

## Deans of Students Committee

**2007-2008 Chairs: Tricia Walmsley ('11) and Liz Trentacoste ('09)**

**Description:** The Dean of Students Committee has the responsibility to better serve the student's needs by working with Dean Mike Post. Surveys, and other forms of data gathering, were used to get an idea of what the current Mount student concerns were and to address them and innovatively fix them.

**Primary Contacts:** Dean of Students, Mike Post; Offices under Dean Post, such as The Mount Card Office, the Wellness Center, the Mount Bookstore and the Career Center were also utilized.

### **2007-2008 Goals and Accomplishments:**

*Education in all areas:* This goal was accomplished by holding an Insurance Meeting for students with insurance company offered through the Mount, writing a column for the Mountain Echo about the reason for Bookstore prices and created a "Mount Card for Dummies" that will be given to the incoming freshman at orientation. A laundry and vending survey was also organized to gauge concerns about and alleviate these concerns about the perceived lack of available washers and dryers.

*"Mount Card for Dummies":* An informational card supplied to all freshman. Its purpose is to define the several terms associated with their mount cards.

*How was this Accomplished?:* The Mount Card office was very helpful in providing the information needed to complete the card. Karen (in the Mount Card office) made the process a lot easier because she had already condensed the information and made it easier to understand. After several different templates were made they were brought to Dean Post and Karen and they chose the one that was most effective. It was very important to communicate with both Dean Post and Karen during the creation process.

**Advice from Prior Chairs:** It was helpful to have meetings together as often as possible before meetings with Dean Post or with one of the other offices. During the meetings plans for the coming week and the tasks we needed accomplished would be discussed. Meetings with certain offices would also take place along with research on whatever projects that we were in the process of accomplishing. For the laundry and vending survey, the wording of the questions needed to be modified and adjusted. The surveys provided some helpful information, but a lot of the answers were skewed because of multiple answers for certain questions.

**Executive Board Goals for the 2008-2009 Deans of Students Committee :** We would like to see a dialogue started with the Career Center in regards to strengthening the internship program and providing more opportunities to all of the majors on campus not simply a select few. We would also like to see the committee expand upon its work from last year and continue to be a facilitator of student issues and explore new avenues for doing so.