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Winter is coming! Is your car ready?

Although we are experiencing very mild temperatures now, soon the snow will be flying and the roads will be covered in slush, snow, and ice. It's a good idea to winterize your vehicle now to prepare for what's coming in December, January, and February.

First, check your tires and brakes to make sure they are in good condition. If you commute a long distance to campus, I advise buying a quality set of snow tires. All-season radials aren't really meant for winter use in this part of the country. Furthermore, if your car is shod with performance tires, these have very poor grip in the winter and will get you nowhere fast on icy or snow-covered roads.

All- or four-wheel drive will help you navigate through the snow but is not a necessity unless you are commuting from Preston or Garrett counties. I live in a mountainous area outside of town. During the winter, I drive a Mitsubishi Eclipse with four Bridgestone Blizzak snow tires and never have a problem getting to and from campus.

There are many retailers, both locally and on-line, that offer winter tires. If you're a dedicated on-line shopper, try these sites:

www.tirerack.com
www.discounttire.com
www.amazon.com

Locally, the following retailers offer snow tires on a seasonal basis:

Sears (Morgantown Mall—304-983-6395)

Discount Wholesale Tire (Westover—304-291-5255)

Eddie's Tire (Greenbag Road—304-292-3052)

Goodyear (Greenbag Road—304-296-1748)

More Tires (Mileground—304-292-5955)

Tireland (Mileground—304-296-3344)

Beyond tires and brakes, also be sure to have your battery and coolant checked before those harsh winter temperatures hit our general area. And don't forget to put a good coat of wax on your vehicle before winter to protect your paint finish!

Take care driving,
Brian

Mid-Semester Help Center

Dreading midterm grades? Need extra help passing a class this semester? Worried about having a learning disability? Anxiety/depression affecting your academics? Worried about losing scholarships? Worried your grades may impact your financial aid? Need to pick up or drop a class at midterm? Need to talk to an academic advisor? Want or need help finding a new major?

Get answers to all these questions and more at the mid-semester help center!

The help center will be open on Friday, October 12th from 9:00AM-4:30PM in the Mountainlair Commons Area and on Monday, October 15th from 1:00PM-7:00PM in the student Rec Center.

The help center is your one-stop shop to meet with representatives from Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Undergraduate Academic Services Center, Student Support Services, Admissions and Records, Student Accounts, the Carruth Center for Counseling, Disability Services, the Center for Civic Engagement, First-Year Experience and Student Health Services.



President
Mike Garrison

*“Good schools,
like good societies
and good
families,
celebrate and
cherish diversity.”*

-Deborah Meier



The Inauguration of President Garrison

WVU faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of WVU President Michael S. Garrison at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in Woodburn Circle—and the reception that follows from approximately 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the Mountainlair plaza. The inauguration is open to the public, and a general seating area in the circle is being reserved until 12:45 p.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis. A large LCD screen in Woodburn Circle will also project inaugural images to those viewing the ceremony from afar.

A webcast of the ceremony is also planned and will be available on the website.

Afternoon classes have been canceled on Oct. 19, beginning with those starting at noon, according to the Office of the Provost.

In the event of rain, Friday's events will be moved to the Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre at the Creative Arts Center. After 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17, verification of the ceremony location will be available via the following hot-

line number: 888-988-2269.

There are also many activities and events planned in the week leading up to the inauguration, including an international festival, the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center Panel Discussion, a student research poster session, and an open house at Blaney House.

Events are free, but pre-registration is required for some. More information can be found at www.inauguration.wvu.edu.

Dinner 'N Bowling

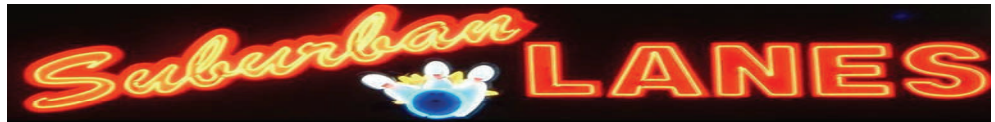
Join us the first Monday of every month for an evening of dinner 'n bowling!

the latest updates!

Bowling lasts from 9:00PM to midnight at Suburban Lanes,

you to come out and have a good time!

It's a great chance to meet



Dinner starts at 7:30PM and the location changes each month, so watch Facebook and your Mix accounts for

next to Kegler's on Chestnut Ridge Road! The lanes and shoes are on us, so it's up to

your fellow commuters, so join us for the next outing on November 5th!

Halloween Party

Come celebrate Halloween and all of its ghoulish fun with your fellow commuters!

We will be having a Halloween party in the Commuter Lounge in Purinton House on Tuesday, October 30th from 6:00PM-

9:00PM.

Come dressed in your Halloween costume and join us for an evening of games and Halloween treats!

There will also be a prize awarded for best costume!

If you have any suggestions

for the party, or if you'd like to help with the planning, contact Tara by e-mail, Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu u, or stop in my office at 103 Purinton House!

Community Service Events

So far this semester, we have had two community service events: repainting a room at Bartlett House, a local homeless shelter in Morgantown, as well as the early October blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross and WVU Commuter Student Programs.

For November and December, we will team with Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia, a local no-kill animal

shelter located south of Morgantown. The website is located at www.animal-friends.org and contains listings of homeless, abused, and neglected pets in need of good homes. In December, we will likely work with the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. See the website for more: www.toysfortots.org.



This is Perry, Brian's new kitten

Upcoming Events

October 14	1:00PM-4:00PM	Family Day	WVU Farm-Stewartstown Road
October 14	7:30PM	"Annie"	Creative Arts Center
October 16	1:00PM-4:00PM	Blood Drive	Mountainlair Ballrooms
October 19	6:30PM	Homecoming Parade	High Street
October 19	9:00PM	Mountaineer Idol	Metropolitan Theatre
October 20	12:00PM	Football vs. Mississippi State	Milan Puskar Stadium
		*Homecoming	
October 23	11:00AM-2:00PM	"Quit Tobacco" Workshop	John E. Jones, Health Sciences Center
October 27	TBA	Football at Rutgers	
		*Mountaineer Maniacs Travel Event	
October 31	7:30PM	Augustana	Creative Arts Center
Every Wednesday	7:30PM	SGA Meeting	Mountaineer Room, Mountainlair
Every Friday & Saturday		WVUp All Night	Mountainlair

Term Paper Clinic



Struggling to write that huge term paper? Worried about editing it, how to use sources? Have no clue how to write a bibliography?

We have the perfect solution for you! Join us on Monday, October 22nd at 10:30 AM in the Commuter Lounge in Purin-

ton House for a term paper clinic!

The clinic will be presented by Kelly Diamond from the downtown library!

If you have any questions, contact me at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu or stop by my office at 103-B

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle