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BETTER SERVICE, BIGGER FROST WEEK

Winter (and exam season) is coming! Last week, on this very page, I outlined many of the projects that currently occupy my time. This week, I would like to give you some details on how the McMaster Students Union (MSU) hopes to help ease some of the stress of the always-difficult exam period.

Finding a quiet place to study, particularly during nights and evenings, has always been extremely difficult. However, beginning December 2, study space will no longer come at a premium, as Thode Library will extend its hours to remain open 24/7. Food will also be available until midnight at The Reactor, located inside Thode.

Staying both mentally and physically healthy is key during exams. Thus, I am happy to say that the David Braley Athletic Centre and The Pulse will operate on their longest exam schedule ever, not shortening their operating hours until December 15.

Let’s now look ahead to a time past the drudgery of exams, into the bright eyed future of January. I have repeatedly said that a larger Frost Week, something akin to Welcome Week in the snow, is a goal of mine. I am pleased to say that come January, there will be something for everyone during Frost Week 2015, including a week of events that will culminate with Frost Fest on the Friday, and the Frost Week concert on the Saturday.

The David Braley Athletic Centre (DBAC) will maintain regular hours one week longer this year, until December 14th. DBAC will be open weekdays from 6:00am-11:30pm and weekends from 8:00am-9:30pm. Beginning December 15th, DBAC will close at 10:30pm on weekdays, and will be open 8:30am-4:30pm on weekends.

Thode library will remain open 24-7 starting December 2 until the end of the exam period - the longest a library has ever remained open. In addition, Hospitality Services will run The Reactor inside Thode on extended hours. Beginning December 6, The Reactor will open on weekends and stay open until midnight on weekday nights until December 16.

The McMaster University Student Centre (MUSC) is open 24-7. All lounges and common areas, including ClubSpace, will remain open and available for small group study. Also, MUSC meeting rooms on the second and third floor will be available for individual silent study until midnight throughout the exam period. For more info visit MUSC room 222.

The MSU Student Health Education Centre (SHEC) will be running stress busters during exams from December 4th until December 11th. Events include hikes, free snacks and drinks, yoga sessions, and visits from adorable SPCA dogs. For more information, check out msumcmaster.ca/shec

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