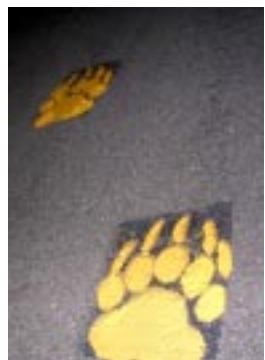




Do the Bear Tracks look brighter?

By Tsedey Afework

If you drive your car around campus, I am sure that the bear tracks have guided you into going the right way or making the right turn. Every semester both pledges and members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, paint the bear tracks. So, if the bear tracks look brighter, then APO has worked really hard into making them look nice and useful. In case you don't already know, APO also helps with the blood drive, women's club, care packages, math and science fair, tech trails, and more.



If you are interested in joining Alpha Phi Omega for the next semester, you can sign up while APO passes out care packages. As a member of APO, you will have the opportunity to earn community service hours (which is, by the



way, required for most majors in order to graduate), make a difference in your community, meet great people and of course, have lots of fun. APO does many activities as part of their fun events. For instance, they go bowling, putt-putt, movies, national and regional conferences and many more. So, join Alpha Phi Omega—it will be a lot of fun!

WVU Tech's ASCE chapter performs well at Virginia's Conference

WVU Tech's chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) placed in several events at the Virginia's Conference in Blacksburg, VA. The competition was held April 8 and 9.

Twenty-eight Tech students attended, along with faculty members Dr. Steve Leftwich and ASCE faculty advisor Dr. Wael Zatar.

The concrete canoe and steel bridge that were built for the competition will be on display in the Engineering Labs Building on Wednesday, April 27.

Tech's teams included:

Environmental: Travis Parson, Derek Spurlock, and Edward Stowasser; **Technical Problem Solving:** Travis Parson, Derek Spurlock, and Edward Stowasser; **Surveying:** Jason Brown, Matthew Plumley, Chris Saunders, and Darrell Smith; **Canoe Team:** Aaron Boggs (Captain), Matt McDougal, Jeremy Nott, Darrell Smith, Natalie Ferrell, Tiffany Godbey, Andrea Harper, and Jessica Lamm; **Canoe Technical Paper and Canoe Oral Presentation:** Aaron Boggs; **Men's Endurance:** Aaron Boggs and Jeremy Nott; **Women's Sprint:** Tiffany Godbey and Jessica Lamm; **Men's Sprint:** Matt McDougal and Darrell Smith; **Coed Race:** Aaron Boggs, Natalie Ferrell, Jessica Lamm, and Darrell Smith; and the **Steel Bridge Team:** Jared Harper, Drew Hudson, Shaun Long (Captain), Billy Manuel, Matt McDougal, and Jeremy Nott (Captain).

Tech's awards included: 1st in Environmental and Surveying, 2nd in Technical Problem Solving; Canoe, 2nd Overall and 2nd in Aesthetics; 3rd Technical Paper; 2nd Oral Presentation; 2nd Men's Endurance; 3rd Women's Sprint; 3rd Men's Sprint; and 2nd Coed.

Colleges competing included Bluefield State, Catholic University, Fairmont State, George Mason University, George Washington University, Howard University, Old Dominion University, University of the District of Columbia Van Ness Campus, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, West Virginia University, and West Virginia University Tech.

Campus Safety's "Lu" Shepherd to retire after 32 years of service to Tech community

by Kelly Butcher, staff writer

That smiling face you see everyday around campus, that helps make Tech a safe learning and living environment, is retiring after 32 years of service, much of it working directly with students while protecting the campus at night. Clarence "Lu" Shepherd will be leaving Tech after the spring semester.

Lu Shepherd has been a part of Tech's Campus Safety since November, 1972. Lu has been here for us whenever we needed him, whether it's been unlocking our doors when we locked out of our dorm rooms or locked our keys in our car, or if we've had to deal with more serious matters. He has been the

director of Campus Safety since Ron Mink retired last year.

The overall campus experience and knowing the students have been Lu's favorite part of the job. He describes his experience here at Tech as "wonderful", and says no two days have ever been the same. He says that the part of his job that he will miss the most is the students.

Lu's retirement plans include being more involved with his love of music.

Even though Mr. Shepherd may be leaving Tech's Campus Safety Department, he comments, "I will always be a Golden Bear."

