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The New Year is a Time for Reflection

The Adult & Commuter Student Services office would like to welcome everyone back from the winter holidays. The New Year is a time to look back at the accomplishments of the past year, and look forward to new goals and achievements. In the fall semester, the ACSS office presented three workshops as part of our “Terrific Tuesdays and Wild Wednesdays” series. The events were very successful, and will continue this semester. Look out for the upcoming workshop on Balancing School, Work and Relationships to be held Wednesday, February 13, at 1:00 pm in the Panhellenic Building, Room 104.

We’re kicking off the semester with an expansion to our office space. On January 23, the Adult & Commuter Student Services office will hold an open house to unveil our new student lounge. The lounge is located in 208 Brister Hall. It will provide students with a more comfortable space to relax between classes and socialize.

The ACSS office encourages non-traditional students to apply for the Adult Student Scholarship. Applications are available from the ACSS office or online at <http://memphis.edu/acss>.

One of our proudest achievements of the last semester was the launching of the long anticipated Off-Campus Housing website, located at <http://saweb.memphis.edu/offcampushousing/>. The site is designed to allow students to locate convenient and affordable housing that will best suit their needs. It contains many useful features to help make your housing search as easy and successful as possible.

Looking ahead to the spring term, the Adult & Commuter Student Services office will be holding its fifth annual Off-Campus Housing Information fair. We have already been working very hard to ensure the success of this year’s fair, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. The fair will be held on Wednesday, March 26, between 9:00am and



1:00pm in the Rose Theatre. We will have representatives from a wide variety of businesses, including those specializing in furniture, cable/internet, and utilities, as well as property management companies. There will be tons of important information available that you won’t want to miss. More details will come on the Housing Fair as we get closer to the date of the event.

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Campus Voices: What's Your Resolution?



1. Robert Harris - I'm a music producer, so I want to be as successful as possible in the music business. So far I've worked with acts like Inner 61 and Calico Jones. I want to do more of that.



2. Jarron Ams - I'm going to continue not smoking. I quit cold turkey a couple of months ago. It's just a matter of will power.



3. Denise Adair - I don't really think about resolutions usually. If I do make any resolutions, I usually break them pretty quickly, so I just stopped making them.



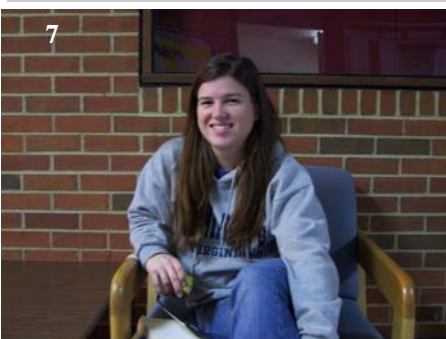
4. Yingqiu Hua - In the next year, I would like to work hard to graduate. I think I can finish my program in the next year if I work really hard.



5. Crystal Young - My resolution is to stop procrastinating, and just get to work. I need to work on my time management skills.



6. Gerard Stewart - Just like everyone else says, I'm going to try to get in shape. I'll lift weights, walk more, and go to the gym.



7. Alina Reyes - I'm going to try to do better in school. I want to stop putting things off, and manage my time better.



8. Larry Cross - I need to start eating better. I've been eating too much fast food this semester, because it's so easy when you don't have much time, but I want to cook at home more.



9. Kamika Wall - I don't do New Year's resolutions. If I want to change something about myself, I can do it any time of the year. I don't need a special day to do it.



10. Clifton Davis - I have two resolutions. I'm going to be better organized this semester, and I'm going to work out more so I can stay conditioned and healthy.

The CSA Strikes Back



Members of the CSA pose for a group photo in the Panhellenic Building, Room 204.

Hey! Hey! CSA! What are you going to do today?! The Commuter Student Association is growing by leaps and bounds. In November, they relocated their meetings to the Panhellenic Building in order to accommodate their growing membership. The CSA is in the process of planning some great events for this semester.

