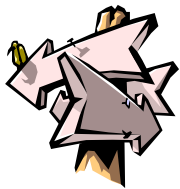


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Choices 2004 Follow-Up

Greetings from the Dean

I realize that many of you are in the midst of a rigorous week of midterm exams prior to Spring Break. Best wishes on all of your academic endeavors this week, and I hope that you all have a relaxing break from your studies. I hope that all of you found the Choices 2004: Exploring Academic & Experiential Opportunities Fair to be beneficial. I have heard from some of you that you made some great contacts and have been to some really interesting follow up events back in the departments. As you know, the Choices 2004 Fair was part of a *process* to take you to the point of making an informed decision about choosing your academic major. Make sure that you carefully read the information in this newsletter detailing the declaration process. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me at julie.amon@case.edu.

Advising and Registration for Summer and Fall 2004 Classes

Academic advising starts on March 29th. Those of you declaring your major should contact your new departmental faculty adviser to set up an advising appointment in early April. If you are not ready to declare a major at this point, you will be working with your first year adviser to prepare for summer and fall advising. During your midterm advising appointment, you should set up a follow-up appointment to discuss your registration plans. **All undergraduates may start to register for Summer 2004 classes on April 19th. First-year students (regardless of credit hours earned) are able to register for Fall 2004 classes on April 20th.** The Schedule of Classes for both Summer and Fall 2004 is available on-line at <http://www.cwru.edu/courses/catalog/>.

DON'T FREAK OUT! Case has incredible success at accommodating the registration needs of its students. It is very unlikely that you will be closed out of a class that you need. Keep in mind that very often courses can be taken during different semesters. Be flexible. Be patient. Be calm.

Declaring a Major

Students who are decided on an academic major must declare their major during the week of March 15 - 19, 2004. (The indication of major which you put on your admission application last year is not considered an official declaration. Declaration forms completed before this time may not have been processed.) First year students pursuing a major in Nursing should have previously been declared and need not complete a declaration of major form unless adding a second degree.

YOUR MAJOR CAN BE CHANGED IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND LATER. If you change majors later on, that's fine -- many students do change (or add) majors as they discover new interests. **IF YOU STILL FEEL UNDECIDED**, but you have a pretty good idea of what your major will be, declare it so you'll be in touch with a departmental adviser. It's OK to change your mind later and "undeclare." **IF YOU'RE TRULY UNDECIDED**, continue to explore, to talk with your adviser and other faculty members, and to use the resources of the Career Center (Sears Room 206, 368-4446). So long as you are actively engaged in exploring your interests and in making a decision, you can hold off for a bit. However, you should try to reach a decision as soon as possible.

Carefully review the procedures listed below and complete this process when you return from Spring Break.

1. Obtain a Declaration of Major Form in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357 (also available in the 24- Hour Study Room in Wade), and take the form to the department representative in your intended major for his/her signature and assignment of a major adviser. A list of representatives is in your 2003 - 2004 Handbook for Undergraduates, and is posted outside Sears 357.
2. All students must also select which General Education/Core Requirements they are following. **SAGES Participants:** Make sure that you *additionally* check that you are a SAGES participant.
3. Bring the completed form to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357. *The declaration of major is not official unless it is submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Studies.*

Declaring a Minor

If you have an interest outside your major discipline but do not want to pursue an additional major or degree, you might consider a minor. A minor concentration usually requires 15 - 18 credit hours. Students completing the requirements for a minor will have the minor noted on their official transcript. Check out pp. 5-8 in your *2003-2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students* to learn more about requirements and options. If you decide to select a minor, pick up a MINOR DECLARATION FORM from Sears 357 or the 24 - Hour Study Room in Wade. Then complete and return the form to our office in Sears.

Reminder - Incomplete Deadline, March 26th!

(2003-2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students, p. 69)

By now you should have been working with your professor and you should be mostly finished with the process of making up your incomplete work. Your professor must submit a grade change form to the Office of Undergraduate Studies no later than the March 26th deadline. Incompletes not made up by this deadline will convert to a grade of "F."

