



The Stuff Hits the Fan

Ernest "D." Chafin

Well, I never in all my days thought it would come to this. Once long ago, back when I still looked good in the uniform, I had to teach a Sanitation class because some of my cadets had difficulties properly putting their liquid waste in the bowl properly. This was over six years ago and I thought that would be the last time I'd have to discuss the lesser-liked functions of the body. However, there's a bandit in our midst. The interesting thing is that this bandit undoubtedly has more than one face. It's not just any kind of bandit that I'm talking about. This is a special kind of low-down, nasty creature. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we have a Poo Bandit in our ranks.

It started calmly enough earlier on in the year with the infamous smear on the doorknob. Although it was in horrible taste, I got quite a few chuckles out of the poor character's misfortune. After all, it's not everyday that something of this caliber happens ... usually, anyhow. I recall a comment from the unfortunate student: "Tell me that's chocolate." I hate to say it folks, but I laughed about this for over an hour straight. On the sixth floor, the elusive Poo Bandit started this controversy that has become worthy of the title, "Poo-Gate." This was back when the semester was young and most of us were just starting to remember where all our classes were being held. This was the first strike in the Poo-Gate Scandal.

The next segment of the Scandal came in the form of a rather large, Lincoln-Log style loaf that was left here on the fourth floor. I am sorry to report that it sat there in the

bowl, as paper towels looked to be plugging the exit tube. It mysteriously appeared and said "Hi" around five o'clock on this past Friday evening. It slowly gestated into a small brown monster over the weekend, with a quest to make itself known to whoever ended up in its realm. My only hope was that Monday the cleaning crew would have some idea of how to fell the terrible atrocity. Sadly, when I got back from classes at five-thirty that afternoon to find that the apparition was still laughing in triumph, as it was still there. I sighed, as I shuttered. Finally, on Tuesday, it miraculously disappeared, but had the damage been done? Had the Poo-Bandit struck again?

While the fourth floor monstrosity was gaining strength and presence, a similar situation was making itself pinched into the mix of Tech. It seems as though the Bandit left a little surprise in Ratliff. This particular present came covered with a paper towel. It was found by one of Ratliff's more polite Resident Assistants. She was aware that it couldn't be from a dog or a cat, so natural selection and deduction led her to the third, more proper answer. I was shocked and baffled when I heard of this addition to the Poo-Gate Scandal. The third strike by the Poo-Bandit was, by far, the one that caused me the biggest fit of laughter.

I remember a time before most of the people on campus were still sweating eleventh grade History back in high school. These were the times of the true heart of the school beating at its strongest. But even then, there were incidents on campus with the same waste-based premise. There was

the legendary two-liter bottle of urine, which flew from the windows, splattering the poor soul below. There was also the occurrence last year concerning the crude tribal designs that were tattooed on the wall adjacent to the showers. It's not a new issue, but still not a good one. I was hoping that some of the more juvenility had been strained from the campus, but then it dawned on me.

With the freshmen class being as thick as it is, there should have been an extra dose of this kind of garbage occurring around campus, but I had disregarded it for an instant. All of this may have been from one class, or all of them in different situations; no one knows ... or really wants to, either. It's just that I thought that there was a more evolved student body on campus, but of course I was wrong. Some may view it as the future of business and industries, but somehow, I feel as though we could also be culturing our next generation of degenerates. If you look close enough at your surroundings, you may not be complaining as much as you should be. Granted, it's only a couple of select people pulling this kind of garbage, but sometimes it only takes a couple to damage the entire lot.

Any questions, comments, fan/hate/flame mail can be directed to chaos_th3ory@hotmail.com. Anything sent will be answered.

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am not one to just come up with these events. It's too crazy for me to even contemplate at some levels. I wouldn't be mentioning them if they were not viewed as a legitimate issue.

Corporate Greed vs. Employee Need



Kroger employees Patrick Sheely and Tech student Andrew Whittington (Printing Technology) are shown on the picket line.

Floyd Keeney, Jr.

If you have visited your local Kroger store lately, you may have noticed a sign in the front window that reads: "This store is temporarily closed due to an employee work shortage." This is part of a decision voted upon by the members of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union. 3,300 Kroger employees in stores within West Virginia and Kentucky walked off the job at 10:00 PM on October 13th.

The decision to strike came after employees had the opportunity to read the proposal for a new contract with the company. The employees felt that they were being treated unfairly by the under funding of employee benefit plans and refusing to provide adequate health care.

Jim Lowthers, the president of Local 400 of the UFCW, stated, "This is not an issue of a company struggling to survive in a poor economy." He went on further to say, "This is an issue of corporate greed surging ahead at the expense of hard-working employees."

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Corporate Greed vs. Employee Need



A "Closed" sign hangs in the entrance of the Smither's Kroger's since last Tuesday.

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While visiting the picket line to take interviews and photographs, I had the opportunity to speak with several of my former co-workers about the strike. When asked when they were going to return to work, I received the answer numerous times that they would not go back until the strike was resolved on their terms. Although they were losing money by not working, they were sticking together. The most important thing I found was that the workers had high morale.

With security guards at the door, the Kroger store that once did thousands of dollars of business each day must now depend solely upon its pharmacy operations for profit. It is important to note that anyone that has their prescriptions at the Kroger pharmacy may still pick them up during normal pharmacy hours. Although, the pharmacy is the only part of the store that is open.

If you are unsure of a place to purchase your groceries, your closest grocery stores will be Tom's IGA in Chesapeake and Save-A-Lot

in Gauley Bridge and Cedar Grove. For small items, local convenience stores and gas stations may be a generous resource.

I urge most of you as college students to continue to realize the importance of fair labor practices. This will be a two-sided street for many of us in management programs. We will be faced with both union and non-union employees and must treat all of our employees fairly. Please take a stand for what you feel is best, whether it is for the employees or management's behalf, but remember—How you would you treat the situation if you were in their shoes?

