

First Year Student Newsletter

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Greetings from the Dean

Can you believe it's been almost six weeks already?! I hope you are acclimating to your new environment, making new friends and being intellectually challenged in the Case learning environment. I have truly enjoyed getting to know many of you and I look forward to meeting even more of you in the coming weeks. I hope that your experiences thus far on the Case campus and in the surrounding community have been valuable and enriching.

As promised, this is the second edition in a series of on-going communications that you will receive from me discussing important issues relevant to first year students. Once again, I encourage you to contact me with comments, ideas, questions and concerns at DeanAmon@case.edu.

It is important that you take the time to read through this newsletter, consider the information and note the many events and opportunities listed page 5. Important information and policies will be communicated in the newsletter and you will be responsible for that information.

Some questions/suggestions:

Do a personal wellness check. How are you feeling? Are you getting enough sleep? Do you feel healthy? How are your relationships going with new friends and old, as well as your relationship with your family?

Have you met with your adviser since Orientation? I hope so, and if not, I encourage you to do so. Talk to your adviser about how classes are going and how you feel you are handling the workload. Ask questions about support resources or how to get connected to academic opportunities.

Have you gotten out and explored Cleveland? You've got a RTA Pass and a CASE ID giving you free access to some of Cleveland's most outstanding attractions -- you've got no excuse!! Get out and explore! ☺

Upcoming Residence Hall & Commuter Lounge Visits

The Learning Assistants and the Commuter Assistants have invited me to the Residence Halls and the Commuter Lounge to get to know the Class of 2007 a little better. This is our opportunity to meet and greet informally, for you to tell me how things are going so far, and for me to address questions that you might have. Also, I will be touching on some important academic issues such as the First Year Grading policy, mid-term grades and major declaration.

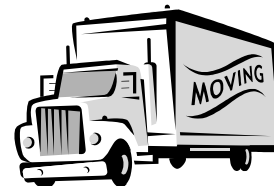
Free Munchies!!!

Schedule of Visits

Date	Time	Hall	College
Monday, 9/29	8:00 PM	Smith	Magnolia
Tuesday, 9/30	8:00 PM	Norton	Juniper
Thursday, 10/2	7:30 PM	Taft	Magnolia
Thursday, 10/2	8:30 PM	Sherman	Juniper
Monday, 10/6	8:00 PM	Raymond	Juniper
Tuesday, 10/7	8:00 PM	Pierce	Mistletoe
Thursday, 10/9	7:30 PM	Hitchcock	Mistletoe
Thursday, 10/9	8:30 PM	Tyler	Magnolia

Commuter Lounge Visit

Thursday, 10/9 11:30 AM



Undergraduate Studies is Moving to SEARS 357

Our office is scheduled to be closed from October 16 - October 21. We will reopen for business on Wednesday, October 22nd. These dates are tentative. I will contact you ASAP if a change occurs.

"Eighty percent of success is showing up." Woody Allen

...and Woody Allen is in the newsletter, why.....?????
 Course Attendance!!! We spoke about some of the wonderful freedoms of college life - not attending class is certainly one of them. Bottom line - - you will not succeed if you are not present. Make a commitment to being completely committed to getting the most out of your college experience.

*Get out of bed!
 Get involved! Get smart!*

Mid-Term Grade Reports

Mid-term grades offer you a snap-shot of how you have performed in your classes early in the semester. While some may view mid-term grades as a source of stress, I challenge you to view them as an opportunity. Mid-term grades offer you the opportunity to assess the success of your study and time management strategies, the opportunity to congratulate yourself on a job well done, and possibly the opportunity to refocus and hit some challenges head on. Most obviously, mid-terms grades are a time for reflection.

Mid-term grades will be posted on the Registrar's website during the week of October 20th. They will not be mailed to you or your family. They will be mailed to your adviser. Go to *Check Your Own Student Information* at http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/stuinfo_reg.html
 Check them out!

If you receive D's or F's, **DON'T FREAK OUT!!!** You are **NOT** alone!!!

Just because you have a certain grade now, does not mean that you will ultimately end up with that grade. If you wish to improve your current grades, check out the *Strategies for Academic Success* section on this page.

ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH THEIR FIRST YEAR ADVISER TO DISCUSS THEIR MIDTERM PROGRESS.

Case Urban Legends - SAGES

I heard that SAGES students lose AP credit. Is that true?
 NO! AP test credit can be used in satisfying breadth requirements and open electives.

I heard that my First Seminar Instructor is my permanent adviser.

