



Technology initiatives improve Tech's computer services

It's an exciting time for technology issues at WVU Tech. The administration, faculty and staff have strongly supported recent technology initiatives and have greatly encouraged recent technology enhancements and projects.

WVU Tech has implemented several technology initiatives and infrastructure improvements including:

we started implementing a complete campus wide upgrade to a gigabyte backbone; an upgrade to the wide area network connection that increased internet bandwidth by 50%; expanded wiring to additional buildings, offices, workrooms, classrooms, dorms and work/meeting areas; multiple upgrades to the student information system (Banner) and working on integrating the web version (Banner Self Service) with Campus Pipeline; purchased state-of-the-art PC's for the centralized labs in the Library and Engineering Labs Building open for all student use; started a process to replace and renovate staff and faculty PC's on campus; and initiated planning for a phone system upgrade.

In addition, to improve college wide technology communication, technology processes, and procedures, WVU Tech has rolled out the following:

1. Obtained licenses for Symantec AntiVirus (SAV) for all students. You can get your copy by:

a. From a RNHET PC (dorm PC), a Library PC or an Engineering Labs Building PC lab PC (outside the Computer Center) you can download the software from <http://www.wvutech.edu/ComputerCenter/links/index.shtml> and click on the Symantec Antivirus Download link. That is the second link.

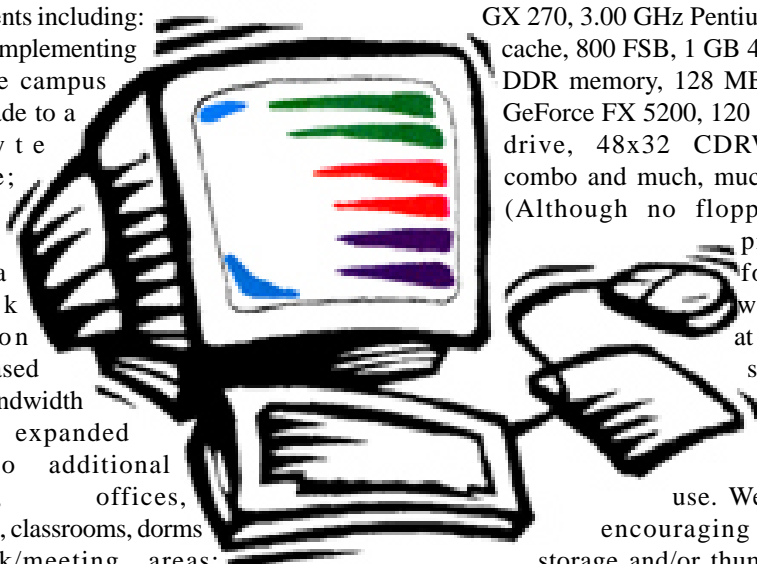
b. Bring a writable CD to the Computer Center to get a software disk burned. The Computer Center is located in the Engineering Labs Building.

c. Students/Staff/Faculty can purchase a CD at the Technology Support Center for \$10

including tax and shipping. Call 304-293-4972.

2. Currently the Computer Center is installing new state-of-the-art PC's in the centralized PC labs located on the first floor in the Library and Engineering Labs Building (next to the Computer Center).

The systems will consist of: an OptiPlex GX 270, 3.00 GHz Pentium 4, 1M cache, 800 FSB, 1 GB 400 MHz DDR memory, 128 MB Nvidia GeForce FX 5200, 120 GB hard drive, 48x32 CDRW/DVD combo and much, much more! (Although no floppies are



provided for, we will have at least one system available for floppy use. We highly encourage CD storage and/or thumb drive usage for increased reliability and storage capacity.)

The software installed and supported on these system include: Win XP, Office 2003, Acrobat, Nero, SAV, GW, Web CT plug-ins and some others.

There will be 28 new systems at the Library and 24 in the Engineering Labs Building plus a few older systems. The Library also has one loaner lap top with wireless connectivity and loaner wireless cards for student use.

3. Public Access Computer (PACs): Tech now has numerous new Public Access Computers (PACs). Davis has two, the Tech Center has one in the student area outside the Bookstore, Orndorff has two on the first floor and the Library has three (one on each floor). We are also looking into creating additional PAC access at various campus sites. You need your centralized LAN account to access the PC and the internet. If you do not have your account, stop by the Computer Center in the Engineering Labs Building and pick it up. This will be the same account that you need to log on to the centralized PC labs in the Library or Engineering Labs Bldg.

The primary function for all PACs is quick e-mail retrieval or web browsing. Keeping this in mind, and since we only have a limited number of systems, we are asking users to

limit usage to 15 minutes per session if someone is waiting. If you need longer than that, please visit the centralized lab at the Library or Engineering Labs Building.

