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THE TRANSITION TO BECKLEY



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By: Jamie Cook

For new students, WVU Tech's being located in Beckley probably feels natural because it is the only campus they have ever associated with the college, but for upper classmen, faculty, and staff, they have associated WVU Tech with both Beckley and Montgomery. The move has not been easy either, but has gone smoother than expected. Everything has been shifting around as people try to adjust to the newness, causing different kinds of issues, from minor ones to more major ones. For example, Geneva Hutchison, a junior, talked about the issues dealing with housing, especially for people who can't drive. Another complication with the move was voiced by Dr. Cynthia Hall, a professor at WVU Tech. Dr. Hall, along with other faculty and staff, had to move their residence from Montgomery to a place closer to Beckley.

However, as Dr. Hall said, "the move was difficult, but we've reached the point of fine tuning." While there are some things people may miss about the Montgomery campus, such as the view of the mountains, Tech is in Beckley now, and with the stresses of the move itself dwindling down, it's time to appreciate the new location. Both Hutchison and Dr. Hall agreed that the facilities are of better quality here. There are more places to go out to eat, as well as more possible opportunities for students, something that Dr. Hall is rather happy about. Also, as Hutchison put it, "the locals are nicer here."

In the end, Tech's move to Beckley may have been a little frustrating at times, but perhaps it was worth it. Only time will tell.

UP-COMING IN OCTOBER

BY: MICHAEL SYNER

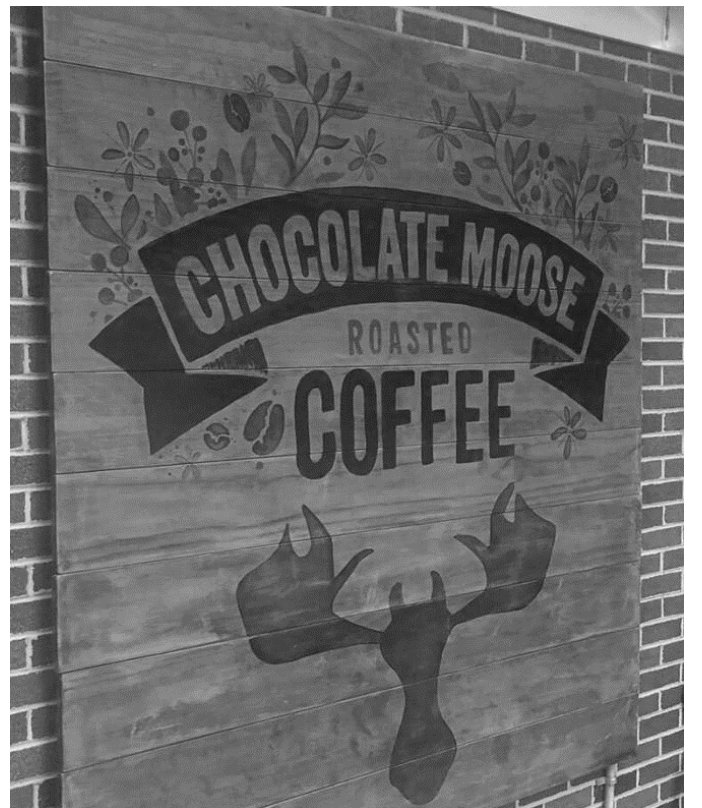
WVU-Tech has a broad variety of events upcoming for students and community members to get involved with. Some highlights include:

- October 20: The Taste of Bridge Day festival features food from local caterers and restaurants as well as music and art. Admission is free, though concessions range from \$1-\$7. Event will take place 5-9:00 p.m. at Adventures on the Gorge, 219 Chestnutburg Road, Lansing.
- The Bridge Jam features country, bluegrass, and rock music, as well as art, craft beers, wines, and local food. The Jam runs from 6 p.m. to midnight October 20th, and 2:30 p.m. to midnight October 21st. Tickets are available online at thebridgejam.com tickets starting from \$15, or may be purchased at the gate for \$20 for Friday access, \$40 for Saturday, or \$50 for the entire weekend.
- Bridge Day is the celebration of largest arch bridge in the U.S. The New River Arch Bridge will be shutting down at 7 a.m. to allow vendors to set up, and the event begins 9 a.m. The attendees will get to browse wares, see performances, and appreciate the view of the New River.
- Finally, a reminder to all students that October 24th is the last day to withdraw from classes for the Fall 2017 semester. Get your grades up or get out of dodge!

FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: THE CHOCOLATE MOOSE

By: Halie Gibson

The Chocolate Moose is a great business for WVU Tech students to check into, whether it's to get a sweet treat, catch up with friends, or even study. Business Owner Kevin Traube gave me loads of amazing insights on this unique business, including the fact that it has been open for 31 years! For a little bit of history about the Chocolate Moose, this business began in 1986 as a hand-crafted gift shop known as The Little Brick House. As time progressed, it evolved into Mountain State Mini Golf, a unique 18-hole West Virginia themed miniature golf course. Then came the Chocolate Moose, and the Outside - In Climbing Gym. The Chocolate Moose serves amazing freshly roasted coffees for all of you sleep deprived college students, a wide variety of Hershey's hand scooped ice cream, fruit smoothies, and much more. One of Kevin's popular items on the menu is The Bearded Blondie, which is a savory latte. It includes Espresso, Steamed Milk, White Chocolate, Cookie Butter, and Vanilla. While visiting The Chocolate Moose, I knew I was in a great atmosphere and felt a lot of West Virginian hospitality. Kevin informed me that "WVU Tech has brought a positive energy to the town of Beckley." This wonderful business is generously offering WVU Tech Students a 10% discount on climbing and golf any night of the week with presentation of your student ID.



Edited by Mary Morrison

CAMPUS EVENTS

THE BURRITO GAMES!

By: Pedrito Delgado

The Great race to a victory prize of free Burritos ... for a year

On Tuesday, October 3rd, A furious battle amongst the bravest golden bears broke out at the picnic area of the Bears Den, where only one has risen above the rest and chomped their way to victory!

At 7:00pm, the general manager of Qdoba hosted a burrito-eating contest here at WVU Tech for all students. Of everyone who attended that night, only four brave bears chose to take the seat and eat. Michael Randolph, Katherine Haynes, and Antonio Jenkins were three of the four that participated in this battle. The contest rules stated that all competitors must eat the full burrito, and by no means can there be ANY excess remaining. If pieces were to “accidentally” fall away from the eating zone, the competitor would have to scavenge it off the ground in order to be considered for the possible win.



Out of all the courageous burrito-eating competitors, Katherine Haynes claimed the title of burrito eating champ. Born and raised in a family of five, Katherine states “If you did not eat your food, you didn’t eat at all”, this can be a lesson learned for all of us...

WVU Tech would also like to think Melissa Cook, the general manager of Qdoba, for making the Burrito Hunger games possible.

Can you escape?

ESCAPE ROOMS

Room #1: Alice Through The Looking Glass
Room #2: Crime Scene Investigation: Beckley
Reservations are REQUIRED



When:
October 5th (5:00-9:00pm)
October 6th (5:00-9:00pm)
October 7th (12:00-9:00pm)
October 8th (2:00-6:00pm)

Location:
Crime Scene House, Riley St.

Cost:
\$15 per person (max of 10 per room)

Hosted by:
Forensic Investigation Association and Psychology Club

For more information or to reserve a room, go to wvutech.edu/escaperoom

ESCAPE ROOM

By: Jamie Cook

Recently, the psychology club and the forensics club hosted two escape rooms on campus to fundraise enough money to attend conferences and fund student research. The club members were excited to host their own escape room after participating in one themselves. The point of escape rooms is to solve the main puzzle, but to do so, participants have to solve other puzzles. Since the psychology club used an Alice in Wonderland theme, they had participants find the white rabbit’s pocket watch. The forensics club had participants use real forensics (such as blood splatter analysis) to find the weapon that linked the killer to the crime. To make it harder, the forensics club even added some distracters. The distracters are items that the participants could find, but would never actually be used to escape.