SGA Election Results

The SGA election results are in. John Segsworth was elected President, Charlie Kim V.P., and Scott Butta and Corey Pollock Senators.



From the desk of: Tech President Charles Bayless

Finals — The Drive to Finish Strong

Once again, we draw to the conclusion of another semester. It seems that time has flown by and the end of the year is upon us. For many, this is not only the end of the semester but the culmination of their degree and graduation is eagerly anticipated. To those of you graduating this year, I and the entire institution, want to offer our congratulations. You have worked hard, learned much, made life-changing experiences for yourself and have prepared for a career and hopefully determined that you will be a lifelong learner. Commencement is, as is often said, not just a ceremony honoring your graduation from Tech, but, is also the commencement of a new chapter in your life. All of us here at Tech wish you great success.

For those of you whose finals are another step toward your goal of graduating, I wish you good fortune. Finals performance is largely determined by your performance over the course of the semester; however, you can impact the results by your finals preparation over the closing days of the academic year. I encourage each of you to become highly dedicated to your studies for the remainder of the semester. Begin to review your notes from the semester, visit with your faculty

members for a final review of concepts you find difficult, plan to study in groups with fellow classmates, review the expectations of each of your faculty members and focus on meeting them, make-up any work you've missed, and plan a study schedule for yourself. Strive to balance your days so that you get the needed studying done while also providing for proper rest and relaxation. Enter finals week with a positive attitude based upon the knowledge that you have done all you could to prepare yourself.

For those of you who will be returning to Tech in the fall and have not pre-registered, you are encouraged to do so before you leave. The earlier you register the better chance you will have in obtaining the schedule you desire. Don't risk filled classes and scheduling conflicts by waiting. Registering will relieve you of one worry over the summer. The registration process remains open and I encourage you to do so soon.

It is my sincere hope that each of you enjoys success with your finals, for those of you graduating, I express my congratulations and to our dedicated faculty and staff, I extend my thanks for the excellent service and instruction that each of you provide our students.

Tech Community & Technical College to host Awards Convocation this Thursday

On Thursday, April 28, at 1:00 PM, the Community & Technical College at WVU Tech will host the first annual CTC Awards Convocation in Davis Hall Auditorium. This event is being conducted so that faculty, staff, and

students come together and recognize individuals for various achievements throughout the year.

We are beginning new traditions for our new institution—and this is a very important one!

WorkKeys Assessment required for two-year graduates

If you are graduating in May from the Community and Technical College with an associate degree, you will be required to take the nationally benchmarked WorkKeys test in Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. These examinations will be used to measure performance of all associate degree graduates in the area of general education. The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical

College Education mandated use of these tests in response to federal Perkins funding regulations. There is no student cost associated with the testing.

A list of available testing times will be posted throughout Davis Hall by mid-April. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the WorkKeys examinations, please contact Kristin Mallory at 442-3254 or e mail Kristin.Mallory@mail.wvu.edu.

Remaining Test Times:

Wednesday, April 27
Saturday, April 30

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

601 Davis Hall
Davis Hall Auditorium



From the desk of: CTC President Jo Harris

Congratulations!

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, I would like to extend my congratulations to all of you for the hard work and dedication you have exhibited in completing another term—whether it is your first semester or your final one here at Tech. No matter how your grade point average ends up, you have persevered—finishing a semester you started several months ago. Many of you have encountered multiple barriers in “sticking it out” such as family emergencies, financial hardships, and personal illness. Others simply had to make it through their courses. Whatever your situation, you deserve a pat on the back for your success.

Some successes that we have been celebrating in the Community and Technical College over the past three weeks include the following:

- Phi Beta Lambda. This student organization (for any business-related major) attended the state conference and brought home multiple first-, second-, and third-place awards in academic competitions such as business decision-making, desktop publishing, and management. Over 15 students will represent the State of West Virginia at national competitions in July! Congratulations to all winners and advisors, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Grose.
- CTC Job Fair. Students attended the first CTC Job Fair, with other 20 employers setting up exhibits in Davis Hall Lobby. Many students submitted resumes and arranged interviews that will lead to summer or permanent employment. A special thanks goes out to Cantrell Miller and Penny Coleman for their dedication and hard work.
- Dental Hygiene Boards. Senior dental hygiene students have completed clinical and board examinations, with only one more test to go before being licensed! These students, along with faculty members, Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. France, Mrs. Arceneaux, staff dentists, Dr. Woolwine and Dr.

