

# The Mercury

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## Senate bill could affect GSC

By Christopher L. Williams  
Staff Reporter

On Monday the 14th of March from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. President Powell had a meeting with Faculty and Staff. The meeting was about Senate Bill 653. Submitted for all who were attending the meeting was the "cliff notes" of the bill 653 that President Powell reviewed. This summary of the Higher Education Bill helped cut down on the reading time of the originally submitted bill presented to Governor Underwood.

President Powell said the meeting was called to discuss the implications of the bill. The President began by calling attention to an article entitled *Education more about learning than job-training* by faculty member Phillip J. Rossano that appeared in the March 10 issue of the *Charleston Gazette*. In the article Rossano argued that Senate Bill 653 seeks to expand the workforce development philosophy to higher education.

Dr. Powell said that the bill had made it to the Governor, but Governor Underwood had yet to decide on signing the bill. The governor had fourteen days to either sign or veto it. Or at the end of fourteen days it would pass into law. Close to this point in the meeting a brief intermission was performed by the Djembe Ensemble from the Fine Arts Division. The selection of percussion is used to call a community gathering to order for important



### Senate bill may jeopardize the future of Glenville State College

meetings in African culture. At the conclusion of the intermission the meeting came back to order.

The question was raised how can we fight this and keep the bill from becoming law. One faculty member suggested sending the governor an E-mail, or writing a letter on college letter head. Dr. Powell said it would be fine to write on GSC letter head. Just before closing the meeting a question was posed to Dr. Powell. Where does GSC stand on this bill? President Powell responded, "GSC will not be taking a stand on the bill one way or another." Several Faculty and Staff asked how this Higher Education Bill would effect the programs at

Glenville State College. Their was a lot of concerns voiced by members of the faculty as to what happens later on down the this avenue of change.

Some of the more positive results from this bill will be that GSC and Bluefield get to keep their

community and technical colleges. They will also be the only open-admissions colleges with a baccalaureate program. GSC will be responsible for an established geographic area. This area will be Gilmer, Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Lewis, Nicholas, Roane, Webster, and Upsher counties. Another good point is that state funding for colleges and uni-

versities will be based upon performance. The one goal that is set up by the Higher Education bill that will effect GSC the most will call for each college to differentiate and focus its mission and role. President Powell stated that "teacher education and the forestry programs will be the core focus of Glenville State College." This establishes GSC's mission and role towards the goals of the Higher Education bill.

Standing on the four pillars, Tradition, Innovation, Leadership, Community, Glenville State College looks towards the future.

At an emergency meeting held in Student Congress, the students called for more then just sending a letter. A protest was planned by the students. It called for the offices of the Governor to be picketed, with hopes to inform students, and voters about some of their concerns. Other college students were able to do just that and this helped give a message to Governor Underwood.

On March 17th the Governor vetoed bill 653 on grounds that it had "a number of errors and concerns." The letter of veto was sent to The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin, President of the West Virginia Senate. There were 27 reasons listed in the letter from the Governor; they ranged from technical reasons to language problems. Revisions were made; the revised bill was sent back to the offices of the governor by March 20th and soon after Senate Bill 653 was signed that same day.



# Ramp festival is one smelly affair

**BJ Woods**  
Staff Reporter

The annual ramp feast was held on March 21, 2000. As many people stated, "they smell awful, but they are sure good." This is a feast that has been a part of the spring tradition at Glenville State College for many years, and was headed by Professor Meads of the Biology Department.

Meads has many who help him each year in the preparations leading up to the feast. There are other faculty as well as students who donate their time to make this annual event a success.

While the smell may be strong, there were approximately 50 faculty,

students and ramp lovers who attended the dinner, which was held in the Biology Lab. All feasted upon an assortment of breads, desserts, salads, and of course, the main entree, potatoes, bacon, eggs and ramps. There was a new entree added to the menu this year- trout steamed with ramps and lemons. Those who enjoyed this said this was the best trout they had ever had.

When asked Professor Meads stated, "We had an abundance of ramps this year, supplied by two former students. They are not as potent as those in later spring, but they sure are good."

This is one of those traditions that the students and faculty of Glenville hope won't be changed.

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# GSC gets maced

**By Hector K. Rodriguez**  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, March 15, three new traditions were established at Glenville State College. First and foremost, the long awaited Mace was presented to President Powell and then to the campus by the first Student Marshals, out going Student Congress President Margarita Tzoneva and incoming Student Congress President James P. Arnold. The Mace itself stands as a symbol of authority and leadership at GSC. It will be used for formal gatherings and will be the responsibility of the Chief Faculty Marshal.

The Mace, which is 18 inches in circumference and 72 inches high represents Glenville's founding year of 1872. It was created by Byron Johnson, a renowned wood carver and sculptor. Johnson's daughter was also in attendance at the ceremony. The Mace also has numerous depictions of GSC carved on ceramic pieces. It is topped off with a bronze casting of the college seal. At the base of the staff is a ceramic blue globe end piece. These were the work of Professor Charles Scott, a renowned ceramist with works displayed at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The President said in his speech that the tradition we create today by accepting the mace will live on.

In addition to the Mace, Powell presented the Faculty and Student Marshals to the audience. Faculty Marshals are responsible for our campus traditions and ceremonies. They will have broad authority to help plan and execute formal events at Glenville State College. They will also be responsible for issuing protocol for academic dress and at the request of the President will represent the college at official functions and serve as ambassadors for the college. The chief of the Faculty Marshals will be the



Chris Williams, Mercury

## Faculty Marshal John McKinney hefts the mace

chief protocol officer for the college carrying the Mace and calling all official gatherings to order. The first Faculty Marshals are Professor Jim Meads, Professor Marty Armentrout, Professor Jim Hilgenberg, Professor Sharon Krause, Professor Rick Sybolt, Professor John McKinney, Professor Wayne DeRosset, and Professor Harry Rich. Faculty Marshals are awarded this special title by the President and have a special pin designating their unique position in the college.

The Student Marshals are to assist Faculty Marshals and serve as guides, hosts and assistants to our guests for official ceremonies. As reported in a previous Mercury article, being a Student Marshal is a high honor bestowed on those students who meet the requirements. They will carry our banners, flags, and represent the student body in GSC ceremonies. Although two have been selected, the deadline for filling the other eight positions has been extended.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was held where those in attendance were given smaller brass representations of the Mace with the ceremony's date inscribed on them.