It was estimated that about 150 people had come to experience the escape rooms, with most being members of the Beckley community. About seventy-five percent managed to complete the psychology club’s room, but the success rate for the forensic club’s room was much lower. Still, the feedback was quite positive, and even the people who did not solve the main puzzle seemed to enjoy the experience.

Now that it is over, both the psychology club and the forensics club are already looking towards next semester. While they are discussing different ideas on possible themes, they are open to suggestions. If you have any, feel free to contact either Dr. Hall at Cynthia.hall@mail.wvu.edu or Prof Jefferys at Rjeffery@mail.wvu.edu



Welcome to the Student Success Center!

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2017 - 2018**

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CAMPUS EVENTS

THE TUG TO VICTORY!

By: Pedrito Delgado

An epic stand-off between four teams, as they pull the rope to triumph

On Wednesday, October 4th, four teams competed against one another to be titled as glorious champions of the night. As the sun sank beneath the earth's face, the night crept in and the first tug-a-war battle took its place. Delta Kappa Theta and S.A.B. was the first battle to occur, while both tugged courageously, S.A.B dominated the round with a powerful pull. The next battle was between Phi Tau and team Distance, as both showed great endurance, team Distance stole the game.

Starting the 2nd round, Phi Tau and Delta Kappa Theta were the first up to compete, and for the final finish, Phi Tau claimed the win. Moments after, the last tug-a-war of the evening took place between team Distance and S.A.B. The anticipation grew between the teams, then the games began, and S.A.B. claimed the victory for the evening with two wins.

The winning team S.A.B. comprised of Jacob Marshall, Chris Edmonds, Hunter Cregger, Robert Simon, and Dennis Harmalyukou. Their team effort has brought their score to 7 points for the update, making them third overall. While Delta Kappa Theta resides in second place with 8 points and the Throwers in the lead with 9 points.



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RELAY HELD TO PROMOTE SOCIAL, PHYSICAL HEALTH

By: Michael Syner

BECKLEY, W.V. -- A relay was held Sept. 28th here by WVU-Tech's residential advisors to promote physical health and social interaction. The teams of three had to complete 60 push-ups, 30 pull-ups, and a one mile run.

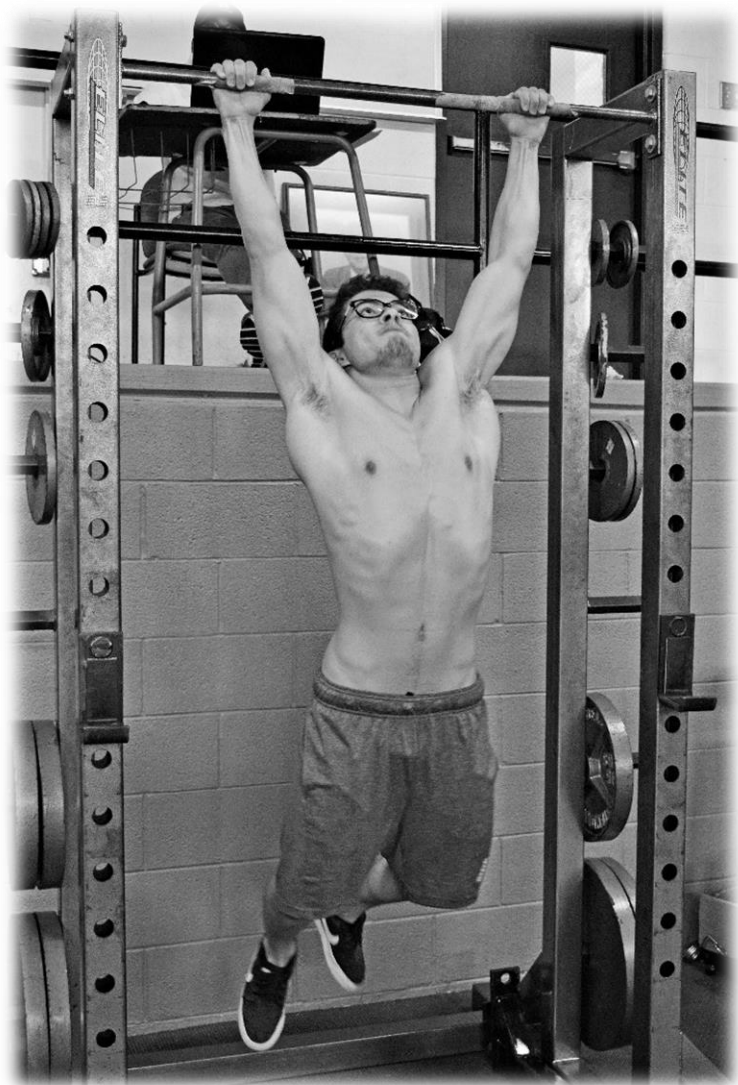
"We just want to try to encourage people to be well," Saul Montealgre, a resident advisor and one of the organizers, said. "A relay competition is fun for students."