If you wish to learn more about this situation, you may visit the website of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) at <http://www.ufcw.org> or by visiting the Kroger Company website at <http://www.kroger.com>. A weekly update to this story will be available in the next edition of the Tech Collegian, as the situation progresses. Questions or Comments about this article? Email me at: fkeeney@cp.wvutec.edu

Rubbing Elbows with Celebrities

Jonathan Chin is a 21 year-old Tech student from Queens, New York. In 2000, he came to Tech. He's a junior in Mechanical Engineering. He's the last son out of two brothers and two sisters. While looking at Jonathan, you would never know what incredible stories he has to tell. You would think that he is just the regular Tech student, but he's not. He's met people that most Tech students could only dream about.

He stumbled onto Tech by accident. He wanted to go to a school out-of-state. He fancied going to a rural college, where he could encounter nature. In his words, he wanted to experience "country life". While doing research, he found information about WVU. He was automatically interested. However when his application was sent to him, it had WVU Tech on it. Just thinking that it was WVU, he applied. When he got here, he realized his mistake. But all in all, he chose to stay.

So, what makes Jonathan so special? His parents own a music company called VP. It's one of the largest independent labels in the world. In our interview, he said Atlantic Records and VP Records earlier this year formed a long-term partnership to bring VP's vast resources to the major label marketing, promotion, and worldwide distribution of Atlantic and Warner Music Group. Essentially this is intriguing being that only a few times in music history has a label with a pre-eminent position in a core urban style aligned itself entirely with another major label. The signing of Def Jam Records and Columbia in 1985 is an example of such instances. However, before the alliance, VP over recent years has crossed over to mainstream audiences. A recent issue of Source magazine rated VP as one of the top independent labels in the world. So far this year VP & Atlantic top recording artist is Sean Paul. His first single "Gimme the light" is already a breakthrough hit on radio and clubs. His next single "Get Busy" became #1 on the Bill Board Charts ranking it as the #1 song in the country. Sean has recently got off 50 cent "Rock the Mic" tour and is now working on his next album. Sean Paul along with our other recording artist as Elephant Man with "Pon the River" continues to have heavy rotation on BET, MTV, and MTV2. Music today is becoming so diversified, and frankly, what makes VP a leading music label is its ability to work with other top labels, having a mixture of different types of music and collaborations with artists as Lil' Kim, P. Diddy, Busta Rhymes, LL Cool J, DMX, Foxy Brown, Janet Jackson, Fat Joe, Gwen Stefani, Wyclef, Blu Cantrell, 50 Cent, and Beyonce with her hit song "Baby Boy" featuring Sean Paul. With Atlantic's unparalleled heritage in jazz, rhythm and blues, soul, and urban music will now be extended to the most vitally creative force in global popular music today. I firmly believe the alliance of Atlantic & VP,

two strong creative and commercial base companies will bring a new pipeline to much-needed breath of fresh air to reggae, hip-hop, and R&B.

This summer, Jonathan got to meet Britney Spears. She was at a concert in New York called Zootopia. He ran into her while walking backstage. Though she was surrounded by security, she complimented him on VP's recording artist—Wayne Wonder.

Also, he met Wyclef. Jonathan ran into him at VP's platinum party. He had a tiff with one of Wyclef's bodyguards, who came in a few minutes late. They wouldn't allow the bodyguard into the VIP section. Wyclef mentioned to Jonathan that no one had ever stood up to his bodyguard before.

Another one of VP's artists is Super Cat, who is in a 112 latest video. He also met Beyonce Knowles at her video shoot for "Baby Boy" featuring Sean Paul. Sean Paul was even nominated for two MTV awards."

He continued, "I didn't go to the MTV Awards this year, but I went last year. This year, Beyonce put on a good performance, and we were happy that Beyonce took home two awards."

As far as Jonathan's friends, he keeps his family business on the down low. A lot of his friends ask for celebrity autographs when they find out. He tries to get it for them, as long as the requests aren't too extreme. Once, he got an autograph from Buffy's Sarah Michelle Gellar for a friend. Sarah even personalized it. Jonathan said the friend flipped out when he saw it.

As you can see, he has some exciting stories to tell. I'm sure he has many, many more. After he graduates from Tech, he dreams of going to California to get his Master's. As far as a profession, he is unsure. He responded that there are too many things out there that he wants to do. When asked any last comments about the music industry, he implied... Theodore Roosevelt once said, "when you play, play hard. When you work, don't play at all." The music business no doubt is fun, but not easily. There is a lot of hard work put in, a lot of people involved, and there is no room for failure. A lot of money is involved in Promotions, Concerts, Music Video's etc., and at the week we want to see results, sound scans, keeping these numbers increasing and accumulating is one of our main goals. Other than VP, a lot of credit is given to our artists because their the ones that's out there entertaining the fans, which is not an easy job. Traveling from state to state, country to country, living out of a few suite cases and not being able to see family can be hard. The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will. Our artist and all other are willing to sacrifice a lot for the things they love, The music, and their fans.

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The **SPORTS** Page

First Win Ever for Women's Soccer!

Stephen Lanham

The WVU Tech Women's Soccer team has accomplished something it had never accomplished before. On Saturday, October 4th, the team got its first victory ever. Since the team began back in 2000, the women had struggled not only to win, but even to score. Before this season, the Tech women had managed only 1 goal in three seasons. Last year, while under club status, the women only played two games. But this year, things are a little different.

The team is in its second season (one as club and now as a NCAA Div II team) under Coach Reggie Smith. Coach Smith has been coaching soccer for over 40 year now, and helped to start the now prominent UC Women's Soccer Team back in 1988. He is the 3rd head coach in what is now the team's fourth season in existence.

Before the season began, the Tech women had a scrimmage at Bluefield College in Virginia. Even though the women lost 3-1, Coach Smith saw many positives in the game. Then, on October 4th on a regular season visit to play Bluefield again, the women shocked the home team. After playing all of regulation without a score, Tech won the game with a goal in overtime. This was the first Tech victory ever! The girls didn't get to celebrate long before heading off for an Oct 17th match-

up with league leading Wesleyan.

When I sat down to interview Coach Smith, he spoke very positively about this year's squad. He began by pointing out to me that every player on the roster is either a WV student or an international student who had decided to walk onto the team. The team is young and just building, but Coach Smith is very pleased with the team's effort. He said the girls play very hard, they just do not have enough players.