# GSC adopts new schedule and calendar

By Sherry Newsome  
Staff Reporter

After a number of revisions and several forums and discussions, a new academic schedule and calendar will go into effect beginning in the Fall semester of 2000. Both the schedule and calendar were decided, first by the Faculty Senate, then the College

Council. By implementing the new schedule and calendar, Glenville State College will be able to offer classes on a trimester basis. The Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters will be equal in length—14 weeks instead of the current 15. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes will be 55 minutes in duration in comparison

to the current 50 minutes, increasing instructional time by 70 minutes. Tuesday and Thursday classes will last 85 minutes in length instead of 75, and will add an additional 130 minutes instructional time to classes. There will be 20 minute breaks between classes. The new schedule does increase seat time, but not the 270 minutes that the

administration asked for in the original schedule proposal. The Thanksgiving and Spring breaks will still be given, each lasting one week. Classes for the Fall semester will not begin until after the Labor Day holiday. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, said “I

am pleased that the college has adopted the new academic calendar. The new format allows for the acceleration of degree completions and increased time for summer employment. The new academic calendar has three major advantages: post-Labor Day startup, three equivalent academic semesters, and increased instructional time.”

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2000-2001	2001-2002	ACADEMIC CALENDAR
August 21-25	August 20-24	Faculty Preparation (Orientation, Development & Planning)
August 27	August 26	Freshmen Move-In Day
August 28-31	August 27-30	Freshmen Orientation
August 31	August 30	Residual Registration
September 1	August 31	Convocation
September 4	September 3	Labor Day - No Classes
September 5	September 4	Classes Commence - Upperclassmen
November 20-24	November 19-23	Thanksgiving Recess
December 18	December 17	Last Day of Classes
December 19	December 18	Study Day
December 15-19/20-22	December 14-18/19-21	Final Examinations (late evening and night courses) (Standardized Schedule)
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January 8-9	January 7-8	Faculty Preparation (Orientation, Development & Planning)
January 10	January 9	Residual Registration
January 11	January 10	Classes Commence
January 15	January 21	Martin Luther King Day - No Classes
March 5-9	March 4-8	Spring Break
April 12-13	March 28-29	Spring Recess
April 30	April 29	Last Day of Classes
May 1	April 30	Study Day
April 27 - May 1	April 26-30	Final Examinations (late evening and night courses) (Standardized schedule)
May 5	May 4	Commencement
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May 14	May 13	Faculty Preparation (Orientation, Development & Planning)
May 14	May 13	Summer Registration
May 15	May 14	Classes Commence - (First Term or Full Semester)
May 28	May 27	Memorial Day - NO Classes
June 22	June 21	Last Day of Classes - (1 <sup>st</sup> Term/Mid-term - Full Semester)
June 25-26	June 24-25	First Term Finals/Full Semester Mid-term Exams
June 25-26	June 24-25	Second Term Registration
June 27	June 26	Classes Commence - (Second Term)
July 4	July 4	Independence Day Activities - NO Classes
August 6	August 5	Last Day of Classes
August 7-8	August 6-7	Final Examinations

## DAILY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 - 8:55	8:00 - 9:25
9:15 - 10:10	9:45 - 11:10
11:45 - 1:10 (MW) 11:30 - 12:15 (TR) 11:45 - 1:15 (W) No Classes - Meeting Time for Faculty and Students	11:45 - 12:30 (MF) &
1:30 - 2:25	12:30 - 1:55
2:45 - 3:40	2:15 - 3:40
4:00 - 5:25 (MW) or 4:00 - 6:50	4:00 - 5:25 (TR) or 4:00 - 6:50
7:00 - 9:50	7:00 - 9:50

Saturday and Weekend Classes: Customized

All Summer Semester courses will follow the T-R time schedule and meet daily for one term or every other day for the full semester.

# Shared Values proposal causes discussion campus wide

By Hector K. Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Recently the North Central Accreditation Council proposed that Glenville State College consider conducting a special emphasis accreditation review. NCA allows special emphasis accreditation for those colleges that have the potential for pioneering new ground in higher education. It is only open to “well-functioning colleges” that are “willing to commit serious attention to a select group of critical issues in order to contribute to institutional improvement and educational

excellence.” GSC President Thomas Powell as a result submitted a proposal for campus discussion titled “A Renaissance of Shared Values”. The initial plan is to use this new focus in conjunction with last year’s Building our Academic Community, which articulated a set of core values and tasks for Glenville State College. By following the special emphasis accreditation it is believed Glenville will become a nationally recognized, distinctive college which could mean an increase in enrollment. The college staff was given the

proposal February 28th. The Renaissance proposal states that by following the special emphasis accreditation route it would allow the college to perform a number of functions. The special emphasis allows the college community to use the self-study process to improve the college around an area in which the college wishes to excel. According to Dr. Powell’s proposal it would make GSC able to analyze all aspects of the college community around a particular emphasis of our selection. It would recast much of the college with a special, distinctive emphasis. The special emphasis

accreditation would also provide a basis for considering the development of new initiatives, serve as a national model of a promising practice to strengthen higher education, and provide national leadership. Dr. Powell has asked all division chairs and each administrative department to indicate in writing their commitment to moving forward with the special emphasis accreditation review by April 1st, 2000. At the behest of President Powell, Professor Dennis Wemm has circulated a plenary poll to the faculty to discover what consensus can be derived for this measure.



# Students attend psychology conference

By Christopher L. Williams  
Staff Reporter

A conference was held at the Marshall Memorial Student Center in Huntington, W.V. on March 16 and 17. Approximately 13 students and one faculty member from Glenville State College attended the two day event. Many students and professionals in psychology presented papers and posters at the conference. Students who attended for extra credit also went to gain some insight on the issues presented at the conference.

The opening remark presented by Dr. Joan T. Mead started the workshop off. The next speaker

was Stephanie Renee Stricklin, Fairmont State College. Her presentation, *"The Efficacy of Parent Education: Prevention and Intervention,"* raised a number of questions about how parents need to take a more active role in raising their children.

The next speaker was Okey Napier, M.A. His presentation, *"Make-up, Mystique, and the Making of a Movement,"* was about the Stonewall Riots in New York City in 1968, where lesbians, gays, and bisexuals demonstrated in Greenwich Village. The stories and events that took place as told by Mr. Napier about the gay community and how gays are treated in soci-

ety, opened up the minds of the audience. The presenter, an acclaimed drag-queen, cited this event as the start of the Gay Movement.

A poster presentation was opened to the workshop attendees after the lunch break.

Higher education students from colleges and universities across the state submitted their psychology studies and papers for all to view.

On the following day, March 17, the first speaker was Jim Livingood, M.A. who presented a paper on *"Licensure, Certification, Lobbying, and Smaller State Organizations."*

Connie Zirkle, M.A. then

broached the subject of *"Stereotypes of Appalachian Women on the World-Wide Web."* The main point in her presentation was the extent to which negative images are available on the World-Wide Web about Appalachians.

The last presentation was keynote speaker, Dr. Dew Cornell. His three hour long presentation: *"Violence in Schools"* had a very different effect on conference attendees. It covered topics such as; (1) misconceptions about youth violence at school shootings (2) motive methods, and means of school shootings (3) risk assessment and prevention strategies.

