

# Study by the stars

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As this weekend approaches, hopes of R & R and all-night partying are being replaced by the panic of all-night study sessions and marathon days at the library. Mid-term stress is here and most college students have put-off reading that 5,000 page novel for English class and hours of sacrifice in the library in order to pursue more "intellectually exciting" endeavors like socializing with friends or just watching T.V. Now it's payback time and the nightmarish vision of the professor passing out an exam so long it even outlasts the Energizer bunny just won't fade. "How-to" guides to help memorize, study, and even cheat may have a delusionary sort-of appeal. However, old-fashioned studying like Mom and Dad used to do is what it's going to take to get out of this jam. All you need is some determination, will-power and a little help from the stars.

**ARIES** You are a cardinal fire sign. With your go get 'em attitude and your initiative, keeping up stamina should

be no problem. Activity is what you thrive on. This week concentrate on mental activity and resist your impulsive habits of taking-off with friends or anything that could lead you away from your work desk.

**TAURUS** As an earth sign, you have been practical and persistent with your studying through-out the semester. In this case, your overly cautious attitude can pay off. Just remember to not place too much stake in your grade. You get an "A" for effort in all cases.

**GEMINI** Your essence, "I think" comes in handy at this point in the semester. You are rational as well as intelligent. Use your natural affinity for communication to review for tests. Tell everyone what you know—they're used to it! To become motivated, get in touch with your inquisitive nature and apply it to your studies.

**CANCER** As the second cardinal sign of the zodiac, you have the ability to initiate. But once you're started, watch-out for several cancerian pitfalls. Put others' needs aside and concentrate on yourself. Everyone can care for them-

selves as you immerse yourself in your studies. Secondly, fight-off feelings of insecurity. When it comes to exams, confidence is the name of the game.

**LEO** As the proud lion, you'll have to show-up your other classmates at exam time. You can think creatively to find new and exciting ways to study. Be careful to avoid burn-out caused by your sometimes impulsive, aggressive nature.

**VIRGO** Organization and control rule your life. In most cases, you're ahead in your assignments. Use your organizational skills to plan your studying and your un-ending perseverance to get through those long hours.

**LIBRA** As the zodiacal diplomat, you have great observational qualities. You've picked up most of your knowledge from your lectures. Read over your class notes! On test day, resist your indecisive nature. Wasting time by hesitating on answering questions can make or break a grade.

**SCORPIO** You have an intense personality. You put all your emotions into everything you do. Harness this intensity and ride it through midterms.

The desire to succeed is just as important as ability.

**SAGITTARIUS** Your motto, "I seek" provides insight into your continuous quest for wisdom. You are a natural-born scholar in the true sense. However, you are also a natural-born procrastinator. You lack the discipline to sit quietly and study. If only you could get over the procrastination hurdle and learn to apply yourself, mid-terms would be a breeze.

**CAPRICORN** Being as stubborn as a goat is one of Capricorn's greatest attributes. The goat uses dogged determination to achieve that which is most important to him: accomplishment. Capricorns love adoration and achievement. You are resolute when it comes to your studies. Just keep your goal in mind (accomplishment) and studying should come easy.

**AQUARIUS** As an air sign, you are the mental principle of all psychic forms. You have a need to be innovative and original in your thinking. To an extreme, however, originality can manifest itself into unhealthy rebelliousness. Remember why you're in school and what it takes to make the grade. You are brilliant and progressive, use this to your advantage, not to your demise.

**PISCES** If you keep your head out of the clouds, and utilize your knowledge, the answers are on the tip of your tongue. Because you tend to live in a dream world, where deadlines and tests don't exist, it's hard for you accept the structure associated with academic life. Stress is your enemy. Don't get worked up over mid-terms. Instead, apply yourself consistently and your efforts will be rewarded.



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Solomon Ets-Hokin, Wine Club President, had done his internship at this Four-Star restaurant the previous summer and maintained a solid relationship with this prestigious property, a key factor in these arrangements. "The opportunity to enjoy a dinner of this caliber is rare for most students," said Ets-Hokin.

The exquisite dinner consisted of several courses and two kinds of wine, a chardonnay and a cabernet.

The first course was a filo pastry layered with three kinds of wild mushrooms, followed with a beef consommé. Then a choice between glazed roast duck or medallions of beef for the main course, served with a scalloped new potato and fresh assorted vegetables. The dessert was a sampler plate with chocolate mousse, fresh fruit in a florentine cookie and almond custard.

After dinner, Grand Sommelier Micheal Dubrowski explained what makes the Carmelian Room unique from other restaurants. The wine list they maintain has about 1,200 wines, over 50,000 bottles and is stored on three different floors of the building. The value attached to their impressive "cellar" is in seven figures.

The final tour of the trip was on Sunday at the Robert Mondavi Vineyards, considered to be one of the best in the world. As usual the tour ended in the tasting room which is characterized with the work of many artists, a grand piano, and large arched windows as well as the fine wines of Mondavi.

The Wine Club meets twice a month. For information stop by Beam Hall Room 126.