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Greetings from the Dean

Can you believe that Fall Break has already come and gone and Thanksgiving is only weeks away? I hope that your first semester has gone well thus far. I know that as we approach the end of the semester tension levels and stress often rise as you face deadlines, finals projects and examinations. I hope that that you will remember to take care of yourselves and your peers, and find some time to relax in the midst of your studying. Don't forget your parents' advice - 'get good sleep and eat healthy meals' – it really is good advice.

Many of you have asked me about academic policies, procedures, deadlines, and opportunities. Please take some time to review the November/December edition to familiarize yourself with this important information.

Finally, I wish you all the very best of luck with your final exams and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. Be sure to look for the next edition of the First-Year Student Newsletter in early January.

Fall 2009 Registration Visits to the Residential Colleges Advising, Registration, Major Exploration Questions

Spring Semester Registration begins on Friday, November 20, for all first year students—regardless of what AP, IB, or post-secondary transfer credit you earned in high school. In preparation for the registration period, Dean Julie Amon and Steven Scherger will be visiting the First-Year Residential Colleges in the evenings on the following dates:

Mistletoe Residential College	Monday, November 9
Cedar Residential College	Monday, November 16
Juniper Residential College	Wednesday, November 18

We will be available to answer your questions regarding spring registration, but also advising, major exploration, and academic policies. In addition to answering these questions, we look forward to spending some time with you to learn more about your interests and to hear about your experiences as a first-year student.

Be sure to watch for announcement from your residence life staff for specific times and locations for each of our visits.

2010 Spring Semester Registration

In order to register for Spring Semester courses you must meet with your faculty advisor (i.e. your SAGES advisor if you have not declared a major, or the new faculty advisor you were assigned to when you declared your major) to have your **Advising Hold** removed. Although you will need to wait for your registration appointment before you can schedule your courses, you may place courses in your SIS Shopping Cart before the date.

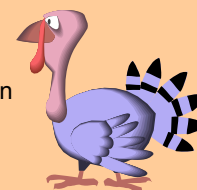
All first year students will begin to register courses for their 2010 Spring Semester on **Friday, November 20**, *regardless of how many hours of earned credit an individual might have*. Registration will continue through the end of the drop/add period, which is Friday of the second week of classes, January 22, 2010.

May Term and Summer Session 2010

Beginning in mid-November, look for preliminary May Term (i.e. three-week intensive courses offered between Spring Semester and Summer Sessions) and Summer 2010 course information at <http://www.cwru.edu/academics/summer/>

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Spring 2010 Advising & Course Registration

Advising Appointments

Your SAGES Professor/First Year Advisor should be speaking to you in the very near future (or might have done so already) about setting up advising appointments to discuss your midterm grades and also your plans for Spring 2010. If you haven't heard about this, contact your advisor, and ask to set up an appointment to discuss advising and registration issues TODAY. Those of you that have declared your major(s) will need to speak to your **new advisor** about your academic interests and course registration.

All students are required to meet with an advisor each semester to discuss their progress and plans for the upcoming semester. Each semester the advising period begins two weeks prior to senior priority registration. Additionally, students will only have their Advising Hold lifted *after* meeting with their advisor.

Prepare

Students have a responsibility to prepare for their advising appointments. Prior to your advising appointment, you should consider the following issues:

- Thoughts on academic major(s), minor(s) – changes, questions and requirements
- If applicable, completed or intended course withdrawals and implications of the withdrawal
- Progress toward completion of SAGES General Education/ Core Curricula Requirements (including AP/IB/transfer credit if applicable)
- How the semester has gone so far – grades, use of support resources, favorite class, time management, etc.
- Overall feelings about Case thus far – acclimation, connection, engagement – any questions that you have
- Courses that you are considering for next semester (and alternates in the event that first choice courses are not available)

Use Your Resources

You should review the following resources and bring them to the advising appointment:

- *Handbook for Undergraduate Students*
- Your Academic Advisement Report (AAR)
- List of courses that you are considering for the next semester – be sure to check course availability, course prerequisites and course descriptions by using the **Searchable Schedule of Classes** at <http://www.case.edu/provost/registrar/soc.html>

Tips from the Registrar: Things to Know to Make Spring Registration Easier

1. Use the SIS Shopping Cart to select your Spring 2010 courses ahead of time.
2. Click the "Validate" button to save time on registration day. This allows you to verify you're eligible to enroll for the courses you have placed in the shopping cart.
3. Request class permissions and address any "Holds" well before your registration Enrollment Appointment date arrives
4. From SIS, you can request course permissions by clicking on "Enroll" and the selecting the "Permissions" tab.
5. Many courses require prerequisites or corequisites and SIS will enforce these requirements when you try to register. Typically, departments set course requisites because the knowledge in previous coursework is essential for success; however, if you feel past courses and/or experiences have provided you the necessary foundation to be successful in a course, you can seek permission to override course requisites (see above).

Questions about registration may be sent to registrar@case.edu. See <http://www.case.edu/registrar> for more information.

Registrar Tip for Your Enrollment Appointment Day!

How do you have the best shot at getting into limited enrollment courses? Well, there is a little bit of a trick. If you omit large enrollment courses (e.g. CHEM 106) from your shopping cart and click enroll, you will get priority processing over other students with large enrollment courses in their carts. Why? It takes SIS longer to process concurrent requests for large enrollment courses than it takes to process concurrent requests for small enrollment courses. Since it is rarely a problem getting into a course with a high or unlimited enrollment, after you are enrolled in your smaller courses, you can add your large course back to your cart and enroll separately. It really works. That's a pretty big reward for taking the time to read this paragraph!

Major Declaration

Most students declare a major by the end of their first year. However, students still in the process of exploring academic options are not required to declare within this time frame. It is important to recognize that in order to have a successful and engaged first year experience, all first year students should work toward the clarification of academic interests. **First year students who were ready to declare a major were able to do so beginning November 2nd.** To declare, just pick up the form as outlined below.

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. It's also OK to change your mind later and "undeclare." **IF YOU'RE TRULY UNDECIDED**, continue to explore, to talk with your advisor and other faculty members, and to use the resources of the Career Center (Sears 206, 368-4446). So long as you are actively engaged in exploring your interests and in making a decision, you can declare your major in the future. You should not be concerned about making a "wrong" decision about declaring a major. However, the best decision to make is an informed one. Be intentional about talking to people, reviewing information, and understanding requirements before you make a decision. The advantage of declaring a major is the close and formal connection that is established between students and academic departments. That being said, all students are encouraged to seek advice from faculty in departments for which they have an interest regardless of major declaration status.

Carefully review the procedures listed below in order to complete the declaration process. Students who declare a major within the first week of November will likely be able to meet with their new major advisor prior to spring semester registration.

1. Obtain the Major Declaration Form in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357 (also available in Wade and Fribley Commons), and take the form to the department representative in your intended major for his/her signature and assignment of a major advisor. A list of department representatives can be found at http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/Academic_Representatives.pdf
2. Students interested in Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry and/or Pre-Law should be sure to mark the respective boxes on the declaration form.
3. Once completed, bring the yellow 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.*

Overloads

The Case faculty has determined the full time course load for students to be between 12 and 19 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters. Any student wishing to enroll in more than 19 hours must seek permission from a representative in the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Additionally, students must have a **minimum 3.20 cumulative grade point average** (GPA) and a compelling reason as to why s/he wants to enroll in more than 19 credit hours.

Since students have to have a minimum GPA to inquire about an overload, no first year student can register for more than 19 hours prior to his/her return to campus in January. If you do earn at least a 3.20 GPA this fall, you can come to the Office of Undergraduate Studies once you return to talk to a representative about the possibility of overloading your spring semester schedule. These discussions are handled on a *walk-in basis*. Walk-in times are posted at <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/walkinhours.htm>. Overload requests must be finalized by the end of the drop/add period – January 22, 2010.

Calculus Course Information

MATH 122 is open to students who pass MATH 121 or pass a MATH 121 proficiency examination to be given by the Department of Mathematics on **Friday, January 8th**. MATH 125 students who wish to enter MATH 122 must see Chris Butler in Yost 317. Students who wish to take the MATH 121 proficiency examination must register for Mathematics Proficiency Exam in advance by contacting Professor Chris Butler. Email: Chris@case.edu. MATH 122 is the second semester of a four semester sequence in calculus and differential equations for engineering, mathematics, and physical science majors.

MATH 126 is open to students who pass either MATH 125 or MATH 121. MATH 126 is the second semester of a two semester sequence in calculus for students in the social sciences, life sciences, management, or humanities, who plan to complete a B.A. degree, or a B.S. in management or biology, and who wish to take only one year of calculus. MATH 126 introduces students to topics from MATH 122, 223, and 224.

Proficiency Exams

Students who want to take a proficiency exam should contact the academic department as soon as possible. You should consider a proficiency exam if you took an AP course/exam but did not earn Case credit for it or if you feel that you have an exceptional amount of expertise in a certain field based on previous experiences.

CHEM 105, 106, 111 - - Friday, January 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Clapp 201).

ENGR 131 - - Saturday, January 9, 2010, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Olin 313). *The exam will be given in Java. Students wishing to take the exam must sign up for it at least 48 hours in advance. Link to the registration form, as well as extensive exam details appear at <http://dora.case.edu/msb/131/proficiency.html>.*

MATH 121, 122, 125, 126, 223, 224 - - Friday, January 8, 2010, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Yost 300). *Register in advance for the Mathematics Proficiency Exam by contacting Prof. Christ Butler (chris@case.edu).*

PHYS 115, 116, 121, 122, 221 - - Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Rockefeller 301). Register for the Physics Proficiency Exam in advance by contacting Prof. Gary Chottiner. Email: gsc2@case.edu. More information, including formula sheets and sample exams, can be found at <http://www.phys.cwru.edu/undergrad/Proficiency%20Exams/>

Physical Education in the Spring Semester

All first year students should plan on registering for Physical Education Activity course(s) in the spring semester. You may include one or two ½ semester courses, a full semester course, or a Varsity Sport.

University Seminars in Spring 2010

First year students should make an effort to include a University Seminar in their spring semester schedule. You are required to complete two University Seminars from two different thematic areas by the end of your fourth semester. University Seminars are offered in three themes: *Thinking about the Natural World (USNA 2xx)*, *Thinking about the Social World (USSO 2xx)*, and *Thinking about the Symbolic World (USSY 2xx)*. **Those enrolled in a topical First Seminar need to take two University Seminars from each of the remaining themes (e.g. if you are enrolled in FSNA 103, you need to select Social World and Symbolic World University Seminars).** University Seminars are still being added to the spring schedule so make sure to keep checking the *Searchable Schedule of Classes* for new offerings.

Off-Campus Study Request Process

Many of you have asked questions about taking summer classes at institutions other than Case. Can you do this? Yes. As with most processes at a university, there are policies, procedures, and paperwork. Read the information in your handbook and then if you are still interested, come in to Sears 357, Wade, or Fribley to pick up the **Off-Campus Study Request Form** <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/offcampus2009.pdf>. In order to complete the Off-Campus Study Request, you must collect course descriptions for the course(s) that you are interested in taking over the summer. The course(s) will be evaluated by Dean Claudia Anderson.

The deadline for submission of the request is **April 1, 2010**. Most universities and colleges begin to post summer schedules in February and March, and you do need to wait to submit the form until you have actual course offerings to review. However, the sooner you complete the form, the sooner you will be notified if the course that you are interested in taking has been approved.

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

R.U.S.S Walk-In Hours Wade Commons

The R.U.S.S. (Residential Undergraduate Studies Satellite) Office in Wade provides first-year students the opportunity to meet with a representative from the Office of Undergraduate Studies regarding academic concerns, withdrawing from classes, connecting to academic opportunities, and other quick questions.

First Year Dean Julie Amon and Steven Scherger, Coordinator for First Year Student Academic Affairs, are available on Monday and Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the R.U.S.S. Office, which is located in the Wade Area Office. To view the most up-to-date schedule of Dean Amon and Mr. Scherger, visit: <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/walkinhours.htm>

Withdrawing from a Course

As a first year student subject to the First Year Student Withdrawal Policy, you may withdraw from a course(s) up until the last day of classes - - this fall, that is **December 4, 2009**. In order to withdraw from a class, **you must complete a Drop/Add Form (available in Sears 357; Wade or Fribley Commons; or Yost 110) and get the signature of your advisor.** 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.**

Before you seek approval for a withdrawal, please take the time to reflect and review the following issues:

- Why are you withdrawing from this course? How are the rest of your courses going this semester? How do you feel about the withdrawal?
- Have you talked to your professor about your progress/success in the course?
- Have you reviewed the syllabus? Do you know what your chances for improved success are in the course?
- Have you taken advantage of support resources: professors' office hours, tutoring through ESS, SI's, etc.
- Have you thought about how this withdrawal will impact your plans for next semester? Will this withdrawal have an impact on your degree completion?
- Have you considered if Pass/No Pass is an appropriate option? (See below.)

First year students who withdraw from a course in their first two semesters of full time enrollment will not have the withdrawn course listed on their official transcript. However, the transcript will indicate all attempted hours, including those representing a course(s) that was withdrawn.

Pass/No Pass

If you are a full-time student (enrolled in 12 credit hours) in good academic standing, you have the option of electing to have **one course** graded on a Pass/No Pass basis. **In order to do this, the course must NOT:**

- Be a course required for your SAGES General Education/Core Requirements
- Be a course required for an intended major or minor (i.e. the Pass/No Pass option may only be used for Open Electives.)

The Pass/No Pass option may be exercised by submitting the Pass/No Pass Ballot on-line by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4 at <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/undstud.htm>

Instructors are not notified of a student's use of this option. They are required to submit evaluative grades for all students and these are converted to Pass/No Pass in the Registrar's Office. Grades of **P** earn credit but are not calculated into the cumulative GPA. Grades of **NP** do not earn credit and are not calculated into the cumulative GPA.

Incompletes

An Incomplete (I) can only be assigned by the professor if there has been a previous conversation with the student outlining extenuating circumstances, explained before the assignment of the grade, which clearly justifies an extension of time beyond the requirements established for and met by other students in the class. Additionally, an Incomplete can only be assigned if the student is passing the course and only one small segment of the course remains to be completed. An Incomplete cannot be assigned because a student is absent from a final exam unless the Dean of Undergraduate Studies has authorized the absence in advance.

Maintaining Academic Good Standing

Academic standing comprises two factors: credit hours earned and GPA. To maintain good academic standing at the end of the first semester, a first year student must earn **at least 9 credit hours with a 1.70 GPA**. By the end of the first year, students must earn **a total of 21 credit hours with a 1.75 GPA**. A student who does not meet these minimum requirements will be placed on academic probation.

Fall Final Exams Schedule

It is important that you consult your syllabus and the final exam schedule. Final exam dates will not be altered to accommodate travel plans. You can find the Final Exam Schedule at <http://www.case.edu/provost/registrar/exams/exam2098.html>

Make sure you confirm your exam schedule and make your travel plans accordingly.

12/4	Last Day of Classes
12/7, 12/11	Reading Days
12/8	Final Exams Begin
12/16	Final Exams End

* No student will be required to take more than two final examinations on a single day. A student who has three final examinations scheduled for a single day should go to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, and obtain the assistance of Jeffrey Wolcowitz, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, in arranging to take one of those examinations on an alternative day during the final examination period. Similarly, a student with conflicting examinations should seek the assistance of the Dean Wolcowitz in arranging to have the time of one examination changed.

Academic Advisement Reports (AAR's) and AP, IB & Transfer Credit

Academic Advisement Reports (AAR's) are available on SIS for all students. The AAR documents progress toward degree completion. It lists completed courses in addition to remaining courses. This document will become an even more important resource after you declare a major. **As a first semester student, you should check your AAR if you anticipate earning AP, IB or transfer credit.** Undergraduate Studies has posted all AP, IB, and transfer credit that has been received/evaluated. You can access your AAR through the SIS drop-down menu on the student center homepage. If you feel that you are missing earned credit, please contact Steven Scherger or Dean Julie Amon so we can check into it.

Your Grade Report at Case

Please note that your cumulative grade report will be available on SIS under the Enroll tab, Term Information sub-tab. Like many other universities, Case does not send a "paper" grade report to you in the mail. If you would prefer that the university also mail a copy of your grades, there will be a way for you to make a request from the registrar's web site at <http://www.cwru.edu/provost/registrar/>. The on-line grade report is available soon after your final exams end and is updated regularly. The paper grade report is available only once per term and is mailed during the week following the last day of exams.

First Year Academic Campus Tours (F.A.C.T.)



Steven Scherger and Julie Amon would enjoy chatting with you about your first semester, answer any questions you might have, and find out how we can help you achieve a better first-year experience. We will be available at the following times and locations over the next month. Come visit us soon!

November 9	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Wade Multi-Purpose Room
November 20	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Sears 4 th Floor-- Outside of ESS

**Classics Department
November Events**

Pizza and Panegyric

Thursday, November 5, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Location: *Mather House 408*

This lunchtime meeting will give students a chance to meet Classics professors and students as they learn about the requirements for a Major and a Minor, as well as about our courses in Greek, Latin and Greek and Roman literature, history, civilization, art and archaeology. In addition, there will be a presentation about our summer courses and research opportunities abroad.

ISPARTA Archeological Survey Night*

Thursday, November 19, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m., Ford Auditorium

Dean Cyrus Taylor will join us and sign or announce progress towards a bilateral agreement between CWRU and Sülyman Demeril Üniversitesi (Isparta, Turkey).

6:00 p.m., Ford Auditorium

“The Isparta Archeological Survey: the Culture, Environment, and Landscapes of Ancient Konane and modern Gönen”

Professor Bilge Hümmüzlü, Sülyman Demeril Üniversitesi, will talk about the first full season, and future plans, of the Isparta Archeological Survey (IAS), a newly-formed interdisciplinary research collaboration between the Department of Archaeology at Sülyman Demeril Üniversitesi, Isparta, the Department of Classics at CWRU (including both faculty who teach and students who take CLSC 318/418), members of Rutgers, University, and members of The University of Applied Sciences, Berlin.

7:00 p.m., Allen Memorial Library

Reception featuring Turkish music and food.

*Co-Sponsored by the Baker Nord Center and the Cleveland Archaeological Society.



Writing Resource Center

Assistance for First Term Writing Assignments

The Writing Resource Center (WRC) at Case Western Reserve University provides supplemental, discipline-specific writing instruction to students of all levels at the university. Our writing consultants work one-on-one with students on a wide variety of projects. We encourage visits from students at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming and drafting, to revising and organizing, to sharpening expression. While we also work with students on issues of mechanics and grammar, we are not a proofreading service. Our consultants work collaboratively with students to assist them in becoming better writers.

Our regular hours are **Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, though some earlier and later appointments are available. We also offer limited on-line consulting appointments. To schedule an appointment, please go to casewconline.com.

The WRC main location is in Bellflower Hall, near the Village. We have satellite locations on the fourth floor of Nord Hall, the first floor of the Kelvin Smith Library, and the SAGES Cafe in the first floor of Crawford Hall.

For more information, visit our Website at <http://www.case.edu/artsci/engl/writing/writingcenter.html>

SAGES Writing Portfolio

It is never too early to begin preparing your SAGES Writing Portfolio. Students who fail to plan properly will find it difficult to meet the requirements of the Writing Portfolio as you will be required to submit past work from each of your seminars: an essay from your First Seminar, an essay from a University Seminar, and a research essay from a University Seminar. For further instructions regarding the SAGES Writing Portfolio visit <http://www.case.edu/sages/portfolio.htm>

One of the best preparations you can take now for the Writing Portfolio is to secure your papers. It is highly recommended that you save copies of your papers in the file folders at filer.case.edu. Each student is given 500MB of free space through the service, which should be more than enough for you to store all of your SAGES papers, as well as essays and assignments from other courses you may want to keep for future applications to graduate and professional schools.

Powerful Presentation Skills Workshops

Educational Services for Students (ESS) is conducting a series of presentation workshops to enhance your skills as a presenter. Learn ways to organize your work, understand your audience, use appropriate visual aids, and speak with confidence.

For a list of workshops dates, go to <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/education/resources/presentation.html>

To reserve a spot for a workshop, register at the above link no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the workshop. All workshops will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Sears 462. If you have questions, please contact the workshop leaders: Rhonda Moore (rhonda.moore@case.edu) or Van Bray (van.bray@case.edu), or call ESS at 368-5230. ESS is located in Sears 470.

Nutrition 201

Looking for a natural science course for Spring 2010? Enroll in a course that will not only benefit you academically, but personally too: NTRN 201, Introduction to Nutrition. Course is 3 credit hours, No Prerequisites, has two sections available this spring: Tues/Thurs 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. or Tues/Thurs. 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

The course includes:

- Studying the fundamental concepts of nutrition, emphasizing the nutrients and their functions, food sources, and factors affecting human needs throughout the lifecycle.
- Discovering what your personal diet is made up of, determining its adequacy, targeting areas that need change, then implementing a personal improvement project
- Performing in-depth study and critically analyzing the claims and efficacy of popular diets and nutrition supplements on the market.

For more information please contact Jane Korsberg, Senior Instructor – Dept. of Nutrition at jek13@case.edu

**Physics Course for First Year Students
PHYS 166—Physics Today and Tomorrow**

The physics department is offering a course next semester that is designed to help first year students determine if a major in Physics is the right choice. **PHYS 166** is scheduled for Mondays from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

Course Description

Course will provide students with an opportunity to learn about the most exciting and timely research areas in physics, as well as other topics germane to being a professional physicist. These discussions will cover fields such as nanoscience, ultrafast optics, exotic materials, biophysics, cosmology, string theory and the role of physicists in developing new technologies. Each week a member of the faculty will meet with students to discuss a topic of current interest, how a physicist approaches the problem, and how physicists interact with others to find a solution. Other topics germane to being a professional physicist also will be discussed, including the relationship among academic, industrial, and governmental laboratories; ethics; and non-traditional careers for students trained in physics. (PHYS 166 is graded on a PASS/NOPASS basis.)

