BECKLEY CAMPUS
ON THE MOVE IN JUNE

Transition is definitely the word to describe life on New River’s Beckley Campus in June! The Beckley Campus is being spruced up in preparation for the consolidation of all Raleigh County classes at the Harper Industrial Park starting with Summer Session II. Now that Bluefield State has moved out of 167 Dye Drive, New River has taken over the entire building, which is being cleaned, painted and readied to accommodate faculty offices and classes that were previously held at the Public Higher Education Center.

The Workforce Education and Institutional Advancement offices have relocated from 301-B George Street to the former Excel Homes building in Ghent. That facility is being renovated to serve as a training center for weatherization technicians, electrical linesman and other specialized workforce programs. A grand opening for the center is planned for fall.

The new address for Workforce Education and Institutional Advancement is 527 Odd Road, P.O. Box 307, Ghent, WV 25843-0307. Phone numbers will remain the same except for Greg Perry’s. His new number will be announced at a later date.

The Information Technology Department and The Center for Teaching Excellence have moved into the George Street building vacated by Workforce Education. The Beckley Campus Help Desk will now be located at 167 Dye Drive.

Green New River awnings are being installed at entryways throughout the campus, and new signage will help identify the various buildings and help establish more of a campus feel.

To celebrate the spirit of the “new and improved” Beckley Campus, there will be a potluck lunch in the break area in the Wilburn Building at noon on Wednesday, July 7. Bring something tasty (or paper goods or sodas) and spend a few minutes getting acquainted with friends old and new.

If you need new envelopes, business cards or other printed materials as a result of the move, please fill out a BJW order form (downloadable from the Administration and Finance section of the website) and send it to April Zemonek in Public Relations.
SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 15. That’s the date that has been reserved for the Home Run Campaign Donor Appreciation Event. More details will be revealed soon. Expect a visit from a major league friend of the college.

MEET A MEMBER OF THE TEAM

Renae McGinnis jokes that she volunteered to serve as co-chair of the Home Run Campaign because “Bill Loope is a smooth talker and makes you think you’re volunteering when you’re really not.” On a more serious note, she says she recognizes the value of the capital campaign for New River.

“We can all see how easy it is to spend $13.5 million (the amount appropriated for the new Raleigh County Campus building). For a college, that’s not really that much. Part of the enrollment process is to have the facilities we need to offer the training community colleges are supposed to provide.”

She adds that scholarships are another very important aspect of the campaign because there are so many students who cannot attend college without financial support. She knows first-hand, because she was one such student, and now she is happy to support others.

A recent experience in her own life has given McGinnis a new perspective on charitable giving. A niece with whom she was very close died of cancer a few months ago. The outpouring of emotional and financial support from friends and neighbors during her illness and after her death left a lasting impression.

“Sometimes the people who give to a charitable cause are the ones who are blessed, not the recipients,” she says.

Did you Know???

- The New River Foundation awarded $70,000 in scholarships in May.
- The Foundation received $8,000 in scholarship money from outside of the “New River Family” this year. It is inspiring to realize we have friends around the area because of the great relationships our faculty, staff, and board members have established in our communities.
- Dr. Spring and Bill Loope are conducting around 100 “executive awareness sessions” with key community leaders in our region to help lay the groundwork for the public phase of the capital campaign.
- Susie Atkins, vice chair in the classified staff campaign, received 100 percent participation from her assigned group. Way to go Susie, and THANKS to those who pledged their support!
Casey Baber, a student on the Beckley Campus, has been elected the student representative on the Board of Governors for the coming year. He was installed at the June board meeting. Outgoing student representative Rondah Lowe was recognized at the meeting for her service to the college.

Baber is well known in the Beckley area because of a series of newspaper articles that ran after he was seriously injured in an automobile accident shortly after his high school graduation five years ago. He was not expected to walk again, and his academic future was uncertain due to the head injuries he sustained.

The people of Beckley rallied around Baber in a big way. Many groups held fund raisers, businesses posted get well greetings on their signs, and the community prayed for his recovery.

