'Twas the Night Before Finals . . .

"Twas the night before finals, and all through the college,
The students were praying for last minute knowledge.
Most were quite sleepy, but none touched their beds,
While visions of essays danced in their heads.

Out in the taverns, a few were still drinking,
And hoping that liquor would loosen their thinking.
In my own room I had been pacing,
And dreading exams I soon would be facing.

My roommate was speechless, his nose in his books,
And my comments to him drew unfriendly looks.
I drained all the coffee, and brewed a new pot,
No longer caring that my nerves were all shot.

I stared at the notes, but my thoughts were all muddy,
My eyes went a blur, I just couldn't study.
"Some pizza might help," I said with a shiver,
But each place I called, refused to deliver.

I'd nearly concluded that life was too cruel,
With futures depending on grades made in school.
When all of a sudden, our door opened wide,
And Patron Saint Put-It-Off ambled inside.

His spirit was careless, his manner was mellow,
All of a sudden, he started to bellow.
"On Cliff's notes, on Crib notes, On Last Year Exams.
On Wing-It and Sling-It and Last Minute Crams."

His message delivered, he vanished from sight,
But we heard him laughing outside in the night.
"Your teachers have pegged you, so just do your best,
Happy Finals to All, and to all a Good Test."

Supplemental Grant Aide

Fall Supplemental Grant Aide checks will be calculated over the Christmas break and be mailed in early January.

If you are unsure if you qualify or have met all of the requirements, call or stop by the office.

REQUIREMENTS:
Must be in your first two years of post-secondary education (less than 65 credit hours).
Must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant.
Must attend ALL monthly advisor meetings.
Must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
Must complete IMPACT orientation within 30 days of acceptance.

Must complete at least 12 hours to be considered full time.
Must participate in one academic or cultural event each semester.
Must participate in either a career preview or transfer visit each semester.
December 2007

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IMPACT arrives “On Course” for First Semester

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**Fall Transfer Visits**

IMPACT Coordinator, Bev Manuszak, felt it was a privilege to set up four transfer visits for interested students. Our first transfer visit, in September, was to Wichita State University. While it was very warm and the walk a bit long, WSU showed us what they have to offer. At the end of October, we enjoyed a transfer visit to Pittsburgh State University. Pittsburgh offered many good faculty advising experiences for our students. It is a very compact and beautiful campus. The November transfer visit to Emporia State University seemed to be one of the best. Several who attended decided, that day, they would enroll soon. The faculty advisor meetings were well done and the campus is also compact and beautiful. Our final transfer visit for this semester was to Southwestern College. We chose to do something a little different, since the college is so close, by setting up two different days and times. Southwestern provided our first opportunity to consider a Kansas Liberal Arts School. These colleges are private colleges. The campuses and classes are usually smaller, there is a lot of time to speak with instructors, meet and network with people, and develop leadership opportunities. While these schools appear to be very expensive to attend, no one pays the sticker price. When all Kansas Liberal Arts Colleges show all the financial help available, the final price is comparable with the state colleges and universities. Southwestern was named one of America’s Best Colleges in 2007, according to U.S. News. Several students are now considering transferring to Southwestern. There will be more transfer visits in the spring.

**INTERNET LINGO/SLANG**

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**wdym**—What do you mean?

**SLANG**

**BiPoddling:** - Doing multiple nonproductive activities at one time, such as eating cold pizza, listening to an MP3 player and surfing the Internet.

**Check Your Vitals:** - To check your MySpace page, blog or other community Web site or e-mail. “I’ll be ready in a minute. I have to check my vitals first.”

**Blogosphere:** - A blogging community that speaks on issues. “I wonder what the blogosphere has to say about that.”

**RUOK? That means “Are you okay?” in IM way of speaking. BYKT. (But you knew that.)**

**Control Your Success**

Have you ever said “I only failed that course because the instructor didn’t like me?” If you have, you are expressing an external locus of control. This behavior can be counterproductive to your success in college. Here are some tips for enhancing your internal locus of control:

*Focus on your strengths. Remind yourself of all of the things you do well.

*Realize only you can make yourself study. When you study, reward yourself. When you don’t study, don’t blame others for your bad grades.

*Accept the fact that success is a result of effort. The harder you try, the more likely you will succeed.

*Listen to yourself talk. Eliminate “they” from your vocabulary. “They kept me from succeeding,” should be replaced with “I” phrases such as,

“I should have studied more!”
2 Minute Microwave Fudge

Ingredients
1 pound of powdered sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
1 Tablespoon vanilla extract
1/4 pound butter/margarine
1 cup chopped nuts

Directions
Mix all dry ingredients together in an 8x8 inch microwave safe pan (important to use this size pan). Add milk and vanilla extract. Place chunk of butter/margarine in center (leave butter as whole do not chop up). Microwave on high for 2 minutes until bottom of dish feels warm. Stir vigorously and blend in chopped nuts. Put in mold or whatever and chill for 1 hour. *Use real butter for best results.

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