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SECOND ANNUAL NEW RIVER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WAS A SUCCESS!

Story and Photo by Dr. Allen Withers

On Saturday morning, Nov. 16, New River Community and Technical College students, faculty and staff gathered at the Greenbrier Valley Campus Lee Street Complex Gym in Lewisburg for the Second Annual New River Community and Technical College Basketball Tournament. Players from four of New River's five campuses competed for the tournament championship title. The following teams participated: Beckley Campus Team, Advanced Technology Center/Mercer County Campus Team (combined), Greenbrier Power (White/Blue Team), and the Greenbrier

Mavericks (Black/Orange Team).

The tournament was set up in a double elimination format so that each team would play at least two full games in the tournament. The Beckley Campus Team and the ATC/Mercer County Campus Team faced each other in the first game of the tournament. The Beckley squad was composed of David Ayersman, Casey Baber, Regina Brown, Darvis Cox, Christian Day, James Keely, Nina Pearson, and Justin Waldron. The ATC/Mercer County Campus Team was composed of Nick Clay, Adam Jones, Jared Mitchell, Micah Musick and Xavier Strain. The first two teams took the court. It was evident that both teams had excellent shooters but the height and rebounding capability of the Beckley Campus squad proved up to the task for the initial win of the tournament.

The second game was composed of the two squads from the Greenbrier Valley Campus. The Greenbrier Power team was composed of Caleb Griffith, Andrew Lane, Josh Grubbs, Zach Boggs, Michael McCormick, Trey Cochran and Adam Walton. Playing on the Mavericks squad were Layton Hefner, Joey Kirk, Steve Smith, Micah Deskins and Maurkese Triplett. The two Greenbrier Valley teams were very evenly matched with both teams using a "run and gun" style of play utilizing speed, quick passes and excellent ball handling skills. The Greenbrier Valley White/Blue squad outlasted the Black/Orange team in a closely fought game for the win.

Afternoon play began with two games: Beckley Campus vs. the Greenbrier Mavericks and ATC/Mercer County Campus vs. the Greenbrier Power. This round resulted in the Power outlasting their opponents and setting up an all-Greenbrier Valley Campus championship game.

A rematch from the second game of the tournament, the championship game was highly competitive as well, with great shooting, a fast pace of play resulting in an eventual winner. The Greenbrier Power squad won the game and earned the championship trophy to display on their campus.

Concessions for the tournament were coordinated by Jakeb Shuck, Amber Wright and Katie Legg from the Greenbrier Valley Campus Student Government Association. Spectators as well as players certainly appreciated having concessions available during the day.

Special thanks are also due to Donna Polk for handling registration, Allen Withers for being the tournament photographer, John Beard and Ryan Beale for refereeing the games, and to Roger Griffith and Donna Polk for taking care of scorekeeping and scoreboard operation. A big thank you goes to Roger Griffith, Donna Polk, Wanda Johnson and Janie Smith for coordinating the tournament. Students interested in participating in other types of intramural sports activities at New River should contact the Student Government Association on their campus with suggestions.

SHARING NEW RIVER'S STORY

Representatives from New River met with delegates and senators from our nine-county region last week at each campus location. Dr. Washington and others are sharing information about the institution, our students, enrollment, capital projects and funding. This background is being provided in hopes that when the legislative session begins in January, our representatives will have a



Dr. Washington shares information about New River with Delegate David Perry (Fayette), Delegate Adam Young (Nicholas) and student Stephanie Smith at the Legislative Luncheon at the Nicholas County Campus.

better understanding of the importance of our mission and the challenges facing community and technical colleges in West Virginia so that they can make informed votes on bills effecting higher education.

OUTREACH AT THE ONE ROOM UNIVERSITY



Candice Stadler talks career planning with students at the ORU.

Candice Stadler, Director of Career Services, visited the One Room University in Marlinton on November 7 to present a workshop on career planning and researching occupations.

Students in the Life Skills Management course were administered the Kuder Journey career planning assessment and participated in an exercise included determining educational credentials needed, expected job growth and salary, and typical job duties for an occupation based on their career assessment results.

The Kuder Journey career planning assessment is provided free of charge to all New River students through the Office of Career Services. College-wide more than 70 students have completed the career assessment this semester.

Stadler is happy to travel to all New River locations to give presentations on career planning topics. You can contact her at extension 5020.

Meet the SGA

Here's the Beckley SGA team: (Back row, l-r) Michelle Pearson, Seniqua Pearson, Becky Farley, Christian Day (vice president), Cindy Raschke, Kayla Jernigan (secretary) and (front) Myrissa Grose (president). All the non-officers pictured are sophomore representatives.



KUDOS!



The GVC maintenance team: (l-r) Rodney Harris, Aubrey Houck, Pat Fern and Scott Winfrey

The GVC maintenance team has been working very hard in the lower B building at the Lee Street Complex, preparing it for the new Student Union area for the complex. The space is turning out very nicely. They have worked very hard as a team with all the projects at the Lee Street Complex to ensure updated facilities for students, staff and faculty at the new location.



Nikki Lykens (left) and Ann Thomas

Ann Thomas and Nikki Lykens, instructors in the School of Cosmetology, recently completed an extensive three-day master education event through CND (that's the name of the company, not an acronym), an international leader in the beauty industry. By completing this educational program, Thomas and Lykens have achieved CND master certification in nail technology. The classes were instructed by Holly Schippers, international education ambassador for CND, and Tracy Gorie, U.S. education ambassador. The New River School of Cosmetology will now be listed on CND's website as a certified CND-approved salon.



Keep Us Posted!

We encourage you to check the New River Facebook page for additional updates on student activities and college events. We also encourage you to let us know about upcoming events so that we can share information across the college. Send information for the Facebook page to Michael Meador, mmeador@newriver.edu. Send items for the newsletter or for news releases to Barbara Elliott, bellott@newriver.edu.

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