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A discussion with Dr. Joe Evans

Shared Values initiative and the new schedule

By Hector K. Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

There are few on campus quite as busy as Dr. Joe Evans. One could not imagine the various meetings and functions he has to attend in his position as Vice President of Academic Affairs, the "second in command" at GSC. *The Mercury* was fortunate enough to sit down with Dr. Evans to discuss his views on the Shared Values initiative and the new schedule.

The Shared Values plan, as outlined in a previous issue of *The Mercury*, weighs heavily on the minds of GSC faculty and students. Rumors run rampant on the potential Shared Values proposal being nothing more than religion being forced on GSC students. Other stories go the more totalitarian route saying we will be forced to follow programs that may impinge on individual freedoms, the cornerstone of one's college life. Dr. Evans was able to put those rumors to rest.

"Shared Values is not church oriented" Dr. Evans explained. Although details are a bit ambiguous at this point, Dr. Evans was able to put into perspective how he thought the Shared Values initiative would work out. He felt that Shared Values meant that everything would be value based, the values being part of academic life. Such values included the search of evidence, civility and manners, health and wellness, and how to operate in a democratic society. These were just a couple suggestions Dr. Evans had for the fledgling program.

The program itself is still in the planning phases with a tentative start date for the fall. Implementing the program will be an ongoing process. It will call for a change in curriculum and will ask for a bit of creativity from the faculty. Some tentative ideas that Dr. Evans had on how it would change the curriculum were as follows. His interpretation was that to keep with the new system Biology classes should delve into other value based areas such as the effects of smoking, diet, and illegal drugs on the human system. This would help to encourage health and wellness, something he feels should be a part of the Shared Values plan.

In keeping with the non-religious nature of the Shared Values plan, *The Mercury* asked how he felt the new program would deal with evolution versus creationism. His thoughts were that the biology program, under the tentative plan, would stick with evolution. From his interpretation evolution versus creation is something that could be discussed in composition classes. "The good, the knowledgeable biologists I know would never verbalize that man descended from monkey, that man came from monkeys." He added, "Some of the legislatures are even passing laws to put different provisions on the teaching of evolution."

The tentative plan has not been welcomed with open arms by all the faculty. Three divisions at this time have stood up to support the initiative while the rest are still not quite on board. According to Dr. Evans, the rest support the concept but are unsure of "values" and

don't like the potential religious implications. "They were troubled by ambiguity" said Evans.

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A meeting is to be held on Friday with faculty and administrators to discuss the initiative further. When asked where he hoped this would eventually lead, Dr. Evans stated, "I hope we are a community of academics who enjoy the opportunity to interact with one another."

Another subject of controversy has been the new schedule. The new schedule has been met with various degrees of reaction from anger to undying support. Its initial proposal, made in the fall, was considered ill-conceived by a large percentage of the student body. The change in the schedule was the brainchild of Dr. Evans and Dr. Nolan Browning and conceived prior to Dr. Powell's arrival at GSC. One of its functions, as stated by Dr. Evans, is to make a more worthwhile summer program by going to the trimester system. It could potentially allow for longer class sessions to give more detailed instruction which is important to those taking science classes who need lab time. According to Dr. Evans the instructors were not given enough time to provide stu-

dents an understanding of the material being covered.

The schedule itself could also benefit those not participating in the summer session. The administration understands that some students use the summer months to gain the necessary financial resources to pay for school. For those students actual classes do not begin until September 5th for the fall semester and end with the last day of finals on May 4th for the spring semester. This could open up a lot more opportunities for students to find the necessary summer work.

Its quite possible it will also benefit the older students who make up a very important part of the Glenville State College family. By increasing the time spent in classes and reducing the number of weeks of instruction it may allow "husband and wife teams" to complete their required courses faster. It could allow for them, as Dr. Evans pointed out, to take turns, "when one would complete their courses the other could start and do so in a much faster time."