Assisting Coach Smith is Jessica Caine. Jessica was a four-year member of the Univ. of Toledo's women's soccer team. With Coach Smith's duties as AD, Jessica has proved to be a huge help. In the future, Jessica will also be a big help in recruiting girls out of Ohio to come and join the Tech team.

Tech's keeper, Amber Keefer is a great player. Coach Smith is very pleased with the way she's played so far this year. He said one of her strongest outings was against Salem International, where she only gave up four goals. Coach Smith spoke very highly of each individual player. Stephanie White, a freshman midfielder, is a brave little player, but the problem is she just does not get the ball enough. Caryn Hickman, another freshman, is the team's striker and is very talented with both feet. Beckey Vaughn is a very tough player who even played on the boy's team at Nicholas

County High School. He also spoke of the help that he has gotten from Tech's softball team. Lyndsey Jones is a 2nd year soccer player, who is one of the team captains. She is a fierce competitor and a great on the field leader. Other dual sport athletes (softball/soccer) include Holly Cheek and Robyn Preece. Another dual sport player is Andie Harper, who was recruited to play tennis but has come on strong for the soccer team. Caitlin Imperio is the team's utility player and is very quick. Two international students, Hanh Vu and Jiah Song have become regulars for Coach Smith. Both girls are at every practice and every game. Most importantly, they are very dependable. Recently, Megan Brown, a Sr., has joined the team and proved to be very valuable. In addition, she helped to bring Holly Breuer and Lindsey Tolley onto the team.

The team's record so far this year is 1-4 in the conference and 1-7 overall. This young team just can't compete with teams like Wheeling Jesuit and WV Wesleyan. Coach Smith is excited about the future. "With a soccer field, and some good recruits, we can get this thing going. We already have the best new uniforms in the conference." The girls don't have any home competitions this year and the only two home games the team had were played at Schoenbaum Stadium in Charleston.

Bears' offense puts up 62 on West Liberty

Jonathan Veazey

With the score tied at twenty-one at halftime, the Golden Bear offense stepped up big scoring thirty four unanswered points in the third quarter alone. The offensive assault was contributed by six different offensive players. Quarterback Phil Reed, who wears # 7 on his jersey, looked like another # 7, Mike Vick of the Atlanta Falcons, as Reed rushed for 169 yards, including a 50 yard touchdown run. Reed also threw for 226 yards, and three touchdowns passes to Antoine Bell, Mike Payton, and Chris Lawson. Lawson finished the game with 116 yards receiving, as well as recovering a fumble in the endzone. Running back Kalem McRae added three touchdowns of his own, along with 87 yards of total rushing in the Golden Bears (62-35) victory over the West Liberty Hilltoppers.

Senior defensive end, Jadae McGuire also had a huge game with three sacks, not to mention a 36 yard interception return for a touchdown. However the defense is remaining to struggle, as the gave up 448 total yards to the winless Hilltoppers, not to mention giving up 137 rushing yards and three touchdowns to West Liberty running back Derick Stickles. The biggest concern of the day for the Golden Bears, however, was obviously the 243 yards in penalties.

Next week's game will be a rematch of last year's WVIAC Championship, as the Golden Bears will host the (5-2) overall, (3-0) conference, West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats. If you remember the Bobcats defeated the Golden Bears in a shocker, ruining the Bears hopes of a their first WVIAC Championship in over 50 years. Now it is time for payback, and this time it's on the Bears' turf.

threatening, educational way. At least five members of the board must be present for a hearing to take place. Two of the five must be residents of where the incident occurred.

This is a chance for students to get involved. If you don't like excessive studying, playing sports, or staring at the walls of your dorm room as the world passes you by, maybe this would be the right activity for you to look into.

If you are interested, you can stop by the Office of Residence Life to pick up an application. If you have any questions, please call Charlie Davis at (304) 442-3183.

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Would You Like Something to Do, Residents?

By Kaci H. Foster

Is campus life boring you? Do you have spare time on your hands? Why don't you apply for a position on the Residence Hall Judicial Board?

The Residence Hall Judicial Board has been dormant for a while. The Resident Life Director, Charlie Davis, is trying to revive the group.

The board will consist of nine students that reside in any of the three dorms. There will be three representatives from each dorm—two being active full-time and one being active part-time, who are full-time students with at least a 2.0 overall GPA.

The purpose of the board is similar to a judge and jury. The members will address inappropriate student actions in a non-

Our 2 cents:

The Purpose of Dating 101

Jersey Says:

Dating—the art of spending time with someone to learn about his or her personality, qualities, likes, dislikes, attitude, and reasoning. I'm sure you all know what dating is or at least how it is described, but do you know the purpose of dating? Most people would say yes they do, but I have to really question if the purpose of dating is a genuine way of wanting to understand someone else.

Let me ask you to think about dating and what it means to you. Now that you have done that, let me share with you what I think the purpose of dating is and what I think some other people might judge dating for.

First of all, I think dating is set up for you to learn about someone you find interesting, share qualities with, enjoy spending time with, and someone you desire to learn more about. Other people I am sure have other perceptions of what dating is meant for, but for me when I date someone I date him because I enjoy spending time with that person and I want to be able to spend more time with him.

The first thing that I look for in a person that I consider dating is their looks. I will admit that I am superficial and I do notice their physical appearance. I have to be physically attracted to a guy before I can consider dating him. Secondly, I look at his personality. Even though I notice the outward appearance first, the feature I look for most is the personality. How can you possibly be content with someone if you can't tolerate their attitude and have some interests with him or her? I have to be able to joke, have an intellectual conversation as well as share secrets with this person. I have to be able to put trust into them and know that they will be there when I need them.

Now that you know a smidge of what I feel is the purpose of dating, let me throw out some not so good purposes of dating that I've come across in my years. I've had friends date individuals because they want to be popular. I don't know how much of an issue this is anymore in the college setting, but I figure there are still a few cases going around. Another one that I encountered and think is the worst possible reason for dating someone is the mere physical aspects of a relationship. Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am talking about the relationships based solely on sex. For some people, they think this is the ideal reason for a relationship and dating is only good for getting into someone's pants. All I can say about this one is that if it floats your boat then fine, but I'd be careful about what you might catch from your "hoeing" dating ways.