Your First Seminar instructor will be your advisor until you declare a major (usually late in the first year).



CASE Fall Family Weekend

<http://thwing.cwru.edu/FAMILYWEEKEND/index.htm>

Encourage your parents, grandparents, siblings or other significant others to join you for CASE Fall Family Weekend October 3 - October 5th. Encourage your loved ones to visit the website for more detailed information and registration.

Strategies for Academic Success

- **Attend EVERY class!** I can't say it enough. THE key to academic success is being present in every class.
- **Communicate with your professor.** You should talk to your professors on a regular basis. If you are lost, confused, frustrated, falling behind, if you did not do as well as you had hoped on a test/quiz/paper....talk to your professor!! Use their office hours to express your concerns; talk about strategies; and build a relationship.
- **Make, use and update a calendar.** Review your syllabus and note all assignments and exams/tests. Refer to it often. Also schedule time to study, visit the library, attend SI sessions, go to the gym, hang out with friends, etc...having and sticking to a schedule will help you balance a heavy load of responsibilities.
- **Talk to your LA or CA - - attend their programs.** Seek their advice on services and study strategies.
- **Attend SI (Supplemental Instruction) sessions in courses where provided.**
- **Set up a study group with your fellow classmates.** One of the best ways to learn and retain information is to work with others and "teach" the material to each other - a great way to build new and strong relationships too!!
- **Request an individual tutor through ESS.** Contact ESS at 368-5230, KSL 105. (See TUBA below.)
- **Be well.** Get some sleep, eat well, exercise, have fun and relax from time to time.

TUBA - TUtoring By Appointment

TUBA sessions are designed to help the student who would like to see a tutor immediately or in the near future. TUBA sessions, are available Sunday through Thursday from 3 - 9 PM. There are a variety of courses for which TUBA sessions are available. Go the ESS website at <http://ess.case.edu> and click on *Tutoring* to access a complete list of courses and TUBA FAQ's.

Case Urban Legends - SAGES cont...

Is SAGES harder than the traditional GER?

The experience is different but it doesn't appear that it is more work. SAGES students are reporting workloads that are similar to other first year students. SAGES students have a similar GPAs to other first year students.

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Transfer Credit Posting

AP, IB and transfer credit for first year students has been posted on the student information system. Go on-line to our website to view your Degree Progress Reports (DPR's) <http://www.cwru.edu/provost/ugstudies/DPR.htm>. Transfer credit will continue to be posted until October 15th. If you feel that you should have credit for a class that is not listed on your DPR, please contact me so we can determine what the difficulty is. In reviewing the AP and IB credit that you earned, please refer to pages 68 - 70 of the *FYI Guide*. NOTE: Provisional AP credit will not be posted at this point. For example, students with a 4 on the PHYS C Mechanical will not earn credit for PHYS 121 until they have successfully completed PHYS 122.

Emergencies

Please be sure to contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies (368-2928) if a personal or family emergency causes you to miss more than 2-3 days of classes and/or a test/exam. If you are ill, it is important that you speak to Health Services so that you receive the appropriate care, and for you to talk to your professors about any classes/assignments that you might miss. The 24-hour phone number for Health Services is 368-2450. Once again, COMMUNICATION is the key.



Holiday Plans and Final Exams

Believe it or not, people are starting to make travel arrangements for the holidays. Many of you will be traveling away from Cleveland for the holiday break in December. It is important that you consult your syllabus and the final exam schedule. Final exams dates *will not* be altered to accommodate travel plans. You can find the Final Exam Schedule on the Registrar's website at <http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/exams/exam031.html>. Make sure you confirm your exam schedule and make your travel plans accordingly.

12/5	Last Day of Classes
12/8 - 12/9	Reading Days
12/10	Final Exams Begin
12/17	Final Exams End

First Year Class Officers and USG Hall Representatives

Congratulations to the members of the first year class who have already assumed leadership positions. Please be sure to get to know your class leaders. Talk to them about ideas that you have for the betterment of the class and the campus as well as any concerns that you might have. They represent you, so get to know them!

President: Christopher Gedos
Vice President: Colin Maly
Secretary: Elyse Moretti
Treasurer: Jared Jamesson

Juniper Residential College

Norton: Jessica Brink
 Raymond: Kedar Hiremath
 Sherman: Jing (Jenny) Hua

Magnolia Residential College

Smith: Shaan Ganddhi
 Taft: Ryan Starks
 Tyler: Theophilus Denanyoh

Mistletoe Residential College

Hitchcock: Daniel Riley
 Pierce: Amelia Andrews

USG Commuter Student Representatives*

Wayne Bereman
 Jonathan Keres
 Danny McNabb

* Not first year students, but still your commuter reps!
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Admissions Hosts Needed

Remember looking at colleges? Remember looking at Case? Well, you're here, aren't you? Perhaps you took a tour, attended an information session, or interviewed with a counselor? Did you have an overnight with a Case student?