One such student has already dropped by his office telling him that because of the schedule she will be able to complete her schedule in three years giving her spouse a chance at a college education sooner than expected.

Being an optimist, Dr. Evans could not see where the proposed schedule had any negatives. It was his feeling that once everyone got into the system and saw the merits students and faculty would understand the reasoning behind the new schedule.

Miss, Mister Kanawachen winners announce

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

Several years ago, Professor Yvonne King and the yearbook staff created the Miss Kanawachen contest. However, there is a new addition to the contest this year, and that is the voting for Mr. Kanawachen.

The purpose of the contest is to raise money for the GSC Yearbook. The funds collected this year will be

used to buy a digital camera. The student body votes by dropping a penny in the jar of the person that he or she would like to see win. The person with the most pennies wins.

This year's candidates for Miss Kanawachen are Tara Rutherford, who was nominated by Women's Basketball, Sara Gower of the Music Department, Moe Tzoneva from the Student Accounting Society,

Adrienne Fitch of S.T.A.R.S., Stacey Moss from the Kanawhachen Staff, Libby Hudkins of Phi Beta Lambda, Sherrie Hardman of The Mercury, Connie Mollohan from Chi Beta Phi, and Heidi Jo Rice from the Office of College Advancement.

Running for Mr. Kanawachen are Corey Jackson of S.T.A.R.S., Bryan Norris of Phi Beta Lambda, Brandon Craft of

Chi Beta Phi, Danny Mays of the Student Accounting Society, Chris Williams from the Mercury, and Brent Cottrill from Alpha Xi Omega.

Voting took place during GSC Week. This year's Miss Kanawachen is Sherrie Hardman. Moe Tzoneva finished second with Stacy Moss finishing third.

Chris Williams won the title of Mr. Kanawachen.

Danny Mays finished second and Corey Jackson finished third.

The winners of titles will be presented a plaque and a watch at a small ceremony. President Powell, McKinney, and Yvonne King. The ceremony will take place April 28 at 7:00 pm in the Presidential Conference Room.

Professor King will be honored at the ceremony.

Norris discusses cryptanalysis

By Ann Williams
Staff Reporter

Brent Norris, of the National Security Agency, visited Glenville State College on Thursday, April 6 in the Verona Maple Room. He discussed classical cryptanalysis and the 1827 Folger Manuscript. Mr. Norris stated that cryptanalysis is the process of "making good guesses."

The event was a one hour slide show discussing the process of ciphering fraternal cryptography, with the emphasis on the Folger Manuscript.

The document is a monoalphabetic simple-substitution with relatively few variants. This basically means that to break the code, a grasp of the most fre-

quently used letters in language was needed. For instance, "e" is the most frequently used letter in the English language. The next step was finding out what the most commonly used symbol in the document, and then replacing that symbol with the letter "e". After doing that, the person breaking the code would then repeat the process with the next most frequent letter until the code was completely broken.

After the slide show presentation Mr. Norris answered some questions asked by the audience, but remained vague on questions concerning the NSA's policies concerning our nation's international communications.

Traveling Max entertains with comedy, music

By Josalynn Hall
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 12, "Traveling Max" entertained Glenville State College. With the smell of a summer out in the air, Max entertained GSC students with comedic and musical antics in the Heflin Center ballroom. While GSC students chowed down on some grilled food, Max passed out festive hats and maracas to get involved in his karaoke madness. Before long, students formed a congo line leading through the Heflin Center.

Students seemed energetic and lively throughout Max's performance. Brandi Adkins said she enjoyed the performance. "This is the best form of entertainment Glenville has seen in a long time," she said.

Chris Bennett replied "He was really cool!"

Jeremy Burks said "If you missed this event, you really missed out. This was definitely worth seeing."

Campus Calendar

Recurring Events

Lunch & Chapel
(WAC 12:00 pm every Tuesday)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
(WAC 9:00 pm every Tuesday)
Baptist Campus Ministry
(WAC 9:00 pm every Wednesday)
Movie Night
(WAC 8:00 pm every Thursday)
Tuesday- April 18, 2000
WV Humanities Circuit Writer:
Mark DeFoe- Public Reading
(AB Auditorium 4:30 pm)
Choir Concert
(FA Auditorium 8:00 pm)

GSC Golf
WVIAC Northern Regional
Speidel- Wheeling
Wednesday- April 19, 2000
Senior Shows through May 5
(FA Gallery)
GSC Golf
WVIAC Northern Regional Speidel-
Wheeling
Thursday- April 20, 2000
Spring Recess- No Classes
GSC Track WVIAC Conference Meet
Wheeling
Friday- April 21, 2000
Spring Recess- No Classes
GSC Track WVIAC Conference Meet

Wheeling
Monday- April 24, 2000
Classes Resume
GSC Golf
WVIAC Championship
Cacapon
Tuesday- April 25, 2000
Chi Beta Phi Awards Picnic
4:30 or 5 p.m.
Brass & Woodwind Ensemble Concert
(FA Auditorium 8:00 pm)
GSC Golf
WVIAC Championship
Cacapon
Wednesday- April 26, 2000
GSC Golf

WVIAC Championship
Cacapon
Thursday- April 27, 2000
Jazz Band Concert
FA Auditorium 8:00 pm
Friday- April 28, 2000
Bluegrass Festival
Fine Arts Auditorium
7:00 p.m.
GSC Women's Studies Conference
All Day
GSC Track
Wesleyan
Saturday- April 29, 2000
GSC Track Invitational
Laidley Field, Charleston 10:00

Conference on Women's Issues Glenville State College Friday, April 28, 2000

Schedule of Presentations

Administration Building Auditorium

- 9:00 - 9:10 A cutting from **A Girl's Guide to Chaos** by Cynthia Heimel: Abbie Burge and Jossalyn Hall
- 9:10- 9:30 Welcome Address: Dr. Thomas H. Powell, GSC President
- 9:30- 10:00 Keynote Address: "Women: Soaring Into the Future"
Keynote Speaker: Senator Martha Walker
- 10:10-10:30 "Kiki Smith: Body and Soul: the Shamam"
Presenter Julie Snider
- 10:30-10:50 "The Progression of Women's Issues in South Africa"
Presenter: Mary Ann Gelsi
- 11:00-11:30 "Female Juvenile Offenders: A Profile"
Presenter Kathy Jones

Verona Maple Room in the Heflin Center

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

Guest Speaker: Vicki Smith: Deputy Director of NAPAS
(National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems)
A Reading: "Strength Beyond Reproach"
Presenter: Tasha Pennington

Heflin Ballroom

- 1:00 - 1:30 Classical Women: The Case of Antigone"
Panel: Laura E. Davis, Melissa A. Rifee,
and Miranda Swisher
- 1:30-1:50 "Glaspell's Trifles: Women Unite"
Presenter: Shelly Sheets
- 1:50-2:10 "Who Committed Original Sin?:
Presenter: Amy Smith
- 2:15-2:30 Break and Refreshments
- 2:30-2:50 "Where Are Shakespeare's Mothers?"
Presenter: Sharon Case
- 2:50-3:15 "The King's Daughters: Images of Women in
King Lear" Presenter: Scott W. Bennett
- 3:15-3:40 "Slaves to the Past: The Role of Women in Antiquity"
Presenter: Jessica Coulter
- 3:40-4:20 "O' Those Shakespearean Women"
Panel: Mandy Wilson, Celestial LeFave,
Alison Demento, and Travis Cogger
- 4:30 Presentation of Awards

*There is no admission fee for the conference.
This will be the order of events though
times may vary slightly.
All students are encouraged to attend.*

SIFE team receives Regional Champion Award at competition

GSC SIFE students presented outreach projects to a panel of national business leaders at the 2000 Students In Free Enterprise Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair in Richmond, VA April 6. GSC SIFE students were awarded the Regional Champion Award in their league.