Anyway, that is my tangent about what I think are the poor reasons for dating, but everyone is entitled to their own opinions, so with that I will say have a good weekend and if you have any comments or questions...feel free to e-mail me at jerseywvuit2005@hotmail.com. Have a good week!

General Jackson Says:

I have a challenge for all the Collegian readers. Find a television, turn it on, and flip through the channels until you find a show that is designed to get two people romantically involved. Programs such as *Blind Date*, *Elimidate*, *Joe Millionaire*, or anything similar will do for this experiment. Examine the way in which the people interact. Is this the same style of dating that you go by in the process of dating? If so, we have a problem.

Let us first look at the purpose of dating. The real reason for dating is to get to know a person. The purpose of this interaction is to find someone with whom you intend to spend the rest of your life. We should all be in agreement with this concept if we look at things through a correct perspective. The superficial, false way in which dating is portrayed in this society totally disagrees with my premise.

In the world of Hollywood, we see the purpose of dating as a way to have a good time. What is wrong with that you ask? It's fairly simple. You end up getting hooked up with someone that is completely incompatible with you. The difference between going out with a group of friends to have a good time and going out on a date to have a good time is that friends return home eventually. Your wife/husband lives with you. My point is that a date has more importance than does a mere friendly get together.

During a date there are many different things that stand out. Normally, feelings of physical attraction are the first to sound off. Then, there is an emotional attachment that forms if there is "chemistry" felt. For some, that is the only criteria for a good mate, but I believe that there is a lot more that goes into a relationship. Compatibility is something that is undermined in our society. We are told that if these mere feelings are there, then the relationship is smooth sailing. If it feels good do it, right? If there's no guidelines by which to abide, then each one of us would want to marry every beautiful, enjoyable person that we come across. We all have guidelines—whether we realize it or not. The key is to define our own personal guidelines.

If you could buy any car right now, what would it be? What if you had to keep the car for the rest of your life? I bet there would be some definite guidelines that you would set for this

vehicle. A few features of my personal taste are power windows, ABS, 5-speed transmission, and leather seats. Now, lets compare this concept to dating. If you are going to spend the rest of your life with one person, doesn't it make sense to set some standards and qualifications? Since marriage is one of the most important decisions of one's life, it should not be taken lightly. Many say I am picky...maybe, but I would rather set a high standard and profit from a secure, healthy relationship.

The divorce rate in this country is simply ludicrous! The family, a perfect unit designed for harmony, is breaking apart mainly because of problems that originate in dating stages between young couples. Many people should have never been together in the first place. Others couples' distorted reasons for dating were never brought to light, resulting in an unstable marriage. This explains the huge amount of cheating among married couples. Many men still date women even after they are married. That is what they have done all their entire dating life, why should they stop now?

If we turn off the television and think for a moment then I believe the truth will stand out. Dating is not a game. It is a series of important decisions made that shapes our life. Set standards and date for a reason! It could save you a lot of heartache in the future.

If you have any comments about anything said feel free to e-mail me at narrow_road@hotmail.com. I'll get back to you.

Tech Word Search

The names of the members of the 2003 Homecoming Court are hidden within the letters shown. Circle the names. They can be in any direction, and names can overlap. The solution will appear next week.

Cassie Newell

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Mr. Golden Bear: Profile of Matt Horn

By: Stephen Lanham

Matt Horn, the Golden Bear mascot and this year's Mr. Golden Bear, is the son of Jim and Diana Horn of St. Albans, WV. Matt has one older sister, Andrea Fisher, of Scott Depot. His younger sister, Rebekah Horn is a student at Eastern Univ. (Philadelphia).

Matt's a 24 year-old senior in Mechanical Engineering. Some of his many extracurricular activities include rock climbing, hiking, and the intramural sports program here at Tech. He has been an RA in Hirise for the past six semesters. This semester, Matt also took on the extra job of serving as a tutor for Student Support Services. Upon graduation, Matt plans to move to Portland, Oregon to be with his fiancée.

Matt took the long road to Tech. Upon completion of home-schooling in 1997, Matt decided to attend Garnett Career Center and pursue a degree in Auto Technology. After one year, Matt entered WV State as a part-time student. During that year, Matt completed many courses while planning to transfer to Tech. Matt began at Tech in the fall of 1999. Then in the fall of 2002, Matt had an internship with Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, FL.

The homecoming week was a busy one for Matt. It began with a 3rd place finish in

Monday night's talent show. Then, on Thursday, Matt picked his girlfriend, Nina Hertzog, up from her flight from Portland, Oregon. She had flown in to see Matt as the mascot for the Homecoming Game and also to serve as his escort for Homecoming. Little did she know that on Friday evening, Matt would be proposing to her. She said yes and will be the future Mrs. Matt Horn sometime in September of next year. Matt's weekend continued with the Homecoming Parade Saturday morning, where he could be seen in costume (the Bear suit) riding in (and sometimes on) his yellow "Bus." Matt's great weekend ended with him being named Mr. Golden Bear 2003 at the football game.

When asked about Homecoming, Matt said, "I began thinking about running for Mr. Golden Bear as the Golden Bear last year at Homecoming. It was my very first game as the mascot and I just thought it would be awesome if the mascot won!" This year, Matt decided early on to run and found a sponsor in RHA. As a result, Matt would like to say: "Thank you to all my loyal constituents who made me, the Golden Bear, Mr. Golden Bear." Matt ended the interview by saying, "Thank you to all of Tech, I'll definitely miss this place. In the past couple years, it has definitely become my home away from home."

Clonch Family Scholarship Recipient Named



Justin Meadows is the 2003-2004 recipient of the Clonch Family Scholarship at West Virginia University Institute of Technology. This scholarship was established by the Clonch family, along with Cannelton Industries, in recognition of long-time official Naaman Clonch at his retirement. The recipient of the scholarship must have completed 30 semester hours of college credit, have at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average, and have in-state residency, with preference to Fayette, Nicholas, Clay, Kanawha, Boone, and Raleigh Counties. The recipient may continue to receive the scholarship for six consecutive semesters, so long as a 2.5 GPA or better is maintained. Meadows, a 2002 graduate of Sherman High School, is a sophomore at WVU Tech, majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology.

More Homecoming Pics

1st Place Spirit Sign - Tech Ambassadors

Among the homecoming festivities at WVU Tech, is the annual spirit banner competition. Various student organizations design banners, in accordance with the homecoming theme, and compete for cash prizes. This year's first place winners were the WVU Tech Student Ambassadors. In keeping with this year's theme, "The Way We Were", the Ambassadors' banner depicted a scene from the 1960's. Much hardwork and creativity proved rewarding for the Ambassadors, when they were awarded with a \$100 cash prize!



1st Place Parade Float - SGA



Denise Bennett, Jennifer Conner, and Kaci Foster are shown seated in the SGA Float from the Homecoming Parade.

ISA Cookout:

Another day to mix and mingle

Muhammad Faysal Islam
International Affairs Writer

This past Saturday, the WVU Tech ISA (International Student Association) had a cookout for the students. The location was the Tech Marina on Route 60. After being officially formed this year, the cookout is the first event that the ISA has gotten to arrange. According to ISA President, a Graduate student in Control Systems Engineering, Chari, the cookout event is an opportunity to give students some time off from their study and enjoy sports and mingling. After this successful event, the ISA is planning on various events including fundraisers in near future.

About 35 students attended the cookout. ISA advisor Ms. Ann Repaire, Dean of Engineering Dr. Sathymurthy, Mechanical Engineering Chair Dr. Phuttaiah and Civil Engineering Professor Dr. Murthy attended the program. Beside hamburgers, hot dogs,

and chicken wings, there were several dishes prepared by Ms. Repaire, Ms. Phuttaiah, and Ms. Murthy. They are long time patrons for the international student community at Tech and their help makes every event successful.

The ISA is working to develop their website with activities of the International Students Association and helpful information for new international students. ISA currently has 10 members and planning to promote a membership campaign so that more students on campus can get involved.

It was a fun afternoon with fellow students. Some were playing cricket, which is a very popular game in Indian subcontinent. Some practicing volleyball or talking to friends and taking picture. It seemed like there it's a perfect way to take a break from all the labs and homework for couple hours.

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Duck Prize Winners Homecoming 2003

Golf for Four/The Greenbrier	Jan Kelly	Bubble Floaters/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Joe McClain
Weekend at Snowshoe Condo/Margaret & Darrell Buttrick	John Jay	Gift Certificate for Marriott	Karen LaRoe
1-year YMCA Membership	Ed Robinson	Ceramic-lighted Christmas Tree/Pins & Needles	Dave Long, Sr.
2 Night Stay Opossum Creek Retreat (4)	Cheryl Keenan	Tulip Candle Holder/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Lawrence Aquino
Family Package from Embassy Suites	Libby Bass	Framed Floral Print/D.W. Variety	Melva Agee
Whitewater Rafting/Rivers	Holly Burgess	Umbrella/BB&T	James Fauver
Whitewater Rafting/Mountain River	Debbie Dangerfield	Photo Album/Pauline Price	Sondra Saunders
Bino-Camera/SportMart	Hayden Huddleston	Angel candle/Avon, Leanna Myers	Dee Webster
Accordion Sconce/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Lou Shepherd	Stadium Seat/City National Bank	Lemma Kennedy
Crystal Maypole Pair/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Dick Schoening	Umbrella/BB&T	Lee Kelly
Silver Clip on Earrings/Galperin	Ron Mink	Tech Umbrella/Tech Foundation, Inc.	Mike Neese
Golden Leaves 3-Wick Holder/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Chuck Smith	Golden Bear Golf Shirt/Golden Bear Athletic Club	Jim Darling
Sweatshirt & Ball Cap/United Bank	Angela Russell	Stadium Seat/City National Bank	Drema Wagoner
All in one and handsfree flashlight/Smitty's	Joe Skaggs	Golden Bear Golf Shirt/Golden Bear Athletic Club	Bill Sanders
Tartan Sampler Tin/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Dick Schoening	Apple Cinnamon Candle/Just for You	Hugh Clonch
Glass Votive Holders/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Lee Kelly	Golden Bear Golf Shirt/Golden Bear Athletic Club	Stephanie Mink
Oil Change/Brown Chevrolet	Jamie Aguilar	Photo Album/Pauline Price	Ruth Aquino
Blue Butterfly vase and bowl set/Just for You	Charlie Webster	Candle/Evan Scent	Mike Belcher
Winter Sampler/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Joe McClain	3x6 Passion Flower/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Dave Long, Sr.
Family Portrait Package by David Dyer	Gordon Billheimer	Candle Garden Ornaments/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	James Fauver
Oil Change/Brown Chevrolet	Phil Redden	C/D-Walkman Carrying Case/D.W. Variety	John Girior
Large Pottery/Bob Simile	Fred Meyer	WV Ceramic Coasters/D. W. Variety	Zelda Lewis
Summer-Fest Fruit Tealight Set/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Ana White	Avon Angel Night light/Cathy Aquino	Anna Agee
Silken Hands/Mary Kay, Sandy Crist	Charlie Webster	Gift Certificate/Krogers	Destiny Kerby
Blenko Vase	Brenda See	Angel Night Light/Avon Rep, Leanna Myers	Lou Ann Bowen
Blue & Gold Suncatcher/by Anna Bailey	Verna Huber	Gift Certificate/Harpers Jewelry	Lawrence Washington
Mantel Clock	Ellen Ford	Suncatcher/Anna Bailey	Verna Huber
Silver Pierced Earrings/Galperin	Pat North	Framed Floral Print/D. W. Variety	Melva Agee
Blenko Vase	Alice Hatcher	CD-Walkman Carrying Case/D.W. Variety	John Girior
Subscription to Montgomery Herald	Amanda Caldwell	Ceramic WV Coasters/D. W. Variety	Zelda Lewis
Basket from Blue Smoke Salsa	Verna Huber	Brunch at Hawks Nest	Ron Mink
14 oz.Coconut/PartyLite Gifts, Jean Huber	Pam Wilson	Dinner at Bank Bar and Grill	Pat North
Gift Certificate for Marriott	Bill White		

Bridge Day 2003

By: Floyd Keeney, Jr.