The rules were simple; push-ups must be performed with good form, pull-ups must be done with the chin going over the bar, and the one mile run along a set course. The team with the best overall time would be declared the victor and would be awarded with athletic tumblers.

Resident advisors frequently hold events for students to encourage community, wellness, and networking.

"We hold two events each month," stated Katie Ervine, another resident advisor and organizer for the relay. "We try to do a lot of different stuff to have fun."

One event that has Kylie Lang, another resident advisor, excited to run is the "Mile in Her Shoes" run, which will be a short race held Oct. 14 wherein participants must wear high heels. "It's a part of diversity week," she said, "We want to raise awareness about domestic violence while having some fun."



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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
CAMPUS EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
ONLINE AT CALENDAR.WVU.EDU.

WVU TECH’S FEATURED CLUB OF THE MONTH

GOLDEN BEAR ESPORTS CLUB

By: William Dillon

The Golden Bear ESports club is a club on campus here at Tech which is open to all who have an interest in video games or would like to know more about video games. ESports (electronic sports) are a form of tournaments, competitive or non-competitive, in which teams or singles pair up to compete against another team in a video game match. This is done both online connected to servers and offline on a LAN. I recently had the chance to interview the president of the club, Rhea Calica. Rhea told me that the Esports club plays a variety of different video games such as Call of Duty, Halo, Final Fantasy (which is Rhea’s favorite), Super Smash Bros, Naruto, Pokémon, League of Legends, and Rocket League.

Joining the club is simple. They meet every Friday in the blue room at Benedum from 1:30-2:30pm. Anyone wishing to join may come to the meeting or make an appointment with Rhea for a different time to meet the officers and advisor. The club holds events such as fight night tournaments and a FIFA tournament later this semester. ACM will also be hosting an event alongside GBE called “Tech Wan”. The event will be held on the 27th and 28th of October. The event is going to be primarily a tabletop gaming event with video gaming on the side. There will be limited board games provided by Gaming at Tech (GAT), so feel free to bring your own board games. The admission will be \$2 for a Friday only pass, \$10 for a Saturday only pass, and \$10 for a two-day pass. The payment portal will go live on Monday the 9th. The event will be held in the Charter hall auditorium.

Rhea had this to add about the club. “GBE is a video game club that focuses on the competitive side of gaming. Our teams can go out and compete in state or regional tournaments. We also emphasize the importance of academics and teamwork. We’ve had a few rough semesters, but I’m hoping I and the members of GBE can raise the club to amazing heights.” That’s WVU Tech’s featured club of the week. Look out for the next featured club coming soon!



BRAIN TEASERS

CAN YOU SOLVE ALL OF THESE
BRAIN TEASERS WITHOUT
LOOKING AT THE ANSWERS?



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A	SLIGHTLY CAST	CCCCNN	●The Shortest Distance●
B	MY1111LIFE	DECI SION	SELFESTEEM
C	HOUSE PRAIRIE	COUCURT	LANE S
D	ROWHENME	PUNISHMENT	E N STO

When in Rome	Capital Punishment	Corner Stone
Little House on the Prairie	See You in Court	Lot's Lane
My Life	Split Decision	Low Self Esteem
Slightly Overcast	Four Seasons	The Shortest Distance Between 2 Points