



Commuter CAT-Chat

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Commuter Student Appreciation Week

During spring quarter, Commuter and Adult Student Services sets aside one week to recognize commuter and adult students. We plan activities that may interest commuters and make others in the OU community aware of commuter student issues. This is a good time to meet the mentors who help you, as well as other commuters and non-traditional students. We know everyone has busy schedules, so the week's activities are at times most commuters will be able to participate. Commuter Appreciation Week is April 21-25. Here is what we have planned for the week:

Monday, April 21

From 11:00 to 3:00 we will have a table outside of the fourth floor entrance of Baker Center. We will be spreading the word about commuter and adult students. We will have free candy, flyers with information about CASS, and other fun items. Stop by and see us.

Tuesday, April 22

From 11:30 to 1:00 we will have a **FREE** Commuter and Adult Lunch outside near the food court of Baker Center (weather permitting). Before getting your free food, stop by the picnic tables outside of the food court and see one of the two mentors (Lisa Dixon and Jonathan Nicholas) to receive a form to take to one of the cashiers in the food court. Enjoy the spring breeze, a lot of laughs, and getting to know your fellow commuter and adult students.

Wednesday, April 23

We will be attending a well known Montana Repertory's theatre play titled *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at 7:30 p.m. at Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Students who are interested in attending the play must contact via e-mail either Lisa Dixon, mentor_kt@hotmail.com or Jonathan Nicholas, mentor_jn@hotmail.com in order to receive their free ticket for the night's showing. We encourage at least a week's notice in order for the mentors to obtain tickets.

Friday, April 25

The last day Commuter and Adult Appreciation Week; why not end the week with the women's softball game taking on Northern Illinois. The game will be taking place at Ohio University's baseball field near the Convocation Center. The first game is held at 1:00 and the second game at 3:00. Come cheer the women's softball players and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Spring Quarter

Welcome to Spring Quarter! Spring is a busy time on campus and there are many important dates to keep in mind.

For a complete list of spring quarter deadlines and events, go to <http://www.ohio.edu/calendar>.

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Commuter Lunch

Join the Commuter Mentors for lunch at Baker Center-- outside near the food court
April 22, 2008
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SEE YOU THERE!

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*Fall Quarter Advising
and Registration begins
May 12. Make an
appointment with your
academic advisor now!*



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Summer—What Options Do You Have?

When summer comes, everyone starts thinking of taking that time off to relax and reflect on what they have done the past few quarters at college. But at Ohio University, there is more to summer than that. You can find a job on campus to build that bank account, or if you want to continue learning, you may enroll for summer classes for one or both summer sessions.

Summer classes are a great way to get ahead or to complete some of your General Education requirements. OU also offers a variety of special programs and workshops for the summer. Summer Quarter options are either full term of ten weeks or two sessions of five weeks each. It's also a great opportunity take that one class you've been dreading to take and get it over with, or to retake a class to improve your GPA. The summer schedule of classes can be found online at:

<http://www.ohiou.edu/summer>. You can register for classes and/or workshops online at:

<http://www.ohiou.edu/registrar>. Summer registration begins **April 8** and first summer session classes begin **June 23**.

What if you just want to work over the summer? True, it is hard to find a job in this area, but fear not, there are some departments at OU that are looking for students who are willing to work. If you like to work outside, then getting a job at **Facilities Management** could be for you. Students who work for that department work outside around the campus doing miscellaneous jobs like painting, planting, pruning, and watering. If you like to work with little kids, then **Kids On Campus** is right up your alley. Depending upon your talents, you could be teaching kids to swim, showing children how to use a computer, or walking around with a group of about 20 or so kids. Working in the **dining halls** of OU is another option. You would wash dishes, serve meals, or set up and clean tables. These are just a few ideas, you can find more on the bulletin board near the Financial Aid Office on the first floor in Chubb or go to their website <http://www-sfa.chubb.ohiou.edu/html/index.html>.

When you get a chance to stop and see what is actually out there, you will find that OU offers a lot of different options for summer. So if you want to take a class, find a job, or just lie around and enjoy the time you have off, look around Ohio University to see what options pique your interest for the summer.

Assessing Your Freshman Year

As spring quarter draws to a close, many of you will begin to plan for your future here at OU. Now is a great time to assess your freshman year and prepare to move forward with your education. Perhaps you need to make adjustments or improvements in some areas. If you did not do well academically, this is the time to make a change. There are several ways you can approach this problem. First, consult your advisor and see what advice he or she may have for you. Second, consider a tutor or perhaps take a course over in summer school. You may need to make a change in your study habits, or cut down on outside activities or employment.

Maybe you have the opposite problem, you did fine academically but you do not feel that you easily met new people or got involved in clubs or social organizations. The long summer months give you time to investigate the opportunities on campus in which you could meet people. There are an infinite number of ways to get involved; try to find something that really interests you, like a club, sorority/fraternity, or volunteer work to name a few. If you are not sure how to find out about these opportunities, check with Commuter and Adult Student Services or visit the Campus Life website at www.ohio.edu/campuslife.

As you approach your sophomore year it is very important to start to create a direction for your education if you don't already have one. In other words: choosing a major. Summer can give you the time you need to really focus on your goals and aspirations so you can decide on a major area of study. Advisors in University College are available throughout the summer to help you with these decisions. The University College website offers online activities to help you in your decision making (www.ohio.edu/advising/major.cfm).

You probably feel that the school year has gone by quickly and remember, the summer flies by too! Please take some of this time to evaluate yourself and address those areas in which you feel that you could improve. Head into next year with confidence and ease knowing where you are and where you might be going. Good luck and we look forward to seeing each one of you on campus in the fall.

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