



The Midwest Mountaineer

The Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter
of the WVU Alumni Association

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Annual Summer Family Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods

By Jason Smith

Our **annual picnic** will be held in the **Great Meadow Shelter** at **Sharon Woods Park** in Sharonville, OH on **Sunday, August 7th. Admission is free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents.** Non-members pay a small admission fee. An entire picnic meal and beverages will be provided to all Mountaineers, big and small.

The Chapter will also be holding our 14th annual cornhole tournament for both WVU-themed prizes and more importantly bragging rights until next year's champion is crowned. As has become tradition, members and guests are invited to bring their musical instruments (guitars, harmonicas, washboards, jugs, etc.) as we will tap into our musical WV heritage. Vehicle permits are required to enter the park and can be purchased at the park entrance upon entry. The festivities begin at 1pm. Come and join us for this annual family event.

Save the Date: Our Annual Dinner is set for Saturday, July 9th! By Justin Bond



Join West Virginia Alumni & Friends for a special weekend dinner event at Valley Vineyards Winery/Brewery located in Morrow, Ohio. The event will feature Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter's very own Sean Frisbee as the guest speaker. Sean was recently named the Executive Director of the WVU Alumni Association and Vice President of Alumni Relations.

The evening will be a fun and relaxing way to socialize with fellow Mountaineers, enjoy the summer weather, have a delicious dinner and taste some local wines and brews while Sean updates us on the exciting things happening in Morgantown and at West Virginia University.

Bring your friends and tell all those who may be interested. We have plenty of capacity at this venue, and are hoping for a big turnout for this event!

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A Mountaineer Memory By Melanie Lomax

Sept. 6, 1980

As we trudged up the hill from Summit Hall to the "New Stadium", we were sweating from the heat and our indulgences of the night before. It didn't help that we all had on Levi 505's to cover the Black Jack that we had taped to our legs.

We didn't know where the stadium was, exactly, but we followed the lemming-like crowd. All around us, we could hear the others, bemoaning the move from "The Bowl." We were only Juniors, on top of the world with our feet hanging over, but we had had two years of hearing the roar of the bass as the Marching Band burst from the tunnel. The reverberation of the cheer as it used to be, all one sound, "Let's Go, Mountaineers!" as it bounced around the pit. How could this new place possibly compete with such a long standing tradition?

Suddenly, we crested the hill, and there it stood before us, a behemoth, pristinely white with clean arching lines. We stood in queue with thousands awaiting the cursory search before entrance, and then we were in! Instead of a clearly established student section, the seating was open to both students and alumni. We all stood shoulder to shoulder as we waited for the arrival of John Denver to break in our new digs with Country Roads.

The helicopter landed midfield amidst the screams of the crowd and he made his little speech and we all joined in to sing the song of our people. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

And then we waited. The field cleared and then we heard it, the heavy beat of the Drum line, sticks on rims, mallets on skin. Suddenly, the field was flooded as the Pride of West Virginia rushed out, a sea of white, blue and gold and there was Simple Gifts, Hail West Virginia, and we all stood for the Alma Mater. And then, it was Home.



John Denver playing Country Roads at the inaugural game at new Mountaineer field

Midwest Mountaineer Social Media Update

Hello Mountaineers! As many of you know, the chapter strives to keep up with the ever-changing social media landscape to ensure our members have every opportunity to participate in chapter activities. Get involved in one or all of our social media and email groups to keep up with the latest Midwest Mountaineer happenings.

FACEBOOK GROUP: **Midwest Mountaineers** is one of the primary ways we communicate chapter events such as game watches, Annual Spring Dinner, Summer picnic, etc. It is an easy way to RSVP to events you plan on attending so that we can get a head count and make sure to have you accounted for!

TWITTER: **@WVUAlumInCincy** has been another tool to communicate game watch festivities. We follow various WVU alumni chapters, WVU athletes, WVU academic programs, and general state of West Virginia accounts to ensure we have a good flavor of interaction with our alma mater.

LINKEDIN: **WVU Alumni – Midwest Mountaineers** A great networking tool for professionals in the area. This has been a great source for meeting new Mountaineers in the area and recruit potential members to grow the chapter.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.midwestmountaineer.com We recently upgraded the website and will look for future upgrades as we progress throughout the year.

EMAIL: The Chapter also uses a Yahoo email group as a method of communication. This moderated list enables Chapter officers to easily update Chapter members. You can add yourself to the email list by simply sending an email to midwest_mountaineer-subscribe@yahogroups.com. Once approved, you'll receive Chapter emails at your e-mail address. To unsubscribe, send an email to midwest_mountaineer-unsubscribe@yahogroups.com. Change your email address by unsubscribing the old address and subscribing with the new one. Just remember to send the email using the address for unsubscribing and subscribing.

Here are our latest social media numbers. We are always looking to expand our reach, so please follow us, join our group, or link in with us ASAP!



202 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 220 members by the end of 2016.



@WVUAlumInCincy: 134 Followers – Our goal is to reach 150 followers by the end of 2016.



WVU Alumni–Midwest Mountaineers: 271 Group Members. Targeting 300 members by the end of 2016.