Sue Baber, Casey’s mother, said she was told the odds Casey would ever drive or hold down a job were one in 10,000. Thanks to the phenomenal support of the community and his parents--and his own determination--Baber survived 75 days in the hospital and a lengthy regimen of physical therapy to make a remarkable recovery. He drives every day, is a student worker in New River’s building services department and recently earned a 3.58 GPA. Although he no longer plays baseball, a game in which he excelled in high school, he does officiate at Little League games.

“He defied all odds,” Sue Baber said. “There’s no medical reason he should be here.”

Casey enjoys working with the children and aspires to be a role model for them. He believes the accident has helped him realize that he has a purpose in this life, and that is to serve others, especially children.

Mechatronics Equipment Installed

The Mechatronics lab on the Mercer County Campus is now fully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. Program Coordinator Shawn Garretson explains that Mechatronics covers industrial safety, technical mathematics, technical writing, AC/DC circuits, motors, AC/DC drives and motor control, hydraulics, pneumatics and mechanical power applications (pumps and gearboxes). Students will also be trained in interpreting industrial drawings and blueprints, utilizing industrial tools to repair components and understanding electronic testing equipment.
ELDERHOSTEL IS NOW ROAD SCHOLAR

To capture the vitality and excitement of its programs, Elderhostel, the world leader in lifelong learning since 1975, will extend the Road Scholar name to all its educational learning adventures. Exploritas, the program name it launched last October, will no longer be used. Gloria Kincaid, Workforce Education program assistant, coordinates New River’s Elderhostel programs from the Greenbrier Valley Campus.

The decision to stop using Exploritas was prompted by the verdict in a trademark infringement lawsuit filed against Elderhostel by a commercial tour company for high school students. Although Elderhostel had scrupulously followed federal law in registering the Exploritas trademark and was legally granted ownership of it by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, its use of the name Exploritas was found to create confusion.

Elderhostel provides active adults with a myriad of affordable learning experiences across the U.S., in more than 90 countries, and aboard ships and sailing vessels on waterways throughout the world.

News Briefs

Leah Taylor, director of Human Resources, has received the IPMA-HR Certified Professional designation from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources. She had to meet specific education and experience requirements and earn a passing score on a certification examination to achieve this milestone. Congratulations Leah!

Karen Tully, Medical Assisting instructor, reports that the Nicholas County Campus is now an approved site for the National Certification Exam for Certified Clinical Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy Technician and Billing and Coding Specialist. Some exams will be scheduled in July. Students must register before the exam date @ www.NHANOW.com for the exam they wish to take.

President Ted D. Spring will discuss the state of the college, including enrollment growth, expansion plans and recent developments on the Beckley Campus, on Bill O’Brien’s talk show on radio station WJLS on Friday, July 9, at 10 a.m. The program will repeat on July 11.
GREENBRIER COUNTY TENTH GRADERS TAKE A CHANCE ON A NEW CAREER

New River’s display was a popular stopover for Greenbrier County tenth graders attending the Career Fair at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds on May 26. Terri Baker and Gloria Kincaid of the Workforce Education staff set up a Black Jack game to give students a glimpse of life as a dealer in a casino. Melanie Slone, student recruiter, was also on hand to talk to students about other New River offerings and to distribute New River literature.

Tonya Keen, a recent graduate of New River’s black jack training program, now employed at The Greenbrier’s casino, dealt the cards and talked to students about why math plays a very important role in becoming a dealer.

Baker extended a big thank you to Gillespie’s Flower & Productions for loaning New River the black jack table and all supplies needed for the game. She also thanked Aubrey and Frank Houck of the Greenbrier Valley Campus maintenance staff for delivering and returning the table and supplies.

(L-R) Terri Baker, Gloria Kincaid and Melanie Slone represented New River at the Career Fair for tenth graders sponsored by Greenbrier County Schools.

IN MEMORIAM

Amy Lynn Lindsey, a student on the Beckley Campus, passed away on Tuesday, June 22. She was the daughter of Donald and Dawn Lindsey of Crab Orchard.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY JULY 4 HOLIDAY!

New River Community and Technical College cordially invites you to

The Seventh Commencement Ceremony of the School of Practical Nursing

Saturday, July twenty-fourth, two thousand ten
one o’clock in the afternoon
Nazarene Tabernacle
Summersville, West Virginia

A reception will follow the ceremony.