The projects presented included: Teach A Child About Business Week, Learn and Earn, Headstart Computer Literacy, and various other speakers and tours of business. SIFE encour-

ages students to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations.

GSC SIFE advisors are Professor Cinda Echard and Dr. Gary Arbogast, and were recognized as Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellows.

SIFE members include Carrie Propst, Bonnie Bever, Rachael Anderson, Lora Sharp, Molly Calame, Amy Wiant, Randy Ratliff, Chad Drennen, Matt Wilson, Megan Miller, Bryan Norris, and John Eastman.

All seniors that would like to be in the Yearbook need to have their pictures taken before graduation ceremonies.

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Symposium portrays Lincoln's leadership

By Maryanne Gelsi
Staff Reporter

This year marked the first annual Leadership Symposium conducted at GSC. The symposium focused on the leadership of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. James Hildgenberg has spent many years organizing and planning this gathering of academic scholars to acknowledge a leader in history, "who represents vision, faith, optimism, and sees the day as morning, not as night" according to Powell.

The symposium consisted of an introduction by

Hildgenberg, a performance by Mike Kiernan, and two guest speakers, Dr. Bruce Flack, Senior Administrator for the State College and University Systems of West Virginia and Dr. David Bard, Professor of History at Concord College.

Hildgenberg began the conference with a few introductory remarks about Lincoln, stating that, "nothing has impacted us as much as the Civil War" and that "More has been written about Abraham Lincoln than any other man on our planet, besides Jesus Christ." The drama per-

formed by Mike Kiernan, who had a hereditary link to the Civil War through his great grandfather, depicted Lincoln as a clean shaven, thought processing, and God fearing man. Kiernan re-enacted Lincoln in his study pondering how to reunite the country. He portrayed Lincoln immersed in an emotional struggle over the rights and wrongs of the war. "The Civil War was a war for freedom that led to the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments of the Constitution" Kiernan stated as Lincoln.

At the end of the perfor-

mance, Dr. Flack then gave a short synopsis on Lincoln's accomplishments. He stated "that had it not been for the issue of slavery there would not have been a Civil War. To me, Lincoln was the ultimate pragmatist." Flack was also commemorated with a portrait that will hang in the Robert F. Kidd Library.

Dr. Bard began his commentary by saying that the most commonly asked question is, "Why did the North win or the South lose?" He gave four reasons for Lincoln's success: mobilization, discontent, resource,

and leadership. He stated that, "Lincoln had the ability to combine roles, delegate authority, and be tolerant of conflicting views and this equaled what political leadership stood for."

The symposium was accentuated by Budd Griffin's musical talent on the violin. Griffin is a GSC graduate. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in education and is currently working on a publishing/production company called Braxton records. The reenactment drama was performed twice more on Tuesday during GSC week.

Poet to speak as part of Circuit Writers program

The West Virginia Humanities Council and West Virginia Writers, Inc., are sponsoring the Circuit Writers program, which will be coming to Glenville in mid-April.

Mark DeFoe, poet and Professor of English at West Virginia Wesleyan College, will read from his poetry at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in the Glenville State College Administration Building Auditorium. The program will be free, and refreshments will be

served afterwards.

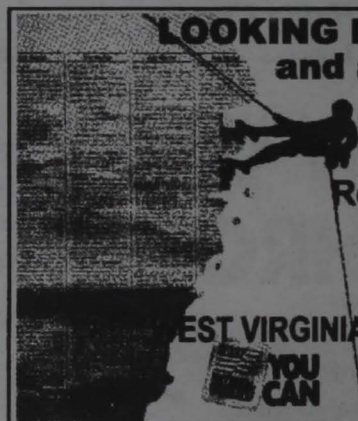
Earlier in the day he will be at the Gilmer County High School conducting a writing workshop for the high school students.

DeFoe's poetry has appeared in *Paris Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Yale Review*, *Sewanee Review*, *the Literary Review*, and many others.

