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January Commuter Events

Thursday, January 14: Welcome Back Party.
Stop by the Downtown Commuter Lounge between Noon and 2 PM to kick off the new semester! Representatives from the Office of Student Employment and the Career Services Center will stop by to talk about planning for your future. Pizza will be provided by the Office of Student Employment!

Friday, January 22: Dinner & Skating.
Join us for dinner at Black Bear Burritos (Pleasant Street) at 6:00 PM. Afterwards, follow us to go ice skating at the Morgantown Ice Arena on Greenbag Road from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Ice skating is FREE for commuters!

For more information check out our Facebook group (WVU Commuters!) or our fanpage WVU Commuter Class of 2013

Spring 2010 Important Dates

January 11: First day of classes.
January 15: Last Day to Register/Add New Courses
January 18: Martin Luther King's Birthday Recess
February 26: Mid-Semester
March 4: Mid-Semester Reports Due
March 19: Last Day to Drop a Class
March 27 -- April 2: Spring Recess
April 29: Last Day to Withdraw From University
May 03 – May 8: Final Exams

Off-Campus Housing Fair

Date: Wednesday, January 13
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Location: Mountainlair Ballrooms

Looking for housing?
Then come to the 2010 WVU Off-Campus Housing Fair. More than 50 area landlords will be onhand for you to talk to.

In addition, you can meet representatives from the Morgantown Fire Department; City Code Enforcement; Allied Waste; Morgantown Parking Authority; WVU Student Legal Services; and the WVU Off-Campus Housing Office.

Landlords are offering GREAT door prizes this year, so be sure to come!

More Parking!

There are 70 new private parking spaces available NOW, near Spruce and Willey Street. The spots will be about $75 a month, paid by the semester. For more information or to reserve your spot, call First Presbyterian Church at 304-296-8236. And for more parking information, check out the Commuter Student Programs webpage.
Get Connected to WVU

It’s a brand new semester which means you can get a fresh start! As a commuter, it’s difficult to make a connection to campus life since you are only here for classes. Try making that connection by getting involved in one of WVU’s variety of organizations and activities.

**Student Organizations** offers a variety of extra-curricular activities for students. Check out the website at [http://sos.wvu.edu/organization_listing](http://sos.wvu.edu/organization_listing).

**Club sports** participation is another great way to get involved. It will give you an opportunity to meet new people, stay fit, and even travel. They offer a variety of sports from baseball to cycling. Check out the website at [http://studentreccenter.wvu.edu/club_sports](http://studentreccenter.wvu.edu/club_sports).

The **Center for Civic Engagement** connects students to the community by providing service opportunities. Students can volunteer on their own or participate in a service learning course. Check out the website at: [http://cce.wvu.edu/](http://cce.wvu.edu/).

**Remember:** Getting involved looks good on your resume!

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**Reminder:**

Parking at the Coliseum will be impacted by the construction of the new basketball practice facility, scheduled to begin this month. If the Coliseum lot is full, try parking at Mountaineer Station, next to the Health Sciences Center PRT station on Van Voorhis Road (across from Starbucks) for 75 cents per hour.

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**Plan for Your Future**

The **Career Services Center** at WVU can help you plan your future. They are conveniently located above the bookstore in the Mountainlair. Career Services has counselors who can assist you in your job search, writing your resume, or even help prepare you for an interview. They also offer online job postings and on-campus interviews.

Check out the website at [http://careerservices.wvu.edu](http://careerservices.wvu.edu), or call 304-293-2221 for more information.

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**Limited Parking at the Coliseum**

**Remember:** Parking is limited at the Coliseum on days when there is a basketball game.

Below is a list of the scheduled home games. Be sure to make other parking arrangements in case the Coliseum lot is full.

- Feb 3: Pitt 7 p.m.
- Feb 8: Villanova 7 p.m.
- Mar 1: Georgetown 7 p.m.
Rec Center 2010 Outdoor Trips

Jan. 24 Cross Country Ski Seminar. Interested in learning how to cross country ski? The Outdoor Recreation Center is offering a cross country ski seminar! Learn the basic fundamental techniques of cross-country skiing while touring Herrington Manor in Maryland. Cost: $25 (includes ski rental).

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Feb. 20 Canaan Valley Downhill Ski Trip. Cost: $65. Includes transportation, instruction (ski only), lift ticket and rental (snowboard or skis). $50 for lift and transportation only.

For additional information call: 304-293-2203 or 304-293-5076. Or visit http://studentreccenter.wvu.edu.

Did You Know…

Did you know that WVU has a Craft Center?
The center is located in the basement of Braxton Tower. Students can make pottery, candles, tye dye, and much more! There is a fee for materials used.

Hours of Operation:
Sun. –Thurs 12pm- 9pm
Friday 12pm- 6pm

For more info call: 304-293-3614

The DANGERS of Facebook

Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with all of your friends. It seems like everyone has an account. You know you look at your friends’ profiles and pictures. Well, all of those pictures you posted or have been tagged in can come back to haunt you. When it’s time for you to finally get a real job, your potential employer can find all of those wonderful pictures of you very easily. Think about it: is there anything on Facebook that you wouldn’t want a potential employer to see? Believe it or not, many companies do check Facebook and MySpace when hiring. Here are things you should consider:

• **Make sure your Facebook account is set to private.** This limits who can see your whole profile.
  • Even though you have your page set to private, **people can still view your photo albums or previous profile pictures.** You have to go in manually and set each one to private, where only your friends can view them.

• **Every picture ever uploaded to Facebook is saved.** Someone, somewhere, somehow is able to access them.

• **You can even set your Facebook account so that no one can find you in a search.** Or you can change your name, using your first and middle names instead of your first and last name. This is a good thing to do before hitting the job market!

Do you have Internet access on your phone?

WVU now has a mobile website! You can access emergency info, events calendar, the directory, and even athletics. Just type in http://m.wvu.edu/about/.