Abraham, and adjunct faculty anxiously await results.

- Phi Theta Kappa. 23 CTC students with GPAs of 3.25 or greater were inducted into the two-year honorary society last week. This nationally recognized society provides scholarship and other award opportunities for its members. James Skidmore, Chancellor of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education, addressed the gathering of over 80 individuals who came out to support our honor students. Congratulations to Mrs. Breeden, who reactivated the chapter, and to Mr. Isaacs for sponsoring this organization.
- Spring Sprints. Over 150 high school students attended the annual business competitions hosted by the Office Technology Management department. Thanks goes out to all the students who helped with this day and to Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Grose, Mr. Gladwell, and Ms. Gianinni for the many hours devoted to this annual event.

As the semester winds down, students in Engineering Technology are preparing senior projects and going to industry for field experiences. Office Technology students are completing their semester internships before graduating. Printing Technology students are being interviewed for summer internships and permanent jobs with national newspapers. Faculty and staff members are visiting county high schools and career-technical centers, teaching customized training courses in industry, writing grants, and conducting fund-raising activities, in addition to preparing final exams and grading projects and assignments.

On April 28 at 1 p.m., the CTC will host its first annual Awards Convocation in Davis Hall Auditorium to celebrate the many successes of our faculty, staff and students. You are all invited to be with us to celebrate the end of the semester and the success each of you have earned by completing the academic year.

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CASH FOR BOOKS

You've used your books all semester. You want to sell them. Bring them to the Tech Bookstore. Why?

- CASH – now (not credit, not a check but US currency)
- register to win a \$50 gift card (2 to be given away)
- convenient – no shipping, no tracking down friends, no waiting

Last May, we paid students over \$50,000 for their books. For the Spring 2005 semester, over 48% of our textbooks we sold were used. Tech students saved over \$42,000 this semester by buying used books instead of new.

During the week of finals, we will have a drawing for two \$50 gift cards. When you sell your books during that week, you get the opportunity to enter your name in the drawing. We will have one winner for WVU Tech and one winner for Community & Technical College at Tech.

The process of selling back books is often confusing and frustrating to students. Therefore, here is a list of frequently asked questions and their responding answers:

Q: How much do I get for my books?

A: For textbooks being used in the Fall or Summer 2005 terms and are in demand, the Bookstore pays up to 50% of the price you paid. This policy is fairly standard for most college stores in the nation - large or small – Barnes & Noble or institutional.

Q: Why do some of my books get less than half?

A: If the book is not being used the following semester,

or if the Bookstore already has enough stock on hand, then a lower wholesale price is offered. These books are shipped to MBS Textbook Exchange (Barnes & Noble's sister company) to be resold to other college stores.

Q: What is "wholesale" price?

A: Wholesale price is often between 25-35% of the retail price of the book. MBS Textbook Exchange determines the wholesale price based upon the book's individual supply and demand nationwide. Popular books that are harder to find, will attract a higher wholesale price paid to the student. Books that are not as popular nationwide (meaning that very few colleges are using the book) will offer a lower price because of the low demand for the book. The Tech Bookstore has no control over these prices.

Q: Where do those books go?

A: We ship them to MBS Textbook Exchange in Missouri.

Q: How can a book I bought new in January be an "old edition" in May?

A: Publishers will publish newer editions of books when the material needs updating and/or to prevent used books from gaining too much business from them. When new editions come out, often during the middle of a semester, the old edition that you attempt to sell at the end of the semester has no cash value and is technically out of print.

Q: Who on campus profits from changing books?

A: **No one.** The professors do not receive any monetary benefits for adopting a new textbook. Instead they must spend their valuable time updating their notes, changing their tests and quizzes, etc. The Tech Bookstore certainly doesn't profit because all leftover new books that can be returned must be, which involve both time and shipping costs. Books that cannot be returned are dead stock and the store loses money on every title. For every "old edition" you get stuck with, we probably have lots ourselves that we are stuck with too!

Q: Doesn't the Bookstore prefer to sell new books?

A: **NO!** We prefer buying and selling used books. We spend months searching for used books (from off-campus and on-campus) before going to the publisher. More importantly, we really do enjoy making you happier. (No one likes to work where their customers don't like them). You don't think we like having students yell at us?!?

Q: Will you buy study guides?