Spring Final Exam Schedule

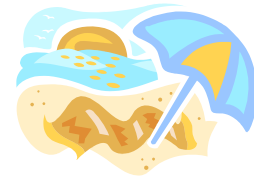
(2003-2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students, p. 67)

Make sure to check your final exam schedule NOW! Final exams will not be rescheduled to accommodate travel plans, so make sure that you confirm your exam dates ASAP. Also, if you have three exams scheduled on the same day, you may ask that one be rescheduled. Please contact Ms. Heidi Bocan in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357, 368-2928, to discuss this issue. You can view the final exam schedule on-line at <http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/exams/exam042.html>.

Last Day to Withdraw from a Spring Semester Course - April 26th

(2003-2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students, p. 68)

As a first year student, you are able to withdraw from classes until the last day of classes - April 26th. In order to withdraw from a class, you must complete a Drop/Add Form (available in Sears 357, 24 - Hour Study Room in Wade, or Yost 110) and get the signature of your adviser. Once that is complete, come to the Office of Undergraduate Studies in Sears 357 for a Dean's signature. After you secure a Dean's signature, you must take the form to the Registrar's Office in Yost 110 for processing.



Spring Break! March 8 - 12, 2004

It's time for a Break!! I hope you have a SAFE and FUN Spring Break! Campus offices will be open regular hours during Spring Break. However, RUSS (Residential Undergraduate Studies Satellite) will be closed during Spring Break. Make sure you view your midterm grades when you return:

http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/stuinfo_reg.html

Spring Midterm Grades

Most of you have already had some tests, quizzes, and other assignments and many more of you are facing these in the first week of March. Professors should have midterm grades submitted to the Registrar by March 8th. Shortly thereafter, you will be able to log on to *Check Out Your Student Information* on the Registrar's webpage at http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/stuinfo_reg.html to view your midterm grades.

Your first year adviser will receive a copy of your midterm grades during the week of March 15th. **Please make sure that you contact your adviser for an appointment to discuss your progress thus far in the semester.** Remember, this is a good time to pause and reflect on your academic progress and decide if you need to make any changes to your study strategies. At this point in the semester, you definitely still have time to affect some positive changes. Please review the following list of tips and see if any might be appropriate for you.

- Talk to your professors regularly during office hours to ask questions and to get to know him/her. If you are not happy with your performance on an assignment, ASK HIM/HER WHAT HAPPENED!!
- Use SI sessions if available.
- Use the FREE tutoring services provided by Educational Support Services (ESS). Check out the TUBA (TUtoring By Appointment) information on the webpage (<http://ess.cwru.edu>) or ask for an on-going tutor. ESS staff will also meet with you individually to assess your individual time management and study strategies. ESS can also be contacted at 368-5230 or in the Kelvin Smith Library, Room 105.
- Reflect on the amount of time you are spending "studying." Is it enough? Are you studying during the time of day at which you are most alert? Could you use your study more efficiently and effectively?
- Consider forming a study group with your peers.



Reward And Celebrate Excellence!

Have you been inspired in the classroom? Have a professor who truly moves you? Have you been supported and mentored by someone at Case? Has someone helped you along the path to achieving your academic and personal goals?

Yes? Then, you should nominate that person for one of the two following awards.

☛ *Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

- Nominees for the Wittke Award must demonstrate excellence in undergraduate teaching at Case Western Reserve University.
- Nominees must have taught in the current academic year.
- All nominees must have a current position or an emeritus appointment teaching at Case Western Reserve University.
- Nominees must have a regular teaching appointment at Case Western Reserve University. Any questions about eligibility will be decided by the deans of the colleges.

☛ *J. Bruce Jackson, M.D. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring*

Nominees for the Jackson Award must demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Guiding the student toward discovery of academic and career paths;
- Fostering the long-term personal development of the student;
- Challenging the student to reflect, explore, and grow;
- Supporting and facilitating the student's goals and life choices.

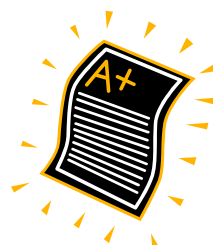
Nominate someone who has made an impact on you at <http://ess.case.edu/wittke/wittke.htm>. **Nominations must be submitted by March 19, 2004.**

Looking for a Scholarship?

