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Today officially marks the last day of classes on campus for the 2007-2008 school year! That means finals week starts Monday to close another school year. As the academic year comes to an end, for many, this is one down and a few more to go, while for others, these mark the last finals they will take as WVU students. Commencement is just two weeks away! Parents of May graduates, be sure to continue to check the Commencement website <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=881> for any last-minute details or information you may need as you prepare for your student's big day!

For those getting close and, perhaps planning to graduate in December, again, please note the new date for December Convocation, December 14, 2008, as well as other important upcoming dates for next school year included below. These include the dates when students will be receiving their online billing notices through MIX via the paperless billing system as well as dates for recesses and breaks. You may think this is early to send out information on next school year, but as we all know, it will be here before we know it!

As summer vacations begin, the Parent E-Newsletter will also be taking two months off although I will still be here if needed! The E-Newsletters will once again grace your in-boxes in July as we get you ready to gear back up for the fall term. In the interim, feel free to contact me as needed or visit the Parents Club Web page to stay in touch over the summer break. So until next time, I will leave you with a WVU version of a famed Mouse's theme song! *"The time has come to say goodbye, to all our families - M-O-U (see you real soon!) -N-T-A-I- (I hope you have a wonderful summer!) N-E-E-R-S! Mountaineers!* In this edition:

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RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING PROCEDURES

As the semester and academic year wind down, we know many of you are planning to return to Morgantown to help your students move-out of University Housing. You'll notice that move-out is much calmer and relaxed than the hectic pace of move-in. Nonetheless, University Police will be on hand again to help direct traffic.

Over the past week Resident Assistants (RAs) have met with all students in University Housing. Students were given a brochure with information on how to make move-out go smoothly. The brochure explains that rooms, kitchens, closets, and other space inside the student rooms must be cleaned prior to leaving. Nothing should be left in the room except the

WVU furniture. Students can obtain trash bags at their main desk. A limited amount and some cleaning supplies are also available at the main desks.

During their meetings with RAs, students were given the opportunity to identify any damaged or missing items so the appropriate student can be billed.

When students move out, their last step will be a quick stop at their main desk to check out. When checking out, the student must turn in all keys and provide a mail forwarding address.

Dining Services will provide study snacks during finals week. Regular dining hall meal service will end on Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. University Housing closes and the outside doors will lock for the academic year at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10.

If you have any move out questions, have your students show you the move out information that was distributed by the RAs or feel free to stop by any Housing main desk.

One last helpful tip: When you come to Morgantown to help your student move-out, be sure to bring a dolly to help roll out heavy items and boxes. Have a safe trip to and from town!

STORAGE UNITS AND THE BLUE AND GOLD MINE SALE

Many of you inquire this time of the year about finding storage facilities here in Morgantown. The quickest way to track down a facility that is right for you (size, location, price, etc.) is by searching via www.yellowpages.com for "self-storage" in "Morgantown, WV" or zip code "26505." This will provide a complete and current list with locations and contact information for each unit.

However, if you are just looking to unload some unwanted items, one of the ways WVU creates impact in the community is by recycling materials that would otherwise be thrown away. WE CAN, in conjunction with the United Way of Marion and Monongalia counties, holds the Blue and Gold Mine sale each May. In 2007, over 30 tons of clothing, shoes, housewares, electronics, gardening equipment, sports equipment, appliances, furniture, rugs, lamps, etc., were collected and sold. Over 350 people stood in line waiting for the sale to start, and at the end of the day, the sale had raised \$9,000 for the United Way!

So, back again by popular demand, Blue and Gold Mine Sale collections will begin on May 5-11 on campus, and collection PODS will be located at the Student Recreation Center; Area 81 parking lot; Chateau Royale off Van Voorhis Road; Prospect Street in front of the DA Building; and the corner of Grant and Second avenues in front of Summit Hall. These PODS will be in place and accepting donations until May 20.

The date of the Blue and Gold Mine Sale is Saturday, May 24, from 7:00 a.m. until noon at the East Gate of Milan Puskar Stadium. Between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m., there is a \$3 admission fee. After 8:30 a.m., admission is free. Additional information about the sale is on the WE CAN website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=882>.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT

Recently a mailing was sent from the WVU Foundation to the class of 2008. I wanted to be sure to share this information with you as well, should you wish to consider this option on behalf of your students. Congratulations to our graduates!