If someone told you to go jump off a bridge, would you do it? For the most of us, we would say no, but to BASE jumpers (BASE is an acronym for the four types of fixed objects from which they may leap — buildings, antennas, spans, earth) the answer would be yes. This past weekend, I had the opportunity once again to work at the largest one-day event in West Virginia, Bridge Day 2003.

For those of you not familiar, the New River Gorge Bridge is located in Fayetteville, West Virginia. Located some 876 above the rapids of the New River, it remains the World's Largest Steel Arch Bridge. Each October people travel from around the United States, as well as internationally to see this spectacular event. With hundreds of vendors selling food, arts and crafts, there is entertainment for everyone in the family.

BASE jumpers are only allowed six hours (9am-3pm) to legally jump from the span to a landing zone in the sand below. To ensure the jumpers safety, the jump coordinators carefully monitor each jump. There are several requirements that must be satisfied before making your first plunge from the New River Gorge Bridge. Jumpers must have at least 50 BASE-jumps or skydives. They must have suitable gear for the jump as well as attendance at mandatory meetings prior to Bridge Day.

In addition to BASE jumping, there is also

another spectacular event at Bridge Day. Tied to the undercarriage of the bridge are several different rappel teams. Although not visible from the bridge, these teams lower themselves hundreds of feet down rope safely to the ground. Mr. Benjy Simpson of the company Passages to Adventure coordinates the rappels at Bridge Day. Mr. Simpson is known at WVU Tech for his involvement with the creation of the climbing wall located in the Neal D. Baisi Athletic Center.

It's not uncommon to see jumpers dressed in costumes or false faces on Bridge Day. This year, a group dressed in suits known as the "Ex-Presidents" wore masks of the former presidents. In addition, one group dressed as pigs for another group jump.

Although the jumps are set up to be very safe, Bridge Day jumpers face enormous risks with each jump. With very few fatalities recorded during the event, there are always major injuries. This year there were several serious injuries reported, but none appeared to be life threatening. In addition to the safety for the jumpers, safety for the spectators is also a great concern. Law enforcement, Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services have a great presence throughout the event.

I would recommend for each of you to join the fun next year on the third Saturday of October for Bridge Day 2004. Questions or Comment's about this article? Email: fkeeney@cp.wvutec.edu

The WV Division of Highways advises that US 60 in Fayette County, will be reduced to one lane traffic from October 28 to October 30, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., 1.10 miles east of its junction with WV 16 at Gauley Bridge, for the replacement of a railroad crossing. It is anticipated that traffic delays will be minor on October 28, 2003 and October 30, 2003. However, traffic delays of one (1) to two (2) hours should be expected on October 29, 2003.

Jonasay



Live in Concert
Thursday October 23, 2003
7:30 PM
Tech Center Ballroom

"The crowd for the sold-out Hootie and the Blowfish show at the House of Blues in Chicago was buzzing. 2,500 people packed the room in anticipation of another great night of music from the Hootie boys, but this night was different. The "buzz" was focused on the opening act, Jonasay, and although it was only the second night of the tour, the diehard Hootie fans had found a new band to follow."

"Jonasay, like many other bands, has had its ups and downs, but through it all they continue to rock. Their music has been described as pure rock-and-roll, "product so clean, you could eat off them... beautiful stuff." At other times the music bounces around in your head like the perfect pop song. But the musical style weighs in at best on even footing with the often powerful, frequently poetic and always relatable lyrics.

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Greek Life:

The Chilly Night Air of Montgomery

Ernest "D." Chafin

It was a chilly afternoon when I returned from classes. It was the most aggravating day in the weekly schedule, with the test I had to take just a few minutes before. Grumbling and hungry, I made my way to the cafeteria for some fetid hope of something nourishing. I chuckle in hindsight at these hopes, as they were all for naught. I had some of the nourishment and proceeded back to Sanctuary to rid myself of the horrid days' events. I was settling in to a nice video game when Brother Joe came to my door to remind me of something that I had forgotten from earlier in the week. He reminded me of the Delta Chi house being in operation that night and that I should go. I nodded as I leaned back in my chair. However, I didn't remember it being quite as cold when I had returned from class just a few hours before. The air had taken on a brittle, frigid edge and was determined to assault me with every gust. Clad in the trusty Trench and the Tonic Water by my side, I proceeded into the night to see just what the night had to offer.

I stepped down the cold sidewalk of the

campus, listening to the sounds emanating from the night's core. I passed Ratliff and tried to count the lights that were still on as there were quite a few. Some of the Department of Corrections officials cast me a harsh eye as I stepped past, which made me grin. Somewhere around the field on the hill, something resembling a whistle called out of the darkness. I took in this of the night and the refreshing chill that came with it. There were a couple of cars on the road as I approached, but as the town rolls up the streets around the same time the siren wails, traffic was minimal. I could hear the bass beats long before I could see their source, but I knew there would be something interesting at the end of my journey.

Upon stepping onto the side road off of Davis, I saw the people floating around in the yard of the house. Although I was a little over an hour late, I was anticipating at least seventy-five people crammed into the house. I was disheartened to see that there were people within the house's boundaries, but there was still enough room to move. I talked to the nice gentleman holding a clipboard at the door.

The Pledge, as it turns out, showed that I was a bit skewed in my perception of the event at hand. The list had read over fifty people, some of which had moved on for the time being. I passed the necessary tide before entering the house to get a good look for myself. I must say that there were some of the most beautiful young temptresses I've seen on campus in a while flowing here and there among the house. There was mixed enjoyment for the ladies and large masses of entertainment for the guys. A very nice setup, I must admit.

I returned to the porch, drawing my smokes and fishing for a lighter. I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Chris Wood, concerning the affairs at hand. He seemed relatively pleased with the outcome and said that it was "Alright." We exchanged a few friendly words before I strolled back into the night to try to drum up some more occupancy for them. Stepping in the front door of the Sigma Pi house, I saw a few people that looked a little too involved to leave the house that night, but that was fine. I had the night chill to keep me company. I left in a similar way as I had

come in, stepping gingerly across the tracks and keeping an ear open for the undoubtedly oncoming trains that sometimes plague the night.