If you did not receive a Trustee's, President's or Provost's Scholarship upon matriculation in the fall, you are eligible to apply for a very limited number of these scholarships for the next academic year. In order to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ A US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ A first, second or third year student in 2003-2004 who has not previously received a Trustee's, President's or Provost's Scholarship
- ❖ A cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 and at least 30 credit hours earned at Case in the academic year 2003-2004. (Advanced Placement and transfer credit hours will not be considered as part of the 30 hours earned.)

Watch your email for a message from Dean Robinson with additional information about this scholarship opportunity coming soon. **Applications will be available in the Office of Undergraduate Studies in Sears 357 and in the 24-Hour Study Room in Wade after Spring Break and must be returned to the office in Sears 357 no later than April 26, 2004.**



Case's Research ShowCASE 2004

Friday, April 2, 2004

Veale Center, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

<http://ora.ra.cwru.edu/showcase/index.htm>

Come learn about cutting edge research going on at Case and around the world. Walk through the poster sessions presented by Case faculty, graduate, professional and post-doctoral students. Listen to nationally renowned speakers on topics ranging from the humanities to stem cell research. The keynote speech will be made by Dr. Thomas Murray, President of the Hastings Center and former Director for the Center of Biomedical Ethics at Case Western Reserve University, in Strosacker Auditorium from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m..

**REMINDER - Off-Campus Study Request Form
Due April 15th**

(2003-2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students, pp. 61-62)

Those of you planning to take courses this summer at another university or college need to make sure that you complete and return the **Off-Campus Study Request Form no later than April 15th**. This form is available both in Sears 357 and the 24 - Hour Study Room in Wade. Make sure that you read the criteria for taking summer work in your *2003 - 2004 Handbook for Undergraduate Students* as well as on the back of the Off-Campus Study Request Form. Your form will not be processed without required course descriptions and necessary signatures.

For those of you who live in Cuyahoga County, please pay special attention to the specific residency restrictions listed in the *Handbook*.

Don't forget that Case also offers summer courses and the tuition is $\frac{1}{2}$ price for these courses. You can check out our offering in the Schedule of Classes at <http://www.cwru.edu/courses/catalog/>.



Time to Find a Place to Live for 2004 - 2005

Room selection materials will be distributed immediately after Spring Break. They will also be posted on the Housing, Residence Life and Greek Life website at <http://housing.case.edu/selection>.

Special Programs Deadline	Friday, April 9
Single Room Lottery	Monday, April 12
Group Applications Due	Friday, April 16
Room Lottery	Monday, April 19

Make a Difference. Be a Leader.

Apply to be a Member of the Academic Integrity Board
<http://www.cwru.edu/stuaff/ai/>

Are you committed to upholding standards of academic integrity? Would you like to work with other students to design and present programs to students and faculty to encourage academic integrity? Do you want to help next year's incoming first year students understand their academic and ethical obligations as college students? If so, please consider applying for membership on the Academic Integrity Board. **Applications are due by March 19, 2004 and are available in Undergraduate Studies (Sears 357), the Office of Student Affairs (Adelbert 110), Leutner and Fribley, and the residence halls.** You have to have a minimum 3.0 GPA to apply. For more information, contact Clay Barnard in Student Affairs, Tim Dodd in Undergraduate Studies, or Mike Boyer and Kevin Coffman, the current student co-chairs of the Board.



Medical Humanities Week 2004

<http://www.cwru.edu/artsci/bakernord/hweek04/index.htm>

This year Humanities Week focuses on medicine and brings a varied and incredibly interesting array of activities, events and speakers to Case. I hope that you make the time to attend at least a few of these events!

"The Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities is pleased to announce Humanities Week 2004, celebrating the arts and humanities at Case Western Reserve University. This year's theme is "Medicine and the Humanities." Drawing on a range of perspectives - from the visual and performing arts to history, literature and philosophy - we will explore the many ways in which the humanistic disciplines shed light on the practice of medicine, past and present.

An annual event on the Case campus since 1997, Humanities Week brings together a variety of activities to celebrate and promote the humanistic disciplines - Art History, Classics, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Theater and Dance. In past years, Humanities Week themes have included "In These Americas" (2002) and "Food and Culture" (2001).

