**December Events**

**December 13 - 16: Finals Week Breakfast.**
Stop by the downtown commuter lounge in the mornings all week long for doughnuts, fruit, muffins, and juice to assist you during your challenging week!

**NEED A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY?**
The commuter lounge can get awfully noisy sometimes making it especially difficult to study or rest. Check out the Betty Boyd Lounge in E. Moore Hall if you need a quiet place to relax or study for those finals! E. Moore has couches, chairs, desks, and tables for you to get all of your work done. E. Moore hall is conveniently located right next door to the Downtown Commuter Lounge.

**Coliseum Parking**
As you are aware, Coliseum parking on basketball game days has changed. Parking will be very limited on the days listed below:

- Wednesday Dec 1
- Tuesday Dec 7
- Thursday Jan 13
- Wednesday Feb 2
- Monday Feb 7
- Wednesday Mar 2

Make sure you have a back-up plan for parking. Check out our website for a list of parking options and maps of the Evansdale and Downtown campuses:
www.studenlife.wvu.edu/commuter

**Winter Commuting TIP: Inform your Professors**
Commuting in the winter months can be very difficult, especially if we have a winter like last year. One of the easiest and most important things you can do this winter is to inform your professors.

Talk to each of your professors and explain to them that you are a commuter student and, as such, if the roads are hazardous you might not be able to make it to class. Ask about the attendance policy to find out how many classes you are able to miss.
Buying and Selling Your Textbooks

Mastering the art of purchasing and selling college textbooks takes skill, time, and patience. Books can be very expensive, and let's face it: college students don't have a lot of money! When trying to save money, it's important to check out all of your options.

WVU Bookstore: wvu.bncollege.com
What's great about the WVU Bookstore is that they will always have your book (unless it's sold out). This fall was the first year of the WVU Bookstore's textbook rental option. You can save more than 50 percent by renting your books! You can also use the pack and hold option which allows you to pay with your financial aid.

Book Exchange: bookexchangewv.com
The Book Exchange website has a price comparison list so you can see how much you will save, as well as a pack and hold option.

Online Purchasing
When buying your books online, make sure you buy the right book by typing in the ISBN number. Sometimes you can find the ISBN number in your syllabus or you can look up required texts for your class on http://wvu.bncollege.com.

An easy way to compare prices is to search online. Make a list of your books, find the price at the WVU Bookstore, and start searching some of the sites below. Make sure you write down the prices on each site; when it comes time to buy them, you won't have to search all over again!

Amazon: www.amazon.com
AbeBooks: www.abebooks.com
Half (Ebay): www.half.ebay.com
Textbooks.com: www.textbooks.com
Ecampus.com: www.ecampus.com
Chegg: www.chegg.com
Chegg allows you to rent your textbooks rather than buy them. Renting is a great option if you aren't planning to keep your book. It can save you a ton of money.

This is just a short list of all of the available websites/options to buy and sell your textbooks.

Selling Your Books
Selling your textbooks online is simple! You can create an account with a specific site (any listed above), find the book you are selling, post a price, and wait for it to sell! Selling your books online can take time. Some may not sell right away, but you will get a lot more money by selling them online than to a bookstore. The benefit of selling your book at the store is that you get immediate cash. So, if you're hard up for some spending money then selling at a bookstore might be your best option. Another great way to make some money off of your books is try to find someone you know who is taking the class you had in the upcoming semester. Students often post flyers or list their books on Craigslist.com. Just beware of scams on Craigslist!

LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT?
Don't jump the gun and sign a lease before break. The annual Off-Campus Housing Fair will be on January 12 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Nearly 60 landlords will be there, and you can talk to them about their available properties and even make an appointment to see one.

When looking for an apartment, beware of scams on craigslist.org. Craigslist is a great site to check out, but there are tons of apartments that are fake. For example, some might show pictures of an AMAZING apartment with granite counter tops and hardwood floors for a ridiculously cheap price. The listings usually don’t have a phone number, and when you email them, they will tell you that they need your social security information and cannot show you the apartment because they are out of town!
Prepare Your Car

In order to make a safer commute to campus, it is important to prepare your care for the long winter months. Read over these useful tips from www.weather.com:

- Check your coolant levels, and consult your owner’s manual to see when you should have the system flushed.
- Check your spare tire, and make sure your jack is in the trunk.
- If needed, replace your windshield wiper blades. Put de-icing windshield washer fluid in the washer reservoir.
- Check the lights, heater, and defroster. Keep the gas tank full to prevent moisture from freezing in the gas lines.
- Have the battery serviced (clean the battery terminal ends and add water) and load-tested to check its ability to hold a charge.
- Have your brakes checked.
- Consider purchasing snow tires.
- Practice driving in snow and ice in an empty parking lot.
- Put together an emergency winter kit for the trunk of your car: blanket, extra boots and gloves, ice scraper, small snow shovel, flashlight, and sand or kitty litter (for traction when stuck in the snow).