## Changes In The Constitution of the Student Congress

- 1.) There will be one male and female representative from Pickens Hall, and one male representative from L.B.H. The representatives will be appointed by the Governing Board of each dorm.
- 2.) Voters will be ascertained by appearance of the individual's name on the respective class rolls. All students will be required to present College I.D.
- 3.) Any individual who is unable to attend the two days of voting, and the activity is approved by Academic Affairs Office, will be allowed to vote on an absentee ballot.
- 4.) To serve on Strategic Planning and Resource Allocation Committee.
- 5.) **Article VIII**, Section 2, #2, Will be removed from the constitution. The Activities Committee doesn't exist anymore.
- 6.) Congressional members. In case of a vacancy of a member, that seat will be filled by appointment by the SC President with the approval of the SC by majority vote.
- 7.) **Article XV: Standing Committees.** Student Life Committee - 4 members; Strategic Planning and Resource Allocation Committee - 2 members plus SC president; Athletic-Committee - 2 female members, and two male members; Academic Committee - 2 members, Curriculum Subcommittee - 2 members; Associate Degree Committee - 2 members; Community College Committee - 2 members; Library Committee - 2 members; Residential Life Board - 1 member.
- 8.) **Article VII - Qualifications of Officers.** Anyone applying for the positions of President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian are required to have served at least one year total on Student Congress. Secretary and Treasure will be required to have served at least one semester on Student Congress.

*"This experience has made me a well rounded person."*

## Spotlight: Aaron Clark

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

This week's senior spotlight is Aaron Clark. A student from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Aaron, along with two sisters, graduated from Boyd H. Anderson High School. Upon graduation, he received a full basketball scholarship to Glenville State College.

As one of GSC's point guards, Aaron would like to take this opportunity to first thank God for being his source of strength and also his teammates for all their support and encouragement. Lastly, he would like to thank all his coaches for their dedication in helping him receive his degree.

On campus, Aaron is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Some of Aaron's hobbies include playing baseball and Play Station.

Aaron is a psychology major and a behavior disorder minor. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school to study counseling psychology and plans to become high school guidance counselor.

What Aaron likes most about Glenville State are the relationships he has made. "These are lifelong friends I will have forever." His college experience has taught him to be responsible and how to work well with others. "This experience has made me a well rounded person." Aaron's advice to the remaining students is to "seize the moment and do all you can now."

As his fellow classmates look back on their experiences at GSC with him, Clark wants to be remembered "as someone who has a strong faith in God and who is simply a nice person."

## Women's Studies Conference

**Friday April 28, 2000**

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Afternoon Session in Heflin Center Ballroom  
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## ACS puts on show for kids

## Blast Off!

*BJ Woods*  
Staff Reporter

The Glenville Chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society held a chemical show on March 23, 2000 for the fifth graders from Clendenin Elementary School.

Brandon Craft and Ryan Moss provided a very booming time, by setting off rockets using hydrochloric acid and zinc metal. Chris Kennedy amazed everyone with his diet coke geyser. The students also got to see how to make elephant toothpaste and watch gummy

bears dissolve.

The hit of the show was when the students were allowed to make their own "slime" and work with some absorbent, the same as that in diapers. There were a few teachers that didn't know how to react when the students tried to pour water onto their heads.

The students of ACS know that in order to promote science and especially chemistry, it has to be made fun for the younger, upcoming students. Chemical shows such as these are the way that the ACS members us to encourage students to learn and become interested in chemistry.

## Election results

*By Samuel Berhe*  
Staff Reporter

The results of the 2000- 2001 Student Congress elections held on March 1 at Glenville State College main campus and community colleges of Nicholas and Lewis County are listed below. The new members of Student Congress, having been reduced from 24 to 18, will take office following the Installation Banquet Dinner on March 20, 2000 in the Heflin Center Ballroom.

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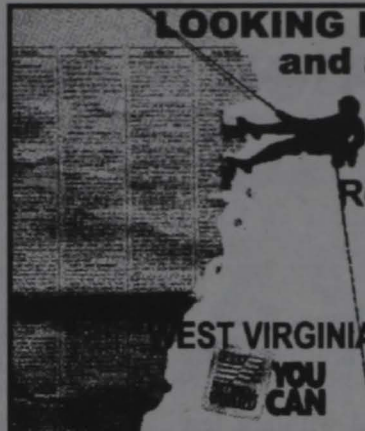
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# National Women's History Month celebrated

By Sherrie Hardman  
Staff Reporter

March has been designated by a Presidential proclamation to be National Women's History Month. The Robert F. Kidd Library is observing the month with a display of books and videos on the main floor of the library.

In 1978, the Education Task Force of Sonoma County, California,

became aware that women's history was an unknown topic in local schools and designated the week of March 8 as Women's History Week.

The celebrations were met with a great deal of response and within a few years, dozens of schools were participating in the Women's History Week celebrations.

In 1981, Senator Orrin Hatch and representative

Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution declaring a National History Week, encouraging celebrations in local schools as a way to achieve equity goals in the classroom. The enthusiasm was so great that the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to declare the entire month of March for national celebrations. A

proclamation by the President of the United States, William J. Clinton declared the month of March as National Women's History Month.

The month is designated to "highlight the extraordinary achievements of women throughout our history, while recognizing the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome along the road to success."

President Clinton also

stated in the proclamation that "as we honor the past and celebrate the present we must also focus on the future. Our choices today will have an enormous impact on the destiny of our daughters and granddaughters, our sons and grandsons. We must rededicate ourselves to forging a society in which gender no longer predetermines a person's opportunities or station in life."

## Student Marshal

The deadline for applications for Student Marshal has been extended to April 5, 2000. Please contact Dr. Deb Simon or Vice President Cheryl McKinney if you have questions or would like an application.

## New Student Activities director

By Jeremy Burks  
Staff Reporter

For all the students out there who say there is nothing to do in Glenville be ready to eat your words. February 21 marked the arrival of the new Student Activities Director, Mrs. Angie Reagon. Hailing from Sevierville, Tennessee, where she last worked for the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). Mrs. Reagon hopes to instill within students her philosophy that "GSC is a fun place where students get involved." Mrs. Reagon holds a Bachelors in Education from Armstrong Atlantic State University, located in Savannah Georgia.

Besides settling in and adjusting to a new home and town, Mrs. Reagon has been hard at work scheduling new and exciting events for GSC students. Just check the campus calendar in this issue and every other issue of the Mercury to find out just what events are planned.

Brimming full of ideas Mrs. Reagon would like the students' input as to what activities she should try and bring to the campus. Mrs. Reagon would also like everyone to know that "I am here for the students; my door is always open for their comments and suggestions." In order to find out what kind of activities students want, Mrs. Reagon has put together a survey she hopes students will fill out and return. You can find a copy in this issue of the Mercury. As an incentive to filling out and returning the survey forms Student Activities will use them to draw names for prizes at different events. The first drawing scheduled is Tuesday April fourth during the *Blind Mans Bluff* concert.

So if students have any suggestions or comments they would like to make, they can contact Mrs. Reagon in the Students Activity office located in the top floor of the Heflin center right across from the snack bar; students can e-mail her at [reagon@Glenville.edu](mailto:reagon@Glenville.edu) or call Student Activities at ext. 172.