You're a Case student now!! And we need hosts!!!

Every fall, the Office of Undergraduate Admission puts on open house programs for prospective students and their families, and offers an overnight stay as an option. This year's GET CONNECTED programs are *October 26 and November 8*. Hosts are compensated (that's right, \$\$\$) for their time and involvement as a part of the Case Ambassadors. If you would like more information, or are interested in hosting prospective students, please contact Judy Weiss in the Office of Undergraduate Admission at JudithKWeiss@case.edu.

2nd Annual Halloween at Squire Valley View Farm
 Sponsored by the 1st and 2nd Year Class Officers
 Saturday, November 1, 6PM - 12AM

Pumpkin Carving, Hayrides
 Bonfire, S'mores, Subs, Pies and more

Watch for more information from your First Year Class Officers coming soon.



Sport Support

I've read your files - I know many of you were involved in sports in high school. And I'm sure most of you attended your H.S. athletic events. So... have you been to a CASE athletic event?! You know you need a break from time to time, so take it and support your fellow Spartans! Check the Varsity Athletics website <http://www.cwru.edu/athletics/varsity/> for upcoming events.

Interested in participating in some club sports? Check out <http://www.cwru.edu/athletics/club/>. Intramurals? <http://www.cwru.edu/athletics/intramural/index.htm>

Les Miserables - Sunday, October 12th

Through the graciousness of the Case Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Charles Bolton, first year students were offered the opportunity to spend an evening at Playhouse Square seeing Les Miserables. Many of you requested tickets through the ticket reservation website. Ticket order confirmation, information about ticket pick up, and details about transportation to the performance will be coming soon. Watch your Case email account for these important details coming soon. Currently, there are no more tickets available. If any additional tickets become available, you will also be notified via email.



Before we were Spartans: Case Homecoming 2003

Homecoming 2003 Events

October 23 - 26th

<http://www.cwru.edu/development/alum2/newsevents/home/sched.html>

Check out the web site for further details and look for emails about this year's Homecoming fun! I expect to see all of you at the game! GO SPARTANS!!!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am-1:30pm

Case Center for Women Dedication: Thwing Center

3:30PM

Spartans Women's Soccer v. Centre College, Finnigan Field

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9am-6:30pm

Women's Center Open House, Thwing Center, 3rd Floor

7:00pm-8:00pm

Pep Rally, Turing Point Park (rainsite is Thwing Center Atrium)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00am to 5:00pm

E. 115th St. Closed off

10:30am

Homecoming Parade, Beginning at Euclid/Ford.

11:00am-12:30pm

All Campus Homecoming Tailgate, Finnigan Field

12:00pm

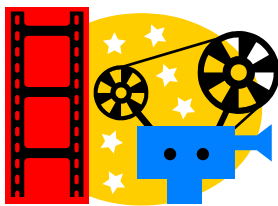
Football Game-Case Western Reserve University Spartans v. Washington University Red Cats
 Football Half-time Show

12:30pm-4:30pm

Art Studio Exhibition, Studio Art & Art Education Building

9pm-1am

Homecoming Dance, Thwing Center Ballroom



Movies

All movies listed below will be shown at Strosacker Auditorium. For more information, go to

<http://films.cwru.edu/>

- 9/26 Confessions of a Dangerous Mind**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM, 12:00 AM
- 9/27 Donnie Darko**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM
- 10/3 Finding Nemo**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM, 12:00 AM
- 10/4 Road to Utopia**
7:00 PM, 9:00 PM
- 10/10 The Italian Job**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM, 12:00 AM
- 10/11 L'Auberge Espagnole**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM
- 10/24 Bruce Almighty**
7:00 PM, 9:30 PM, 12:00 AM
- 10/25 House of Wax**
7:00 PM, 9:00 PM
- 10/31 The Matrix Reloaded**
7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances

- 9/29 Paradoxes of Real Existing Globalization: Elite Discourses, Grassroots and Back Streets - Jonathan Friedman**, Location: Thwing Center, 1914 Lounge; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM; Contact: Kathleen Dowdell, kjd4, 368-2264
- 9/29 The Clot Thickens: Remodeling the Brain After Stroke - Dr. Michael Chopp**, Location: Millis, Room 123; 4:00 - 5:00 PM; Contact: Debbie Bush, ddb9
- 10/2 Removing Impediments to Equal Opportunity**, Location: School of Law, Moot Court Room (A59); 6:00 - 7:00 PM; Contact: Development and Public Affairs, lawalumni@case.edu, 368-3308.
- 10/6 Symphonic Winds Concert**, Location: Severance Hall; 7:30 PM; Contact: Pam Middlestadt, pdm3, 368-2400
- 10/7 FDA: Protecting and Advancing America's Health - Dr. Mark B. McClellan**, Location: School of Law, Moot Court Room (A59); 4:00 - 5:00 PM; Contact: Development and Public Affairs, lawalumni@case.edu, 368-3308.
- 10/8 State of the University Address - President Edward M. Hundert, M.D.**, Location: Strosacker Auditorium; 12:15 - 1:00 PM; Contact: Kathy Wilson, kmw14, 368-0195

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances cont...

- 10/8 The Changing Profile of Human Disease in Developed and Developing Countries**, Location: DeGrace Hall, Room 312; 4:30 - 5:30 PM; Contact: Cynthia Beall, cmb2, 368-2277
- 10/8 Multicultural Series: The Way Home**, Location: Thwing Center, 1914 Lounge; 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Contact: Ginette Boyarko, geb9, 368-0985
- 10/14 Rabbit Proof Fence - Film & discussion sponsored by the Center for Women**, Location: Center for Women, Thwing 309; 8:00 - 10:30 PM; Contact: Ginette Boyarko, geb9, 368-0985
- 10/16 The Importance of Innate Immunity in Preventing HIV Infection and Disease - Jay Levy, M.D.**, Location: Biomedical Research Building Auditorium, Room 105; 12:00 - 1:00 PM; Contact: Bob Bucklew, bucklew.robent@clevelandactu.org, 216-844-2247
- 10/16 The Zen Patriarch of the Birds' Nests: Exploring the 17th Century Painting by Tawaraya Sotatsu - Dr. Yoshiaki Shimizu**, Location: Harkness Chapel; 4:30 - 6:00 PM; Contact: Cathy Varga, ctv1, 368-6996
- 10/17 Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared City - Women's Voices Series**, Location: Harkness Chapel; 3:30 - 5:00 PM; Contact: Cathy Varga, ctv1, 368-6996
- 10/23 From Free Radicals to Cell Adhesion - Dr. Yvan Guindon**, Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 4:15 PM; Contact: Pat Eland, pme2, 368-3622
- 10/27 The United States and Europe - Guns: The Use of Military Force - Professors John Mueller and Stephen Szabo**, Location: Ford Auditorium, Allen Memorial Library; 5:00 - 6:30 PM; Contact: Joseph White, jxw87, 368-2426

Campus Events - University Program Board (UPB) Calendar - <http://home.cwru.edu/upb/>

- 9/26 Cookout on the Heart of Campus**, Location: Heart of Campus; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- 10/1 Spot Night - Jaded Era**, Location: The Spot; 9:30 PM
- 10/4 Lynn Trefzger-Hypnotist**, Location: The Spot; 9:00 PM
- 10/7 Wild Karate Demo**, Location: Adelbert Gym; 7:00 PM
- 10/8 Spot Night - Stacia**, Location: The Spot; 9:30 PM
- 10/9 Les Miserables by UPB**, Location: Allen Theatre-Playhouse Square; 8:00 PM
- 10/9 Joe & Jive Coffeehouse Night - Freeflow**, Location: Rough Rider Room; 9:30 PM
- 10/10 UPB Bingo Night**, Location: Rough Rider Room; 9:00 PM
- 10/15 Spot Night-Twistin Tarantulas**, Location: The Spot; 9:30 PM
- 10/18 - 10/21 Trip to NYC**
- 10/22 Spot Night-Pipe Circus**, Location: The Spot; 9:30 PM
- 10/23 Joe & Jive Coffeehouse Night-Poetry Slam w/ Baba**, Location: Rough Rider Room; 9:30 PM
- 10/24 Broomball** - more information coming soon.
- 10/24 Homecoming Pep Rally**, Location: Turning Point Park; 7:00 PM
- 10/25 Homecoming Dance**, Location: Thwing Center; 9:00 PM
- 10/29 Spot Night-Rich Aimes**, Location: The Spot; 9:30 PM
- 10/30 Medieval Dinner Tickets on Sale**, Location: Thwing Atrium; 12:00 - 1:00 PM