Financial aid refunds are coming in, and before you spend them, check out CSA's upcoming workshop on financial management. The workshop will be held on January 23 at 1:30 pm in the Panhellenic Building, Room 104. Cynthia Hampton of Clearpoint Financial Solutions will provide students with strategies on how to make your money last until the end of the semester.

The CSA will continue meeting at the Tiger Den for Commuter Mondays. They will eat lunch and discuss issues affecting commuter students.

The Commuter Student Association represents students who live off campus. They meet on the second Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Come to the next meeting in the Panhellenic Building, Room 204, and see what the excitement is all about.

ASA & CSA

The Return of the ASA

The Adult Student Association is relaxed, refreshed, and ready for a new semester. The first indication of this is their new website, which can be accessed from the ACSS site (<http://www.memphis.edu/acss>). The site provides information on upcoming ASA activities, a list of current members, and links to useful resources for non-traditional students.

The ASA held their final workshop of the semester on November 16. Dr. Terra Smith presented an interactive seminar called "Eating Healthy on the Go." The ASA is planning more exciting workshops for this semester, so watch out for them.

The ASA is a student organization dedicated to providing representation for non-traditional students on campus. The ASA provides great opportunities for adult students to connect with others outside of the classroom, and have their voices heard. They meet on the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7 in the Adult & Commuter Student Services office on the fifth floor of Wilder Tower.



Dr. Terra Smith and Graduate Assistant, Jamie, presenting at the Adult Student Association workshop, "Eating Healthy on the Go."

Just a Reminder

Last Day to Add/Change Courses (\$100 Late Fee)

Full Semester: Thursday, January 17
First Session: Tuesday, January 15
Second Session: Tuesday, March 11
RODP : Friday, January 11

Last Day to Drop Courses for Partial Refund

Full Semester: Monday, January 28
First Session: Monday, January 28
Second Session: Wednesday, March 24
RODP: Monday, January 28

Last Day to Drop Courses, No Refund

Full Semester: Friday, March 14
First Session: Wednesday, February 6
Second Session: Tuesday, April 1
RODP: Friday, March 14

What's Happening on Campus

January

01/15: SAC Winterfest: Make Your Own Music Video. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Panhellenic 115.

01/16: SAC Winterfest: Interactive Gaming. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Panhellenic Ballroom.

01/17: SAC Winterfest: Slumber Party. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Panhellenic Building.

01/19: Tiger Basketball vs. Southern Miss. 8:00 p.m., FedEx Forum.

01/21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Have a dream.

01/26: Tiger Basketball vs. Gonzaga. 11:00 a.m., FedEx Forum.

01/26: Chinese New Years Festival. 12:00 p.m., Rose Theatre.

February

02/02: Groundhog Day. Cast no shadow.

02/02: Tiger Basketball vs. UTEP. 12:00 p.m.,

FedEx Forum.

02/05: Mardi Gras. Show me your beads!

02/06: Bob Marley Day. One love! One heart! Let's get together and feel all right.

02/06: Tiger Basketball vs. SMU. 8:00 pm, FedEx Forum.



Are You At The Pinnacle of Your Performance?

The Adult & Commuter Student Services office is offering membership in Pinnacle, a nationally recognized honor society for non-traditional students (aged twenty-five or older). Pinnacle was created in 1989 to acknowledge and recognize the efforts of non-traditional students who demonstrate excellence in higher education.

Undergraduates must have attained senior status, earned at least ninety credit hours, and maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible. Graduate students must have com-



pleted twelve credit hours and earned a GPA of 3.75.

All new members of Pinnacle will be inducted into the society in a ceremony held on April 12, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Engineering auditorium. Members will receive certificates, lapel pins and honor cords.

The Adult & Commuter Student Services office will soon be sending out invitation letters to students that qualify for membership in Pinnacle.

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