Summertime! Finally...

Another academic year has come and gone. As I type this, you are all over the world, working or travelling or studying or even all three. I’m around for most of the summer, so if any of you have any questions or need anything, please email me at bas@oguelph.ca! I would love to hear from you. Feel free to drop by and say HI if you’re in Guelph. See you in September...

When can I change my FALL courses?!

The next time that you can make changes to your FALL 2010 academic schedule will be during the Add Period - August 23rd to September 17th.

During these times, WebAdvisor will be open and all of you will be able to make any changes to your schedules (ie. add, drop, find new sections, etc.).

Same rules apply as during regular course selection. (ie. prerequisites, restrictions, etc.).

At this point, the exam schedule will already be set, so you also need to make sure that you don’t have any exam conflicts. This is YOUR responsibility. An exam conflict is when you have two (or more) exams scheduled on the same day at the very same time.

New incoming students have already begun their course selection for the fall. Their course selection ends on July 5th.

Another reminder - you MUST pay your undergraduate registration deposit by August 13th, or you will be deregistered from all your classes...and THAT is not a good thing.

GOOD LUCK!
Planning on graduating?...

Hopefully your answer to that question is yes. Or at least “yes, eventually.” The main question is...WHEN?

If you are contemplating graduating within the next year, hopefully you’ve been by to see me so that we can go through your Academic Evaluation together to make sure that you’ve met all the requirements to graduate. Yup, I’m talking about doing a GRAD CHECK. If you are planning to graduate within the year...PLEASE do not put this off. The last thing you want is to find out that you’re short an elective or a requirement or that you haven’t declared your minors, etc. It’s just a quick visit, and it should only take 15-20 minutes. I like delivering bad news just about as much as you like to get it. So save us both the trouble and come see me to do a grad check! Seriously.

“The skill of writing is to create a context in which other people can think.”
~ Edwin Schlossberg

Want to be PUBLISHED?!...

In 2009, two fourth-year students from McMaster University, Sarah Levitt and Erica Roebbelen were awarded a grant to start Erudito, a peer-reviewed undergraduate journal of interdisciplinary education. Erudito is published online, with a limited number of print copies being produced as well.

This journal consists of two sections:

1. Pieces showing the methodology of interdisciplinary education; a section that addresses the “how” and “why” of interdisciplinary education.

2. Pieces exhibiting interdisciplinary thought, meaning scholarship or academic inquiry which approaches an issue from at least two angles that would normally be considered distinct fields.

This online journal is a terrific place to get some of you work published, and it is totally geared towards interdisciplinary programs such as ours!

Check out their website at http://eruditojournal.org/ for more information!
BASSA NOVA!!!!

The Bachelor of Arts & Science STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION!

Did you know that BAS students have the highest ratio of student representation across campus because we have reps on every college government? No other group has that! If you would like to be involved in YOUR student government helping to represent BAS across campus, then please let us know! We would also like to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas for events or things that BASSA could or should be doing! Just email us at bassa@uoguelph.ca !!! We want to hear from YOU!

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ASCI Sibs Program...

ASCI Sibs is a program in which incoming first year ASCI students are matched with an upper-year sib. The goal of the program is to foster a sense of community between all years of the program. The upper-year sib will act as a mentor for the younger sib and help with the transition to university by introducing the younger sib to all the great things Guelph has to offer us ASCIs.

If you are interested in participating in the ASCI Sibs program or have any questions please e-mail ascisib@gmail.com
Look who's in the limelight!....

Every year we have a new student featured in the annual Admissions Handbook. Most of you will remember this book as it is delivered to high schools around the world and also given to all incoming students at various recruitment events throughout the year. This year we have the honourable Philip Baker representing the BAS program. Going into his 4th year, minoring in Theatre Studies and Biology, Philip hopes to head to medical school in the near future. Philip also spends a great deal of time volunteering with the First Response Team on campus!

Horroscopes

Cancer - It is officially your time to shine shine shine! Live it up! You have definitely earned it. Give yourself permission to have some fun. Let other people take care of you for a change. They owe it to you. Stop being so indecisive too. Just make a decision and go with it. The worst thing that happens is that you change your mind. Finally, family has been a pretty big deal for you lately. Don’t forget to connect with your friend as well. They can help where family may not understand. Last, don’t be afraid of spending some time on your own. It’s healthy. By the way, you’re gorgeous.

Leo - Well well well my little lions. This is going to be a very interesting upcoming month or so for you. I see some change coming. Good change. Change that you have been needing, whether you know it or not. That being said, let’s not get carried away. Last time we talked about balance, I think we left you to continue on that theme. Also, as a total aside...are you getting enough sleep? Just something you might need to be careful about. You’re going to need your energy in the upcoming month or so. Lots and lots of sleep...and also...lots of vegetables too. UN...just not at the same time...or well...that’s weird. Seriously.