**Astronomy 151
Doing Astronomy**

The course is intended to introduce students to how astronomy is done. The course will focus on the astronomical research process, the scientific community, and on career paths in astronomy. Course activities will include readings and class discussions focusing on various topics in modern astronomy, including ongoing research activity in the department. This course is largely intended for first and second year students considering majoring or minoring in astronomy, or pursuing a career in astronomy.

Case SERVES

The Center for Civic Engagement and Learning's Case SERVES program offers students flexible, weekly opportunities to volunteer at a variety of local nonprofit agencies. Students can participate as their schedules permit. Transportation is provided.

Go on-line to [Case SERVES](http://CaseSERVES) or contact Angela Lowery (als138@case.edu) for information!

**American Music Masters Series
Kozmic Blues: The Life and Music of Janis Joplin**

American Music Masters and the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University will celebrate the life and career of Janis Joplin during the week of **November 9-14**. Joplin's music and influence led a generation of performers to the stage and altered the landscape of male-dominated 1960s rock.

Events schedule available at <http://www.case.edu/events/amm/>

**Case Comprehensive Cancer Center's Scientific Series
Thursday, November 5, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

The next installment of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center's Scientific Series is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., in the Wolstein Auditorium.

Timothy Nilsen, director for the Center for RNA Molecular Biology; Eain Murphy, assistant staff member at the Lerner Research Institute's Department of Molecular Genetics; and Saba Valadkhan, assistant professor in the Center for RNA Molecular Biology, are scheduled to present on RNA Microanalysis technology and how it relates to cancer research. A reception will take place following the presentations.

**Who Says Neanderthals Are So Different?
Thursday, November 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

CWRU's Sigma Xi chapter, along with the Departments of Biology and Anthropology and the Evolutionary Biology Program, will present a lecture, "Who says Neanderthals Are So Different?" from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 12, in DeGrace Hall 312. The keynote speaker will be David Frayer, professor of anthropology at the University of Kansas. A variety of morphological and behavioral traits link Neanderthals with their European successors. Frayer will discuss this new (and old) information about biology and culture.

**Innovations in Energy Storage
Friday, November 6, 1:45 – 4:00 p.m.**

The Great Lakes Energy Institute (GLEI), the Cleveland Section of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Kelvin Smith Library will host "Innovations in Energy Storage" from 1:45 – 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 5, in Wolstein Auditorium. The event will feature GLEI's Iwan Alexander, faculty director and dCady Staley Professor of Engineering, and John Miller, principle researcher and president of JME, Inc. Registration for the event at the following link: KSL.Services.

**Flora Stone Mather Center for Women's
"Project on Men and Gender"**

The Flora Stone Mather Center for Women's annual Project on Men and Gender will take place at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, in Hovorka Atrium. The program will feature a screening of *The Price of Pleasure: Pornography, Sexuality, and Relationships*. The documentary includes interviews with scholars and writers of mass media, economics, psychology, and popular culture, as well as producers and performers from the pornography industry. The movie will be followed by a discussion with Robert Jensen from the University of Texas, who served as a consultant on the film.

**International Education Week
November 16-20
Schedule of Events**

Monday, November 16

Photo Contest

Location: Thwing Atrium

Sponsor: *Undergraduate Studies*

Stop by the display to view photos submitted by Study Abroad participants between Monday and Thursday. Vote online for your favorite photo and help the photographers win prizes. Two lucky voters will also win a prize just for participating.

Study Break!

Location: Sears Building, Room 214

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *Office of International Student Service*

Help yourself to some apple cider and a donut in the ISS Lounge.

Tuesday, November 17

The Challenges of the Saddam Hussein Trial

Location: Gund Hall, Moot Courtroom A59

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *Frederick K. Cox International Law Center*

Judge Raid Jui shares his experience as the former Chief Investigative Judge of the Iraqi High Tribunal

Wednesday, November 18

Resume Writing Essentials

Location: Nord 310B

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sponsor: *The Career Center*

Workshop focuses on how to write a resume for an American job.

Thursday, November 19

Work Authorization Information for International Students

Location: Nord 310

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *The Career Center*

Session will be provided by David Leopold, Attorney at law and Adjunct Professor at CWRU

International News Commons Reception

Location: KSL Lower Level Lounge

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *Kelvin Smith Library*

Get familiar with all of our resources and learn how you can read and watch broadcast news from around the worlds at KSL.