Driving Tips

Snow, ice, and hail make commuting to campus difficult in the winter months. Check out the helpful driving tips from www.weather.com:

**When driving on icy roads:**
- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. If you have antilock brakes (ABS), ignore this advice and step on the brake with a firm touch.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first.

**If you get stuck:**
- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a light touch on the gas to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels aid traction.
- Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner’s manual first — it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you’re in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

REMINDER: Make sure you are registered for WVU ALERT. You will receive text messages with information regarding weather. Sign up by going to: http://emergency.wvu.edu/alert/
Fall 2010 Final Exam Schedule

Monday, December 13
8:00am to 8:00pm  All sections of Math 126C
    Students must sign up for time with their instructor.
8:00 am to 10:00 am  All classes meeting at 2:00pm or 2:30pm........ MWF
11:00am to 1:00pm  All classes meeting at 10:00am or 10:30am .......... MWF
3:00pm to 5:00pm  All classes meeting at 11:00am or 11:30am ......... TR
7:00pm to 9:00pm  All sections of Physics 101, 102, 111, 112*
6:00pm to 7:00pm  Communication Studies 100, Section 1*
7:00pm to 8:00pm  Communication Studies 100, Section 2*
8:00pm to 9:00pm  Communication Studies 100, Section 3*

Tuesday, December 14
8:00am to 8:00pm  All sections of Math 126B
    Students must sign up for time with their instructor.
8:00 am to 10:00am  All classes meeting at 9:00am or 9:30am.......... MWF
11:00am to 1:00pm  All sections Math 126A and Math 155
3:00pm to 5:00pm  All classes meeting at 8:00am or 8:30am.......... TR
7:00pm to 9:00pm  All sections of Chemistry 110, 115, 116

Wednesday, December 15
8:00am to 8:00pm  All sections of Math 150
    Students must sign up for time with their instructor.
8:00 am to 10:00am  All classes meeting at 3:30pm or 4:00pm.......... TR
11:00am to 1:00pm  All classes meeting at 3:00pm or 3:30pm.......... MWF
3:00pm to 5:00pm  All classes meeting at 12:00pm or 12:30pm....... MWF
7:00pm to 9:00pm  All sections of MAE 242
All sections of French, German & Spanish 100, 101, 102, 203, 204 & 200, and Italian 101, 102, 203 & 204

Thursday, December 16
8:00am to 8:00pm  All sections of Math 121
    Students must sign up for time with their instructor.
8:00 am to 10:00am  All classes meeting at 2:00pm or 2:30pm......... TR
11:00am to 1:00pm  All classes meeting at 9:30am or 10:00am......... TR
3:00pm to 5:00pm  All classes meeting at 1:00pm or 1:30pm......... MWF
7:00pm to 9:00pm  All classes meeting at 4:00pm or 4:30pm......... MWF
7:00pm to 9:00pm  All sections of MAE 241 & 243
All sections of Astronomy 106

Friday, December 17
8:00am to 8:00pm  All sections of Math 128
    Students must sign up for time with their instructor.
8:00 am to 10:00am  All classes meeting at 11:00am or 11:30am........ MWF
11:00am to 1:00pm  All classes meeting at 8:00am or 8:30am........... MWF
3:00pm to 5:00pm  All classes meeting at 12:30pm or 1:00pm........ TR
Fall 2010 Final Exam Schedule Cont.

Saturday, December 18
8:00am to 10:00am  All classes meeting at 5:00pm or 5:30pm......... MWF
11:00am to 1:00pm  All classes meeting at 5:00pm or 5:30pm ..........TR

* Where courses overlap, conflicts must be resolved by departments.

Final examinations for classes scheduled during the evening hours will be given during the week preceding examination week (December 6 through December 11). This does not apply to departmental finals, which will be given at the times listed in the schedule above.

All final examinations, unless otherwise approved by the University, must be given according to this schedule. The only tests permitted during the week of classes preceding finals are final examinations for evening classes (classes meeting at 6:00pm or later or classes meeting at 4:00pm or later if the class meets once a week), practical laboratory tests, make-up examinations, and regularly scheduled short quizzes. If a student has more than three final examinations in one day, the student may make arrangements to take one of the examinations on a different day. Finals are held in classrooms regularly scheduled unless students are otherwise notified.