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As we finish up the 12th week of the term, we have just four to go before finals week. Campus is abuzz not only with students starting to gear up for finals but also with exciting activities and programs. This week we hosted Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. to talk about the nation's historic election of President-Elect Barack Obama. Student Government has been pairing with organizations to host Speak Up Forums inviting students to give feedback on issues that affect them and engage them to work toward a solution. So learning and discussion continue both in and out of the classrooms - the true beauty of a college campus.

The upcoming weeks hold much of the same as we get ready for Mountaineer Week at this weekend's football game. Off-Campus Housing Awareness Week also kicks off Sunday to begin getting the word out and educating students about resources available to assist them as they consider off-campus living. Residence halls will close Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. and with that in mind, Thanksgiving Holiday buses are gearing up for the trips home. A few spots do still remain - see below for more info. Also, the reservation process for Holiday buses for the Winter/Christmas Break will begin this Monday, November 10. So there is much going on in Morgantown as we wrap up the last quarter of this term.
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MOUNTAINEER WEEK IS HERE!

No matter where students hail from - in state or out of state – they are all Mountaineers! Mountaineer Week offers chances for students learn about Appalachian culture and the state of West Virginia. Running from November 8-16, 2008, this event is a time when students, parents, and people from all over West Virginia come together to celebrate West Virginia's heritage and what it means to be a Mountaineer. Mountaineer Week kicks off Saturday November 8 with the naming of Mr. and Ms. Mountaineer during halftime of the Cincinnati football game and will continue through Nov. 16 with a variety of events each day, including:

- The final round of Mountaineer Idol
- PRT Cram (See just how many students can fit into a PRT car)
- Mountaineer Week Challenge Games
- An Old-Fashioned Bake-off
- Appalachian Zumba

- Corn Roast
- And of course, the famous Annual Craft Fair

So encourage your student to participate and check out some of the campus activities this coming week. For the full schedule of events, please visit

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=943>. For questions contact Sonja Wilson at Sonja.Wilson@mail.wvu.edu or via phone at 304-293-2702.

FAN BEHAVIOR

During the past few football games we have had a small minority of fans whose behaviors and actions have cast a negative image on WVU. With technology being what it is, these negative images are easily captured and shared across the Internet and social networks. Perhaps the thought is that this is good college humor? The problem is that there is nothing humorous about such actions. We all have something at stake when the gestures and behaviors of a select few speak for us all. As parents, the reputation of your student's university could be at stake. As students, soon they will face employers who could have a predetermined image set by these few fans. There is no room for these behaviors and actions at WVU.

With our next football game tomorrow night, please know that your students have again been reminded about celebrating responsibly with good sportsmanship and about consequences to their actions should they choose not to do so. Kickoff for the WVU-Cincinnati game is 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 8 at Milan Puskar Stadium. Please help us remind your students of these points as we cheer on the nationally ranked Mountaineers to victory. We encourage them to join their fellow Mountaineers, and show their WVU pride by celebrating responsibly and positively on every game day. Fans are reminded:

- There are consequences for poor fan behavior at games.
- Fans could be removed from the game, have ticket privileges revoked, face fines, and/or get arrested.
- Dangerous or disruptive activity - for example, harassing the opposing team's fans, using vulgar language, and being intoxicated - will not be tolerated.

We all need to do our part to promote a safe and friendly atmosphere, and show respect for all fans, players, and coaches. Let's go, Mountaineers!