Humanities Week brings to the Case campus world-renowned researchers, award-winning authors and celebrated artists. Guests have included author **Richard Rodriguez**; Chinese historian **Jonathan Spence**, humanities scholar **Martha Nussbaum** and historian **Lawrence Levine**. In addition to guest lectures, Humanities Week has also featured trivia contests, live figures chess matches, reading marathons and movie screenings, all designed to boost the awareness of humanities at the University and in our community. And to have a little fun, of course.

This year's event promises to be no less exciting and engaging than previous years. We hope you find all the information you need here at our Web site. If you do have questions, or want more information, contact us at 216-368-2414 or 216-368-0528."



Senior Capstone Fair
 April 3, 2004
 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Senior Capstone Fair will be held in the Veale Center on Saturday, April 3rd. I strongly urge you to attend this event. Not only will you be supporting your fellow students and learning a great deal, but you will also get a sneak peak at the kind of research and intellectual inquiry that you can aspire to participate in throughout your time here.

From the Senior Capstone website: "A new CWRU tradition, Senior Capstone Fair celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of our undergraduates in research, scholarship and creative endeavors. The Fair is an opportunity for seniors to share their accomplishments with their classmates, with other students and faculty, and with the broader CWRU community. Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding presentations."

<http://www.cwr.edu/menu/capstone.htm>

I hope to see you there!

SATCO - Spring 2004
March 20 - 21, 2004

Introduction to Kung Fu Fundamentals
Being a Nudist in Northeast Ohio
Understanding Civil Engagement
The Baha'I Faith - An Introduction
(sampling of recent course offerings)

Sound interesting? Wanna take a break from studying on Saturday and Sunday? Check out these and other interesting and fun courses. Most are completely FREE! Learn something new and different, meet some new people and in the fall, sign up to teach your own course.

For more information about class offerings, times and days, check out the ESS Website at <http://ess.cwr.edu/>. A full schedule should be posted soon.

A Special Spot Night for First Year Students!

UPB and the Class of 2007 present...

Comedy Night at The Spot with Comedian Ritchie Duncan

Tuesday, March 2nd, 9:30 p.m.

FREE FOOD!!!



Hudson Relays...Case's Oldest Tradition
April 24, 2004

Look for information from your Class Officers coming soon about the Hudson Time Trials and other Hudson Relay details for the Class of 2007.

Registration

Saturday, April 24, 2004; 8 a.m.; Tomlinson Gallery

Registration for the race will take place in Tomlinson Gallery in Tomlinson Hall. Bagels and juice will be available to all runners. Team pictures will be taken at approximately 8:30 a.m.

The Race

Saturday, April 24, 2004; approx. start time 9:15 a.m. ; Adelbert Rock

The race will kick off behind Adelbert Hall as Case President Edward Hundert reads the annual message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy as delivered by the commemorative runners.

The Finish

Join us by 11:15 a.m. at the conclusion of the Race back at Adelbert Rock to toast the winners of this year's event!



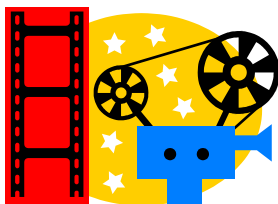
7th Annual Springfest 2004
Saturday, April 24, 2004, Freiburger Field
<http://home.cwr.edu/springfest/>

After the Hudson Relays head over to Frieberger Field for some food, music, fun and more!

Springfest Mission Statement

"Springfest is a celebration of Case community, designed to foster campus unity among students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and friends of the University. This festival composed of live performances and novelty attractions aims to generate school spirit and carry on a tradition."

Look for more details in the April Newsletter and from your First Year Class Officers.



Movies

All movies listed below will be shown at Strosacker Auditorium. For more information, go to <http://films.cwru.edu/>

- 3/19 21 Grams**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 3/20 Amores perros**
7:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
- 3/26 Mystic River**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 3/27 Angels with Dirty Faces**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 PM
- 4/2 Alien: The Director's Cut**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 4/3 Lost in Translation**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances

3/2 Religious Lawyering in Liberal Democracy: A Challenge and an Invitation – Russell G. Pearce; Location: School of Law, Moot Court Room (A59); 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.; Contact: Development & Public Affairs, lawalumni@case.edu, 368-3308.

3/3 Biomedical Engineering Dissertation Defense – Electrocardiographic Imaging: Application of an Iterative Method and Evaluation in Humans; Location: Wickenden, 5th Floor; 10:00 a.m.; Contact: Charulatha Ramanathan, cxr16, 216-235-7555.

