The end of the quarter is fast approaching and with it comes the chore of students packing up their belongings and heading home for the holidays. The residence halls will be closing December 11, 2010 at noon, however students are asked to check out no later than 24 hours after their last final exam. Campus dining halls will close after breakfast service on Saturday, December 11 and will re-open for dinner service on Sunday, January 2.

Students who are returning winter quarter to the same room do not need to schedule a check out time. A closing checklist, which will be hung on every residents door, needs to be completed, signed and dated prior to students leaving for break. While students are not required to take all their belongings home with them over break it is recommended that they not leave valuables in their rooms as a safety precaution.

Students who are not returning to their same room winter quarter or those who are withdrawing from the university, need to make arrangements with their resident advisor to check out within 48 hours of their desired departure time. The locks on the exterior doors will be changed at 12:00 pm on Saturday the 11th.

Students may contact their resident advisors or the University Housing office with questions about check out procedures.

Winter Break

Fall quarter finals are in full swing, which means many of our students will be making the long drive home to spend some much needed quality time with their families. Beginning December 11, through January 3, CWU students will be on winter break. The residence halls will re-open on Sunday, January 2 at noon and winter quarter classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.
“We hate to see you go, but if you must, here are a few things to remember before you leave”

Winter Driving Conditions

Winter weather is on its way, which means road conditions are going to become increasingly more treacherous over the next few months. The majority of CWU students will have to cross mountain passes in order to get home over winter break.

The Washington State Department of Transportation has an excellent website with road cameras showing the current mountain pass conditions throughout the state. http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/

The Airporter Shuttle is a bus that travels from Ellensburg to SeaTac Airport or downtown Seattle. The shuttle leaves Ellensburg from the Starbucks near campus at your choice of five different times each day. This is a great option for students without a vehicle or for those who are not comfortable driving in hazardous road conditions. The shuttle’s daily schedule and rates are available on their website. http://www.airporter.com/schedules/schedules-rates-cwa

Traction tires and/or chains will surely be required at one time or another throughout the winter season. Snow tires can be used from November 1—April 1. In some cases, unused chains can be returned to the retailer at the end of the season. These are all things to consider as winter approaches and road conditions worsen.

Withdrawning From the University

Withdrawing from Central Washington University is a big decision and we want to offer our assistance in helping you make that choice. Students should exhaust all avenues within the University, including financial aid, academic advising, housing and the registrars office. Please call University Housing and New Student Programs with any questions you may have about your student continuing their college career at CWU.

If your student determines that withdrawing is in their best interest, here are a few things to remember before they leave. Students need to make arrangements with their resident advisor, 48 hours in advance, to check out of their room. They also need to turn in a contract cancellation form to the University Housing in Button Hall, prior to their departure from campus. Failure to complete these requirements will result in additional fees. They should also visit the registrar to ensure a smooth academic withdrawal.
Finals Week Care Packages

Finals week care packages have arrived and are currently being distributed. Students have been emailed as if they had received a package via UPS or FedEx. All finals kits should have been delivered to students by Friday, December 3 however a few are waiting to be claimed. Please remind your students to check their CWU email accounts for package notifications.

Family Weekend

Parent/Family Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of May 6, 2011. More details about the schedule of events for the weekend will become available at a later date. Watch upcoming Newsletters for full details.

Where Does Mail Go During Winter Break?

During winter break, December 11—January 3, Mail will not be delivered to the residence halls. Mail will not be forwarded to break addresses if it comes to CWU. Please remind your students to have all important items mailed directly to their break address. Regular mail processes will commence on Monday the 3rd after the residence halls re-open.

We encourage you to see the November newsletter with any questions on how to mail a package to your student while they are living on campus. All of the CWU Parent and Family Program newsletters are archived at http://www.cwu.edu/~housing/parents.html
Some things stay the same...

This section will review common areas of confusion or concern. Please refer to archived newsletters for additional information.

http://www.cwu.edu/housing/parents

MAIL DELIVERY

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CWU ALERT SYSTEM

Sign up to receive the alert updates at: http://www.cwu.edu/alert/alertupdatesystem.html

As an alternative, interested parties may monitor the CWU Emergency Closures page at: http://www.cwu.edu/closures.html. Your son or daughter may also subscribe to an alert system. This is a separate system from the parent one described above. Your son or daughter should log onto the Public Safety web site for more details at: http://www.cwu.edu/alert/index.html

Dates to Remember

December-
- 3-11 Quiet hours begin (24 hrs)
- 6 Study day - No Classes
- 7-10 Final Exam Week
- 11 Halls close at 12pm
- 11 Winter Break Begins

January
- 2 Halls Reopen Sunday at noon
- 3 University Welcome Session for New Students
- 4 Classes Begin
- 10 Winter Quarter Room and Board Fees Due
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no class
- 20 Room Transfer

February
- Housing Re-Application Process Begins
- 21 President’s Day Holiday, no class
- 16 Spring Quarter Registration Starts
- 18 Uncontested Withdrawal Deadline

Our Hats Off to Ya...