Calendar

Friday, Oct. 27

Architecture and Allied Arts Faculty Lecture Series: Sherwin Simmons, Art History, discusses "Hand to the Friend, Fist to the Foe: The Struggle of Signs in the Weimar Republic." 4-5 p.m. Room 115, Lawrence Hall, 1190 Franklin Blvd. Free. For information, browse laz.uoregon.edu/calendar/calendar.cgi or call Tracy Bars, 346-2077.

Finals week

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Some students, however, are less organized. Students studying at the last minute are familiar to Susan Lesyk, director of Academic Learning Services, which is located in the basement of Prince Lucien Campbell Hall.

"We see an increase in the number of students who are coming into the math labs and the writing lab," Lesyk said.

She said every year she notices this lab-usage increase, as well as an increase in students who come in for individual counseling right after Thanksgiving break. Lesyk said she thinks students use the Thanksgiving holiday to get organized and make a plan of what they need to accomplish by the end of the term.

Paul Hartley, a graduate teaching fellow and co-director of BEST, said he has not noticed a significant increase in students seeking help right before finals. Hartley said the BEST center has been busier than usual all term and he thinks students might have spread out their studying throughout the term rather than cramming it in all at the end.

Wolfsehr's strategy for succeeding at finals is to start studying early and write out important concepts. Wolfsehr said she is a visual learner and benefits from aids such as flashcards.

Wolfsehr said she thinks most professors usually give hints about the material covered on the final, which makes studying easier and more focused.

Besides her take-home final,

Wolfsehr has a final paper due and will take two final exams next week. She said getting organized early will keep her from getting too stressed right before her tests.

Thursday afternoon, Shawn Vredenburg, an undeclared junior, had not given too much thought to finals. He said in the past he has tried to cram in as much material as he can a couple of nights before the test but is neither worried nor stressed because he usually does well.

Deidre Schuetz, a senior double-majoring in international studies and Spanish, said she tries to spread out her studying as much as possible to avoid stress.

"Usually I tend to do a little bit of each subject a day, so I don't get burned out," she said.

Like Wolfsehr, Schuetz was sitting at a table in the Fishbowl that was filled with pieces of paper, books and note cards. Schuetz said flash cards help her organize her thoughts for papers and enable her to move her ideas around.

While Schuetz starts reviewing course material and preparing herself for finals early, she said she studies until the last minute and frequently walks into the exam room with notes in her hand.

"I like to study as much as possible," she said.

The ALS math and writing drop-in labs in PLC are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the term and will be open from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., Monday through Wednesday during finals week.

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