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## Liveliness is in the air

I must say, for being such a small town, Glenville certainly is pretty lively. Change is no longer a novelty here and with Senate Bill 653 coming into effect we have seen just the tip of the iceberg. However Senate Bill 653 will be affecting the whole state college and university system and not just GSC. As with any other unstoppable, major change, the future is unclear; but let's try and look at the bright side. GSC will be hit hard but not be as adversely affected as other schools in the state. With a little maneuvering and the right hand it seems that in the long run GSC could maybe even benefit. Don't get me wrong, I don't really like the bill, but at this point in the game there is little to be done about it.

I have also noticed more activities being offered by the Office of Student Activities. I hope a lot of students take the time to fill out student surveys; if you haven't seen one yet, just look a little harder in this issue. As a student, I am glad to know that my opinions and needs are being considered by Student Activities; maybe we will continue to see improvements in the type of entertainment being offered for students. However, the only real problem that I see is student apathy.

Speaking of student apathy, what's happened to school spirit? I think I have to agree with Jeremy Burks' idea of having a huge campus wide party; of course there would still be the problem of the campus alcohol policy. It's not that I think that getting rip roaring drunk is the answer to boost school spirit and morale, I just think it may serve as a little incentive to encourage different types of students to participate. As I am out and about on campus, I meet and know all types of honest, good people; I guess I just don't understand why we can't seem to come together as a whole. And truly, GSC's alcohol policy is more conservative than other state colleges and universities. Davis and Elkin's college throws a huge party for its students every year, Deja Vu. Bands are brought in; alcohol is permitted and students and faculty are encouraged to enjoy the party. Even though I am not a D&E student, I make it a point to attend. I realize GSC doesn't have as much money as D&E, but could we not try to have our own mini-Deja Vu?

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## My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks  
Staff Columnist

Did you know that student congress does not follow its own constitution? In fact, student congress ignores the constitution whenever it feels like it. It's true, student congress is nothing more than a big cluster \*\*\*k. Let me explain.

When student congress starts a meeting, it is called to order by the group's president and from there, it's anybody's game. If you want to talk, just speak louder than the other person or raise your hand and wait to be called on or just jump right in there. In fact, it is clearly stated in the student handbook, article IV section 4 of the student congress constitution, that all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Do they follow this? NO.

There are also several problems with the elections that just occurred during the first of the month. Did you know that elections were pushed back a week? This goes against what the constitution says in article VI section 2, where it clearly states when elections are to be held. When I pointed this fact out to student congress, Cheryl McKinney informed me that Robert's Rules of Orders allows for the suspension of the constitution. I ask... do we use Robert's Rules of Order when it suits us? It seems so.

Another problem I have with this past election is that there should have been more spaces listed for senators at large and dorm representatives. According to the constitution, article III section 4, it states that "One

Senator-At-Large shall be elected per ever 200 full time students." There are six electors senators at large; I think there are more than 1200 full time students going to GSC. Did anyone even bother to look up the number of full time students?

Do not worry—not only did they not bother with finding out the number of full time students, but they did not even bother to find out how many people live in the dorms. Article III section 3 deals with the number of dorm representatives—there should be one representative for every 100 residents based on Fall occupancy. So if 300 people lived in Pickens Hall, then there should be three reps for student congress.

I know that if we followed all these rules there would be a ton of people on student congress and it would be hard to get anything done. So what is the difference now, almost no one on student congress is doing anything. Jobs are assigned and people do nothing. Then why the \*\*\*k are you on student congress?

The point I am trying to make is if student congress can get away with ignoring the rules, then what good are they? Who can we hold responsible for these actions? The members of student congress, which includes me. I wish I had done more and let people know sooner just how \*\*\*ked up student congress is, so that maybe you could have voted for people who would fix the problems. Let us hope that the new congress will follow the rules and make the changes needed to have a student governing body that will work for the students, not the administration.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

With Spring Semester around the corner, Alpha Xi Omega has been busy with finishing up rush activities and planning more events and activities to get ourselves active in campus and community life. On Tuesday, March 21 we held a slave auction as a fund raiser for the activities that we have planned. Over 75 people packed the main lounge of Pickens Hall to take part.

The auction gave us an opportunity to show off our newest members: James Arnold, Ben Brown, Brent Cottrill, Mike Dolin, Tim Murray, and Heath

Pattison. Some of the bidding was quite fierce with bids of \$100 buying Vice President Shawn Crow and President Matt Cottrill.

We appreciate everyone who came out to participate with special appreciation going to TKE President Jerry Burge and Stephanie Dunbar for their generosity in spending at least \$100 each. In total we raised over \$500. Thanks again to everyone!

Wednesday, March 22 marks the one year anniversary of Alpha Xi Omega being recognized as an official organization on this campus. Only through the hard work and

dedication of all our members has this been possible, and we hope to be around for many years to come.

We have several activities and events planned for the rest of the semester. Some of these activities are such thing as a paintball trip, camping, Adopt-A-Highway, a cookout, and some activities for GSC week.

Look for Alpha Xi Omega members of campus and see if we don't exemplify what our organization was founded on... Trust... Integrity ... Brotherhood.

Jim Duffield  
Secretary



# Workforce development is bad vision

by Phillip J. Rossano  
Guest Columnist

*Note: This editorial is a revision of an editorial originally appearing in the March 10th issue of the Charleston Gazette*

In 1996, Governor Bertton, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marockie, the Education Committee Chairs Senator Lloyd Jackson and Delegate Frankman Prezioso led the legislature in the passage of Senate Bill 300, West Virginia's School to Work Law.

This workforce development legislation has forced all students in our public schools to make a career decision at the end of the eighth grade. It has crowded the curriculum with new required career major courses, most being vocational in nature. These new required career major courses and required electives are unnecessary impediments to college bound students. The additional courses make it difficult for them to schedule their college preparatory classes most impossible for

them to participate in sequential fine arts programs. Workforce development has changed the emphasis in our public schools from education to job training. Should all students be forced to take vocational classes?

How many parents of eighth and ninth graders have heard their child say something like "I learned in school today that we do not need a college degree for most of the jobs in the future. So, I guess I don't have to worry about college."

The concept that most jobs do not require a college education is true and has always been true. But what about the good jobs? Will your children need college degrees for the really good paying jobs?

Several weeks ago many people were shocked to discover that proponents of workforce development want to bring this same vision of job training instead of education, to the college level. They should not have been shocked. Senate Bill 300 clearly stated the need to enhance the linkages of the workforce development

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between high schools and post-secondary education. All students beginning high school this current school year come under the mandated workforce development curriculum. It is only natural, then, that the proponents of workforce development see the need to create more post-secondary vocational technical schools to serve the needs of students who are products of this philosophy.