4. Modem access: You can get Internet connectivity off campus via the statewide WVNET modem pool. In cooperation with West Virginia University Institute of Technology and other schools, WVNET (the computer center for data and network management for colleges and universities in West Virginia) has installed a statewide modem pool for dial-in access to the Internet. The basic cost is \$16.95 a month for unlimited access. This service itself emphasizes Internet access, e-mail and web related activities. This dial-up Internet service is intended to support the missions and goals of higher education, public education, libraries and state and local governments.

5. Dorm access: HiRise, Ratliff and COED have Internet connectivity and we are expanding connectivity to the rooms that are not currently connected. Funding for this expansion should be available during the first part of the spring semester. Currently there are over 130 active dorm connections with 260 possible LAN connections. Dorm LAN access allows students to connect to the internet from the dorm at a very low cost with a large bandwidth. The funds generated via this LAN connectivity provide revenue for

the PC support students, future dorm LAN growth and replacement of dorm LAN equipment.

6. Wireless LAN: Tech's IT staff is currently testing a wireless (radio frequency) LAN solution for dorm connectivity and other open area campus access sites. The network LAN goal that I would like to achieve would be a campus wide, state-of-the-art network access system that would be considered a basic utility for all. That is every office, classroom, conference room, work area and dorm room would have a LAN connection. We are aggressively looking into a wireless LAN solution. Hopefully, we can implement, in the near future, a total campus wide wireless solution to meet this long term goal once funds are available.

Again, I would like to reiterate, and as you can see, it is an exciting time for technology and its implementation at WVU Tech. I am and I hope you are excited by these initiatives and the fact that they should greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of WVU Tech academic and administration areas.

Stop by and check these systems out and enjoy their use!

If you are interested or have questions about any of these topics please call the WVU Tech Computer Center at 304-442-3364 or send e-mail to jgregg@wvutech.edu.

Give the Gift of Life

By Angela Willis, Staff Writer

Hey everyone, it's back! The annual blood drive will take place in the Tech Ballroom Thursday, November 11th. The Tech Ballroom will be full of donors, volunteers, students, and the fine nurses of the American Red Cross. The blood drive is held every semester here at Tech. If you have the heart and willingness to donate, come out and donate some blood for this great cause. There are so many people out in the world, which need your blood and support in order to survive. Please take some time out of your busy schedule and donate some blood. Please come out and be part of this great cause.

The Blood Drive is sponsored by three student organizations here at Tech: Alpha

Phi Omega, the community service co-ed fraternity, Sigma Pi Fraternity International, and the Association of Student Nurses. Also, the lovely ladies of the Montgomery Women's Club will be donating their time in assisting in registration at the blood drive.

Blood is the most precious gift you can give someone. Who knows? Your blood might save someone from death. So please, do not forget! The blood drive will be held on Thursday, November 11th from 10 AM until 4 PM. Make sure to stock up on sugar before you come in. In case you forget, the Tech Ballroom will provide you with drinks and snacks while you give your blood. Come out and give the gift of life; you might need a blood donor yourself in the future.



From the desk of: Tech President Lanny Janeksela

Students can be a real help in recruiting

By now everyone at Tech is well aware that retention and recruitment are critical focus areas for the institution. I have written about our emphasis on retention including new tutoring programs, revamped Orientation classes, the creation of the Advising Enrichment Center and other efforts designed to make the freshman year more successful for students. I have described our new institutional approach to recruiting that calls for additional out-of-state recruitment, extra recruiting staff, greatly improved recruiting materials and information flow, and greater involvement by faculty and staff.

Today I would like to comment on ways that you, our students, can have a real impact on our recruitment process. It is our goal to more fully integrate students into the process of recruiting and retaining students to WVU Tech. It is my sincere belief that students can be our best recruiters, and to a certain extent you already are. Each time you share your experiences and talk about the quality of education you receive here you are recruiting. When our graduates succeed in business and industry they are recruiting. As you perform community service you are recruiting. Your current efforts are much appreciated. Here are some more formal ways I feel that students can help Tech recruit.

We could selectively use current students and recent graduates to recruit in their home location by visiting high schools and meeting with the students there to talk about the virtues of a Tech education. We could sponsor

a weekend event whereby you would invite your high school friends to campus so that they could experience a bit of campus life. The university would provide a host of activities to make the weekend memorable. Current students could staff a peer tele-counseling program. This program would help build relationships with prospective students by providing applicants an opportunity to have a conversation with peers rather than an impersonal direct mail information piece. Student callers could assist student applicants and their parents in understanding and completing the enrollment process, and answer questions, which would help to ease the transition to the university setting. With appropriate training, solid use of referrals to other departments for additional advising and information, and selection of dedicated students with a real desire to help, this program could be a significant asset to our recruitment efforts. Students recruiting students may be a way to provide meaningful work experience for current students thus building on a student's resume.