For more information, contact Gayle Burkowski, Division of Language and Literature, Glenville State College at 462-7361, ext. 218.

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Ask Eleanor Disclaimer

In a recent edition of *The Mercury*, a column, Ask Eleanor, came under fire from administration due to con- dealing with suicide, the al use of firearms, and der.

These are all events present day's society which affect way we live. The column, Eleanor, is a form of enter- nent and not meant as a ns to deal with the above tioned issues.

There are trained profes- als on this campus who are e capable and have the cre- als to handle the above arios.

The purpose of Ask Eleanor give helpful insight from a

peer on subjects ranging from friend problems to relationship issues.

We know that sometimes it helps to get an opinion from an equal who is not in the middle of your problem.

Some of your problems may deal with the only one you are comfortable conversing with. We simply provide a place to vent your frustrations on your important dilemma.

We at *The Mercury* apolo- gize for any problems this may have caused. We strongly encourage our readers, should a serious problem arise, to check with certified medical experts like the ones men- tioned in this issue.

Free counseling now available for students

By Allison Tant
Staff Reporter

There are many issues that sur- round students today. Now, if you need someone to talk to or need a place to turn, there is Greendoor Resolutions. This is a free counsel- ing service offered to Glenville State students which can be found in the Gilmer County Health Center Complex on Mineral Road.

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opposed to a medical model."

There are two counselors who are readily available to help you with whatever problems you have. Helen Woodyard has her M.Ed. in Rural Rehabilitation and Community Counseling from Ohio University. She is a certified reha- bilitation counselor and a licensed professional counselor. Danny Roach has his Masters in Counseling from WVU and his Ph.D. from Walden University. He is a licensed professional and nationally certified counselor.

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The End is Near!

Glenville is going to become a community college.

GSC is going to have mandatory uniforms.

*The ROTC is going to take over our college and make all of us
mindless zombies bent on destroying the evil
communist threat.*

We all have heard these stories circulating between classes or in the dorms. Many of us have been caught up in the visions of a maniacal Dr. Powell surrounded by his staff discussing ways to make college students miserable. Is this true, though?

It is our stance that it is not. Even if Dr. Powell was so inclined, he has better things to do with his time than undermine student rights and take away Thanksgiving. One of those items that keep him busy is trying to save the school from a quagmire not of his making and he has done his best to persevere.

In the fall of 1999, Dr. Powell was handed basically a bunch of lemons and set out to make lemonade. He was not given a lot of time. Also contrary to popular opinion, he doesn't exactly rule with an iron hand as the recent addition of days in the schedule would imply. He has made some hard decisions that the majority may or may not like. In the long run these decisions may help the college. A problem that most have had is that these decisions were made very quickly, catching most unaware.

The Mercury has not always agreed with these decisions. Dr. Powell has not always agreed with decisions on stories *The Mercury* has run. As a college president, it is Dr. Powell's responsibility to run a college in need of help. As a student newspaper it is our responsibility to report the news important to the GSC family. These two goals are not mutually exclusive. However, there must be clear lines of dialogue between the parties to avoid animosity and confusion.

Some of *The Mercury* staff still do not support the Mace, the dorm doors incident, and other issues. We are not so sure how well received our April Fool's issue was in the President's office. One thing that we all agree on is that we would all like to be a part of GSC in the future and not WVUG, West Virginia University Glenville. If we were so inclined for a taste of Morgantown we would be living in Stalnaker Hall, driving to Charleston to watch basketball games to avoid the risk of cancer, and sitting through speech classes with over 200 people in them. GSC has a rich heritage and traditions that should live on for our children, their children and so on. We as students may not agree with his methods but he has done an admirable job given the circumstances thus far. For those who have been at GSC awhile you know how bad the alternative was.

The Mercury is searching for a new editor. Prospective candidates must turn in a letter of application to Dr. Edward Palm, Chair, Division of Language and Literature by noon Wednesday, April 19.