Virgo - So a couple of my friends have recently created selfies for themselves on plenty of fish...so we were looking at different profiles last night and it was pretty interesting. Almost enough to make me create my own profile. Almost...not quite. It’s still too out there for me. I dunno. Maybe someday. On the topic of being “out there” there’s no way I could picture you out on the world wide web that would be inappropriate? I’ve been doing some creepin online...and let me tell you, some of the things I see...let’s just say it would make me think twice about hiring someone with some of the pics and information I’ve seen. I suppose it’s not just you posting pics. It’s also your friends. Are they your friends? This month is about cleaning things up.

Libra - I’ve been getting a lot of phone calls from parents. Now, I frequently get phone calls from parents and I don’t mind. Normally it’s pretty chill and relaxed. I was talking about this to one of the other program counselors, and one mentioned that they were on a phone with a particular mother for nearly an entire day, explaining course registration. Apparently the daughter joined the conversation and the mother and daughter began a full-on fight while my colleague sat there on the other end of the phone. My point is...I’m happy to be the BAS program counselor. Have you told your parents you appreciate them lately? You should. This month...it’s about parents.

Scorpio - I watched season two of True Blood last week, and let me tell you. I thought season one was pretty weak. So much craziness! My question to you is...would you rather be a vampire or a shape shifter? I think because last time we discussed you being so indecisive...pending on who you’re with...and quite frankly, it’s not pretty. Now...let’s talk about something more interesting...like hot hooters everyone is on True Blood. For serious?! How is that fair? Most importantly, you’ve been putting off making a decision about what you know what. Just like Sookie, I think it’s time to decide already. Stop putting it off.

Sagittarius - Not gonna lie. 629 and G11 made me mad. In fact they both still make me mad. Dear Stephen Harper, if you’re out there, or on hosting, please don’t hold them in your own city? That’s like inviting people to your neighbours house, and when the party gets outta hand, you going back to your own house and saying it’s not your problem. Not cool. Then we have the protesters, the Black Bloc and the police. I have friends in all 3 camps, but I would still hold each of them accountable for their part they played over the weekend. Which brings us to you my little Sagittarians. This upcoming month is all about taking responsibility and being accountable. You up for it? I hope so. Oh...and wear more red.

Capricorn - Admittedly, I’m finding it hard to focus right now because I’m already thinking about going to the Woody for half price wings tonight. In fact, I’ve been thinking about them all day. What are you anticipating? What can’t you wait for? Think about it...is it worth it? I’m just saying. Also, I’m seeing a wee bit of upkeep in your near future. Not a bad thing...in fact, it’s something that you’ve been expecting. Well it’s here. Oh and another thing...eat out. You know what I’m talking about. It was kinda funny at first...but I think enough is enough...otherwise you’re going to be having some of the same lessons as the Sagittarians.

Aquarius - So my pops was visiting from Taiwan these past couple of weeks. I actually had an opportunity to have some good chats with him...which was nice. I’m not normally the one to chat with my dad. That’s usually my brother. Normally tells me all about the conversations that he and our Dad have on all sorts of things, often ending with “did you guys talk about that?” Families are like that aren’t they? Sometimes we just get used to our roles and we stick to them. In the upcoming month, I’m gonna challenge you to break outta your comfortable roles. You don’t have to stay that way...you just need to stir things up a little, remind yourself of different perspectives...plus...you’re going to find yourself in some situations that won’t give you a choice. Hang in there...you’ll be fine!

Pisces - I hate having a cold. What’s even worse is having a cold in the summer. What is THAT about? Seriously?! I’m stumped. Yes, my head is pounding and I’m coughing all over the place. Oh yes, I’m also rather skinnier right now. All I want to do is go home, lie on my couch and watch Golden Girls. So...what tickles you? What gets your goat? What makes you whimper? It’s time to stop being a fence sitter. Stop being so waffly about everything. Get angry. Get passionate. Do something. Also, this upcoming month, I suggest you listen to your family. Except for you know who...

Aries - So the other weekend I was in Niagara Falls with my family and we were doing the sight-seeing thing. It was lovely. The casino was pretty cool and the falls were pretty awesome as per usual, but what really caught my attention was the candy store. They were making fudge...and admittedly I was somewhat transfixed on watching them make it. It was absolutely mesmerizing. This made me think of you. You’ve been rather fixated lately. What’s up with that? You need to either deal with it, or you need to let it go. It’s starting to have an affect on other areas of your life. My suggestion would be to deal with it...and then treat yourself to some homemade fudge...mmmm good.