I am sure that you can think of other approaches in which you can help recruit for Tech. I would welcome your suggestions and input on how to more fully integrate you, our students, into the process of recruiting and retaining students. I encourage you to send me your thoughts to me at Galan.Janeksela@mail.wvu.edu. Together we can bring and keep more students at Tech.

CTC General Studies programs offer many options

Are you uncertain about your major? Is your current major not working for you? Then the General Studies, A.S. program may be the major for you. The General Studies program at the Community and Technical College (CTC) at WVU Tech is an ideal major for students who are uncertain about which career path to pursue. This program allows students to take courses from the core curriculum that apply to most other majors (both two and four-year degrees) on the Tech campus as well as other colleges. As an added benefit, tuition rates at the CTC are less expensive than those at four-year institutions. Students can actually save money while taking core curriculum courses and/or deciding on a specific career path to follow.

The General Studies program is designed for students having an interest in a wide array of subjects including the arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and related fields. The degree provides a liberal curriculum designed for both personal development and the vocational

needs of the student. This degree will be of interest to students who (1) are not seeking a degree in a specific career field, but who wish to broaden their knowledge and skills through a flexible curriculum; (2) are employed in positions where no specific college training is required but two years of college work would provide the credential needed for advancement; (3) are interested in completing the General Studies degree program to later transfer to a four-year program or (4) desire an A.S. degree but want maximum freedom in course selection. A one-year certificate option is also available for students who wish to transfer to health-related programs. The General Studies program is also designed as a plus-two program of study that transfers directly into the B.S. Public Service Administration degree program at WVU Tech.

Interested persons may call 442-3274 or 442-3209 for more information. The General Studies department is located in Room 610 of Davis Hall.



From the desk of: CTC President Jo Harris

Community College opportunities at Tech

This week I would like to give you a brief overview of the many types of one-year certificate and two-year associate degree programs within the Community and Technical College at WVU Tech. As the year progresses, this column will focus more specifically on each of the programs to give you a sense of what the program of study includes and what career opportunities are available upon graduation.

The CTC at WVU Tech is divided into three divisions: Engineering Technology/Industrial Technology, Health and Applied Technology, and Transfer and Collaborative Programs.

Four TAC-ABET associate degree programs reside within the Engineering Technology/Industrial Technology Division: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Computerized Drafting and Design Technology, and Electrical Engineering Technology. In addition to these associate degrees, you will find the Computer and Information Technology A.S. program, which includes Cisco internetworking and A+ certification courses, and new emphasis areas related to network security and computer engineering technology. One-year certificate programs are being developed in some of these areas as well. This division also administers all plus-two B.S. programs in Engineering Technology, three of which are TAC-ABET accredited, and works in conjunction with the Computer Science department to offer the A.S. in Computer Science degree. If you would like specific information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Frank Gourley for further information.

The Health and Applied Technology Division includes a broad array of programs. The ADA accredited Dental Hygiene program, which had a 100 percent licensure passage rate last year, is headed by Kristin Mallory. Ms. Connie Fox oversees the many certificate and associate degree programs in Office Technology Management, including certificates in Medical Transcription and Claims Processing. The A.S. programs in Office Tech include emphasis areas in Medical Assistant, Medical Office, Legal Office, Executive Office, and Medical Facilities

Management. The A.S. Business Technology programs, headed by Jacque Perry, include emphasis areas in Accounting, Business Supervision, Computer Information Systems, and Restaurant Management. A one-year Entrepreneurship certificate is also available through this department. The Department of Printing is also in this division, hosting the A.S. in Printing Technology, as well as three one-year certificate programs in Digital Imaging, Press, and Pre-press. Additionally, the department administers the B.S. in Printing Management. For further information regarding these areas of study, contact Jack Nuckols.

If you are an undecided student or one who intends to transfer to another institution for a program not available at Tech, you may be interested in the A.S. in General Studies, headed by Suzette Breeden. There are two emphasis areas within General Studies: Public Service Administration (A.S.) and a certificate for Health Transfer programs. Additionally within the Transfer and Collaborative Division, you will find the off-campus programs offered in partnership with other institutions, including Technical Studies (Diesel Technology, Automotive Service Technology, and Paraprofessional Educator) and Occupational Development (Child Development Specialist, Corrections, and Culinary Apprenticeship) Ms. Tammy Bibbee can provide information regarding these areas. The newest program in this division is the A.A.S. Board of Governors degree completion program that provides the opportunity to earn credit for life experiences, similar to the Regents B.A. degree Anne Repaire serves as advisor for both areas.

As you can see, the CTC offers a diverse inventory of academic programming. These programs provide quality education, as evidenced through national accreditation and WVU Board of Governors "Program of Excellence" designations for Office Technology Management, Electrical/Electronic Technology, and Printing Technology/Management. If you are interested in any of these areas, explore them further with the folks mentioned above!