Graduates:

As representatives for the class gift program we congratulate you on your upcoming graduation. You will become the newest member of a large and unique group: Mountaineer alumni. In your years as a student, WVU has had a huge impact on your life and future. Now as you graduate, it is time to leave your mark on the University by contributing to the class gift.

This year, the class has voted to support renovations of the Mountainlair TV Lounge near the food court. As representatives of the class gift, we thought this would be a great way to acknowledge the Class of 2007-2008. We are asking every upcoming graduate to join us in support of this effort.

By contributing \$30 to the class gift, your name will be inscribed on the Mountaineer Mark plaque located on the WVU Walk of Seniors, which welcomes alumni as they enter the new Mountaineer Heritage Park along the Monongahela Riverfront. For years to come when you return to campus, you will find your class and your name immortalized at WVU. We hope you'll join us by participating and making your gift today at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=883>.

Through alumni support, we've experienced the spirit that makes WVU unique. Let's continue to enhance this experience for future Mountaineers and make the Class of 2007-2008 a lasting legacy. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Powell at 304-293-5811 or shyla.powell@mail.wvu.edu.

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND PLANS

Join together with fellow Mountaineer parents and family members from around the country for the University's annual Fall Family Weekend on Friday, October 17-Sunday, October 19, 2008. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time with your student and enjoy campus life at West Virginia University. The official Fall Family Weekend website is at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=884>. Be sure to check it regularly for updates, registration information, and more. Also, remember that Fall Family Weekend is a very popular program and hotels fill quickly. Families are strongly encouraged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Many area hotels are offering significant discounts to parents. For a complete list of these hotels, go to the Fall Family Weekend website. We look forward to seeing you at Family Weekend!

MOUNTAINEER PARENTS CLUB WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK AND FEATURES

This past year, the Parents Club has taken on a new and exciting look. In addition to our newsletter and brochures, our website has also harnessed this consistent brand that further helps to truly identify the Mountaineer Parents Club.

During the website renovation, we tweaked several items to help make information easier to find as well as added new features. If you need to find a back copy of the Parent E-Newsletters, the E-News Archive gives you quick access to this information. Among other things, there are also links to the Parents Club directories, an event calendar, important phone numbers, and a new feature, our Question of the Month, which we hope you will use to stay engaged with us. The site is a continual work in progress, and we welcome any feedback you may have as we work to make this a truly useful tool for you.

To easily find the MPC page, you can click on the "Parents and Family" link on the WVU main page, <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=885> or bookmark our direct link <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=886>.

LOOKING FORWARD - IMPORTANT UPCOMING 08-09 DATES

Anticipated fall 2008 ONLINE billing notices available: week of July 21, 2008

Fall 08 Bills Due: August 15, 2008

Residence Hall Move-In Days: August 15-16, 2008

New Student Convocation: August 17, 2008

First Day of Fall Classes: August 18, 2008

Labor Day Recess: September 1, 2008

Fall Family Weekend: October 17-19, 2008

General Election Day Recess: November 4, 2008

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-30, 2008

Finals Week: December 8-13, 2008

December Convocation for Graduates: December 14, 2008

Anticipated spring 2009 ONLINE billing notices available: November/December 2008

Spring 09 Bills Due: January 9, 2009

First Day of Spring Classes: January 12, 2009

Martin Luther King's Birthday Recess: January 19, 2009

Spring Break: March 14-22, 2009

Friday before Easter Recess: April 10, 2009

Finals Week: May 4-9, 2009

May Commencement Weekend: May 15-17, 2009

HOUSEKEEPING: REMOVAL FROM THE LISTSERV and PARENTS CLUB

With the end of the year upon us, for many of our parents it is time to say goodbye! Thank you for all you have done supporting your student during their time at WVU. As you move on to the next chapter of your life, many of you have become Mountaineers-at-heart and we value that bond with our WVU parents! While we welcome you to stay on with us for

another year if you wish, we also want to invite those of you who wish to relinquish your membership in the Mountaineer Parents Club the choice to do so, as well. To do so, simply reply to this e-mail with the following information:

Parent Name(s):

Student Name:

Other Comments/Farewell Messages/Etc.:

If you would rather, you may also call the Mountaineer Parents Club Office directly at 304-293-2506. Again, thank you again for all you do to support your students' success!

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