brickett said the deadline for turning in candidacy forms is April 20. The forms will be placed on the

presuppositions of the world. To obtain truth, we must overcome our ignorance, passions and presuppositions in reestablishing a connection to the transcendent reality. A reality embodied in principles. To deny this transcendent reality, is to abandon reason and lose universal truth. Without an absolute truth, there is no way for human being to

Government jobs offered

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development is looking for outstanding scholars who may be interested in starting their careers with the Federal Government. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services.

ADX to raffle Mexico trip

ADX will be raffling off a trip to Mexico the next two weeks. The trip will be for two people, airfare, hotel, and shuttle bus expenses will all be paid for. The trip will be given away Thursday, April 14th, at the Little Sisters' Dance. If anyone wants to buy a chance, contact one of the brothers of ADX.

Outbounders to hold meeting

The Outbounders will be having a meeting Wednesday, April 13, at 9 p.m. in the Cantrell Lounge to discuss the upcoming camping trip on April 15-17. All interested persons please attend.

Extravaganza sponsored

Get into the swing of things with "Dance For Heart." Individuals from throughout the area will participate in a "Dance For Heart"

door of the SGA office. Brickett urged the candidates to start advertising their candidacy.

In other business:

- SGA members approved reserving the CVC Pool for a pool party on April 23. The band 4-Play was hired for \$400 to perform at the party and Tom Morgan, manager of American Food Management, will be asked to help with the cookout.

- Musician Tom Butt was hired by the SGA for May 3. Some

be free.

The second kind of intellectual, the one embraced by Rorty, he calls the literary critic—one who thinks of morality as a matter of sensitivity. Rorty defines the literary critic as one "who defines her task as the search for novel alternatives and a coherence among these alterna-

Campus Calendar	
<i>Monday</i>	
Circle K Meeting/5p.m./Chapel	
<i>Tuesday</i>	
Wesley Dinner/5p.m./Wesley Foundation	
<i>Wednesday</i>	
BSU Dinner/4:30p.m./Baptist Student Center Road Rally/5p.m./Upper Parking Lot Talent Show/8p.m./Cafeteria Outbounders Meeting/9p.m./Cantrell Lounge	
<i>Thursday</i>	
"Science, Anti-Science, and Human Values" Lecture/1p.m./Chapel Psychology Club Meeting/1:30p.m./Z109	
<i>Friday/Weekend</i>	

exercise-dance extravaganza. It will be held on April 30 at Clintwood Elem. School Gym from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. You'll need your own sponsors.

All benefits will go to the American Heart Association for research and education programs. For more information, contact Jean Moore at the CVC Bookstore

members said it would be appropriate to have someone performing the week before Spring Formal.

- The Road Rally will be held next Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the upper parking lot. First place will be \$50; second, \$25; and third, \$15.

- The Spring Formal will be free to all students. Last year, the Formal cost five dollars per couple and three dollars per person. Brickett said that since the Homecoming Dance was free to CVC students, it

is only fair to keep the Spring Formal with free admission.

Absent at the April 5 meeting were Lisa Davis, junior representative; Wendi Gibson and Danita Kiser, sophomore representatives; Angelo Crawmer and Chad Fletcher, freshman representatives; and Kevin Vernon, vice-president. At the April 7 meeting, Wes Klurell and Jace Cuje, senior representatives, Angela Crawmer, and Chad Fletcher were absent.

tives, but who hopes to find coherence by redescription rather than by argumentation." The arts, especially literature, are seen as center to culture by the literary critic, and she is more concerned with being curious, interesting, and disturbing, rather than scientific or unscientific. For Rorty, and the literary critic, it is not absolute truths that

are important, but relative alternatives that keep people thinking, questioning, inventing, and keeping imagination open to new and better ways. There is no such thing as a transcendent reality, but just a constantly changing quest for better institutions, habits, and forms of life. The true freedom of human beings.