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Out of My Head:

“Guys and Dolls” Uncut

By Dave McBrayer

The less artistically inclined among our readership may never have seen a theatrical production, much less participated in one. Speaking in my dual role as columnist and actor, I feel well-qualified to tell you that when you come see this week's production of “Guys and Dolls,” you're missing out on the best parts. In anticipation of your attendance, I offer you a summary of the contents of “Guys and Dolls: Too Hot for the Stage!”

You won't, for example, hear the alternate lyrics to “Follow the Fold,” featuring bits and pieces from “Funkytown,” “Kung Fu Fighting,” and “Oscar Meyer Weiner.”

Nor will you see Miss Adelaide's Totally Hot All-Nude Dancing Girl Revue. We had them put some clothes on. Now it's Miss Adelaide's Totally Hot Slightly-Dressed Dancing Girl Revue.

Unfortunately for the Tech Players, our show will no longer be sponsored by Pepsi. On the other hand, you don't have to deal with lines like “Get back to the hotel and wait for the money, and don't come back without it... unless you bring an ice-cold Pepsi!”

And, fortunately for you, the audience, you will not have to listen to even one bad

elephant joke. There are many, many actors who would give their eyetusks to have that option.

What you will see, however, will more than outweigh what you won't. Come see “Guys and Dolls” this week - you won't regret it.



Tech Players Present **Guys & Dolls**

November 11th, 12th
and 13th at 7:30
November 14th at 2:30

Reservations call 442-3260

Tickets will be available
at the door

Free Admission and refreshments
Conley Hall Theater

Q: What is this woman doing?

Hint:

She's working in
air-conditioned comfort
in a quiet room with the radio on.

See the answer on page 5



Coming Events at Tech

Thursday, November 11th, 1:00 PM - Date Rape and Sexual Harassment

Seminar in 1206 Orndorff Hall, sponsored by Tech's Interfraternity Council

Thursday, November 11th, 7:00 PM - Alpha Sigma Tau sorority holds interest dinner in Tech Center Private Dining Room

Thursday, November 11th, 7:00 PM - Christian Student Union meet in the Bears' Den

Thursday, November 11th, 7:30 PM - Tech Players present “Guys and Dolls” in the Conley Hall Theater

Friday, November 12th, 7:30 PM - Tech Players present “Guys and Dolls” in the Conley Hall Theater

Saturday, November 13th, 8:30 AM - Association of Student Nurses host Health Fair in the Tech Ballroom

Saturday, November 13th, 7:30 PM - Tech Players present “Guys and Dolls” in the Conley Hall Theater

Sunday, November 14th, 2:30 PM - Tech Players present “Guys and Dolls” in the Conley Hall Theater

Monday thru Thursday, November 15th-18th - Preregistration for Spring Semester??? No announcement has been made yet, but it's overdue! See your advisor.

Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 PM - Christian Student Union meets in the Bears' Den

If you would like publicity for your organization's event, e-mail us at CollegianWV@hotmail.com

Psst... Wanna Be a Sister?

By Kate Reich, Staff Writer

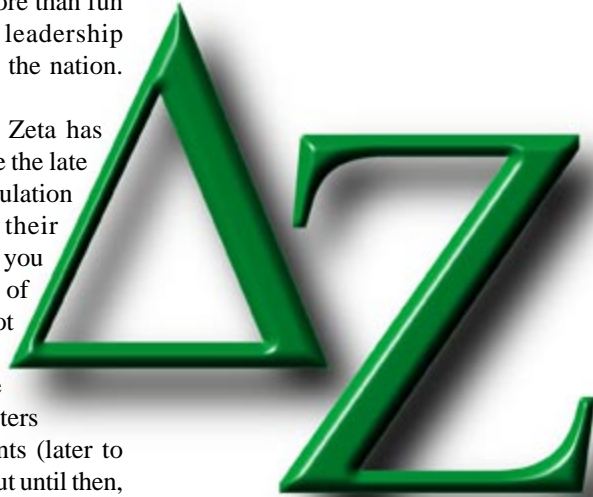
The walls of your dorm room only stay interesting for so long. Are you longing to get out and do something? Delta Zeta Sorority is always on the lookout for new sisters!

Delta Zeta offers its sisters more than fun times; it offers scholarships, leadership opportunities, and sisters across the nation. Your walls can't offer you that.

The Iota Pi chapter of Delta Zeta has been on the campus of Tech since the late 60's. It boasts a large alumna population who have fond memories of their sorority days. Being a sister gives you an opportunity to become a part of this proud legacy. Sisterhood is not just four years, it's for life.

Even though the end of the semester is on the horizon, the sisters are still recruiting! Several events (later to be announced) are in the works, but until then, please check out the Delta Zeta bulletin board

in the Tech Center for recent news and announcements, or visit their website, <http://www.geocities.com/deltazetawvuit/welcome.html>. Stop being friends with your walls and become a sister!



Metrosexuals:

The men who aren't afraid of the feminine side

Metrosexuals are becoming more and more prominent around the world. Metrosexuals are men who aren't afraid to embrace their feminine side. They are not gay; they are just very in tune with their feminine attributes and are not afraid to tell you that your outfit sucks and they aren't afraid to admit they know a good sale when they see one.

Now around campus, I haven't noticed many guys that I would label as metrosexual. However, on my frequent trips to Charleston, I have seen quite a few metrosexuals and every time I see one, I sort of giggle to myself. These men are the men whom I like to term, "the Suits." The guys you see walking around town, through the mall dressed to the nines. They generally wear a gray or black suit and always have the small, black or silver, flip phone. They wear their hair styled to perfection, and never leave home without their stylish shades. They are the smooth talkers, the guys who girls look at and wonder how he got his complexion to be so clear.

Metrosexuals are becoming more popular these days because it is no longer viewed as a bad thing. Many men are being praised in their personal life and their career for being able to grasp their feminine side. By being

able to be more personal and responsive to customers, men are finding that tuning in to your softer side isn't so bad for business, personal or professional.

In my personal opinion, I could never date a guy who was termed a metrosexual just because I'm stuck in this illusion that the guy should be very masculine and not worry about his appearance to the detail of whether every hair is in place or worrying about if his shoes will clash with his jeans. I prefer a man who doesn't care to get dirty, isn't afraid to just wear a white t-shirt, jeans, and work boots, and who isn't going to fight over mirror space with me in the morning.

Metrosexuals I believe are for those women who can handle the extra requirements from guys. I, myself, find that guys just grasping their masculine side are hard enough to handle much less the guys who are grasping their feminine side as well. I believe that guys who are meshing their masculine and feminine sides are more than I could handle and would prefer to avoid that situation. However, for the ladies who do hand the metrosexuals, you are to be praised because it's well known that men are complicated enough, but men who are moody just break the mold.

Notes from the WVU Tech Career Services Office

Internship announcements have been received from:

Walt Disney for their PhotoPass Program.

Become a member of the Disney Digital Photo Imaging Team. Visit www.wdwcollegeprogram.com for additional information.

Live, Learn, Intern at Georgetown University

Visit www.dcinternships.org for additional information

US Department of State 2005 Internship Program.

Deadline for Fall 2005 opportunities is March 1; and for Spring 2006 opportunities is July 1.

Visit www.careers.state.gov and click on Student Programs to access "Gateway to State: StudentGate".

Marketing Intern/Recruiter Assistant

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Charleston, WV

Graduate School Virtual Open House

The University of Pennsylvania Graduate School for Education is hosting a Virtual Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. EST on Monday, November 15.

Hear about graduate programs in education by calling an 800 toll free number and by logging on-line to view a tour at the same time. To register for this event go to www.gse.upenn.edu/openhouse. Questions can be directed to albertso@gse.upenn.edu

Part-time Employment:

Opportunities have been received from BB&T, WesBanco, Kanawha Valley Senior Services, OSM-AmeriCorps Vista, H&R Block, Sears, The Marriott, Express Personnel, and the Texas Steakhouse

Networking for Jobs:

Employers located in the Fairmont, WV, high technology corridor use the VC Link system to locate potential employees. To access VC Link and upload your resume, go to www.wvjobs.com and click on VC Link.

Attention all December 2004 graduates Jobs in WV State Government

The WV Division of Personnel is currently evaluating and testing December 2004 college graduates for jobs posted under the WV Civil Service System with the State of WV. Graduates from all Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, and Master degree programs are eligible to participate. By being evaluated and tested now, candidates will be posted to job registers and eligible for employment almost as soon as they provide proof of graduation in December.

WV Division of Personnel representative, Ms. Shirlene Jones, invites December graduates to come to the Division of Personnel Testing Center on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (November 22 - 24). Located in WV State Capitol Complex, Building 7 - Second floor, representatives will begin the testing process at 8:15 AM each morning.

Candidates are to bring a completed WV application for employment, a resume, an academic transcript, and photo ID. Upon arrival candidate credentials will be evaluated regarding available registers, including those for which written examinations are required.

To obtain a copy of the WV application for employment visit the WVU Tech Career Services Office (OM 326) or go to: www.state.wv.us/admin/personnel - click on Staffing Services - click on Application Form. Call (304) 442-3185 if you have any questions.

Musings on the 2004 Election

By Kate Reich, Staff Writer

The Red Sox won the World Series, banishing the "Curse of the Bambino." The Green Bay Packers beat the Redskins. Both were indicators that John Kerry would win the election, according to many. Good weather also promised a win for the Democratic nominee.

