

# Commuter Connection

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## Turning Life Into Writing

On Wednesday, March 4th, join us in the Commuter Lounge (101 Purinton House) for a creative writing workshop presented by Kori Frazier. Learn techniques for taking significant events from your life

and adapting them into stories, poems, and essays. We'll explore how real life needs to be altered in order to fit each of these genres, and do some writing activities to help you create compelling characters, imagery,

settings, and plots from your favorite life stories. If you have any questions, contact Tara by e-mail at [Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu). See you on March 4th!

## Financial Aid Awareness Week

West Virginia University students interested in learning more about student assistance programs are encouraged to bring their questions to the fourth annual Financial Aid Awareness Week: February 9 through 13. Financial aid experts will be on hand each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Mountainlair

Commons to answer questions, help students complete essential paperwork and provide information about the numerous options available to them. Most critical for students planning to apply for any federal, state or institutional aid is submission of a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form by March 1.

After March 1, some options may not be available. If students are unable to participate in Financial Aid Awareness Week, they are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid Office on the second floor of the Mountainlair or go to <http://www.finaid.wvu.edu/>.

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## Academic Calendar-Spring 2009

|             |                                       |            |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| February 27 | Mid-Semester                          |            |
| March 14-22 | Spring Recess                         | No Classes |
| March 27    | Last Day to Drop a Class              |            |
| April 10    | Friday before Easter                  | No Classes |
| April 30    | Last Day to Withdraw From All Classes |            |
| May 1       | Last Day of Classes                   |            |
| May 4-9     | Finals Week                           |            |

## Upcoming Events

|                         |                 |  |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| February 5              | 7:00PM          | Mountaineer Toastmasters                                 | HSC, John Jones Conference Center, Room C |
| February 5              | 7:30PM          | The Life & Travels of Charles Darwin                     | Mountainlair Ballrooms                    |
| February 6              | 7:00PM          | Role Models (\$3 for students)                           | Gluck Theatre                             |
| February 7              | 4:00PM          | Men's Basketball vs. Providence                          | Coliseum                                  |
| February 9-13           | All Day         | Random Acts of Kindness Week                             | Across Campus                             |
| February 10             | 7:00PM          | American Religion After Darwin                           | Mountainlair Ballrooms                    |
| February 13             | 7:00PM & 8:00PM | Planetarium Show   | Tomchin Planetarium                       |
| February 13             | 9:00PM          | Men's Basketball vs. Villanova                           | Coliseum                                  |
| Every Wednesday         | 7:30PM          | SGA Meeting  | Mountaineer Room (Lair)                   |
|                         |                 | *SGA is a great way to get involved & meet student reps! |   |
| Every Friday & Saturday |                 | WVUp All Night   | Mountainlair                              |

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*  
~Margaret Mead

## Dinner N Bowling

Looking for something to do on a boring Monday night? Come out to Suburban Lanes on **Monday, February 23** and join us for a few games of bowling.

Suburban Lanes 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!

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

Before bowling, join us for dinner (on you!) at Puglioni's on Van Voorhis Road at 7:30PM.

If you have any questions, e-mail Tara at [Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu). We look forward to seeing you at Suburban!



## Friday the 13th Party



What's even better than celebrating Valentine's Day? Celebrating Friday the 13th in the Commuter Lounge! Join us in 101 Purinton House on Friday, February 13th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM for a party!

We will be providing pizza, drinks and other snacks and watching a scary movie!

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