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WVU-Beckley will become home to WVU Tech

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On August 30th, Tech students, faculty, and staff were all completely shocked when campus President Carolyn Long along with President E. Gordon Gee of WVU announced that WVU-Beckley will become home to WVU Tech in 2017. While everyone knew about the purchase of the Beckley campus, many of us thought that WVU-Beckley would become an extension of our school and Tech would still remain in Montgomery for many years to come. However, the administration decided that in the best interest of the future of WVU Tech and its presence in southern West Virginia, moving to Beckley would be what truly is best for everyone involved.

By Fall of 2016, the Beckley campus will offer a full selection of freshmen classes. By fall of 2017, the full transition of moving will be complete and this will be the first full year for Golden Bears on the Beckley campus. With a new place comes new opportunities and the Beckley campus will be of no exception to this. Mrs. Long stated that there is even a possibility of several new programs being offered once more details are set. The opinions about this move are still mixed, but overall I think that most people around campus understand that this is being done to ensure the long term success of WVU Tech. Just as Mrs. Long said at the meeting, we are still going to be Golden Bears. We are still going to keep the same meaningful traditions and events that we have now, as well as create some new ones. The campus moving will not change Tech and what it always has been, it will only strengthen and improve it. As more details and information become available about the move to Beckley, we will include them.



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Organization Spotlights

By Patrick McBrayer
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Esports Club

The Golden Bear eSports Club is a relatively new organization on campus that has been acquiring a lot of popularity this semester. The club was originally established to host competitive gaming teams that would compete and represent WVU Tech, but since its establishment in the spring semester of 2015 the GBEC has grown into something much more. The club has recently been partnering with other organizations on campus to host gaming tournaments to help strengthen its relationship with not only those organizations, but with the student body as a whole. In addition to holding social events, the GBEC also acts as a medium connecting all gamers on campus. Through its Facebook page and club meetings, the GBEC allows students who normally wouldn't socialize a chance to interact with people of similar interests. This only furthers the club's goal of fostering a friendly social environment for Tech students to be a part of. Even though the organization has drifted more into being a social community, it still hasn't forgotten the meaning of competitive gaming. This semester there have been several gaming teams formed and are now preparing for this year's collegiate competitions. The games that the GBEC currently has teams for this semester are League of Legends, Hearthstone, Heroes of the Storm, and Pokémon. Upon the release of Halo 5 later in the semester, the club also plans to form a Halo team. The club is open to anyone who would like to get involved and have fun; it meets at 1:00 PM in Old Main 314 on Tuesdays.

Sigma Pi

On February 26, 1897 the Sigma Pi fraternity (known then as Tau Phi Delta) was established at Vincennes University in Indiana. It was created to be a social organization that focuses on character development, chivalry, and leadership. The chapter at Tech was formed in 1967 and is the oldest operating organization on campus fostering forty seven generations of strong individuals amounting to over five hundred alumni members at the WVU Tech chapter alone. Sigma Pi works with nearby communities performing acts of community service that benefit the local population. A few examples of these are shoveling the sidewalks on campus when it snows, painting the bear tracks that lead up to the SSC, and maintaining the Tech Trail. In addition to community service, Sigma Pi also teams up with other Tech organizations to hold social events on campus like the recent "Ride or Die" Tournament Night co-hosted by the Golden Bear eSports Club. One of Sigma Pi's greatest aspects is that it serves as an intermediary communication device between professional alumni and the recently graduated member. Upon graduation, the members of Sigma Pi will have access to a large social network of alumni that are ready and willing to help them find a career in their respective field of study. This network of people includes over 100,000 individuals worldwide. Sigma Pi looks forward to the WVU Tech move and hopes to find many new recruits over the next two years to be founding members of the new Beckley chapter.

Homecoming Preview

By Rhea Calica
Staff Writer

It's nearly that time of year again. Ghouls and ghosts. Goblins and witches. Halloween and Homecoming. The festivities will begin Friday, October 30 at noon with the International Student Organization Lunch. The lunch will be held in the Bear's Den. Then, in the Tech Engineering Auditorium, the State of Tech Address will be delivered at 3:30pm. Later in the evening, the Tech Activities Room will be holding a cocktail reception from 4:30pm to 6pm. At 6:30pm, the ballroom will be abuzz with the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet; however, this event requires a ticket for admission. Finally, to end this extravagant Friday night, Around the World in 80 Days will be shown in the Athletic Center Gym at 9pm. Students may pick up their homecoming shirts during the movie.