My Two Cents

By Jeremy Burks
Staff Columnist

Within the last few months, some members of the administration have proposed placing *The Mercury* under the control of the Public Relations Department, an action that student congress approved several months ago.

As a member of student congress at that time, I voted in favor of the idea, although I did not fully realize the impact of such a move. I later realized that this is a direct conflict of interest. It is the job of public relations to make the college look and sound attractive to new students as well as to promote a positive public image of the college; it is the job of *The Mercury* staff to report the truth and sometimes the truth hurts. It is the responsibility of a newspaper article to encourage discussion of timely issues. To fully understand a situation, both sides must be heard, which in turn helps foster the growth and development of a more civilized society.

By placing *The Mercury* under Public Relations, we must henceforth question the credibility of the paper. Currently, *The Mercury* is under the supervision of the Language Division, a

department without a political agenda. At no point in time should *The Mercury* be in conflict with the Language Division; although it could, theoretically, be in direct conflict with the Public Relations Department. This move could potentially cause strain and place *The Mercury* in a position where the staff could, theoretically, become pressured into not reporting a story that should be told.

The administration should encourage *The Mercury* to point out the bad, along with the good, so administrators can do their jobs and correct the "bad things" that happen at Glenville State College. By placing these issues into a public forum, we are all learning what works and does not work for GSC.

The continuing drama between the administration and *The Mercury* isn't the only serious issue facing the college and its students. The fact that this school caters to parents is insulting to students. If parents call up or show up and want to enter their child's dorm room, they can without his or her permission because... "They're your parents."

SO WHAT! First off, this is against the law and secondly, it is the student's

room— someone who is 18 and considered an adult no matter how he or she acts. I have talked to members of the administration and staff and have heard such expressions as, "Do you think your parents would approve of that?" Who cares what the parents think; it is the decision of the student as to what school he or she wants to attend. All parents want to know is where, when, how much, how long will it take, and what kind of job can one's child get afterwards? The school should show students the respect they deserve as fully-grown adults. Treat us as equals, partners working together to create an efficient learning environment.

GSC should be encouraging students to get out on their own and become individuals who take responsibility for their actions. This school should not hold students' hands. This is college and not a day care center for people 18 and older.

One last thing, please stop calling "the mace" a mace, when it is not a mace, but in fact a decorative staff. If you would like to know what a mace is, ask me and I will explain it to you or even show you a picture of one.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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ROTC hanging on at GSC

By Hector K. Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

Students at Glenville State College were treated to a rare sight. On Thursday, April 6, members of the GSC Army ROTC program spent four hours repelling off the wall in front of the AB building walkway. Repelling is an integral part to Army training that serves many purposes. It is a system using ropes to move personnel and equipment. It can be used for various stationary and helicopter platforms. Due to budget restrictions the primary location for what the US Army calls Air Assault school is Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. In the past, before cut backs in the Defense budget, versions of the Air Assault school were offered in

the various areas, or theaters, the Army operates in, from Germany to Panama. At the completion of the course the soldiers are awarded the coveted Air Assault wings to be worn on both the Battle Dress Uniform and Dress uniform.

Captain McCutcheon, a 13 year member of the armed services and ROTC instructor here at Glenville, began a detailed block of instruction to prepare the cadets on what they would have to face at the above mentioned Air Assault school. The plan was originally for the cadets to repel from the Gym; however, due to safety concerns they moved to the new location in front of the AB building where they could get a taste of it before moving on to a much higher location at a later date.

Public Service Commission to discuss local calling area

By Sherrie Hardman
Staff Reporter

This week's community news is focused on the telephone linkage between Gilmer and Calhoun County. County Commissions for both counties have filed letters with the Public Service Commission to increase the local calling area, which will allow residents of Gilmer County to call Calhoun without paying a long distance charge.

The Gilmer County Commission has set a public comment meeting for April 14, 2000 to show the that there is

"community interest" which must be proven to the Public Service Commission to approve the expanded calling area.

