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If you have any questions, please contact Angela Winkler at winkler@stuact.tamu.edu or 862-2514.

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THE BATTALION

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Hit the...books?

For many students, "dead days" double as vacation time

By BETH BROWN
THE BATTALION

With the end of the semester fast approaching, there is one thing on many students' minds: final exams. Only a few class days remain, and following them are "dead days," which can be enjoyable as a small break from studying.

"Dead days seem more like an opportunity to have the fun that you have been missing out on all semester, rather than more time to study," said Claire Brown, a senior English major. "I usually like to go to the [Student Recreation Center] or go running. The extra workouts relieve the stress and make me feel better after eating all those care packages. Dead days are the ideal — college life without class."

Perhaps this is a point that many students miss, because most face intensive work during the three days. But dead days can serve as a "pre-holiday" before final exams and the winter break.

"I go Christmas shopping because it gives me a break from the monotony of studying," said Janet Walther, a junior

English major.

Dead days can be productive for non-academic work as well as studying.

"I sometimes take a trip to Houston or Austin to watch an independent film, since they don't often come to College Station," said Dan Steele, a sophomore English major.

But what of those students who cannot take such liberties during the precious study time? Kristi Coufal, who recently

graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology, offered her own study routine for a better pace during dead days.

"Although I did most of my studying at home or at work, occasionally I would go to Sweet Eugene's to get a cup of chocolate and have a change of scenery," Coufal said. "I personally didn't feel comfortable studying in the library because of the intense atmosphere. You could feel the stress of everyone there cramming for their finals. You couldn't talk or make noises — the only sounds you could hear were the turning of pages."

Coufal recommends that students "study in a place where they can relax — like at home, where you can take a break to watch TV, talk to your roommate or do other things in between studying."

Coufal stressed the importance of pacing oneself.

"I would not study for prolonged periods of time without taking a break and 'rewarding' myself."

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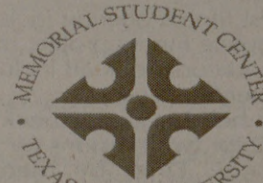
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