



Annual Summer Family Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods

By Jason Smith

Our **annual picnic at Sharon Woods Park** in Sharonville, OH will be held at the **Great Meadow Shelter on Sunday, August 2nd. 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 be holding our 13th 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 Spring Dinner is set for Friday, June 19th! By Jason Smith

The Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter invites you to spend an evening with WVU President, E. Gordon Gee, Friday, June 19th.

Dr. Gee was named permanent president of WVU on March 3, 2014 – the third time he has been asked to lead the state's land-grant, flagship research university. He previously served as WVU's president from 1981 to 1985 and had served as interim president since December 2013. He also served as dean of the WVU College of Law from 1979 to 1981. Dr. Gee has twice

served as president of The Ohio State University, from 1990 to 1997 and again from 2007 to July 2013, when he was named President Emeritus. He was also chancellor of Vanderbilt University (2000 to 2007), president of Brown University (1998 to 2000) and the University of Colorado (1985 to 1990). He is a graduate of the University of Utah, and received a J.D. from the Columbia University Law School. He also holds an Ed.D. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Dr. Gee will be the keynote speaker at our an-

nual Spring dinner. We hope you will join us and fellow Mountaineers as we welcome Dr. Gee back to Ohio and to the Queen City!

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A Mountaineer Memory By Kacie Northcutt

WVU – 3 simple letters make up memories that will last a lifetime. My college years were filled with the best of the best in Basketball from Mike Gansey to Da'Sean Butler, as well as in Football where we had the powerhouse QB Pat White and his sidekick Steve Slaton. Our rivalries were still Pitt and Virginia Tech. Given that my time at WVU coincided with a 'golden era' of Mountaineer athletics, it is hard to pinpoint a "favorite" WVU memory. However, one that comes to mind is when I met my husband Mike at WVU in 2009 while we were both in graduate school. We hit it off right away, and lucky for me I soon learned he was the real deal, a Mountaineer Maniac, a West Virginia native who came from a family of season ticket holders that brought homemade pepperoni rolls for every WVU event.

As I started a new chapter of life in Cincinnati, I was fortunate that the shimmering WV decal on my car was spotted by a member of the Midwest Mountaineer Alumni Chapter. There is truly just something about that flying W-V, especially if you see one and live away from home. Since then I have made friends with a great group of people who share the same passion. I have visited the University as a speaker to grad students and have made donations for the school's continuous improvement efforts. I will always get chills when I arrive in town and see the WVU Coliseum and Woodburn building lit up at night. The steps by the Life Sciences still make my calves hurt just thinking about them. I am 100% sure that I'm part of the minority who hasn't gotten their car towed while attending college. *(Article continues on Page 4)*

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!



188 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 220 members by the end of 2015.



@WVUAlumInCincy: 102 Followers – Our goal is to reach 130 followers by the end of 2015.



WVU Alumni-Midwest Mountaineers: 99 Group Members. Targeting 150 members by the end of 2015.

Other Chapter Events

We are currently planning events like Mountaineer Happy Hours, trips to the casino, and our annual 'Countdown to Kickoff' These events, as well as our usual Fall gamewatch gatherings, will be planned throughout the year and advertised by email and on our social media sites.



Outdoors Scenes from the Morgantown area from top:

Dorseys Knob, Cheat River, Coopers Rocks in the early Fall, Coopers Rocks in late Fall.

Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 14 years the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter has provided a \$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 \$14,000 to help support local students. In 2010 we began the process of endowing our scholarship. Once our scholarship is fully endowed it will provide approximately \$1000 scholarship each year in perpetuity for a deserving student in our area to attend WVU. Through our major functions, as well as contributions from our members, as of the end of 2014 we were very close to being endowed. Our goal is to have our chapter scholarship fully endowed this year. After our endowment goal is achieved we plan on continuing the annual \$1000 Chapter contribution so that we can offer 2 scholarships each year (1 from the endowment and one from our annual contribution). We will also strive to continually grow 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 our scholarship being fully endowed this year 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 \$2700 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 the following members for their generous support: Jim Ankrum, Deborah Felzien, Fred Lucas, R. Anne Shale, Jason Smith, and Howard & Ann Withrow.

