



Educational Services for Students

By Ryan Shoup, Phi Gamma Delta

Have you ever walked past Sears 470 and wondered what ESS stands for and what it can offer you? Whether you are a freshman or a senior, Educational Services for Students (ESS) can offer a multitude of great academic resources to enrich your scholastic experience at Case Western.

Most have been involved in a variety of ESS programs without knowing it. For example, supplemental instructors (SIs) are trained through this office. SIs are students who have successfully completed the course they lead, are recommended by professors, and trained by ESS. Many of you have had recitations or small group review sessions for classes like biology, chemistry, engineering, and math.

If group sessions are not your style, don't forget about peer tutoring. These tutors are our fellow students who will work with us on an individual basis to practice problem solving, clarify course content, or connect class notes and readings. You can sign up for almost all classes tutoring sessions through TutorTrac with sessions ranging as early as 10 a.m. and as late as 10 p.m.

However, there are many resources most students don't realize ESS offers. If you're having trouble and need help identifying any problems, you can schedule an appointment to talk about management strategies, reading and note-taking skills, and tips to help preparing for tests. And on the ESS website, there are multitudes of resources to help improve study habits and academic performance through SuccESS strategies. These are documents that range from 'Creating a Study Group' to 'Tips for Studying Engineering 145.'

We all know that school can get stressful with midterms around the corner, but if you utilize the resources to discover problems and learn how to change poor habits now you may be able to make a permanent and positive learning changes.

Hot New Trends: Study Buddies and Mentoring

By Laura Ansley, Sigma Psi

As we start off the semester here in the Office of Greek Life, the GCECs meet individually with each and every scholarship chair. This semester, we have seen many chapters starting study buddy and mentoring programs. Scholarship chairs sometimes have trouble keeping tabs on how individual brothers are progressing; buddies and mentors can be a less time-consuming way for the chair to stay informed on brothers' or sisters' progress. Instead of checking up individually on all members, they can use these programs to keep an eye on everyone. There are two main ways to implement these programs.

In many cases, these are programs are purely "study buddies." Many chapters have mandatory study hours, and their study buddy programs enforce this, as your partner can vouch for the number of hours you have studied. This is often required for members on probation who have a higher number of study hours. Overall, this can be a great way to hold brothers accountable for their study hours, as well as their general academic standing.

A variant on this are the mentoring programs that other chapters have started. Generally, chapters will pair up older and younger brothers in the same major or with the same career goals. In this way, younger brothers can ask for homework help, career planning advice, and help with scheduling classes. This is also a great way to work with new members to show how important scholarship is to the chapter, and to keep new members involved in the chapter.

In all, these pairing programs can be a huge help to the individuals and the scholarship chair. Chapters who have not implemented such a program should think about starting one!

Greek Life Scholarship Team

By Nicole Hamilton, Phi Mu

With the new school year starting, new faces are appearing around the Greek Life Office. The Greek Life Scholarship Team consists of two Greek Community Educational Consultants (GCEC)—one selected from fraternity candidates and the other selected from sorority candidates— and the Greek Life Assistant for Scholarship.

As always, the two GCECs are promising students who go above and beyond the call of duty to help chapters with their scholarship concerns. We do this by hosting a Scholarship Chair meeting the first Thursday of every month to address Greek Life Scholarship as a whole. The GCECs also hold individual consultations with scholarship chairs to discuss individual chapter concerns.



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The Greek Life Assistant for Scholarship supervises the work of the GCECs along with planning faculty advisor and faculty appreciation activities and events. The GLA for Scholarship also edits the Propilea and the Academia each month.



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Spring 2009 Grade Report

Compiled by the Greek Life Office

| Fraternity | GPA |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Beta Theta Pi | 3.483 |
| Phi Kappa Psi | 3.274 |
| Phi Gamma Delta | 3.256 |
| Zeta Psi | 3.236 |
| Phi Kappa Tau | 3.222 |
| Sigma Chi | 3.220 |
| Sigma Nu | 3.190 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 3.171 |
| Theta Chi | 3.171 |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon | 3.170 |
| Phi Kappa Theta | 3.157 |
| Phi Delta Theta | 3.057 |
| Zeta Beta Tau | 3.056 |
| Sigma Alpha Mu | 2.779 |
| Delta Upsilon | 2.759 |
| Black Greek Council | 2.7 |
| Delta Kappa Epsilon | 2.689 |
| All Fraternity Average | 3.17 |
| All Men Average | 3.20 |

| Sorority | GPA |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Delta Gamma | 3.510 |
| Omega Tau Zeta | 3.503 |
| Alpha Chi Omega | 3.470 |
| Phi Mu | 3.433 |
| Sigma Psi | 3.43 |
| Alpha Phi | 3.331 |
| Kappa Alpha Theta | 3.280 |
| Phi Sigma Rho | 3.059 |
| Sigma Gamma Rho | 3.039 |
| Black Greek Council | 2.752 |
| All Sorority Average | 3.38 |
| All Women Average | 3.37 |