“Monkey Class” Offered Again at New River
Greenbrier Valley Campus

[Lewisburg, WV] How often do you get to monkey around and get
academic credit for it? At New River Community and Technical College’s
Greenbrier Valley Campus, the answer is “whenever you sign up for Primate
Behavior,” a course taught by Jim Wells, professor emeritus at the West Virginia
School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Wells promises the class will not only be very informative, but also lots of
fun. “I promise the students they will see one film a week, have no tests and will
have to write a short paper at the end of the course. Grades are based more on
presence and participation,” he said.

Wells particularly encourages high school students who are studying
advanced biology to sign up for the course, which earns three biology credits
which can be transferred to a college or university. Best of all, he says, his
students are always the absolute experts whenever they make a trip to a zoo.

Wells has been conducting primate research for 35 years and has chaired
five international symposia on primate research. For more than 20 years he took
students into the field to assist with research, covering their travel expenses
through funding for the project.
“Primate Behavior” will be offered on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. starting Jan. 20. Registration for the spring semester is now open. For further information on any of the classes offered at New River Community and Technical College, visit www.newriver.edu, call 304-647-6560, or visit the Greenbrier Valley Campus, 101 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

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