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

June 19th Dinner with WVU President E. Gordon Gee (Continued from page 1)

Our Spring Dinner will take place at the Original Montgomery Inn located at 9440 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

A cash bar and appetizer cocktail reception will begin at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00. Dinner includes your choice of Salmon, Shrimp, Chicken, Rib/Chicken Combo, Ribs, or Pork Chop. Your entrée will be accompanied by a tossed salad & your choice of a baked potato, french fries, seasonal vegetables, sweet potato or famous saratoga chips. Dinner will also include your choice of non alcoholic beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks and water) and dessert. Your dessert options are traditional cheesecake, marble cheesecake, or Graeter's raspberry chip ice cream. The cost to attend the event will be \$50 per person for dues paying members or \$70 per person for non dues paying members. The cost for Future Mountaineers (18 and under) and current WVU students will be \$25. A kids' menu will be offered for those 12 & under. Approximately \$10 of every ticket sale will go towards our Chapter Scholarship Fund. Dinner orders will be taken on the evening of the event. Please send in your order form and check by Monday, June 8th.

DIRECTIONS:

TAKING I-71 SOUTH – Go to Exit 14 - Ronald Reagan Highway East. Turn left onto Ronald Reagan. Stay in Left lane, follow Montgomery Road North. Cross Cooper Road (first traffic light) and Montgomery Inn is on the right.

TAKING I-71 NORTH – Go to Exit 14 - Ronald Reagan Highway - bear right (East). Get in left lane - follow Montgomery Road North. Cross Cooper Road (first traffic light) and Montgomery Inn is on the right.

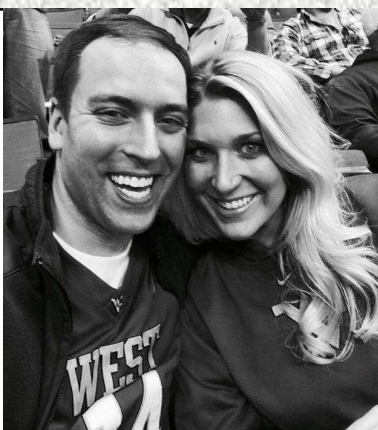
TAKING I-75 NORTH – Follow to Ronald Reagan Exit - go east. Follow until Ronald Reagan ends - stay in left lane - follow Montgomery Road North. Cross Cooper Road (first traffic light) and Montgomery Inn is on the right.

TAKING I-75 SOUTH – Follow to I-275 East - Exit 16. Follow I-275 East to I-71 South - (approximately 5 miles) - Exit 49. Follow to Ronald Reagan Highway - Exit 14. Turn left onto Ronald Reagan Highway. Get in left lane - follow Montgomery Road North. Cross Cooper Road (first traffic light) - Montgomery Inn is on the right.

Valet parking is available for \$3. Additional parking is available off Cooper Road on Shelly Lane.



A Mountaineer Memory (Continued from page 1)



Kacie and Mike enjoying the game in Columbus

Most recently, my husband and I, along with several other Chapter members, went to the WVU vs. Maryland NCAA Tournament game in Columbus. Prior to the game, we all met at Gresso's, a packed WVU bar decked out in gold and blue in the heart of Buckeye Land. Waking up for work the next morning with only four hours of sleep was totally worth it and the friendly banter with the local fans of our Sweet 16 opponent had already started. The point is the beauty of WVU is that the memories made there don't stay there

(unlike Vegas), they continue with you and continue to build throughout your lifetime. "It's a great day to be a Mountaineer wherever you may be," couldn't be more true today and every day even in Cincinnati. Let's Go!

2015 Football Schedule

Sat., September 5 vs. Georgia Southern Eagles
 Sat., September 12 vs. Liberty Flames
 Sat., September 26 vs. Maryland Terrapins
 Sat., October 3 @ Oklahoma Sooners
 Sat., October 10 vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys
 Sat., October 17 @ Baylor Bears
 Thurs, October 29 @ TCU Horned Frogs
 Sat., November 7 vs Texas Tech Red Raiders
 Sat., November 14 vs. Texas Longhorns
 Sat., November 21 @ Kansas Jayhawks
 Sat, November 28 vs. Iowa State Cyclones
 Sat, December 5 @ Kansas State Wildcats

Spring 2015 Order Form

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

**Dinner with WVU President E. Gordon Gee; 6:00 Reception, 7:00 Dinner
Friday June 19, 2015 Montgomery Inn, 9440 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati,
Ohio**

Dues paying members:

Number attending: _____ Adults _____ (\$50/person) _____ (\$25/for 18 and under
and current WVU students, kids
menu available for 12 and under)

Non-dues paying members:

Number attending: _____ Adults _____ (\$70/person)

Please respond by **Monday June 8th**

CHAPTER DUES for 2015

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, 5065 E. Eastwood
Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45227.** Call (513) 858-2001 or E-mail jsmithWVU@gmail.com
if you have questions. Make checks payable to the **GREATER CINCINNATI/DAYTON
CHAPTER, WVU ALUMNI ASSOC.**