The year 2000 version of School to Work, Senate Bill 653, proposes to separate the satellite community colleges from their parent colleges and convert them to free-standing community colleges. These colleges will become vocational and technical schools.

Many, including legis-

lators, bemoan the fact that West Virginia ranks near the bottom in numbers of students who graduate from college. This proposal would only exacerbate this problem. Today, under the present structure, students at satellite community colleges, who subsequently decide that they want to complete a four-year degree, have little difficulty applying completed credits to a four-year program at the parent school. Under the proposed program, students in free-standing community colleges may have great difficulty in applying their completed credits toward four-year degrees.

This leads to the question, what problems or whose problems are we trying to solve? Where are the job vacancies that the industry cannot fill for the lack of qualified applicants? The problem is not the lack of an adequate supply of qualified workers, but certain greedy business leaders who want large numbers of qualified workers applying for a limited number of jobs. Thus, salaries are kept low and

profits soar.

Is this the reason we have sacrificed liberal arts in our public schools? Will the proponents of workforce development succeed and impose their vision of education on our colleges as well? Is this West Virginia's vision of education for the future?

Finally, is the mission of education in West Virginia, from kindergarten through college, to be job training, or is it to be education? The current workforce development programs are forcing students to make career and education decisions too early and focusing their high school and post-secondary education on training required for a particular job.

The world of work is constantly changing, and this change is accelerating. It is a crime to limit a youth's opportunity by focusing his/her time in school on training for any particular job or occupation that may not even exist in the near future.

*Rossano is director of concert and jazz bands at Glenville State College.*

# Prohibition is over - bring on the beer

Dear Editor,

I attended a concert on the evening of March 16th at the Eflin Center Ballroom. For the first time in my academic career at GSC, I was embarrassed to be associated with this fine institution. Before I go further, allow me to state that the band, "life in general", was incredible. I have been to several concerts in my 27 years and they rate with the best. What was embarrassing, was the

fact that there were only about a dozen of GSC students in attendance. There was no shortage of posters informing the students, so I choose to blame this lack of attendance on the policy of prohibition in effect on our fair campus. I say "our" because as a paying student, this institution is paid for with some of my and my fellow students' tuition money. According to the Fall 1999 enrollment figures, 65.7% of the

student body is over the age of 20. With 37.6% of the students between the ages of 20-24, I cannot say for sure what exact percentage is of legal drinking age. I can say with confidence that the majority of the student body could attend the activity and enjoy a nice cold one. Gasp! That could never happen. Not only could it happen, but I say it is high time it did. Prohibition was repealed in 1933 when the

21st Amendment was ratified by 73% of the state's convention delegates. Somehow, WVU manages to have on-campus, alcohol serving activities without the world coming to an end. For crying out loud, we toasted Senator Rockefeller with ice tea the other day when he visited our campus. Is this the United States of America? Let's put it to a vote. STOP THE INSANITY.

*Garth Beck*



# Theater students, professors attend conference

By Chris Williams  
Staff Reporter

The 51 annual Southeastern Theater Conference was a great place to learn how to start a career, or learn how to make a fight look real to an audience.

Theater professors and students who attended had the opportunity to participate in more than 250 workshops—the only problem was that there wasn't enough time to attend all.

This trip was sponsored in part by Glenville State College and Alpha Psi Omega. The conference was held in Norfolk, Virginia, from March 1-5.

Professors Dennis and Nancy Wemm, along with GSC students Eric Edmond, Justin Murphy, Chris Gravely, Amanda Goodwin, Chris Hopkins, Becky Rodriguez attended.

At 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday in the cold, dark, pre-dawn morning, the group met behind the Fine Arts building to load up for the seven hour trip. No one was looking forward to driving, but all wanted to get to the conference as soon as possible.

With so many workshops offered, it was hard to choose which one to attend. Several members of the group wasted no

time deciding who would go to one workshop and who would go to the other. Then later that day, members met and discussed what they had seen.

With about 3,500 people attending this conference, the hotels were mad houses of activity. My hat goes off to the hotel staff and all those who were in charge of this conference. I would also like to thank GSC, Alpha Psi Omega, and my fellow conference mates for sharing their passion of the arts.

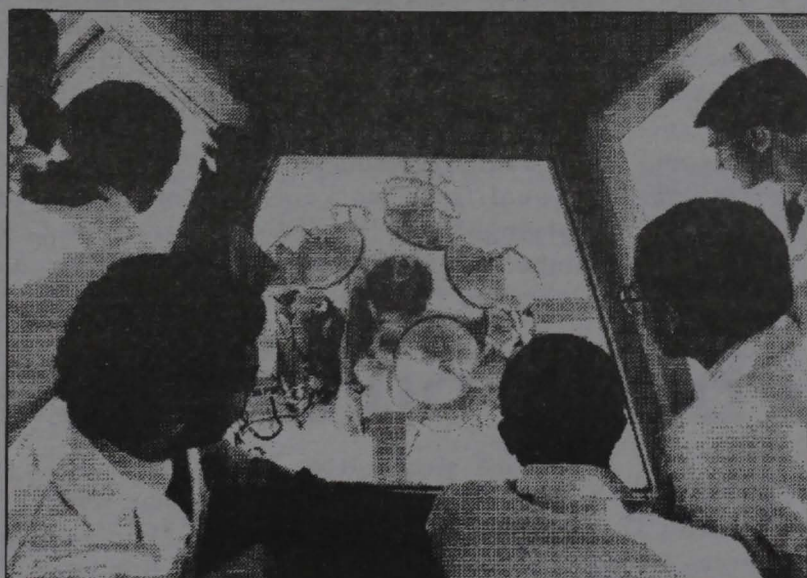
For more information about next year's conference, contact Dennis and Nancy Wemm, or an Alpha Psi Omega member.



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SETC attendees (from left) Chris Hopkins, Chris Gravely, Becky Rodriguez, Justin Murphy, Dennis Wemm, Eric Edmond, Nancy Wemm, and Amanda Goodwin (not pictured Chris Williams)

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# Sports

## Lady Pioneers finish second in WVIAC

By Maryanne Gelsi &  
C. Lovejoy  
Staff Reporters

After a very successful 19 and regular season, the Glenville College Lady Pioneers carried poise, determination and a number two ranking into the West Virginia Conference Women's Basketball Tournament, where they were looking for their first title since 1989.

By virtue of their high seed, the Lady Pioneers earned a first round bye and a direct ticket to the Charleston Civic Center for a quarterfinal date with the West Virginia State Snowjackets, a team who had beaten them on their home court one week earlier. After a very tight first half, the Lady Pioneers' superior talent began to show as they blew the game open in the second half en route to a 69-54 victory over the Lady Jackets. Leading the way for the Pioneers

was sophomore sensation Tammy Spence with 19 points and 14 rebounds, Junior All-Tournament selection Kelly Osborn with 17 points, and junior point guard Sabrina Stout, who netted 12.

Up next for the Lady Pioneers was West Virginia Wesleyan, who knocked off third seed Shepherd in the quarter-finals. A lackluster shooting day that saw the normal-hot shooting Pioneers go 0-15 from three-point land, and a decided 38-25 Bobcat rebounding edge kept the game close throughout, but on the strength of Colleen McBrien's two late game free throws and 24 Wesleyan turnovers the Lady Pioneers prevailed 57-55 to earn a spot in the conference title game. Leading



**GSC's Sabrina Stout (22) puts up a shot against West Liberty as Kelly Osborn (30) looks on in WVIAC Finals action**  
(photo courtesy Eric Rosudei)

the way for the Pioneers was Tammy Spence and Kelly Osborn both with 15 points each, Sabrina Stout with 8 assists and 6 steals, and freshman standout Samantha Williams with 12 points.

The Lady Pioneers were now in the finals where they would face the regular season conference champions, the West Liberty Hilltoppers. After a dismal first half that saw the Lady Pioneers go 0 for 6 from three point land and 0 for 7 from the charity stripe the team was faced with a 31-20 halftime deficit. Though the team played much better in the second half and was able to cut the lead to 52-50 at one point, the margin proved to be too great as an exhausted and somewhat under-

manned Lady Pioneers team fell to the Hilltoppers 67-56.

Leading the way for the Lady Pioneers was Kelly Osborn with 16 points and 10 rebounds, Tammy Spence with 16 points and 8 rebounds and Sabrina Stout with 10 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists. Playing in her last game as a Pioneer, senior Tara Rutherford had 2 points, 6 rebounds and was a floor leader the entire game. Head Coach Steve Harold said of Rutherford that, "she is a great leader and will be sorely missed," and Assistant Coach Tim Carney added, "she is not only a great athlete, but a great person."

Junior point guard Sabrina Stout, who didn't miss a single

minute of playing time the entire tournament won the West Virginia Conference Sportsmanship award along with being placed on the all tournament team. Joining her on the team were Tammy Spence and Kelly Osborn who both had outstanding tournaments.

The Lady Pioneers are a very young team and will only lose one player from this year's conference runners-up. Coach Harold said of this year's team, "They were a very hard working bunch of athletes who showed a lot of heart this season in striving to achieve their goal of conference champions." Most of the key players will return and should be the favorites to win the conference next year.



# Men's cagers fall in second round

By Marianne Gelsi &  
C. Lovejoy  
Staff Reporters

Carrying a six game losing streak into the conference tournament, Coach Williams knew he had a tough task to turn his team's momentum around at the most crucial time of year, but by virtue of a good start in conference play, the 12-14 GSC Mens Basketball team earned a sixth seed and a home game against the Wheeling Jesuit

Crusaders.

David Davis led the way with 19 points and nine rebounds, and Josh Foster added 15 as the Pioneers held off elimination and ended their losing streak in very timely fashion with a 70-62 first round victory over the Crusaders. Hank Hurst and Pete Hawkins also added 11 each for the Pioneers.

The next round saw the men's basketball team go to Charleston, where the remainder of the tournament would be played. The Pioneers

next opponent would be the nationally ranked Salem-Teikyo Tigers who needed to win the tournament to earn a spot in the NCAA Division II basketball tournament. The Tigers size overwhelmed the Pioneers while holding a plus 10 rebounding edge in the game. The Salem bench also proved to be deep as the Tigers stopped the Pioneers 73-57.

Freshman Andy Laible stated that he "could sense a bit of urgency," in Salem's play. The Pioneers stayed close for a deep into

the game thanks to a good team effort. Leading the way for Pioneers was Dave Davis with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Also in double figures for Glenville were Drennen with 11 points and Foster with 10. Pete Hawkins added 8 points and 6 boards so they just had more experience in games, "but also added that, "year will be completely different

With the return of several players to the Pioneers lineup, season could be one to remember

## Stunts, dance, tumbling

## Cheerleaders compete at Civic Center

By Josalynn Hall  
Staff Reporter

On March 1, Glenville State College's cheerleaders set off for Charleston, West Virginia. With competition on the brain, this group of competitors had high hopes for the road ahead. Having endless hours of practice still fresh in their minds, the group was ready to begin competition at the Civic Center at 9:00 a.m. March 2.

Points given in the competition were based on stunts, dance, jumps, tumbling, crispness of motions,

voice control, appearance of routine and overall poise. According to score tallies, our squad placed third in the state. However, due to a confusion in time allowance, the squad was pushed down to seventh place.

Glenville's Tara Martin received one of the honors for all conference cheerleader. The GSC squad was still very pleased by their "outstanding performance."

The cheerleaders stayed in Charleston that week to show their support for the guys and girls in the WVIAC basketball tournament.

ments.

The group would like to take this opportunity to thank their coach, Mellisa Rogers, for all her hard work and dedication. Rogers is leaving her coaching position because of her recent move to Florida.

The GSC squad consists of the following members: LaVie Bass, Sharree Bass, Matt Cottril, Kelli Felton, Shantae Ford, Josalynn Hall, Tara Martin, Lewesla McClain, Ernie Tingler (pioneer), Misty Tomblin, Lou Vega, Breanna White and Stephanie Williams.

## More track members needed to meet NCAA regulations

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Is Glenville State College on track? Coach Randy Maxwell needs you to help get a running, jumping start on this year's events in track and field matches.

GSC teams competed at Wheeling Jesuit College on Saturday, March 18. GSC's Lewesla McClain placed third in the pole vaulting event with an eight-foot jump and Melinda Moran placed sixth in the 5,000-

meter run. Maxwell has five full teams and 12 partial teams, but says needs more recruits, both male and female. The NCAA requires 14 participants on each team and GSC falls short of that mark.

Track members will compete against Betha College in Wheeling Saturday, March 25, at the Bison Relays.

Come on students! Let's get GSC on the map. Check your Mercury Calendar for future GSC track and field meets.

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# Student wins turkey calling contest

By Pat McCord  
Staff Reporter

Let's talk "Turkey Soup." A Glenville State College student, Brian Given, 20, of Sutton, knocked competitors off their posts as he took first place in the National Wild Turkey Federation Championship.

The NWTFF Grand National Junior and Intermediate Calling Contest boasted hundreds of exhibitions, big-name entertainment, and the most prestigious turkey calling contest in the world.

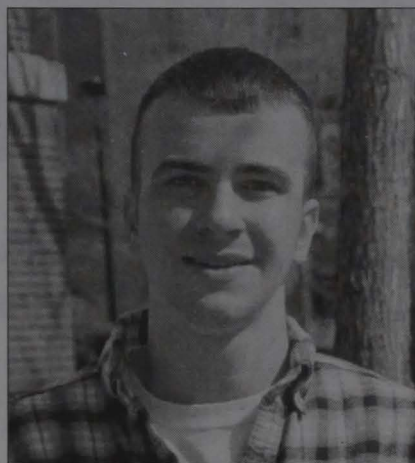
The convention was held at the Opryland Hotel, in Nashville, Tennessee, February 24-27, 2000. Given has been employed at Fossy Oak Factory Outlet in Hatwoods since its inception.