Saturday, October 31 is another day full of fun activities. To start the day off, the Homecoming Parade will begin marching on 3rd Avenue in Montgomery at 11am. After the parade there will be a ticket-admission tailgate on the Athletic Center Lawn. After those events, the Athletic Center Gym will host the alumni basketball game at noon followed by the Women's Basketball game at 2pm. To continue the games, the Men's Basketball team will play at 4pm. To round out the night, the Tech Ballroom will be the host of the Student Haunted Laser Tag at 7pm. So if you're looking for something to do during the Halloween weekend, come out and enjoy the Homecoming festivities.

Organization Spotlights (continued)

ACM

The ACM or the Association of Computers and Machinery have been an active organization at WVU Tech since 1995. The organization's central goal is to maintain a strong social community for computer science and information majors, but it also welcomes anyone who would like to hang-out and be a part of the group. The ACM organizes teams that participate in a school-wide and national programming competitions every semester as well as co-host Tech's own programming competition for high school students. The ACM also hosts the TechLAN, a colossal local area network party once a semester that features tournaments for many popular video games. A very important benefit that the ACM provides for its members is tutoring in math and computer science – they also have their own room in the Engineering Lab Building which facilitates this and other club affairs. In addition to all of the benefits you get for being a part of the local chapter, the national organization also brings many opportunities to the table. Professional ACM members have access to a massive database of computer science research, licenses for Microsoft DreamSpark programs, and connections with high ranking officials in the computer science industry. The ACM's primary mission is to help form a relationship between the career seeking computer scientist and the industry itself. Whether you're a computer science major or not, the ACM encourages you to join and be a part of the organization. The ACM meets at 1:00 PM on Thursdays at ELAB 228.

Connecting the Past to the Present

By Rhea Calica
Staff Writer

Thursday, September 24th was the seventh edition of the annual Otis K. Rice Lecture series. This year's speech was delivered by Mr. Richard Childress. His lecture was about how traditions of the past have leaked into the ways of today. His research focused on the history of the Ramsey family from West Virginia. His research traced the family from England to Scotland to Northern Ireland, to Pennsylvania to the Shenandoah Valley in West Virginia. Childress' upcoming book, *A Historical Lottery: Europa, Appalachia and Beyond – The Ramsey Family Through 1500 Years of Social and Cultural Change*, is dedicated greatly to historical West Virginia and original research on the Civil War in the state.

Mr. Childress applied his own experience as a Vietnam veteran and former Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council to his lecture. He provided intelligent information about the people and events of West Virginia's history. In addition, Childress related different aspects of politics and culture to a larger national and global experience as the effects of many traditional impacts on the world and family life we know today. Richard Childress' lecture was both eye-opening and historically intriguing.

How to Exercise your Right to Vote

By Emily Sands
Guest Writer

One of the things that makes the United States of America is our political process. Every citizen over the age of 18 is able to have a say in who leads the country, what laws are passed, and much more simply by exercising their right to vote.

If you are 18 or older, you are allowed to vote. The first step to any voting process is to see if, and where you are registered. Many people may be registered with their permanent (home) address. If this is the case for you, there is a really easy way for you to be able to vote! You simply need to contact your County Board of Elections office and request an absentee ballot, one will then be mailed to you and you simply follow the instructions, fill out the ballot, and mail the ballot back to your County Board of Elections. The sooner you request an absentee ballot, the better as there are normally cut-off days after which you cannot request one.

If you don't want to request an absentee ballot, there is a second way. If you are a resident of West Virginia, you can register to vote here in Montgomery. There is a deadline that you need to register. For the General election in November, the deadline is October 18th, 2015. If you want to vote in the Primary election in May, you need to register by April 19th, 2016. If you want to vote this way, you can visit the West Virginia Secretary of State's website for the form and instructions (http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/VoterRegistration/Pages/Voter_Registration.aspx)

If you need help registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot, changing your registration you can ask the following people on campus: Michael Sheldon in Ratliff Hall, Scott Robertson in Student Support Services (Old Main 307), or Emily Sands in Old Main 326.

While the primaries for the 2016 presidential election will not be held until February (or later), there will still be many important issues on the ballots this fall so make sure that your voice is heard.

Fall Sports Preview

By Seth Greensage
Staff Writer

The athletic programs at WVU Tech are very strong and filled with national qualifiers, All-Americans, and top-ranked athletes. The athletic teams are very active this fall for both the teams that are in season and those that are preparing for their seasons.

Volleyball: The women's volleyball team has had a bumpy start, they are looking make a comeback. With a good mix of underclassmen and returners, the Lady Golden Bears are attempting to make their mark on the program and bounce back from their 7-28 record last season.

Men's Soccer: The men's soccer team is starting off strong with this season and are currently undefeated. They are ranked number one in the USCAA poll, and for the first time in the history of the program have received votes in the NAIA coaches' poll.

Women's Soccer: The women's soccer team also currently tied for a first place ranking in the USCAA poll. The women's team is continuing to provide a show for their fans as 3 of their current wins come in overtime matches.

