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With finals quickly approaching (a schedule can be found at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1048>), students should begin to think about packing up as well as their summer plans, including employment and housing. Be sure to check out information about graduate assistantship help, housing information for next year, and all kinds of upcoming events for graduating seniors. And for all of those bargain hunters and for those feeling generous, make sure to take a look at information regarding the upcoming Blue and Gold Mine Sale and the International Home Start Closet.

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Since April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Women's Studies Department is subsidizing the cost for WVU students for "Fight Like A Girl," a three-hour, self-defense class for women designed to teach them practical skills to prevent sexual assault. WVU's Student Wellness Program will be offering this class at the Student Recreation Center this Saturday, April 18 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Student fees for these dates only is \$20 instead of \$40. For information and to register, check out the website, <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1049>. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. For information contact Colleen Harshbarger at 304-293-5054 or colleen.harshbarger@mail.wvu.edu.

WVU TO HOLD SEND-OFF FOR GRADUATING SENIORS: April 23

All 2009 graduates are invited to celebrate and visit with their fellow classmates as WVU honors all graduating seniors with a Senior Send-Off barbeque on Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the new Erickson Alumni

Center. Free food, beverages and live entertainment will be provided. Gifts and prizes will also be presented. The send-off is sponsored by WVU's Office of Student Affairs and the WVU Alumni Association. For more on this and other senior-year experience events, go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1050>.

"HOW TO GET A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP" WORKSHOP TO BE HELD:

April 30

Attention parents: Is your son or daughter thinking about graduate school? If so, are you trying to figure out how to pay for it? Encourage your student to come to our workshop on "How to Get a Graduate Assistantship" on April 30 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Monongahela Room of the Mountainlair. It is never too early to start planning on how to pay for the next step! Sponsored by the Office of Student Employment.

Check out our website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1051> or shoot us an e-mail at studentjobs@mail.wvu.edu.

5th ANNUAL BLUE AND GOLD MINE SALE AND DROP OFF PERIODS APPROACHING

The 5th Annual Blue and Gold Mine Sale will be on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Collections begin Monday, May 4!

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 WVU's Center for Civic Engagement and the United Way of Monongalia and Preston counties, holds the Blue and Gold Mine Sale each May. On-campus collections are done during the week of finals, and the City of Morgantown continues to collect off-campus for another week after finals.

In 2007, over 30 tons of clothing, shoes, housewares, electronics, gardening equipment, sports equipment, appliances, furniture, rugs, lamps, etc. were collected and sold, raising \$9,000 for the United Way. In 2008, the sale raised \$14,000!

Drop off any clothing, shoes, furniture, housewares, kitchen items, books, sports equipment, or bedding at the following locations:

- All WVU residence halls
- Student Recreation Center
- Chateau Royale
- Area 81 parking lot
- Grant and 2nd avenues (Summit Hall)
- Prospect Street (near DA Building)
- Stadium East Gate

For more information, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1052>.

HELP OUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL HOME START CLOSET

As a new semester is getting ready to begin, we will be welcoming many new students to campus. In that group, we have a number of students who will be traveling to our campus from a bit farther than many of our US students. Our international student population has increased over recent years and with this increase, additional support services have also increased.

A recent initiative has been the official organization of the International Home Start Closet. The "Closet," organized under the direction of the President's Office for Social Justice, is designed to assist international students with starting their home while here at the University. Typically due to travel, new international students arrive with only a suitcase or two. In addition to the usual social and cultural acclimation, simply settling into a new environment and obtaining the basics - bedding, pots and pans, etc. - to be ready to start the new school year can be an additional challenge. Each semester with a new group of students - including nearly 90 arriving this month - the needs are many. The "Closet" collects lightly used and new donations and encourages students and parents to consider this as an option for essentials students may no longer need or want to move at the beginning or end of each semester. If you have items to donate such as blankets, cooking utensils, etc., contact Liz at 304-685-8312 or Lois at 304-685-5632.

CHECK OUT WVU IN THE SUMMER

WVU is now offering thousands of summer courses. While most classes are offered in six-week segments, there are also many classes which are 1, 3, 9, and/or 12 weeks long, allowing students a lot of flexibility with their summer schedule. With more online courses offered now than ever before, students can continue their education without the hassle of transferring credits. This includes earning credits that go toward the General Education Curriculum (GEC), and even picking up a minor to supplement your child's major. The official schedule is now posted with up-to-date information on summer courses. For more information about the upcoming summer session and what's happening in Morgantown this summer, please go to the website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1053>.

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Will your student be taking classes over the summer? If so, be sure they contact the Financial Aid Office for details about summer aid. For more information, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1054>.

WVU RESIDENCE HALL ROOM AND ROOMMATE SELECTION INFORMATION SENT TO MIX

Information regarding students' room selection priority dates has been sent to students via their MIX e-mail account. It is important that students check their MIX account regularly for the e-mail message containing the priority dates. These priority dates are used to select rooms and to invite a roommate. Rooms are subject to availability based on the date of a student's application and housing deposit. If you need more information on MIX, you can visit our website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1055> or contact the WVU Assignments Office at wvu-assign@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-2811.

TUITIONPAY PLAN INFORMATION - THINKING AHEAD FOR FALL BILLS

In these uncertain economic times, WVU's Office of Student Accounts wants to remind students and their families that it is never too early to be thinking about how to pay for education costs. As a convenience, WVU is offering the option to make tuition/fee and room/board payments on a monthly basis through the TuitionPay Plan from Sallie Mae.

The TuitionPay Plan is an interest-free alternative to lump-sum payments when bills are due:

- Spread payments over a period of months, interest-free
- Borrow less - save interest by using current income and savings to make monthly payments
- Protect your investment - Tuition Protection Coverage for the bill-payer is offered at no extra charge

A Three-Pay Plan for Summer is currently available, with the first payment being due by May 1, 2009. Students are also able to enroll for a 12-Pay Plan for the 2009-10 academic year, also beginning May 1, 2009. The sooner you enroll, the smaller your monthly payments will be because you will have a longer amount of time over which to spread your payments.

Please visit this website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1056> for more information or to enroll. If you have any questions, please call Sallie Mae at 800-635-0120.

PARENTS OF INCOMING FRESHMEN: CHECK OUT THE SEAMLESS TRANSITION PROGRAM

The Seamless Transition Program (STP) is a three-week high school bridge program offered to entering West Virginia University freshmen to give students the opportunity to begin their education immediately following their high school graduation.

STP students earn up to seven credit hours; benefit from small classes of 15 or fewer students; live in a WVU residence hall; receive personal support from experienced faculty, staff, and live-in tutors; and learn about WVU and college life before everyone else does!

STP also offers fun and safe indoor and outdoor recreation and social activities simulating a real college experience. Students who participate in STP enter the fall semester well prepared for the rigors of college life and with the time-management and study skills that are so important to college success.

STP will run from Saturday, July 11 to Saturday, August 1, 2009 (a three-week program). For more information, please see <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1057> or call 304-293-9480.

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