The Public Service Commission is encouraging customers of the affected areas to attend the meeting. Individuals, businesses or organizations who cannot attend the meeting may submit letters and/or petitions in support, with the case number (No. 99-1633-T-PC) on the letter, to Sandra Squire, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, 100 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy during the recent illness and death of my brother. Also, thank you for the flowers that were sent, the family and I appreciate all the prayers that went out during this time. May God bless you all for everything that was done.

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Changes In The Constitution of the Student Congress

1.) **Article III**, Section 3 - Residence Hall Representatives will be elected by the Governing Board of each residence hall in the fall semester. There will be one male and female representative from Pickens Hall, and one male representative from Louis Bennett Hall.

2.) **Article V**, Section 3 - Voter validity will be sustained by appearance of the individual's name on the respective class rolls. All students must present College I.D. or College I.D. number.

3.) **Article V**, Section 4 - Anyone, who cannot be present for the two days of elections and is approved by the Academic Affairs Office for a school released function, will be allowed to vote on an absentee ballot.

4.) **Article VI**, Section 12, #9 - In the event of a tie in any election, there will be a runoff election held within one (1) week of the general election for the tying candidates as governed by Article V, Section 4.

5.) **Article VII**, Section 3 - ...Anyone, who pursues the position of Secretary or Treasurer, is required to have served at least one semester on Student Congress.

4.) **Article VIII**, Section 1, #9 - 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.) **Article X**, Section 3 - 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 Treasurer will be required to have served at least one semester on Student Congress.

GSC Alumni Day Schedule April 29, 2000

9:00 a.m.

Golf Tournament

Glenville Golf Course

County Store Museum Opens

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Open House

Alumni Center

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

GSC Bookstore Open

Heflin Student Center

2:00 p.m.

Campus Tours

Meet at the Alumni Center

Closing Reception for Artist Elizabeth Riggs

Fine Arts Gallery

5:30 p.m.

Pre-dinner Reception

Heflin Center Snack Bar

6:00 p.m.

Alumni Banquet

Heflin Center Ball Room

Mercury Staff Member of the Month Ann Williams

By Hector K. Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

There is generally a lot of activity in the Mercury Office that the readers do not get an opportunity to see. The readers do not get to see the pleasant face on the other end of the phone when they call. People who drop off material do not sit here long in the day to see a very tired person meticulously typing said material for placement in the Mercury. The readers do not appreciate the one or two stories that are completed by the above mentioned, not knowing how many other tasks had to be completed before she could pick up the slack for others in the office. That person is Ann Williams, Mercury Office Assistant.

Ann, a 25 year old Braxton County native, has been with the Mercury for three years. Her duties have ranged from reporter to Office Assistant and everything

in between. She puts long hours in with few complaints because frankly, she loves her job. As if her job wasn't hard enough, she also juggles classes as a Senior working on a Business Management degree.

"Out of everyone on staff, Ann ranks highly as one of the hardest workers," stated Mercury Office Manager Chris Williams. The problem with the above statement is that when Ann reads this she won't like it. Ann doesn't do this job for the meager accolades or credit that may or may not come with it. She performs her duties because she enjoys it. She takes pride in doing a job well and proficiently.

This is Ann's last semester with the Mercury as she prepares to graduate and head out into the business world where some lucky employer will get a head strong, hard working, perfectionist as a new employee. The Mercury will sorely miss her.

Students win awards in State PBL competition

The Division of Business is proud to announce that on Saturday, April 8 the Lambda Alpha Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda participated in the State PBL competition. Seven members of the chapter successfully represented Glenville State College in competition with other state colleges at this annual event. A GSC student, Libby Hudkins, was also elected to the State PBL Treasurer position.