G: This year is a rebuilding year for the Golden Bear Golf team, but even with a majority of freshman, the team is doing well. They have two 3rd places finishes in KIAC matches.

Swimming: Our swim team had an exceptional season as both the men and women had a strong showing at the national championship for the 2014-2015 year. This year, expectations are just as high with the returning swimmers, the new recruits, and a new coach. The first challenge for the swim team will be the West Virginia State Games on October 8th.

Cross Country: For cross country, the year is just getting started. This year has seen the largest recruiting class for the program. Many of the new recruits are adding to the strength of the team and the results have been seen with the men having 2nd and 5th place finishes in their meets; while the women have 4th and 5th place finishes in their 2 meets.

Student Support Services

By Scott Robertson
Guest Writer

During his State of the Union Address to Congress in 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson stated, “We are citizens of the richest and most fortunate nation in the history of the world...[W]e have never lost sight of our goal: an America in which every citizen shares all the opportunities of his society, in which every man has a chance to advance his welfare to the limit of his capacities. We have come a long way toward this goal. We still have a long way to go”. With those words, Student Support Services was created to assist college students who would be the first in their family to earn a Bachelor’s Degree, receive the Pell Grant to assist with the cost of college attendance and/or students with a disability.

The Student Support Services (SSS) program has been on the campus of WVU Tech since 1971 and remains one of the oldest programs in the country. Services provided by the program are free for program participants. Participants are eligible to receive academic, career, financial aid and graduate school advising to assist with their college career. To help offset the cost of college, the program has a computer lab in Old Main 301 solely for the use of program participants with unlimited FREE academic printing.

Since the college experience is not just one that takes place in the classroom, the SSS program provides students with the opportunity to take part in a variety of culture events. In the past year, participants have had the opportunity to see Smokey Joe’s Café and Shen Yun at the Clay Center in Charleston as well as a WV Power baseball game. On November 19th, participants will have the opportunity to see Bill Nye the Science Guy at the Clay Center.

The program also hosts a variety of workshops to help students throughout their time at WVU Tech. Workshop topics range from study skills, time management, financial aid and test prep. Freshman and sophomore students who receive the Pell grant may be eligible to receive grant aid to help offset their cost of education.

All program services are free to those who qualify. The Student Support Services (grant) was recently renewed through the United States Department of Education for five years. Students who are interested in applying for the program or have questions, please come by the SSS office on the third floor of Old Main.

Pinterest Craft: DIY Lava Lamp

What you need:

- Vase or water bottle
- Food coloring
- Vegetable oil
- Water
- Alka seltzer

Steps:

- 1) Add your favorite color food coloring to a cup of water
- 2) Fill your vase 3/4 full with vegetable oil
- 3) Add your colored water to the vase, leaving about an inch of space at the top
- 4) Break your alka seltzer into piece and add it to the vase
- 5) Add a light behind or below the vase
- 6) Now you have your very own, inexpensive lava lamp!

Netflix Fun

If you're looking for something to watch on Netflix during your spare time to relax and unwind, have no fear the Tech Collegian staff have come up a list of must-watch shows that you're sure to love!

American Horror Story: this thrilling drama will have you on the edge of your seat as it exposes supernatural fears, everyday horror, and the unsettling evil of mankind.

The Blacklist: this fairly new show focuses on a brilliant fugitive who assists the FBI in capturing other criminals after turning himself in.

Zoo: when animal species all over the world begin attacking humans, a controversial zoologist named Jackson Oz attempts to discover the cause of this sudden terrifying change.

Sense 8: this Netflix original show centers around eight people who can telepathically experience each other's lives.

Sherlock: Benedict Cumberbatch stars in this modern twist on the original Sherlock Holmes tales where he prowls the streets of modern-day London searching for clues.

Nacros: this Netflix original series tells the true story of Columbia's most infamous and powerful drug cartel.

Orange is the New Black: this Netflix original series tells of a privileged New York woman who ends up in a women's prison after a past crime catches up with her.

Numb3rs: two brothers-one FBI veteran, one mathematician-combine their skills to solve cases.

*"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone."
-Bill Cosby*

Days in History

October 1, 1908: Henry Ford introduces the Model T car (cost \$825)

October 3, 1960: US sitcom "The Andy Griffith show" premieres on CBS

October 4, 1922: The entire World Series is broadcast over radio for the first time

October 6, 1961: JFK advises Americans to build fallout shelters

October 7, 1886: Spain abolishes slavery in Cuba

October 8, 1873: First women's prison run by women opens at Indiana Reformatory Institute

October 8, 1918: Sgt. Alvin York single-handedly kills 25, caputres 132 Germans

October 9, 1865: First US underground pipeline for carrying oil is laid in Pennsylvania

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