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## Faculty Forum A Great Success

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# The Academia

This semester's Faculty Forum received a visual face lift as it implemented a novel approach to the Forum's long-running goal of facilitating an engaged conversation between faculty and students. As opposed to a focused discussion on one academic hot topic, this semester's forum delved into controversial classroom situations. In doing so, it allowed a venue for the students and faculty to assimilate both the right ways and wrong ways of handling atypical situations. Thus the Forum revolved around several video vignettes obtained from UCITE covering topics ranging from religious holiday observances to exam typos.

The Forum was honored to host a wonderful panel consisting of two faculty panelists, Dr. Simpson and Dr. Blackwell, as well as three student panelists Ryan Novince, Christine Chambers, and Stephen Britcher. Additionally the eclectic crowd of well over 70 drove the discourse forward and resolu-



tions to each unique situation precipitated under the moderation of Dr. Molly Berger.

The Faculty Forum is becoming one of Case Greek Life's finest traditions; it is a casual environment where students and teachers can hold open dialogue in efforts to improve upon both learning and teaching. Greek Life thanks all of those that supported the event and looks forward to another great discussion in the fall.

## Finding Good Times and Places to Study

By Laura Wine

Soccer practice, chapter meeting, problem set due tomorrow, exam on Friday... As a Greek, sometimes it seems like there is way too much to do in too little time. Somehow, miraculously it seems, people are able to juggle campus and Greek involvement and academics. One of the keys to this is finding good times and places to study and do your homework throughout the day.

It's easy to find little blocks of time throughout the day in which you can study. When you pack your back-

pack in the morning, throw in a few study guides for a class you have a test in, or a light book to read. You never know when one of your classes may be cancelled or get out early. If you're an athlete, bring your homework on the bus to the away games. It also helps if you keep a schedule of your involvements, so you can see when you have a free hour to study. If you write down "STUDYTIME" in your planner, you

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are more likely to keep your promise to yourself.

Case tries to give you plenty of places to study and to do your work. The easiest and most centrally located would be the library. Open 24/7, it is always a quiet, comfortable place to study. If you study during the day and need silence, check out the stacks in the basement or the stacks on the third floor. Nord is also open 24/7 and includes a computer lab. Nord is a bit more social than the library, so do not go there if you need a quiet place to study.

Wade commons, Hovorka Atrium, Arabica, and Thwing Center are also good places to study. If it gets to be late at night though, or if it is crummy outside, many people choose to study in their room. This is sometimes difficult for the easily distracted. Make sure that you turn off instant messenger and even your computer monitor as people can waste hours on their computers when they should be studying. Also, make sure to respectfully ask your suitemates or roommate to be quiet so that you can concentrate.

Good luck with your studying!

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## Keeping up with Academics During a Busy Year

By Shardule Shah

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I am writing this article while taking a break from working in my advisor's laboratory. While not the best example of how you can utilize your time more efficiently, I am just trying to demonstrate the point that time management can be done by everyone. It takes a few key components: motivation, dedication, and patience. You have to be motivated to keep up with your academics because aside from the wonderful experiences at Case, you will leave with your degree and your transcript (if applying for graduate school, medical school, or a job). The end goal is one of the most important aspects of academics to focus on because without end goals, we would have no reason to keep on studying and studying. Some of you may not exactly know what you are studying for. That is why you have to keep developing the thinking processes within your mind so that one day, when you do realize your true goal, the learning process for tasks needed to reach that goal will be made much faster because of your training at Case.

In addition, you need to have dedication and patience for academics. Slugging out homework night after night may seem pointless, but the facts don't lie: people who do their homework do better in school. You might think that might be the obvious statement to make in the world, but think about, do you honestly sit down and do homework for each class every night? When your math professor states earlier in the day, "These are optional homework problems you can do..." do you just flip on the TV and say you'll do

them later? I believe a good strategy for this problem is doing homework for each class for 20 minutes a night. Since a typical student takes 4-5 classes worth between 15-18 credits, this means that if you do homework for 80-120 minutes a night, you should have no troubles come test time. Dedication and patience are also needed in this discussion, but the night before the exam, you are usually kicking yourself knowing that you should have studied instead of that extra game of Halo.

Again, when it comes down to how you can fit schoolwork in your life, it's all simple. Just do your work! Talk with your professors during their office hours so that they may help you regarding a certain topic. And once you do that, go home and do your work, no bones about it. Every minute you spend away from your books is a minute less of sleep later that night or a minute less of fun you can have later on. My point is that obviously, everyone has the potential to do well. You just have to hold yourself accountable for your own procrastination actions. Other than that, good luck, and be happy. If you do not do well on something, it's a minor blip in the road. In the long run, think about how many non-SAT/ACT/AP tests actually mattered in the long run. None? Yah, I thought so.

For any help, contact your Scholarship Chair, or the GCEC's Chris Painter and Loren Spickler. They can be found in the basement of Yost at the Greek Life Office and will help you out for any sort of academically related issues.