In Ohio, my home state, the weather was cloudy but warm, almost 80 degrees. My mother and older sister left to vote at 7:30 in the morning, when the polls opened. They waited in line almost a half hour to vote. I went with my father later that morning, and the line was out the door and into the parking lot of our local elementary school. Thankfully, it was not raining.

It was my first time voting. I was excited to be performing my civic duty by punching out chads for 10 minutes. My county still uses the punch card ballots, the same ones that caused an uproar in the 2000 Presidential election. I checked in with the poll workers, keeping an eye out for evil Republican poll watchers. I was not afraid to pick a fight if anyone dared try to challenge my right to vote. However, I was allowed without fuss to receive my ballot and start punching holes with a blunt object.

After making my choice for President and State Representative, I started getting down

to the local elections. I didn't know who was who. And I was concerned, because I often receive blank stares for mentioning anything post-Watergate to the people in my county. "Bob Small" could have been my neighbor's cat for all I know. I voted the Democratic ticket. The pleasure I got out of voting for my fellow Democrats was orgasmic, better than sex. However, the judicial nominees didn't have their political parties mentioned on the ballot. Thus, I did what any other person in my flip-flops would have done.

I voted for the most Jewish sounding name. "Hmm, which is more Jewish, Silerstein or Ross?" Although it was a pickle when I got to O'Neil against O'Donnell, as I know no Irish Jews. I later revealed this Jewish name fact to my father. He got a sly smile on his face. He, too, had used the Jewish method. (In case you're wondering about the Judaism link to Democrats, there is often-overlooked passage in early Talmudic writings that states "And those voting of the party of Nixon shall be stricken with boils and cast into the sea of despair." The commentaries - and they are all in agreement on this - take that passage to mean that Jews shouldn't vote Republican)

As I settled down to watch the election results, I made sure I had my "Election 2004 Kit" by my side. It consisted of snacks, objects to throw at the television, and a nice

selection alcohol. As the polls started to roll in, my TV started forming dents in the case. I ran out of blunt objects for the TV (mainly because I had been throwing them in a drunken rage at my little sister, who found my rage most enjoyable) and started groping for nearby items, which included empty Mountain Dew cans and my cat. My little gray kitten, Mischa, now quakes every time he hears the state name "Oklahoma."

The room was spinning more than the Spin folk on TV. It was not quite three in the morning when I swore most loudly and started watching "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." I skipped through most of the movie, looking out for parts when the old grandmother called everyone Turks. Switched back to NBC. When I saw Ohio had gone to Bush, I was tempted to do a shot for every voter who had voted for Kerry, however, my bottle of Blue Nun was almost gone. When it was assumed that Bush had won a second turn, I downed the Nun. I then stepped outside, and took a stroll on my quiet, sleepy street. It was still warm out, the clouds blocking any shooting star that would have given me the slightest sliver of hope. My neighbors, mostly retirees, were all likely to be sound asleep. Dreaming of something brighter than my current thoughts. Dreams of grandchildren and summer gardens contrasted with nightmares of drafts, Jerry Falwell, and low job prospects. I was at the

end of my street, the end of which is situated on the Ohio River. I turned around, faced my street and did what any other livid Democrat would have done.

"#\$\$%^ you, Ohio! #\$\$%^ you!"

The next morning, my head was spinning more than the talking heads on the morning talk shows. I returned to school, and looked awake through class. I was in mourning. I sat Shiva in my room for a few hours that night, bitter in mood and drink. However, after Shiva, one must move on in life. I pondered what to do for the next four years. What could I do to ensure a Democratic win in 2008? Run Hilary and Obama? Mortally wound known Republicans on their way to the polls? Have an affair with Rumsfeld? Again, I went to the Torah for guidance. The random passages I read (much like old divining books of the late Middle Ages) told me to "learn from Israel." What could I learn from Israel? They do have the best intelligence agency in existence. I could easily learn electioneering from them. However, I lack the funds for education abroad, and I procrastinate. Often. (The editor of our fair Collegian will agree with the preceding statement [The editor of our fair Collegian has no room to complain. - Ed.]). On top of procrastination, I'm lazy. So, instead of learning from David Ben Gurion, I shall just bitch for the next four years. And work harder come Election 2008.

A: She's running a \$22 million printing press that produces 19 full-size newspapers every second!



The printing and electronic publishing industry is looking for college-educated production personnel and managers. We have many employers looking for grads to go into high paying jobs today. For example, Valassis has already been to campus twice this semester looking for interns and full-time employees. They have 20 openings right now paying

\$33,000 - \$38,000 with a 13% bonus! And Valassis is on the Fortune Magazine list of the 100 best companies in America to work for.

If you want a high-tech career with unlimited possibilities, check out Tech's Printing Department. Come by ELAB 121 to find out more. We can place you on the path to a solid career starting this January.

Tech student sends photos from Iraq

David Dyer, a Tech student and *Collegian* photographer, has been stationed in Tikrit, Iraq, since January. He has sent back several PDF slide shows of photos that he has taken

over there. Several of these can be viewed at the *Collegian* web page, at <http://www.wvutec.edu/collegian>. David is a graduate of Riverside High School.

Vocational-Technical Education Public Forum at State December 2nd

The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education will hold a public forum for the discussion of the goals and standards for the delivery of vocational-technical education in West Virginia. The forum will be held on December 2, 2004, at 2 PM at the Erickson Alumni Center, West Virginia State University, Institute, West Virginia.

Public participation provides input to the Council as it carries out its responsibilities as the eligible agency for the Carl D. Perkins

Vocational- Technical Education Act.

Interested parties who cannot attend can submit written comments to James L. Skidmore, Chancellor, WV Council for Community and Technical College Education, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Suite 700, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. Comments must be received on or before December 2, 2004. For additional information, please call 558-2412 or fax comments to 558-1646.

British conductor stamps dead passenger's ticket

LONDON - A British train conductor stamped and carefully returned the ticket of a slumbering passenger Friday, October 29th, without realizing the man was dead, according to a report from Reuters. It was shortly afterwards, when the train pulled into York, in northern England, that a railroader

realized the man was not breathing and called paramedics.

"The conductor needn't have been so careful, as it turned out that the passenger had expired, long before his ticket ever did," said a report in the British Transport Police's staff magazine.

Lay Of The Land

Ernest "D." Chafin

I look around campus (when I've been outside) and can say without too much regret that things are starting to fall into place as I thought they would. Granted, most of the occurrences have been small, insignificant, and off various respective radars, but that doesn't matter; they're there nonetheless. As the weather has begun to shift, I'm glad that I've brought in some warm clothing the last time I was home. I'd recommend to the rest of you to invest in a set of long handles. It may come and go, but the cold is going to be with us until at least the end of the semester. Personally, I'm hoping for some snow, but maybe that's just me. Before I get too far into this, I have a question to ask. As members of the student body, what kind of music would you like to have here on campus if, say, the Student Activities Board was wondering what kind that the student body proper would prefer. Send me an answer and I'll pass it along. With that out of the way, let's see what's been hiding in the shadows.

Food service has been putting forth more effort this semester than I have seen in the past three years. This is not to say that that it will ever be in a five-star dining registry, but at least the creative eater can scratch out something to eat when one is properly famished. According to some employees down in the depths, there is still call for a couple of student employees to help the feeding aspect of Tech run a little smoother in the cafeteria areas. Although the number that was fed to me was around four, I'd say six would be more an appropriate, but at the same time it would require an apathetic student body to step up and answer the call. From what I've seen over the course of the past semester, as well as the rest of my stay here, my guess would be that food service will still need help years from now.

Something else that came to my attention is the gross disrespect for surroundings coming out of the student body at large. It was light at first with things coming up missing here and there, then getting worse with things getting broken that had been here since I've been here. What really tapped it off was the tagging in the elevators. I'm still waiting Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, and Idaho to get into the swing of it, despite how horrible it sets the dorms and school (more specifically the student body) to appear concerning outside influences. However, I saw something earlier that only adds to my slanting respect for the people here. One stall on the fourth floor has been completely ripped out of the floor and out of its bracings. It would be one thing if it were leaning against the wall, but of course that's not the case. Chunks and pieces of it are all over the floor, which doesn't really surprise me, and the main support is laying in the middle of the floor, into the next stall. There's that small part of me that wants to understand what could bring on such a destructive force, but having been here for three plus years, I can understand the degenerative, animalistic nature of that which is housed here. Not condone it, mind you, but I can understand

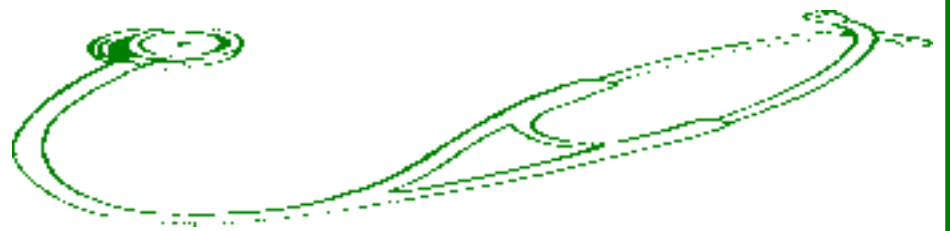
where it comes from.