In addition to his huge trophy,

Brian won a hunt in Missouri with two-time World Champion Caller Steve Stoltz and will serve as a guide on an all expense-paid trip to Washington State in April. We must watch for his celebrity debut on the hunt, which will be nationally televised, and hosted by Wild Horse Outfitters. Winners often go on to appear on national news and television programs such as The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with David Letterman, and Regis and Kathy Lee.

Given has taken turkey hunting seriously for seven years. He makes his own mouth diaphragms, which is the device he uses for calling turkeys. Brian is one of 20 pro-staff members who represents Preston Pittman Game Calls.

Brian has worked his way up in the ranks, as he was the



Chris Williams, Mercury

**Brian Given**

youngest participant to win top prize in the West Virginia Open in 1998, and finished sixth in the 1999 World Turkey Calling Championship in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Tuesday, April 4  
7:30 pm

## Blind Man's Bluff



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## Nominations for Miss and Mister Kanawhachen now being accepted!

Campus Organizations may nominate one male and female from their group to compete for the titles of Miss and Mister Kanawhachen.

(Fraternalities and Sororities may nominate one person.)

**Nominations will be accepted until April 1, 2000 and should be submitted to Lisa Hayes, AB 306 with a \$5.00 nomination fee for each candidate.**

Miss and Mr. Kanawhachen will receive 18K gold plated watches with the GSC seal on the watch face and a personalized photo frame with a depiction of the Administration Building and their picture accepting this award.

First Runner Up will receive a miniature carriage clock with the GSC seal on the clock face and a small GSC photo frame with a wallet size photo.

Second Runners Up will receive leather band watches with silver tone highlights and the GSC photo frame with a wallet size photo.

*For more information, contact Lisa Hayes, Co-Advisor,  
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# SCI/TECH

## Particle Lady: Brain Attack

By BJ Woods  
Staff Columnist

In February, I received a phone call from my husband telling me that my mother-in-law was in the hospital, suffering from a possible stroke. Actually, the doctors termed it as a "mini-stroke." In many ways, a mini-stroke is the same as a full blown stroke. I have watched my mother-in-law try to recover. Recovery is a long process, one, that in her mind, is taking way too long. This illness started me wondering and asking more questions about what a stroke is, how it affects the body and what treatments there are available for stroke victims.

Stroke or brain attack affects different people in different ways. The determinant is which area of the brain is affected by the

stroke and the extent of brain injury. Brain injury from stroke can affect motor skills, sensory skills, and speech, as well as the ability to understand speech. There can be a problem with the victim's behavior and thought patterns as well. There may be partial or full paralysis. The stroke victim has a whirlwind of emotions. Some cry very easily and often for no apparent reason or they may laugh uncontrollably.

Stroke can also effect senses such as sight and touch and may hinder mobility and thought. Usually, the stroke victim's perception of daily objects are changed. He or she may not be able to identify familiar objects. Usually a stroke doesn't cause hearing loss, but there is a problem with stroke victims

understanding what is being said around them. This makes them appear to have hearing loss.

What causes a stroke? A stroke is a cardiovascular disease that affects the blood vessels supplying blood to the brain, thus the term "brain attack." A stroke occurs when a blood vessel bringing oxygen and nutrients to the brain bursts or is clogged by a blood clot or some other foreign particle. Because of this rupture or blockage, part of the brain doesn't get the flow of blood that it needs. Deprived of oxygen, nerve cells in the affected area of the brain can't function and die within minutes. And when the nerve cells can't function, the part of the body controlled by these cells can't function either. The devastating effects of stroke are often permanent

because dead brain cells can't be replaced.

There are four main types of stroke: two are caused by blood clots or other particles and two by hemorrhage. Cerebral thrombosis and cerebral embolism are by far the most common, which account for 70-80% of all strokes. They are caused by clots or particles that plug up the artery. Cerebral and subarachnoid hemorrhages are caused by ruptured blood vessels. These types of strokes have a higher fatality rate than strokes caused by clots.

Upon arrival at the hospital, a stroke victim is hooked up to oxygen. There is now medicine that wasn't available ten years ago, called tissue plasminogen activator (T.P.A.). T.P.A. dissolves blood clots. It works well for stroke vic-

tims, as 70-80% of all strokes are caused by clots. There is a drawback to using this drug, which sometimes causes bleeding. Not every stroke victim should receive the TPA treatment. It is only effective if given immediately and monitored constantly by the physician. For maximum benefits, the TPA therapy must be given within three hours of onset of the symptoms.

I hope that this column that has given every one some insight to what the signs and symptoms of a stroke are, what causes a stroke as well as types and treatments.

Til next week, take care while traveling the halls of science. For comments and column suggestions, please feel free to contact the Particle Lady at [gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:gsc01293@mail.wvnet.edu)

### ATTENTION:

#### Photographers, Photography students, Ex-photography students

We are gathering photos of women to advertise the upcoming Women's Conference scheduled for late April, 2000. We need good photographs (black and white or color) of women of all ages including babies, children, teens, young adults, and the elderly. They may be of GSC students, faculty, staff, or non-students. Photos may be simple portraits, candid shots, or activity oriented settings. Activities can include women in everyday situations or non-traditional roles.

Photos may be submitted mounted or unmounted, snapshot size to 8 x 10 enlargements.

Submit entries to Dr. Deanna Foxworthy, 311 AB by noon, Friday, April 7, 2000. All photos will be returned to the photographer. You may pick up work Thursday and Friday, May 4 and May 5, 2000. For more information see Dr. Foxworthy or call extension 186.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Processor was a blast for adults as well

By Hector K. Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Just because something is supposed to be geared toward children doesn't necessarily mean that adults won't enjoy it. That is the case with last week's presentation of The Wonder Processor, written by Dennis Wemm, and directed by Allison Tant. Hundreds of local area elementary students were given the opportunity to see and be part of this original presentation. The cast and crew accommodated the large numbers by performing numerous shows during the day and a night time performance on Wednesday for the GSC students. I was not fortunate enough to see one of the daytime performances; however, by the response from those in attendance on

Wednesday night, I could see that it had to have gone over very well.

The premise of the show revolved around The Wonder Processor, a computer created by Dr. George Bush played by Chris Vannoy. The Wonder Processor, voiced by Glenville professor Dennis Wemm, would tell fairy tales in a jumbled way. For example, it would retell the classic Cinderella with a Bonanza like twist. In the process of performing the acts, the Wonder Processor would encourage audience participation by having audience members scream "Ouch" each time Vannoy's character would kick it.