The Universal Language of Poetry and Art: Celebrating Culture From Around the World

Location: Thwing Atrium

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *Share the Vision Committee*

Because everyone is international, join us at this coffeehouse of culture and enjoy students sharing their cultural heritage through poetry and art.

Friday, November 20

Global Opportunities: Serve, Learn, and Earn

Location: Thwing 1914 Lounge

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsor: *The Center for Civic Engagement*

Panel will discuss possibilities for studying, volunteering, and working abroad.

Thanksgiving Dinner with the International Club and ISS

Location: Nord 310

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Buy tickets at ISS, Sears Building, Room 210

**Fall 2009 Final Exams
Study Sessions and Events**

Chem Fiesta

Sunday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: *Clapp 109, DeGrace 312, Schmitt Auditorium, and Strosacker Auditorium*. Specific room assignments TBD

Math Gala

Monday, December 7, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: *Thwing Ballroom*

Econ Extravaganza

Monday, December 7 and Friday, December 11, Time TBD

Location: *TBD*

Hosted by Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE)

Thwing Study Over

Monday, December 7, 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

Location: *Thwing*

One of our most popular events on campus, the Thwing Study Over offers students a chance to break away from all the books, papers and last-minute assignments. Held just before finals week, students converge on Thwing Center for free food, massages, entertainment, giveaways, and group study sessions.

Late Night Breakfast

Thursday, December 10, 9:00 -11:00 p.m.

Location: *Leutner and Fribley*

A semi-annual event on the first Thursday of finals week each semester; administrators, deans, faculty members, and student services staff prepare and serve food to students at the Late Night Breakfast.

Physics Palooza

Saturday, December 12, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: *Thwing Ballroom*

For a complete list of all SI (Supplemental Instruction) Final Exam Reviews, go to the following link: [SI Final Exam Review Schedule](#).



Movies



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

- 11/5 **V for Vendetta**
7:00 p.m.
- 11/6 **Up**
7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
- 11/7 **Night at the Museum**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
- 11/13 **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 12:00 a.m.
- 11/14 **Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
- 11/20 **Gangs of New York**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 11/21 **Mary Poppins**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 12/4 **Watchmen**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 12/5 **The Maltese Falcon**
7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

University Community Hour
Fridays, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

November 6**Kuumba Fest – Kick Off to Family Weekend**

Location: Thwing Atrium

Sponsor: *Second Year Experience, Community Hour, Student Activities and Leadership, and Family Weekend*

Cultural talent showcase featuring cultural talent and FREE cultural food! Join us and watch student organization show their stuff.

November 13**Greek Faculty Forum**

Location: 108 Clapp Hall

Sponsor: *Greek Life and UCITE*

Twitter, Kindle, Adobe Connect, e-mail, laptops...they may add to learning, but is there a time when technology is distracting the learning process? Come join this discuss.

Leadership Up Close and Personal

Location: Thwing Center

Sponsor: *Leadership Journey*

Dr. James Stoller, Executive Director of Leadership Development and Head of Cleveland Clinic Respiratory Therapy, will speak to students about developing leadership, both personally and as members of the greater Cleveland community.

December 4**A Cappella Concert**

Location: Amasa Stone Chapel

Come enjoy music from Case's most talented A Cappella Choir Groups! From Pop and Rock to old school and classics, the musical spectrum is sure to please each listener.

News from the Career Center

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Employer Panel*

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: *125 Mather Memorial*

Meet with CWRU alumni and industry recruiters to explore career options in arts and humanities, ask questions, and network. Light refreshments will be served.

Engineering and Technology Employer Panel*

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: *310 Nord*

Meet with CWRU alumni and industry recruiters to explore career options in engineering and technology, ask questions, and network. Light refreshments will be served.

*Registration is required for both of these events. To register, go to the Career Center website at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/careers/>.**Career Exploration**

Genine Apidone, Career Development Manager, is available to meet with students who are undecided about a career or a major, and help them in the exploration of self and career options. Students may take the MBTI and/or the Strong II Inventory to help them in their career exploration. To make an appointment with Ms. Apidone, contact the Career Center at 216.368.4446 or stop by the front desk of Sears 206.