Mountaineer field circa 1980

2016 Football Schedule

Sat., Sept. 3 vs. Missouri Tigers
 Sat., Sept. 10 vs. YSU Penguins
 Sat., Sept. 24 vs. BYU (Baltimore, MD)
 Sat., Oct. 1 vs. Kansas State Wildcats
 Sat., Oct. 15 @ Texas Tech Red Raiders
 Sat., Oct. 22 vs TCU Horned Frogs
 Sat, Oct. 29 @ Oklahoma State Cowboys
 Sat., Nov. 5 vs Kansas Jayhawks
 Sat., Nov. 12 @ Texas Longhorns
 Sat., Nov. 19 vs. Oklahoma Sooners
 Sat, Nov. 26 @ Iowa State Cyclones
 Sat, Dec. 3 vs. Baylor Bears

Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 15 years the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter has provided at least one \$1000 per year scholarship to a local student who attends WVU. The scholarship is one of the ways our chapter gives back to our alma mater and to the local community. To date our chapter has given out \$16,000 to help support local students. Our endowed scholarship provides approximately \$1000 scholarship each year in perpetuity for a deserving student in our area to attend WVU. This year we gave out two scholarships (one from the endowment and one from our annual contribution). Our goal is to continue to build our endowment so that additional scholarships can be offered in the future.

By making tax deductible contributions directly to the WVU Foundation you can help make the goal of additional scholarships a reality. By including the information below any donation sent to the WVU Foundation will be added to our endowment.

Donations can be made via the WVU Foundation website (<http://www.wvuf.org/>) or by mail using the order form below. Always refer to Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund #3Z308 on the check memo line or in the online comments section.

Contributions totaling \$1375 were made to the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni scholarship fund by chapter members and local corporations last year. We, and future Mountaineers would like to thank you for your generous support.

Support the Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter's Scholarship Fund #3Z308 with a Tax Deductible Gift

Name _____ Class of _____

Street/PO _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate amount contributed \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 \$other _____

Please make your check payable to *West Virginia University Foundation, Inc.*, and mail directly to One Waterfront Place, PO Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-9939

Specify "*Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship 3Z308*" on the check memo line

July 9th Dinner with Sean Frisbee (Continued from page 1)

The total cost per adult is \$34.96 (tax included). This includes two drink tickets (each good for a glass of wine or beer), choice of Steak or Salmon which we get the opportunity to grill ourselves, and a buffet full of side options and desserts. Also, for current and future Mountaineers under the age of 21, the following options are available for dinner:

Full meal - 18.95 + tax

Buffet only - 8.50 + tax

Please RSVP by Sunday June 26th so we can ensure the venue holds space for us. We can add a few folks last minute, but need to have a good idea of what kind of crowd we are expecting. **Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery.**



DIRECTIONS:

From Cincinnati – Take I-71 North to Exit 28 (St. Rt. 48); turn left (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.

From Dayton – Take I-75 South to Exit 29. Turn left (east) onto St. Rt. 63 for about 8 miles (through Lebanon) to St. Rt. 48. Turn right (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.

Aiken College Day by Neal Watzman

In late January, the students at Aiken New Tech High School in Cincinnati were doing a project studying post-secondary education. The project would involve selecting a college or university, doing research about the school and designing a college door decoration for their classroom door. The 8th grade Social Studies class of Mrs. Deborah Glynn, chose WVU; not a random selection as Deb Glynn is originally from Wheeling.

To support the efforts of her students, Mrs. Glynn invited a representative of our Chapter to talk to her class about West Virginia University. I was the fortunate one to meet this class of enthusiastic and energetic young people, visiting Aiken High School on January 29, the day the college-decorated doors were to be judged.

Before the competition began, I had a few minutes to talk about WVU and answer a few questions about Engineering programs at WVU and of course, a question about the still popular Bob Huggins. Most importantly, we split the class in half, teaching Let's Go! Mountaineers!

Soon after, the surrounding six classes filled the hallway awaiting the approaching judges. Each class presented their selected school and talked about their research on it. The speakers were well prepared to present WVU and their work on the door. It was obvious the class presentation was a hit when ending it with our enthusiastic and loud Let's Go! Mountaineers' cheer and several encores.



Winning entry for the Aiken college door decoration contest

Spring 2016 Order Form

Please return this form to RSVP for the Annual Dinner, to pay Chapter dues, or to comment to the officers.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Dinner with WVU Executive Director of the WVU Alumni Association and Vice President of Alumni Relations Sean Frisbee; 6:00 Meet and Greet, 7:00 Dinner
Saturday July 9th, 2016 Valley Vineyards, 2276 East US 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio
45152

Number attending: _____

Note: Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery

Please respond by **Monday June 26th**

SUMMER PICNIC Sunday August 7th, Sharon Woods Park

Free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents

Number attending: _____

CHAPTER DUES for 2016

I wish to become a member or renew my membership with the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association. Dues are \$15.00 per individual or \$20.00 per family. Amount enclosed \$_____

BECOME INVOLVED!

Are you interested in helping with events sponsored by the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter? We are always looking for chairpersons and coordinators to help with our fun social activities. It's a great way to meet fellow Mountaineers!

_____ Check here if you would like someone to contact you about how you can help

Please return to **Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter, 4091 Reemelin Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45211.** Call (513) 290-7351 or E-mail *jsmithWVU@gmail.com* if you have questions. Make checks payable to the **GREATER CINCINNATI/DAYTON CHAPTER, WVU ALUMNI ASSOC.**