A: Yes, if they are clean (no writing) and complete (all pages intact) and are needed at Tech. Because of the lower demand for non-required study guides, half price is usually not offered. Instead, we offer the best price we can. MBS Textbook Exchange also buys study guides at wholesale price that meet the same conditions (clean and complete).

Q: How long after finals will you be buying books.

A: We buy back books every day. But to receive the best price, you need to sell them by Wednesday, May 11th.

Q: How do you price used books?

A: Used books are priced 25% less than new. This is an industry standard.

Q: Do I need my sales receipt to sell my books?

A: No. You will need, however, an I.D. (Tech I.D., driver's license, car registration, etc).

Q: Why do I need an ID to sell my books?

A: An I.D. is required to protect you. In rare instances, students have had their books stolen. By tracking who sells which books, we can determine what student sold back a particular book. This only works if you can positively identify your book. One of the best ways to identify your book is to pick a page number (ex: "28" – on that page, on the crease, neatly write your name. Use the same page # for all your books. If your book is stolen, report it to the Bookstore. We will try to get that book returned to you. The person who sold it, or attempted to sell it, will face disciplinary action.

Q: What should I do if I find some books someone left behind?

A: Turn those books into the Bookstore or Campus Safety. We will search for the rightful owner.

Q: How long is the wait to sell back my books?

A: The longest line is usually less than 5 minutes. Most times, there is no line.

Q: Do I get a credit voucher for my books?

A: We give you cash. That day. No waiting. No checks to clear.

Notes from the WVU Tech Career Services Office

Summer Job postings have been received from: WV State Parks & Forests; Fastenal; Concrete Art Forms; Sandvik; Mission WV; Bayer EFCU; The Cedars Academy; Ergon; YMCA; Upward Bound; Camp Cola-Cola; Wisconsin Badger Camp; and Campus Kids Camp.

NOTE: WVU Tech Camp STEM is accepting applications for student mentors/counselors. See Mr. Jim Kerrigan in the Student Activities Office for details regarding application requirements.

Part-Time Job postings have been received from: WV Public Broadcasting; Sears, BB&T; Marriott; TicketMaster, and Tri-State Racetrack.

Internship postings have been received from: Bayer Material Science; and CDI.

Cooperative Education postings have been received from: Dominion, Pechiney, NSA, AK Steel, and Mitre Corporation.

How Would You Answer...

You have survived the first, the second, and maybe even the third interview by answering all of those questions and demonstrating that you really are who your resume says you are.

But the employer may still be asking, can this candidate really do what he/she is telling us?? Are they really a "team player"?? How do they function in a group?? How do they handle conflict?? Can they motivate people around them?? Can they really use our equipment??

Many employers are turning to Assessment Centers to evaluate potential employees. A recent WVU Tech student, interviewing with a major corporation in Houston, returned to campus saying he had not really experienced an actual interview. In fact, he did experience an interview, he was evaluated as a potential employee, however, in a non-traditional fashion.

Prior to the group of candidates arriving at corporate headquarters in Houston, HR personnel were assigned to

specific candidates for the purpose of watching and evaluating them for the duration of the visit. Candidates were watched and evaluated on how they interacted with their peers, participated in events and activities, and solved intentionally prescribed problems. Some assessment centers are very structured in that groups are assigned specific, sometime very frustrating, tasks with each candidate being monitored by a member of the recruiting team.

Here is the point. Assessment Centers are very difficult to prepare for because they set-up candidates for natural or "knee-jerk" responses. While some responses can be very positive, others can be extremely damaging.

By the way, the recent WVU Tech graduate. He got the job, but later told us that another candidate answered a question regarding team diversity by saying they had voted a person off a school lab team because that person was an international student and they could not understand what the student was saying. Oops!!!

Golf Team Tourney Results

The WVU Tech Golf team finished the golf season with an 11th place finish out of 13 teams in the WVIAC Championship Golf Tournament held last week at Cacapon Resort State Park.

The really big news is that Tech's own Jared Harper (Senior Civil Engineering Major) was named to the All Conference Team as an Honorable Mention. This is the first Tech golfer so honored since 1997-98.

Final Exam Schedule

If your class regularly meets at this time...

Your final exam will be at this time

On this date...