3/3 Editing Life: The Golem Legend in the Biotech Century – Dr. Byron Sherwin; Location: Clark Hall, Rm. 206; 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Contact: Laura Sielen, lks18, 368-2414.

3/4 Truth, War and Consequences; Location: Rockefeller, Rm 309; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Contact: Victoria Lovegren; vml4, 368-2902.

3/15 Are Congressional Elections Fair?; Location: Thwing Center, 1914 Lounge; 12:00 – 1:25 p.m.; Contact: Dr. Joe White, jxw87, 368-2426.

3/15 Covering the World: Life as a Foreign Correspondent – Mary Jordan & Kevin Sullivan, The Washington Post; Location: Clark Hall, Rm. 206; 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.; Contact: Fredrica Ward, faf2, 368-2340.

3/15 More Cartilage Tissue Engineering – Dr Jean Welter; Location: Millis, Rm. 123; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Contact: Debbie, debra.bush@case.edu, 368-3562.

3/16 Frida; Location: Center for Women, Thwing Center, Rm. 309; 8:00 – 10:30 p.m.; Contact: Ginnette Boyarko, geb9, 368-0985.

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances cont...

3/17 Nursing Dissertation Defense – Effect of Family Maintained Progress Journal on Anxiety of Families of Critically Ill Patients; Location: School of Nursing, Rm. 2280; 1:00 p.m.; Contact: Janet Kloos, janet.kloos@uhhs.com, 216-844-2311.

3/19 Reines-Meres (Queen Mothers) – A play performed by Ki-Yi Village Theater, Ivory Coast, Africa; Location: Ford Auditorium; 7:00 p.m.; Contact: Dr. Marie Lathers; marie.latehrs@case.edu, 368-8983.

3/22 Musical Censorship: Who, Where, Why?; Location: Harkness Chapel; 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.; Contact: Susanne Petrick, stp8, 368-2400.

3/22 Who We Are: Illness and Other Dangers to Everyday Moral Experience; Location: Strosacker Auditorium; 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Contact: Cathy Varga, ctv1, 368-6996.

3/24 Racial Healing; Location: Thwing Center, Spartan Room; 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.; Contact: Ginnette Boyarko, geb9, 368-0985.

3/25 Medical Miracles, Medical Saints; Location: Thwing Center, 1914 Lounge; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; Contact: Cathy Varga, ctv1, 368-6996.

3/25 Sculpture Tour – Juilee Decker; Location: Thwing Atrium; 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.; Contact: Juilee Decker, sculpture@case.edu, 368-4951.

3/26 Seeing Double: Art Vision and Film Vision – Dr. Susan Mullin Vogel; Location: Cleveland Museum of Art Lecture Hall; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Contact: Debby Tenenbaum, dxt6, 368-4118.

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

- 3/2 Tuesday Night Comedians – Ritch Duncan**; Location: The Spot; Time: 9:30 p.m.
- 3/3 Spot Night – EXO**; Location: The Spot; Time: 9:30 p.m.
- 3/3 Chuck D**; Location: Strosacker Auditorium; Time: 7:00 p.m.
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Party Featuring Slainte Mhath**; Location: The Spot; Time: 9:30 p.m.
- 3/18 Lazer Tag/Whirlyball Tickets on Sale**; Location: Thwing Atrium; Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 3/20 Culture Fusion 2004**; Location: Adelbert Gym; Time: 7:00 p.m.
- 3/24 Spot Night – Battle of the Bands Winner/DJ Spinoff Winner**; Location: The Spot; Time: 9:00 p.m.
- 3/25 Joe & Jive Coffeehouse Night – Mike Errico**; Location: Rough Rider Room; Time: 9:30 PM
- 3/25 Chinese Acrobats Tickets on Sale**; Location: Thwing Atrium; Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 3/27 Lazertag/Whirlyball**
- 3/31 Spot Night – Karaoke Night**; Location: The Spot; Time: 9:30 p.m.
- 3/31 – 4/4 Greek Week**
- 4/1 Jesus Christ Superstar Tickets on Sale**; Location: Thwing Atrium; Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 4/1 Paintball Tickets on Sale**; Location: Thwing Atrium; Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.