Being an ensemble cast, it is hard to single anyone out because all did a tremendous job from the set crew to the actors. The timing was

incredible considering the smooth transitions between acts. There were four set changes and these were not simple sets. I did find the sound a little lacking from where I was sitting; however, I was told that there were some problems with the sound equipment. If I was going to give anyone kudos for the performance, first and foremost, it would be Allison Tant. Given a limited budget, limited time, a large number of performers, and a lot of other moving parts, Allison was able to bring together a well written play. I would also be foolish not to mention Chris Vannoy, who in my opinion, stole the show. He brought a certain subtle humor to the play that I think was more apparent to the adults in the audience.

From someone who looks



Chris Williams, Mercury

### The cast of "The Wonder Processor" take their bow

at plays and movies from an entertainment perspective and not for its deeper meaning, I would have to say this play was a success. Even though I haven't been an eight year old for quite some

time, I was still able to enjoy its child-like humor. For those who didn't take the opportunity to leave the dorms on Wednesday, you missed what turned out to be a fun event.

## Life In General rocks GSC

By Jeff Wickland  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, March 16, acoustic rock group Life In General performed in the Heflin Center Ballroom. The duo consisting of Jerry Chapman and Jason LeVasseur performed a solid set, fusing self-penned originals with covers of classics from The Beatles and Suzanne Vega. The original material featured intelligent, introspective lyrics. The duo also showcased a diverse display of instruments includ-

ing guitar, mandolin, harmonica, drums, and piano. They duo split vocal duties throughout the performance. Highlights of the 18 song, 75 minute set included the originals "Big Sky," "Scared of Anything," and "Eagle," which will appear in the movie Shaded Places, as well as an excellent rendition of The Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds."

Chapman and LeVasseur, North Carolina natives, met while in college at Wake-Forest University, and have been

performing together for five-and-a-half-years. They have recorded five albums, including a double live album recorded in Winston-Salem. The duo has played with the likes of Bryan Adams, Edwin McCain, Dave Mathews Band, Vertical Horizon, and The Wallflowers, just to name a few. Not only has the band toured heavily throughout the United States, performing over 200 shows a year, it headlined 24 shows in Australia, and were featured on Australian MTV.

## Campus Calender

### Recurring Events

Lunch and Chapel(Wesley Foundation 12:00 pm every Tuesday)  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Wesley Foundation 9:00 pm every Tuesday)  
Baptist Campus Ministry (Wesley Foundation 9:00 pm every Wednesday)  
Movie Night (Wesley Foundation 8:00 pm every Thursday)  
**Monday- March 27, 2000**  
High School Art Show  
60's Rock- When the Music Mattered: A Multi-Media Trip through the 60's (FA Auditorium 7:30 pm)  
**Tuesday- March 28, 2000**  
Super Stage Video Productions (Heflin Center 11:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Book Fair (Heflin Center Lobby 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)  
**Wednesday- March 29, 2000**  
Square Dance (Ball Room 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm)  
Book Fair (Heflin Center Lobby 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)  
**Thursday- March 30, 2000**  
PPB Activity  
Book Fair (Heflin Center Lobby 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)  
**Friday- March 31, 2000**  
GSC Golf/ Camp Lejeune (NC) Invitational  
**Saturday- April 1, 2000**  
GSC Golf/Camp Lejeune Invitational  
GSC Track/Concord  
**Sunday- April 2, 2000**  
GSC Golf/Camp Lejeune Invitational



# Hechler visits GSC again

By Hector K. Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Secretary of State Ken Hechler visited Glenville State College on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hechler returned to evaluate the flood repairs, talk to students, and encourage voter registration. In the course of his visit he tried out the new food service offered in the cafeteria and lectured in Dr. Gayle Burkowski's two o'clock American Mosaic class. The topic of his discussion was on his time in Selma Alabama for both the second Selma march and the recent re-enactment in which he made the trip with United States President Bill Clinton and Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. As with his previous visit during GSC's Black History Month celebration, the Secretary of State gave the class some background on the original march and some explanation on how he came to be there. He spoke of his commitment not



Chris Williams, Mercury

## Secretary of State Ken Hechler

only to civil rights but his strong support for mine worker safety.

The Secretary of State concluded his brief discussion answering some questions from the students in attendance. All involved had an opportunity to see history in the eyes of someone who made it. In closing the Secretary said he would return again to talk to students.

### SPRING 2000 STUDENT ACTIVITIES SURVEY

The Office of Student Activities provides social and cultural events for students of Glenville State College. Please complete the survey below so that Student Activities may schedule programs for next year that are of interest to you. Please return this survey to the Student Activities Office in the Hefflin Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. If you have any suggestions, visit Angie Reagan in the Office of Student Activities or call extension 172.

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ WV Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CIRCLE ALL APPROPRIATE RESPONSES.

- A. I would most likely attend programs scheduled on...
1. Weekday evenings
  2. Friday evenings
  3. Saturday
  4. Sunday
  5. Wednesdays 11:45 - 1:15 (GSC Activity Hour)

- B. The best ways to inform me of upcoming events is/are...
6. The Mercury
  7. Bulletin Boards
  8. E-mail
  9. Notice by Mail
  10. Flyers, Table Tents

#### C. The programs that interest me most are...

11. Concerts
12. Dances
13. Karaoke
14. Performing Arts
15. Speakers
16. Special Events
17. Family Programs
18. Comedians
19. Mentalists
20. Hypnotists
21. Magicians
22. Trips
23. GSC Week
24. Coffee House
25. Open Mic Nights

#### D. The types of music I enjoy are...

26. Top Forty (Pop)
27. Classic Rock
28. Alternative Rock
29. Rhythm and Blues
30. Jazz
31. Easy Listening
32. Country
33. Classical
34. Rap
35. Christian

#### E. The types of trips that interest me are...

36. Shopping
37. Skiing
38. Rafting
39. Hiking
40. Amusement Parks
41. Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### F. I would be interested in a speaker presentation concerning...

42. Current Events
43. Contemporary Writers or Poets
44. Job Market
45. Politics
46. Religion
47. Science
48. Motivation/Success
49. Drug and Alcohol related issues
50. Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### G. Organizations and groups I am interested in receiving information about are...

51. Alpha Rho Tau
52. American Chemical Society
53. Baptist Campus Ministry
54. Bio Club
55. Chess Club
56. Collegiate 4-H Club
57. Colors of Pride
58. Computer Club
59. Fellowship of Christian Athletes
60. Forensics Club
61. Forest Technology Club
62. GSC Criminal Justice Club
63. International Students Club
64. Kanawha
65. Kanawha
66. Literary Society
67. MENC
68. Mercury
69. National Vocational Technical Honor Society
70. Phi Beta Lambda
71. Pioneers in Nursing
72. Pioneer Programming Board
73. Sigma Rho Lambda
74. Student Accounting Society
75. Student Chapter of WV Association of Land Surveyors
76. Student Congress
77. Students in Free Enterprise
78. Student National Education Association
79. Student Tour Guides and Recruitment Supporters
80. Student Voters Coalition
81. Trillium
82. Wesley Foundation

Thank you for completing this survey which will also be used in a drawing (for great prizes) to be held during the *Blindman's Bluff* concert on April 4.



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
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