11:00 MWF or daily

1:00 MWF or daily

MATH 020 Pre-Algebra

MATH 030 Elementary Algebra

MATH 040 Intermediate Algebra

Monday Evening Classes

10:00 - 11:50

1:00 - 2:50

3:00 - 4:50

3:00 - 4:50

3:00 - 4:50

6:30 - 8:30

**Monday,
May 2**

9:00 or 9:30 TTh

11:00 TTh

12:00 TTh

Classes not otherwise provided for
Tuesday Evening Classes

8:00 - 9:50

10:00 - 11:50

1:00 - 2:50

3:00 - 4:50

6:30 - 8:30

**Tuesday,
May 3**

8:00 MWF or daily

10:00 MWF or daily

3:00 MWF or daily

Wednesday Evening Classes

8:00 - 9:50

10:00 - 11:50

3:00 - 4:50

6:30 - 8:30

**Wednesday,
May 4**

8:00 TTh

10:00 TTh

2:00 TTh

3:00 TTh

Thursday Evening Classes

8:00 - 9:50

10:00 - 11:50

1:00 - 2:50

3:00 - 4:50

6:30 - 8:30

**Thursday,
May 5**

9:00 MWF or daily

12:00 MWF or daily

2:00 MWF or daily

4:00 MWF or daily

8:00 - 9:50

10:00 - 11:50

1:00 - 2:50

3:00 - 4:50

**Friday,
May 6**

Letter to the Editor:

I was one of the people whose cars got vandalized last week. I got the car fixed, and it cost \$795 to fix the back windshield that was bashed out. On April 12, my car was vandalized again, along with others, and all four of my tires were slashed. It will cost about \$360 to get the tires replaced. I park in the assigned area that I have to park, agreed upon by the contract for the parking permits. I came to Tech because of the Golden Bear scholarship, which gives me \$1,000 for school. I wish I knew that it wasn't really beneficial to

me, because the damages exceed the cost of the scholarship. I would rather not have received the scholarship, and have my property be safe in the spot assigned to me. I asked the dean if he would do anything to help me, because I only have liability, and he said the school is not responsible. If the school is not responsible, then why do we pay for parking permits only to have our cars massacred?

Sincerely,
Colleen Devine-King

West Virginia International Film Festival Schedule

Don't miss the West Virginia International Film Festival's Spring event this week at the WVSU Capitol Theatre on Summers Street in Charleston, WV.

Free Films Wednesday (April 27):

See "Searching for Angela Shelton" (at 4 PM). Stick around for West Virginia State's Freedom Station Celebration, including a reception (at 6 PM) and two marvelous films: Family Across the Sea (at 7 PM) and Wild Women Don't Have the Blues (at 8 PM).

World War I & II Thursday (April 28):

Two great foreign films bring home the madness and drama of World War I & II. "A Very Long Engagement" (at 6:30 PM) searches the Western Front of World War I, while "Downfall" (at 9 PM) journeys to the end of World War II looking inside the fall of Hitler with der Fuher's closest confidantes.

Friday Night Intensity (April 29):

"Merchant of Venice" (at 6 PM), followed by the Oscar winning "The Sea Inside" (at 8:30 PM), and "The Machinist"

(at 11 PM).

Inside Cultures Saturday (April 30):

Highlighted by the Oscar winning documentary "Born Into Brothels" takes a look at the life of prostitution in Calcutta through the eyes of the children growing up there (at 7 PM), Saturday shaped up to be a day full of different cultures. "Schultze Gets the Blues" (3 PM) takes Germany to Zydeco, "Ong Bak" (at 9 PM) explores Thailand through Muay Thai, and "In the Realms of the Unreal" (at 5 PM) journeys to the mind of a child.

Foundations Sunday (May 1):

The Spring festival comes to a close with our annual student filmmaking competition; shorts made by young people in West Virginia. Afterward, experience the documentaries of Wayne Ewing, as he looks at outside interests are getting involved in state judicial races (The Last Campaign at 6:30 PM) and across the country (Benched at 4 PM).

Come out to the WVSU Capitol Theatre as we get reel this Spring!

Tech Choir to perform this Thursday

The WVU Tech Choir will be performing this Thursday night at 7:30 PM, at the Montgomery Presbyterian Church on the corner of 4th Avenue and Washington Street. The acoustics there are better than any other place in town.

This will be Larry Cole's final concert as choir director as he is retiring (again?)

at the end of this semester. Larry says, "I have certainly enjoyed my eight years here at Tech and I'll miss everyone."

Clarence "Lu" Shepherd will also be singing his last concert Thursday night, as is will be retiring soon. It will be worth your time just to hear Lu sing "O Danny Boy".