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING AWARENESS WEEK - November 9-14, 2008

Next week the Off-Campus Housing and Student Legal Services Offices will take to campus to start getting the word out about resources and educational items pertaining to off-campus living. While freshmen are required to live on campus, after their first year many students choose to move off-campus. This week is dedicated to making sure students know

the resources available to them and a good timeline to follow to avoid pitfalls in the process. Remember, although the conversations about off-campus living may be starting, we strongly suggest students hold off until after the first of the year to sign leases. This way both they and their future roommates will have at least one semester of classes under their belts and everyone can know where the other stands. Finally, encourage your student to attend the Off-Campus Housing Fair the Wednesday after students return from Winter Break - January 14 from 9:00-3:00 in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with landlords and property management companies and explore all options before signing a lease.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BUS RESERVATIONS BEGIN Monday, November 10
The Mountaineer Parents Club will again be hosting Holiday buses for Winter Break. Reservations for Christmas bus trips will begin Monday, November 10 and be accepted until all spots are taken. The last day for cancellations for Christmas buses will be Wednesday, December 3. For more information or to make a reservation, go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=944>.

THANKSGIVING BUS RESERVATIONS - A FEW SPOTS REMAIN
A few spots are still available on buses for Thanksgiving Break and will be filled first-come, first-served. To make a reservation go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=944>. For questions, call the Mountaineer Parents Club at 304-293-2506. Remember: Today, Friday, November 7 is the absolute last day to cancel Thanksgiving Bus reservations.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE LEARNING TRIP
The Center for Civic Engagement recently asked students if they have plans for Thanksgiving Break. They may want to consider heading to the Big Easy to help on a Service Learning Trip. The trip to New Orleans, LA, will run from November 22-27, 2008. Students are encouraged to make a West Virginia difference while meeting great people, earning course credit, and helping a local community. The cost of the trip is \$500 and includes transportation, lodging, meals, and materials. Full-time students will also receive a one-hour SRVL course credit! Students can get check out the details or apply for the trip on the Center for Civic Engagement website: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=945>. For more information, your student should contact Brett White in the Center for Civic Engagement at 304-293-8761, ext. 33481.

LIBRARIES A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT IF YOUR STUDENT HASN'T ALREADY!
During Fall Family Weekend, the librarians at the WVU Libraries offered classes for families and students. With so much to choose from, we know not all families had a chance to stop by the Libraries to take advantage of this event. With the end of the semester in the not-so-distant future, we thought you might find this information useful as

final papers and exams become realities for your students in the coming weeks! We hope you enjoy the DID YOU KNOW... tidbits below and share these with your students!

- The Evansdale and Downtown Campus Libraries are open early and late on weekdays and nights. The Libraries stay open all day and all night during Dead Week and Finals - <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=946>.

- There are friendly and knowledgeable librarians available to work with your student one-on-one at all of WVU's libraries. Check out our home page at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=947> to find out about making an appointment or drop-in hours.

- Your student can use WVU Libraries' Ask a Librarian page to call, IM, or email us and get research help. Go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=948> to explore this popular service!

- The WVU Libraries have computer workstations available throughout their comfortable study spaces equipped with wireless networks and laptops for checkout. Ethernet ports are available, too.

- Students working on group projects can reserve group study rooms at Evansdale and the Health Sciences libraries; study rooms at the Downtown Campus Library are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- You can tour the libraries online! Go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=949>.

- Students can use Mountie Bounty to print and photocopy at WVU Libraries! Costs are 6¢ and 10¢ for printing and photocopies. Go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=950>.

- The WVU Libraries have hundreds of DVDs, videos, and audio CDs, as well as popular literature for your student's enjoyment.

- Eliza's Café at the Downtown Campus Library and Cavanaugh's just outside the Health Sciences Library offer students a chance to take a break and get a healthy snack or a coffee while studying.

- Your student can access over 200 databases through the WVU Libraries' website-go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=951>.

- Evansdale Library and the Downtown Campus Library both offer drop-in research services at their Term Paper Clinics. Go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=952> for more information.

- The WVU Libraries has a collection of over 1 million volumes . . . and counting! If we don't have what your student needs on campus, your student can request library materials online through our Interlibrary Loan and E-ZBorrow services.

For more information, phone 304-293-4040, or e-mail ask_a_librarian@mail.wvu.edu.

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