Important Notice for Student Employees

2009 W2 forms will be mailed to all student employees at the end of January 2010. This process will use your Home address in the Student Information System (SIS) unless a W2 Override address is entered. Please [click here](#) to view step by step instructions for updating your W2 Override address in SIS. The deadline for making address updates for W2s is **January 8, 2010**. If you have questions, please contact the Payroll Office at 368-4290

**Academic Department Information Sessions
and Open Houses in November**

The following departments will be holding **post-Choices Fair** events where interested students can learn more about the major(s), minor(s), and concentrations offered by the departments, and meet and talk with faculty members. Whether you have already declared or not, all students are encouraged to attend these sessions!**Biochemistry**

Department Information Session

Time: Wednesday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.

Location: *Wood Bldg. W428 (School of Medicine)***Biomedical Engineering**

Overview of BME Sequences

Time: Friday, November 13, 12:30 p.m.

Location: *Wickenden 322***Chemistry**

Coffee and Bagel with Chemists

Time: Friday, November 6, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: *Millis 220A***Classics**

Pizza Lunch

Time: Thursday, November 5, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: *Mather House 4th Floor***Cognitive Science**

Department Open House

Time: Friday, November 6, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Location: *Crawford 618***Economics**

Meet the Faculty Lunch

Time: Friday, November 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: *PBL Building, Room 258***Electrical Engineering and Computer Science**

Undergraduate Q&A

Time: Friday, November 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: *Glennan 317***English**

Pizza Lunch

Time: Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: *Guildford 223***History**

Lunch

Time: Wednesday, November 4, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: *Mather House 100***Philosophy**

Department Open House

Time: Tuesday, November 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: *TBA***Physics**

Department Evening Social

Time: Tuesday, November 24, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: *University Circle Arabica—Quiet Room*

**Moving Out and Moving Back
Housing & Residence Life Winter Memo**

Closing Dates and Times

All first-year, second-year and university operated Greek housing will close on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. At this time, the doors will be secured and everyone must be out of the buildings. The buildings will reopen on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Dining and Retail Operations

The last meal at the dining halls will be lunch on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Both Leutner and Fribley dining commons will close at 2:30 p.m. The first meal after Winter break will be on Sunday, January 10, 2010 with dinner. Leutner, Fribley and the L3 will open at 4:30 p.m. that day.

Before Departing Please check your room/suite/apartment to be sure that:

- All windows are closed, securely locked and blinds are closed
- Nothing is blocking the heating units
- Alarms on alarm clocks have been turned off
- All holiday decorations are removed and properly stored or discarded
- All room lights have been turned off
- All trash has been removed
- All valuables have been taken home
- All refrigerators are unplugged and cleaned out
- On departure, your room and suite/apartment door is locked
- In buildings that will be closed during winter break, the building's temperature will be reduced to approximately 55 degrees in order to conserve energy. Please take your fish and other pets with you.
- Students in double rooms who do not have roommates must be prepared for a new roommate (ie. one side of the room should be cleaned and ready for occupancy). Following this checklist will help ensure the maximum safety and security for your room and property during your absence. Security will do walkthroughs during this time.

Late Departures

If your travel arrangements necessitate departure past 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009, you may wait in either Wade or Fribley Commons.



Housing & Residence Life Information Continued

24 Hour Quiet Hours

24-hour quiet hours will begin on **Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until the halls close on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.** Each building staff has the option of planning a half-hour study break during the days when 24-hour quiet hours are in effect. Please contact your Coordinator for more information.

Need Housing for Winter Break?

This year, the Office of Housing, Residence Life & Greek Life has a limited number of rooms available in Cutler House for guest housing during winter break (December 17, 2009 – January , 2010). Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To apply for winter break guest housing, please visit our website at <http://housing.case.edu/guest> Questions about the Guest Housing program can be directed to David Brown, Assistant Director for Conference & Customer Services at dmb55@case.edu our 368-3890.

R.U.S.S. Office Closings

R.U.S.S. (Residential Undergraduate Studies Satellite) Offices will close for the fall semester on **Tuesday, December 1 at 8:00 p.m.** The offices will reopen on **Monday, January 11, 2010.**

Be a Resident Assistant!!

The Office of Housing, Residence Life, & Greek Life is currently seeking to recruit a qualified and diverse pool of undergraduate students for several unique positions for the 2010-2011 Residence Life Staff. Residence Life staff members are the backbone of our residential program and help provide a positive, inclusive community environment for students at Case Western Reserve University.

The Resident Assistant position offers the opportunity to develop leadership and peer counseling skills and is a great ways to get involved in student life at Case Western Reserve University. **Applications are now available at <http://housing.case.edu/jobs>. Applications are due January 13, 2009.** Questions about the RA positions or the selection process may be directed to housing@case.edu.