However, there are more things that have come across my desk that I find reasonably understandable. I figured it would have happened before now, but it's finally come to this. It seems that a townsman was injured the other day. Any other time, I would have disregarded this as none of my concern, but there was an extra-added bonus to the madness this time around. Seems a member of Montgomery ended up with a fractured skull after a coke deal gone bad. Although some of the individuals have been identified and dealt with in respective Tech manner, this isn't the first time that such dealings have gone wrong here in the Montgomery realm. Anyone that gets into the HiRise Elevator, I'm pretty sure that it's the one on the right, will notice a slight wavy stain on the left-hand side door. This stain has been there for about two years now and is in fact a bloodstain. I know what you're thinking, that blood would have cleaned off better than what this mark has appeared to in two years, but the truth of the matter is a student some two years ago was in a dissimilar situation as what has happened in the past couple of weeks. They were reputed to be packing 'merchandise' and some of the student body caught wind of it. The now-moved-on student was shaken down in the elevator, and was granted a jacked jaw in the process. The student's jaw had to be wired shut and disappeared from campus shortly thereafter.

The point of this tale is this: IF you're getting involved in the game (and yes it's a game here in Montgomery), be aware of the risks. Sometimes they're small, a cracked skull or a loss of educational ability, but sometimes they're larger, like when you're caught. Granted the laws sometimes allow a second chance, but they're getting stricter, putting you away for most to all of your youth. I personally don't see it as an acceptable risk, but my thoughts usually don't sync up with others in the first place. There are other ways to make a quick cent up here, after all. I'm just glad that Meth labs haven't started springing up in town. Somehow I doubt that the proper amount of attention would be shown to them and we'd have craters here and there around campus.

However, the news isn't entirely bad. Most of it is, but some of it is tolerable, at least. I feel myself having some of the Cassandra Complex, but that's fine. I can see it all laying itself out in front of me, but no one wants to listen, and that's fine too. Some have to learn on their own; it's the traditionally human way. Although I'm not going to lie and say that there is a bright, shiny future for Tech campus, I will say that it will be here long after the rest of us have moved on. Whether it's in spirit or in operation remains to be seen. But I'll leave you with this thought: If you don't put in your eight or ten cents while you can, there may not be a cup to deposit them in later on.

Any questions, comments, fan/hate/flame mail, or random thoughts can be sent to Chaos_Th3ory@hotmail.com. Anything sent will be answered.



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What Women Really Want:

A Reality Check: A Reader's Rebuttal

I want to start off by saying, I have no idea what women want, but I also do not believe one woman can tell us guys what women want. The simple fact is that most of us do not know what we want on pizza, and as far as what we want in the opposite sex we have no clue. What we want changes by the day and by the person; when I was in high school the hottest cheerleader did it for me, now I want someone a little more like me.

Let me dispel a few fallacies: not all women want a nice guy or an intelligent guy, and not all guys are only interested in sex. I want you to think of the nicest person you know. I bet that person attends church alone Sunday even though they have invited you to go. Now think of the biggest jerk you know I bet

they not only have a significant other but also has someone on the side. Think of the most intelligent person you know, I bet they are alone studying tonight - sure, they may help some beautiful person with their homework but that beautiful person probably tells them how great of a friend they are and then goes home to someone else. I have always been the nice guy, I have always been the guy that girls run to when they boyfriends treat them badly. After the girl tells me how nice I am she then runs back to the guy who was treating them so badly. Intelligence doesn't work either: I have always done well in school and I am a wealth of useless knowledge and yet I am alone. These observations may not be the rule: there are, of course, always exceptions. I have a friend who is a great guy, very intelligent, and with a beautiful wife. It is always nice to see a fellow engineer marry up.

The simple fact is that we want someone that is like us, but different enough to keep things interesting. If you are a nerd like me who spends most of his time with his nose in some book, you probably should not date the school party animal. Things will not work out with someone that is nothing like you. If you want to know what the opposite sex wants ask

yourself what you want. There are the guys who want nothing but sex, you probably should find women with similar interests - trust me, they are out there. There are the women who want nothing but money - guess what, there are a lot of engineers here and many of them will make good money. What I am saying is, if you are a supermodel, find a supermodel to date, if you are a nerd find another nerd: you'll be happier.

Remember guys, you go to a school where there is a lack of women, so we all have to do something to get noticed. That may mean of some of us we spend a little more time in the gym, or maybe a little more time learning to play the guitar but stay true to who you really are. If you want a girl, do not become what the girl wants but instead be who you are, and find a girl who wants who are. That means if you are chasing a girl that wants someone that is not really you, it might not be a bad idea to move on. Do not lie to women because unless it is a one-night stand they are probably going to find out that you are lying and find a guy that they can trust. Most of all, guys, talk about how you feel - tell them now great they are and how much you need them.

Girls, you have it easy now, but some day you will be back in the real world where there are more women than men. So remember to be nice to the nice nerd: you never know who will be the next Bill Gates. If you want a guy to know something, tell them. Do not expect us to know it, do not hint about it. If it is really that important, just say loud and clear - we value the truth as much as you do. Ladies, do not use your looks too often to get a guy to do things for you. Word will get around that you are a tease and no one wants to be played.

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