Once I returned to the walkway adjacent to Davis, I saw that there had been a small explosion in the population of the event. The numbers appeared to have jumped to a healthy eighty-five. I took in the atmosphere of the party until the Tonic started to run dry. I strolled back toward the dorm, stopping on my way to wish a beautiful young lady a good night, before finally entering the firing range that is the back side of Hirise. I crashed out pretty quickly, leaving a few hours until class was to be had. The only regret to the evening was that there were all those people keeping themselves in their rooms while complaining of nothing to do around campus. The realization of this sobered me as I passed into slumber.

Any questions, comments, fan/hate/flame mail, or Greek Life announcements can be directed to chaos_th3ory@hotmail.com

Anything sent will be used, within means.

Family Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003

The Division of Student Services invites you and your family to join us for a very special celebration, **FAMILY DAY**.

Faculty and staff will be available for questions; there will be "goodie bags", door prizes, and "Herps Alive!" – Live lizards, snakes, crocodiles and other creatures! So bring the children and join us for a day of fun!!

Complimentary passes for you and your family will also be provided for a cookout on the mall and the Tech Golden Bear – Wesleyan College football game!

JOIN US for all the fun!

(Invitations and Reservation forms have been mailed to parents/guardians.

Additional forms are available from the *Dean of Student Services Office, Old Main, Room 325; phone, 442-3158.*)

SAB Notice

The SAB will be meeting to plan student activities and events on campus on every Wednesday at 3 PM in the Bookstore Lounge. All students who want to get involved with events and activities are invited to attend.

WVU Tech's Major Research Partnership with Industries

Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering at West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) will partner with Alion Science and Technology of McLean, Virginia and Augusta Systems of Morgantown, West Virginia to develop the next generation of unmanned military aircraft known as SWARM. Each partner will play a significant role in redesigning the current, rudimentary control system of the SWARM unit to an innovative intelligence control system that will allow these small lightweight vehicles to function in unison for enhanced military reconnaissance capabilities.

The Defense Department spending bill recently signed by President Bush included a \$4.25 million appropriation for the intelligent control system for the U.S. Navy's unmanned aerial vehicles (UVAs). This effort was made possible through the leadership and support of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.

According to Senator Byrd, this project would help to support more than 30 engineering and management jobs in West Virginia, with Alion to open a Morgantown office. In addition, it will benefit the number of graduate and undergraduate student research positions at WVU Tech. "The many challenges facing the men and women of our military underscore the ever growing need to design and build advanced, innovative defense weaponry," Senator Byrd stated. "I take great pride in West Virginia's contribution to America's Armed Forces and will continue to work to provide the men and

women of our military with the technology, equipment, and training they need to successfully defend our nation."

This is also a unique opportunity for engineering researchers in the Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering at WVU Tech to work with Augusta Systems, Alion Science and Technology, researchers at the U.S. Navy, and those from other top-rated research institutions to develop the necessary technology and hardware. The College of Engineering offers a graduate program in control systems engineering, and the faculty have been involved in extensive control systems research with emphasis on areas of sensors, controls, and nano integration for many years. The Control and Applications Research lab, a facility created for basic and applied research in control systems, was established at Tech's College of Engineering thanks to the financial supports from DOE/NETL/WVEPSCoR.

"We would like to thank Senator Byrd for his leadership and his staff for their support. Tech is proud to be a part of this important effort to help ensure national security as well as help develop more economic opportunities for West Virginia," quoted WVU Tech's President Dr. Karen LaRoe. Dean Sathyamoorthy said that this mount of research funding is unprecedented in the history of WVU Tech and it presented a great opportunity for faculty to get involved in cutting edge DoD research.

Dr. M. Sathyamoorthy, Dean of the Leonard

C. Nelson College of Engineering, and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. Asad Davari, will be responsible for WVU Tech's engineering research and administration portion of the Department of Defense grant. Funding from this grant will be used to establish a Center of Excellence in Control Systems within the College of Engineering at WVU Tech, creating the necessary infrastructure for the vital research components needed by the Department of Defense. This Center of Excellence will also have the potential to lead to significant contributions to industrial growth; economic development in collaboration with WVU Tech's Applied Technology and Business Development Center and the Tech Research and Development Corporation; and strengthen the applied research capabilities within West Virginia.

Other recent partnerships that College of Engineering has participated include: West Virginia University, Marshall University, and EPSCoR to develop a major proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF) under the Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program; and a research proposal to NSF for the establishment of a Center for the Advancement of Grid Computing with the West Virginia High Technology Consortium, the West Virginia Development Office, and a research team from Paragon Computation, Inc. *This article was written by Dr. M. Sathyamoorthy, Dean of the Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering.*

Tech's Career Day

By: Stephen Lanham

During this past Wednesday and Thursday, the Annual Career Day/Job Expo was held in the Tech Center Ballroom from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. These two days of informal interviews were followed up by a few employers with formal interviews on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Most of the corporations that were on the perspective list showed and a few more showed up and were added that were not on the original list. A notable no show was the US Army National Guard. Another very notable no show was the US Air Force. This was a concern for many students who were interested in the possibility of continuing their education or beginning their career with either of these branches of the Armed Forces.

The information provided by the employers was excellent. Some of the literature that was being passed out was very relevant and useful. Another plus was all the free goodies that were being given away. Just about every corporation had something to give to the students who stopped by. These ranged from pens and pencils to snacks to computer games! On Wednesday, the ROTC had a both setup and they were handing out a computer game called America's Army to students who were interested in the Army ROTC program (mainly here at Tech). They were also providing students with cups and pencils. Also, on Wednesday, another group was handing out snack size bags of chips to students. Many corporations were handing out candy of various types. On Thursday, the gifts were almost as good. Meadwestvaco was handing out pocket calculators and US Army was handing out Army pins.

Candy was even more abundant on Thursday.

