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★ SCHOLARSHIP STAR OF THE MONTH ★

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Of Phi Kappa Psi

for being proactive in seeking out resources to make study groups in his chapter more effective.

The Academia

THE GREEK SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTION

We've all heard people say that a bachelor's degree today isn't as valuable as it was thirty years ago. With more people increasing their level of education, many students find themselves feeling the need to go to graduate school just to keep up with the curve. However, not everyone knows what applying to grad school entails. One of the main things schools look at when evaluating applicants is their test score, since this is one of the few standardized measures they have.

MCAT is for prospective medical school applicants. Students are scored in four areas: Verbal Reasoning, Physical Sciences, Writing Sample, and Biological Sciences. The test takes about 4.5 to 5 hours and is scored out of 45, with the Writing Sample section scoring with a letter, not a number, that is not factored in to the composite score. Any score of 30 or above is considered competitive.

LSAT is for students who are interested in law school. It's scored on a bell curve between 120 and 180. There are six 35-minute sections, and the categories are logical reasoning, reading comprehension, and analytical reasoning. There is also an unscored writing section that is sent to each law school the student applies to.

GMAT is used by business schools. It consists of the Analytical Writing Assessment, the Qualitative section, and the Verbal section, and is graded on a bell curve between 200 and 800. For top business schools, the average is around 700.

GRE is a more general test that is used by many graduate schools. It focuses on testing abstract thinking in math, vocabulary, and analytical writing. It is scored between 200 and 800, with the average around 470.

HOW TO DEAL WITH A BAD PROFESSOR

By Chuck Becker, Sigma Nu

Everyone at some point in their academic career, regardless of how lucky he may be, will eventually end up with a "bad" professor. Dealing with bad professors can be aggravating, mind-numbing, and a terrible experience. The important thing to remember with bad professors though is that they are still your professors and they control your grade for the semester. There is a silver lining however: you can spend the semester working on your confrontation skills.

The first rule to remember with confrontation is that communication is key. As a student, don't get angry, talk to the professor. Find out what he wants from students. Maybe it's different from previous professors you have had in the past. Maybe the professor doesn't know what he really wants, but you asking would make him realize that. Most professors at Case aren't intent on teaching, but most at least care. The best thing to do is ask.

Another key with confrontation is to never place blame. Always state things as "I feel" or "I think" when confronting a professor. Sure, argumentatively it places you in a weaker position, but people will listen more and won't be as reactive. They can argue about what is or isn't going on in the class, but they can't argue about how you feel about it.

A CHANGE OF STUDY SCENERY

By Lisa Voigt, Alpha Phi

SPRING 2007 GRADE REPORT

It about a month into the semester, and many Case students have spent a large amount of that time studying. Although studying can become very monotonous, your study spot doesn't have to be. Next time you want to hit the books, ditch your room and the library and check out one of these places instead:

Algebra Teahouse – located on Murray Hill within walking distance (especially if you are on South Side!), this eccentric teahouse offers a multitude of delicious drinks (not just tea) and snacks. The eclectic furniture and people that you find here are enough to make your night of studying more interesting (word of caution – it may be a little too interesting, if you are easily distracted you may end up not getting much work done here).

The Atrium – open 24 hours and located in Rainbow Babies, the Atrium is a fantastic place to settle in if you really need to get some work done. Another plus: there is always some type of food available at Einstein Brothers, from smoothies to sandwiches and more!

Arabica – Not only are their drinks delicious, but they have a multitude of rooms with large tables and a relatively quiet atmosphere on the second floor which make them a great place to study. Starbucks is so last year – check out Arabica for a less commercialized take on the coffeehouse experience!

The Clock Tower Library – located directly above Starbucks the clock tower in the Village at 115th, this space is known less as a library and more as a large open place to study.

Outside – for the random days when it is actually nice outside, go study outside!! There are so many empty benches and tables all around campus. Studying outside is a great way to break up the monotony of stuffy rooms; and with the sun beaming down and a nice breeze it can make studying enjoyable (almost). Plus, it's a great way to get your daily allowance of Vitamin D! Even try walking to a new location, like the lagoon in front of the Art Museum during the day.

PBL – grab a friend that is an econ, accounting, or management major and take advantage of PBL's comfy couches in the basement (and their almost limitless printing). Afterhours there are few people that take advantage of it, and the place is close to deserted at night.

Allen Memorial Medical Library – on the corner of Adelbert and Euclid, it is a rarely used study space but has what you need to finish that paper or assignment: space and silence, as well as beautiful marble steps and hardwood floors along the way. Plus, if you get bored, take a study break and browse the Dittrick Museum located in the building– it is full of medical history and really interesting artifacts.

FRATERNITY ALL- MEMBER CHAPTER G.P.A.

G.P.A.	CHAPTER	#
3.374	DELTA TAU DELTA	60
3.351	PHI KAPPA THETA	28
3.345	PHI KAPPA TAU	59
3.305	THETA CHI	40
3.275	SIGMA NU	47
3.272	ALPHA EPSILON PI	24
3.263	BETA THETA PI	19
3.242	DELTA KAPPA EPSILON	21
3.210	ZETA PSI	42
3.155	PHI GAMMA DELTA	27
3.088	SIGMA CHI	29
3.058	SIGMA PHI EPSILON	32
3.043	DELTA UPSILON	21
3.016	ZETA BETA TAU	49
3.010	LAMBDA CHI ALPHA	30
3.001	PHI KAPPA PSI	48
2.918	PHI DELTA THETA	27

(Bold indicates above all men's average of 3.21)

SORORITY ALL- MEMBER CHAPTER G.P.A.

G.P.A.	CHAPTER	#
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3.481	DELTA GAMMA	77
3.439	ALPHA CHI OMEGA	70
3.337	OMEGA TAU ZETA	10
3.326	ALPHA PHI	66
3.300	SIGMA GAMMA RHO	5
3.238	SIGMA PSI	55
3.017	PHI SIGMA RHO	40

(Bold indicates above all women's average of 3.36)