The Glenville Chapter was also awarded first place for its Annual Report as well as first place in Website Design. The following students placed in competitive events:

Robin Ritter	3 rd in Accounting Principles
Rachael Anderson	2 nd in Business Communications
Sherry Henry, Bryan Norris	1 st in Business Plan
Libby Hudkins	2 nd in Impromptu Speaking
Matthew Wilson	1 st in Information Management
Robin Ritter	2 nd in Job Interview
Matthew Wilson	1 st in International Business
Rachael Anderson	1 st in Marketing
Ernest Kingdon	2 nd in Public Speaking
Eric Marks	1 st in Telecommunications
James Salisbury	5 th in Word Processing

These young men and women have the opportunity to represent Glenville State College and West Virginia in the national competition which will be held in July in Long Beach, California. They have raised \$900 to date and are currently working on a fund raiser for Mrs. Armentrout to raise an additional \$300. As you can imagine, the cost of the trip for each student will be rather sizable, approximately \$700. We would appreciate any support your office and Glenville State College can extend.

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Arts & Entertainment

Jefferies hypnotizes GSC for second time

By Samuel Berhe
Staff Reporter

As part of Glenville State College week, hypnotist Ron Jeffries packed the ballroom of the Heflin Center on Monday night. Jeffries, a Hypnosis-therapist, opened the show by explaining what hypnosis is and how everyone, at one time or another, has experienced hypnosis unknowingly. Then, he proceeded to challenge the audience to put both hands

together and extend both index fingers and imagine that a rubber band was wrapped around them and that they were getting closer and closer until they finally touched. After this exercise, Jeffries asked for volunteers to come up to the stage. Twenty eager volunteers rushed forward and took their places on stage. For the next half hour, Jeffries engaged the volunteers to participate in various visualization exercises. After the initial exer-

cise, which involved relaxing and releasing different parts of the body, only 11 volunteers remained; the others had to return to their seats. Then, he used further visualization to make the remaining 11 slump into a deeper state of unconsciousness. While they were in this state, Jeffries planted fun invoking suggestions and cue words on his subjects. Once the volunteers were awakened, they carried out the suggestions they were

given, which included cheering for an imaginary horse in a high risk racing game, to dancing for an MTV music video audition. Jeffries, to the delight of the crowd, managed to make one of the volunteers act as a Drill Instructor while the others acted as his new recruits.

Jeffries is familiar with the Glenville campus; it was his second time to perform here. Even though he started his show slowly, he was able to hypnotize the

volunteers without the aid of lights and relaxing music and managed to entertain the crowd. Asked why some of the volunteers didn't get hypnotized, Jeffries explained that "it was because they felt self-conscious and distracted by the audience watching them" and they failed to be led by his voice. He also explained that the reason one of the volunteers didn't act out his last suggestion was because he simply didn't want to do it.

Mazzella hits campus with guitar pyrotechnics

By Jeff Wickland
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 5, guitar virtuoso Anthony Mazzella performed in the Heflin Center Ballroom. Mazzella's 14 song, 90 minute set included 10 originals and four covers from The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Wonder, and U2.

Throughout his performance, Mazzella displayed his unique fingerstyle/tapping method, a style made famous by innovators such as Eddie Van Halen, Michael Hedges, and Tuck Andress.

The set mixed both acoustic and electric guitars, and fused different influences of Pop, Rock, Blues, Native American, Spanish Flamenco,

and Celtic.

Mazzella's most impressive displays were the Native American inspired "Voices of the Winds," "Arizona," and excellent rendition of U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name."

Anthony Mazzella was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y. He began taking violin lessons at the age of five

and later began learning piano. By 13 he began studying guitar and is one of the few who have studied with jazz legend Stanley Jordan.

Mazzella's debut CD *Birth* was recorded in Manhattan in 1997, and has since headlined the Blue Note in New York City and played at the 1997 South by Southwest music convention.



Sherrie Hardman, Mercury

Action from the recent performances of
GSC Percussion Ensemble



Chris Williams, Mercury

Chicago's Blind Man's Bluff woos the crowd
in GSC's Heflin Center Ballroom on April 4