I was shocked at the number of students who attended this activity. During each of the past couple years, I had attended, but for a short period of time and it didn't seem like very many students showed up. This year, however, I saw how many students truly show up. This year, since I am a senior, I decided to take full advantage of the day. On Wednesday, the crowd started small, but as time passed, the number of students drastically increased. The key was, each time I looked around it seemed like a totally new group of students was present. After noticing this trend on Wednesday, I watched for the same to happen again on Thursday. It happened just like Wednesday! Also, I noticed another trend after being there for both days. The largest number of students present each day occurred between twelve and one o'clock. My advice to next years students is attend when you can, but the earlier you get there (around 10:30) the more "one-on-one" time I seemed to get with each perspective employer. As the day wore on, too many people were present for solo conversations. Many of the questions after 11:30 or so seemed to be one person out of a group asked and then the group got a response before a different individual would ask another question.

Personally, as an engineer, with the job market the way it is, I was very pleased to see the large number of employers on campus looking for perspective employees in engineering. Speaking with some of the students present in other majors, everyone seemed pleased with the number of companies present for their discipline.

The Sound Off

By Jonathan Friley

Just seven weeks until the last day of classes, then a week of finals, and the semester is over. I don't know about all of you, but this semester seems like it's flying by. Congratulations to Tech on the accomplishments made in U.S. News & World Report, the major point of interest for students being that "graduates [earn] the highest starting salary of all West Virginia universities at \$33,553!"

I have to bring my soap box back out about PARKING. Over the past few weeks, I've seen some teachers parked in student spots on various lots around campus WITHOUT TICKETS. That's not right. I know that one car had been there for at least 2 hours and security had been by it, but no ticket was given. There were even faculty spaces open and the car still used two student spaces. If a student pulls into a faculty spot, 95% of the time, they get a ticket. I have never seen one on a faculty vehicle that was parked illegally. It's not so much that I mind the faculty pulling into the spots, because I don't. I think it's only fair that they do it to us because we do it to them; my deal is the fact that they don't get punished for it. They don't get their records tagged. They don't get threatened with towing. Of course, I also think that it's bull that any of us have to pay for permits (faculty included) when our tuition is one of the highest for a public university to begin with, but I've already made my point about that.

I don't have much time, so that's all for this week. Like I always say—this is your column, your voice, let me know what's bugging you and let's try to change it. Drop me a line at thesoundoffwvuit@hotmail.com. Later.

US GDP Growth Continues

Muhammad Faysal Islam
International Affairs Writer

Even though time is very tough for the economic situation worldwide, it's a very positive fact that the GDP increase in the US this year is very significant. GDP which is short term for "Gross Domestic Product" for a country means the total output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in that particular country. In simple terms, a greater GDP means a greater production and more circulation of money within a country's economic system. GDP growth is necessary to create new opportunities for work force and to ensure a better life for citizens.

US Bureau of Economic Analysis (USBEA) is the official publisher of the economic data related to gross domestic product and gross national product (GNP). For the second quarter of year 2003, the US economy observed a GDP growth of 3.3% and for the first quarter 1.4%. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimated a 3.1% increase for the second quarter which turned out to be little over in reality. According to the USBEA, the major contributors to the increase in real GDP in the second quarter were personal consumption expenditures (PCE), federal defense spending, and nonresidential fixed investment. The contributions of these components were partly offset by a negative contribution from private inventory investment. Also import expenditures, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, have increased in last quarter.

The acceleration in real GDP growth in the second quarter primarily reflected an upturn in federal defense spending, an acceleration in PCE, and an upturn in nonresidential fixed investment that were partly offset by an upturn in imports. Sales of computers and electronic

goods contributed 0.18 percentage point to the second-quarter change in GDP growth; it was also 0.18 percentage point in the first-quarter change. Motor vehicle output (US manufactured vehicles) has been decreased in both the first and second quarters. Motor vehicle output subtracted 0.11 percentage point from the second-quarter change in real GDP after subtracting 0.06 percentage point from the first-quarter change.

Another important concept in the everyday economy is the price index, which defines the value of money. If price index goes high, the price of consumer goods will go high and people will need more money in their pocket to buy same amount of product. For gross domestic purchases price index has been increased 0.4 percent in the second quarter, which is 0.2 percentage point more than in the preliminary estimate of USBEA. Excluding food and energy prices, the price index for gross domestic purchases, which means purchase by US residents, has increased 0.8 percent in the second quarter, compared with an increase of 1.8 percent in the first.

Personal consumption expenditures, which impact the economy positively, has increased 3.8 percent in the second quarter of 2003, compared with an increase of 2.0 percent in the first. Also the real nonresidential fixed investment increased 7.3 percent, in contrast to a decrease of 4.4 percent in first quarter. Nonresidential structures increased 4.2 percent, in contrast to a decrease of 2.9 percent in first quarter. Equipment and software increased 8.3 percent, in contrast to a decrease of 4.8 percent in first quarter. Real residential fixed investment increased 6.6 percent, compared with an increase of 10.1 percent in first quarter. All these data together indicates that the US economy is growing stronger and it's keeping a stable

acceleration.

As the expenditures for imports have increased some countries that have trade with United States are observing even greater growth in their GDP. For example this year China is expecting to have an 8.5% growth in their GDP. China is expecting this tremendous growth in their GDP despite the fact that their economy have suffered by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) this year. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China the industry completed a total added value of 2.88 trillion yuan (about 350 billion US dollars) in the first three quarters, increasing by 16.5 percent year-on-year. The retail volume of consumer goods totaled 3.27 trillion yuan (about 395 billion US dollars) in the first three quarters, showing an increase of 8.6 percent. Also the discretionary income of urban citizens in China increased to 6,347 yuan (about 774 US dollars), up 9 percent and farmers' income reached 1,802 yuan (about 220 US dollars), up 3.8 percent. Some CIS (former Soviet Russia) countries are also expecting GDP growth of somewhere 4% to 7% this year.

Some economists and business policy critics are thinking relative higher GDP growth of other countries could be a potential threat for US economy as many jobs are transferring overseas and import cost is rising, but optimists are sure that trading will soon be balanced. Extremely higher GDP growth in some countries could cause inflation and their economy could become hyper.

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