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Deaf awareness week comes to GWU for the first time

by Ryan O'Keefe
news editor

Being "Deaf" and being "deaf" are two totally different things. Gardner-Webb University's Deaf Club has decided to show the school and the surrounding area what the differences are.

Keith Cagle, ASL professor

Keith Cagle, along with being an author, vice president of the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA) and being featured in ASL video tapes, he is also Deaf.

"Are American ASL, Russian Sign Cousins?" and "ASLTA Evaluation and Certification System" are two of the videos in which Cagle has participated.

Writing is also on Cagle's list of accomplishments. "Technical Signs 8" and "GA and SK: Etiquette" are titles Cagle has written; the latter was co-written with his wife.

"Communication is important" in any language, said Cagle. Hearing people are "fun, friendly, smart people when they [deaf people] know you know ASL," said Mr. Cagle.

Cagle has brought to GWU a Masters from California State University at Northridge (CSUN) and BS degree from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

Breaking the boundary of being deaf is no easy task, but Cagle makes his 101, 102, 301, and 302 classes interesting, fun, yet challenging at the same time. There is something given to his classes that no one else could give, like having a Spanish exchange student teaching Spanish.

Deaf Awareness Activities

Deaf Awareness Week is Feb. 2 to Feb. 7. This week is designed to show the non-A.S.L. majors what the Deaf community has to offer and what it is capable of doing.

Being "Deaf" is having pride in the deaf culture and believing in and participating in the deaf community. GWU has a large Deaf community for a small campus. Organizers suggest that students go out and find the true meaning of being "Deaf."

Deaf Awareness Week events begin Feb. 4 with a variety show. Starting at 6:00p.m. in the Ritch Banquet Hall, the



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Members of Joyful Hands Sign Choir practice for an upcoming performance. Students are (left to right) Tracy Berrong, Charlie Dority, April Cobb, Suzy Eckler and Nigel Fletcher.

show will feature everything from humor to music.

Events continue Feb. 5 with a pizza

social at the Noel House for \$5.00 and a "silent dinner" at Ryan's on the Feb. 6. Both start at 6:00 p.m.

Young Astronomers reach for the stars with new class

by Jennifer Crumpler
staff writer

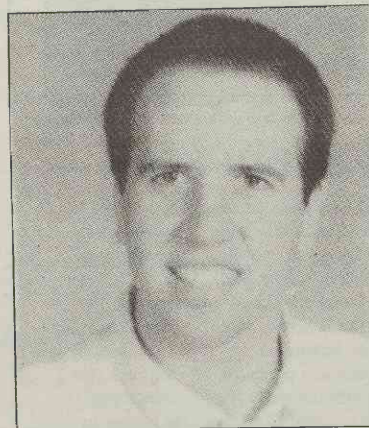
There has been an addition to GWU's science department. The Young Astronomer series, instructed by Dr. Tom English, will begin February 9 and go until March.

The Young Astronomers classes will be held in the observatory every Monday at 7:00 p.m. for eight consecutive weeks.

What is the Young Astronomers series? It's a class for children 7-10 years old and an adult that the child is close to. Each class will consist of an activity that the child and adult can work on together.

Some of the activities are slides, plant activities, discovery place activities, shared learning and on the last class, the young students will be able to observe the stars.

English hopes that through this class, young people will be involved with science, and maybe return to GWU and study science in the future.



Tom English

There is a \$10 flat fee involved with the class to cover the cost of materials.

"It's a really good community relations activity for the university," said English.

The series is full this semester, but it will be offered again in the fall.

'Green Room' running

by Nic Floyd
staff writer

Green Room, a Gardner-Webb news TV program produced by students for students, will invade Webb Net airwaves the week of the Feb. 14 and air seven days a week at 12:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 10:00pm.

"Green Room is designed to meet the informational and entertainment needs of the student population," said Vic Costello, executive producer of Green Room.

"I want to get the students involved in the show. I want to hear students' ideas about what they want to see and how we can improve the show, and hopefully, it will be a show that the students will like and want to see each week," said Belinda Ayers, Green Room producer.

In keeping with Ayers' idea, each 30 minute program will contain a variety of shows: informative news segments, a closer look at student life, editorials, an over view of the weekly Dimensions, a

look at the religion programs on campus, sports and movie, music and restaurant reviews.

Adding a comical spin to Green Room, Michael Way with his take on a lighter side. This segment will range from real-life stories of the Gardner-Webb patrol to unpublished stories of Green Room.

To help make Green Room a success, eight members who make up the TV two

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class and six members from last year's staff have come together to produce Green Room.

Janet Jones is news director, Randy Capps is sports director, and Belinda Ayers is the producer.

Green Room staff is hopeful that this year's programs will be more successful than the last.

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