

Give Me a Break

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Winter Break couldn't get here fast enough. I think it was some time around Week Five I wished it were Week Fifteen—now that it has ended, I wish I had more time! But the positive that keeps me from losing it here at the end is that soon I can spend whole days in my jammies with no one around to judge me.

Looking back at this semester, I admit there are several things I could have handled differently or wish hadn't happened, like anticipating a teething toddler or finding out my father has prostate cancer. Yet, I'm proud of the work we students have done towards advancing scholarship and the strides we've taken to better the English Department both on and off campus.

With this being the final issue of 2011, I wanted to point out that the contents below span December and January. The Academic Pursuits Committee will be enjoying our break, and we have a few suggestions for yours: enjoy it to the fullest extent—surround yourself with friends and loved ones, stay up or out without time constraints, read books without a critical eye, drink coffee because you love to, not because you have to, and if you must complete schoolwork, do so in tiny doses.

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"Do the things today/ you can win so tomorrow you can have the things that others can't."



