

Students kill time in unique ways

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With thousands of people attending Clackamas Community College, not everybody gets the perfect schedule. Often many students find themselves having big annoying holes in between classes. So what are people doing to pass the time between the next class?

No matter what time of day, whether an hour, half hour, quarter hour, anywhere students can be seen bodies scattered all over the campus, waiting, hanging, munching until the next class rolls around to the next

Students like Brendan Smith with only a short hour between his classes, described how he perfectly well fill up his time by grabbing lunch in the cafeteria and hanging out in the lounge. Days eventful and interesting crowd that lounges in the Community Center cushion

ion maroon chairs. Around big circle tables or small wooden cylinders, the air in the community center always seems to carry an intriguing conversation. Another big time-consumer Hesse partakes in before the shuffle off to class is occasionally dabbling in the Multiverse of sorcery and Planeswalkers, commonly referred to as the game, Magic the Gathering.

In the Niemeyer Center, Jordan Prince passes his time hanging out on the couches with fellow arts and music appreciators. Other times, he takes advantage of Niemeyer's creative aspects and pays the piano and guitar in the sound rooms.

Barlow Hall, nearly every morning, is filled with students typing away at their laptop computers, progressively working on research papers and homework for the upcoming class. Those who save homework for home and spend their precious minutes checking up on the latest Facebook

wall posts and new Youtube subscriptions see using free time for work as poor time management.

"There's a reason they call it homework," Michael Tidwell said as he scrolled down the page of his unread e-mail messages, "and I like to spend my time wisely."

If school isn't driving her crazy enough, spending time on campus is just not an option for Hannah Nyrop, who always has an escape route through the in and out mass of cars in the parking lot. Nyrop takes pride in generously supporting the prestigious restaurants such as Carl's Jr. and Taco Bell near Oregon City's campus.

Whether seen as productive or not in the eyes of the fellow student body, all these particular people have something in common, and it's how to make the best out of disproportionate schedules and enjoy the time in between they do have.



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Study tips for taking the final exams

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fruits (like raspberries and strawberries), nuts (like almonds and pecans) and curry.

Student Brandon Labrosse advised, "Don't study late at night," and knows this from personal experience.

Studying late at night can be like not studying at all in terms of retention of the material. Just like "cramming" (which is also most commonly done late at night), studying when you're tired makes it extremely hard for your brain to retain any of the information you're trying desperately to feed it. Studying during the day and right after the class is ideal; this way the effort of your studying doesn't just go down the drain.

Kate Gray, CCC instructor, thinks students should "work with a group of their peers and review stuff emphasized by the instructor in class."

For more studying tips, ask your instructors. And keep in mind studying is best done in groups, with an alert mind, snacks at hand and plentiful breaks. Although procrastination is good for keeping things interesting, there's no time like the present to prepare yourself for final exams.

Happy studying!

It's D-day. Once again we've reached week nine of the term, and it's time to start preparing for finals, or at least start thinking about them.

With finals approaching in just two weeks, students are again stumbling around in search of the best study tips and advice.

Of course some may have one of those gem classes that don't have a final exam, but there are always those grueling math and science exams. The best advice? Students and faculty give theirs:

Clackamas Community College student Keely Ingam said, "Take study breaks, eat yummy snacks."

Ideally, study breaks should be 5 to 15 minutes (depending on how long you feel you need) and taken about every 1 to 2 hours. You should be completely done studying 24 hours before the test however, using the remaining time to relax and focus.

Ingam also has a good point with eating snacks. Snacks are shown to increase brain productivity during study time. Hall of Famers:



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Students take time to do the things they enjoy. Katy Tooley spends her free time playing the Magic the Gathering in the Community Center on campus.



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