Welcome Back...

Welcome to WVU! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am the new Graduate Assistant in the Office of Commuter Student Programs. My name is Tara Pletcher, and it is my first semester here in Morgantown, so I’ll be learning the ropes alongside all of you. I’m coming to you after completing my undergraduate work at Bethany College in Bethany, WV where I graduated in May with a BA in sports communication. While I was at Bethany, I was involved in Student Activities and Greek Life, among many other things. My experiences there got me interested in student affairs as a profession.

That experience is what brings me to you. I am enrolled in the Master’s EDLS program and I hope to graduate in 2009 with a student affairs concentration. I’m excited to get to know all of you and to plan some fun stuff for all of us to do!

If you have any programming suggestions, or if you’d just like to say hi, stop by my office in 103 Purinton or drop me an e-mail at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu.

Blazing New Trails

Welcome Back...
Phantom Fright Nights at Kennywood

Clear your calendars for Friday, October 5th because we are headed to Phantom Fright Nights at Kennywood! Phantom Fright Nights combines the best elements of America’s favorite amusement park with all the fright of Halloween.

During this special fall attraction, we will be able to ride several rides including Phantom’s Revenge, Aero 360, the Jackrabbit and many more, as well as play a variety of games. All while walking through Haunted Kennywood and encountering ghosts, vampires, and a multitude of other scares.

Right now you’re probably asking yourself “Where do I sign up?” Well, that’s the easy part. You can either sign up in the Commuter Lounge or by e-mailing me at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu by October 1st. Act fast though because we only have room for 40 people!

We will be leaving from the Mountainlair by charter bus at 5PM on October 5th and returning to Morgantown at around 3AM. The bus ride’s on us, so all you pay for is your ticket (which gets billed to your student account) and any snacks you might want inside the park…if you’re not too scared to eat.

Bowling at Suburban Lanes

Looking for something to do on a boring Monday night? Come out to Suburban Lanes on Monday, September 10 and join us for a few games of bowling.

Suburban is located on Chestnut Ridge Road in the Suburban Plaza (by Kegler’s).

Bowling starts at 9:00PM and lasts until approximately midnight.

The lanes and shoes are on us. All you have to do is bring yourself and have fun!

Bowling is going to be a monthly event and we will have it on the first Monday of the month, starting in October.

It’s a great way to relax, meet some new people and have a friendly competition with your friends!

If you have any questions, e-mail me at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu. We look forward to seeing you at Suburban!

In the Works

We have a lot of exciting things in the works for this year. In addition to the events that are set, a blood drive for the American Red Cross and a trip to Rich’s Fright Farm are planned for October.

We would also like to schedule some academic programming to help you out with study skills and time management, as well as choosing a major.

Game nights and movie nights in the works too, as well as some community service projects.

We would like to see all of you at all of the events!

If you have any other ideas for an event you would be interested in, or if you’d like to help out with something already in the works, e-mail me at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu or drop by Purinton 103!
Study Tips

Here are some tips to help you stay on track in school!

First, when you are preparing to study for a big exam, make sure the space is a good study environment. Make sure the room is free from interruptions, has all the materials you will need to study and a large enough desk to contain all of your study materials. It’s also important to make sure you have ample light, a comfortable chair, and that the room is a comfortable temperature. Most importantly, make sure that the room is quiet and free of distractions. If you feel that you study better with music playing, keep it at a low volume.

Now that you have a good place to study, what’s the best way to absorb all this information? The SQ3R method is a proven way to improve study skills. In this method, you survey to get the main idea of what you’re studying, question yourself as you read or study, read, recite to connect things you’ve just learned and review it by making notes and rereading anything that needs clarification.

Another effective method of studying is to take notes while you read so you can remember important concepts to review later if you need to.

Upcoming Events

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Commuter Lounge

So, you’ve got some time in between classes and you’re looking for a place to relax, beat the heat and meet some new people? I’ve got just the spot for you!

The Commuter Lounge in Purinton House offers a friendly, relaxing atmosphere and it’s the perfect place to unwind during a stressful day. The Lounge is complete with a microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot, television and DVD player, as well as tables and comfortable seating. There are also lockers to store your stuff between classes!

We will be having some events and free food in the lounge throughout the semester, which is even more of a reason to stop by!

Enjoying some ice cream during the ice cream social

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Survey

Please take a minute to answer these questions & drop it off to Tara in Purinton 103!

Status:
First year  Second year  Third year  Fourth Year

Gender:
Male  Female

Age:
18-19  20-21  22-23  24+

What is the most convenient day for you to attend an event:
Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

When is the most convenient time of day for you to attend an event:
9:00AM-11:00AM  11:00AM-2:00PM  2:00PM-5:00PM  5:00PM-7:00PM  7:00PM-

What kind of events would you enjoy (circle all that apply):
Bowling  Movie Nights  Game Nights  Community Service
Going out to dinner  Trips  Shopping  Socials
Parties in the lounge  Other________________________

What is the best way to get in touch with you:
MIX account  Flyers in the lounge  Facebook  Other___________

Other Comments/Suggestions:
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