Taurus - The other night I was lying in my bed and for some reason I was hallucinating that there were glowing people floating around my room and pointing at me. But I lost track of them because then I realized there were spiders spinning their web directly above my head, so naturally I freaked out. This month’s focus for you is perspective. Are you making a big deal out of things that aren’t even there? Get a grip. Just like I realized that having 2 pounds of salt and pepper wings and a beer was just not the best snack before bed, you need to figure out what’s stopping you from seeing things as they are. Get on it. Oh, and the floating people told me you need to get a hair cut.

Gemini - Brace yourself because you are about to be come the centre of attention in the upcoming month. It’s unclear if it’s going to be good or bad attention...that’s going to be up to you and how you react to some surprising news. All things considered, I wouldn’t worry too much about it. From what I can tell, it all comes out golden in the end. The one thing that I might caution you about is what you’re telling secrets to. There’s some potential for scandal. To avoid this, you might want to avoid secrets altogether. One last thing...what is up with that outfit? I’m not judging...just asking.
What’s up with BIOL?...

As some of you may or may not have noticed, there have been some changes to the BIOL courses that are offered. Specifically, the first year BIOL courses. BIOL*1030 and BIOL*1040 are being phased out and replaced with BIOL*1070, BIOL*1080 and BIOL*1090. So most of the incoming 2010/2011 students will be taking the new BIOL courses, NOT BIOL*1030/1040. BIOL*1030/1040 are being offered for the last time in 2010 and 2011. BIOL*1030 will only be offered in the fall and BIOL*1040 will only be offered in the winter. Those of you who already have BIOL*1030/1040 do not have to worry about changed prerequisites for upper year courses. Any courses requiring any of the new BIOL courses will also include BIOL*1030/1040.

If you are following the new stream of BIOL courses, you may or may not have to take all three, depending on what your science minor ends up being. If you have anymore questions contact the faculty advisors for Biology.

Biological Sciences FACULTY ADVISORS

Just so you know...

More important info that you WILL find useful!...

- Last chance to changes your Fall 2010 schedule is during the Add Period: Aug 23 to Sept 17.
- There were 15,000 police and members of the Sudanese Army at the qualification soccer game between Algeria and Egypt played in Sudan (neutral ground).
- Volunteers needed in Toronto for the Ontario Universities Fair Sept 24, 25 & 26th! Interested and available one or all 3 days? Email me at bas@uoguelph.ca for info!
- Taking summer courses? July 9th is the 40th class day...the LAST DAY to drop a course!
- Cameroon were the first African team to ever make it out of the group stage at the world cup in 1990.
- From now on, please make sure to email me at bas@uoguelph.ca
- English soccer player Glen John- son was once arrested for stealing a $30 toilet seat...he makes close to $160,000 a week.
- Please get at least one other ASCI student to read this newsletter. Seriously, I don’t make these things for my health.
- Italian soccer fans have been known to throw lots of things on the field including a moped they snuck into the stadium.
- No summer drop in hours...but you can still email me and visit!

Not sure where to find information online?
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!
www.uoqugelph.ca/bas
Another option is to click “Current Students” on the UofG homepage...check out all the links!
Happy Birthday CANADA!

Canada Day is Canada's national holiday celebrated on July 1st. Here are some interesting facts:

1. Canada Day commemorates the founding of modern Canada resulting from the confederation (the union of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick) on July 1, 1867. On the very same day, the Province of Canada was subdivided into the province of Ontario and Quebec. On June 20, 1868, Governor General Lord Monck issued a royal proclamation on behalf of Queen Victoria asking Canadians to celebrate the anniversary of the confederation.

2. Canada Day was officially Dominion Day until October 27, 1982 because Canada was known as the Dominion of Canada. The move to change the celebrations name to its present name was inspired by the Canada Act.


4. 1916, a memorial service was held on Canada Day for the Newfoundland regiment which was virtually wiped out at Beaumont-Hamel, France in WWI.

5. 1917 was Canada’s Golden anniversary, however there were no official celebrations until 1958.


7. Color Television was first introduced to Canada on Canada Day in 1967.

8. The Order of Canada, the highest civilian honor was inaugurated on Canada Day in 1968.

9. "O Canada" became the official national anthem of Canada on Canada day in 1980.

10. Canada Day is not only celebrated in Canada but all over the world as well, especially by Canadian communities.

11. Originally, the official celebration of Canada Day was held only in Ottawa. However from 1980 onwards, the special day for Canada is celebrated in every municipality across the nation. The celebration includes multi-cultural concerts, fireworks, parades, air shows, maritime shows, and barbecue.