Coping with ‘Singles Awareness Day’ and other self-involved activities

Unfortunately, not all of us can have a date on Valentine’s Day. Because of this, many of us will be spending it alone in various venues, experiencing a plethora of emotions together as a giant mass of painfully single Islanders. But fear not fellow solitaries: before you go around quoting President Snow from “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire,” “Oh, look, they’re holding hands… I want them dead,” just know that your friendly staff here at the Island Waves has made an effort to make this Feb. 14 more bearable for you. Dare, I say, even fun.

BUILD-A-BEAR – For those who haven’t thoroughly dissected the La Palmera shopping mall just off SPID, on the second story, just next to the Great American Cookie Company, sits the beacon of every little girl’s dream: Build-A-Bear. Inside, you will find a collection of adorable plush bears and a few other animals, including a rendition of Bevo, the mascot for the Texas Longhorns.

From there, you can choose your bear and stuff it full of cotton love, put a heart in its chest, and make it the girlfriend/boyfriend you don’t have by dressing it accordingly. You might put a Texas Rangers uniform on it and dream of having a baseball boyfriend, or put a wedding dress on it and dream of being a future bride. Regardless, Build-A-Bear is the perfect place to go to live out your fantasies of finding the perfect significant other by creating a bear that reminds you of them.

MOVIE NIGHT – Sometimes, the best option is to just stay in. And with the millions of movies available through Redbox, iTunes and Netflix, you can make an evening of solitude quite pleasant.

Classic Valentine’s movies include films such as “The Notebook,” “Safe Haven,” and pretty much any other Nicholas Sparks movie. If you’re looking to cry to the point of sounding like a dying narwhal, “P.S. I Love You,” is the movie you want to watch.

New developments on Momentum Campus housing

by CONNOR TICHOTA
news editor

On Jan. 30 the Texas A&M Board of Regents announced its approval of plans submitted by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for new housing on the Momentum Campus. A designated seven acres of Ennis Joslin Road will be utilized by the American Campus Communities, the project developer, to create enough housing for approximately 350 to 500 students.

According to Dr. Amanda Drum, executive director of Strategic Engagement Initiatives at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the housing that will be provided will be apartment style housing. These apartments will most likely appeal to the upper division and graduate students. However, at this time there are no restrictions that prevent any level of student from residing in the new housing. Furthermore, the new housing will not disrupt the current policies. For instance, freshmen will not be required to live on campus, and financial aid will still be applicable to the new housing.
**ISLAND LIFE**

**What do you mean you’re giving me a ticket? I didn’t do anything wrong!**

**Sorry but rules are rules. You can’t park on campus without a permit.**

**Oh really? And how exactly do you think that works?**

**Because parking on the grass doesn’t count as being “off campus.”**

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**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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**African American History Month Calendar of Events**

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Women’s Tennis Overcomes Weather to Sweep UTPA 6-0

Tennis Match Results

Texas-Pan American vs. Texas A&M – Corpus Christi 2/10/2014 at Corpus Christi, Texas

Texas A&M - Corpus Christi 6, Texas-Pan American 0

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A&M Corpus Christi clinched the match in the No. 4 spot after Celia Rodriguez squeezed out a three-set win. The sophomore garnered her fourth consecutive win of the season in singles play to stay undefeated. After dropping the first set 6-2 to Wanda Beguelin, Rodriguez answered back with a 6-1 second-set victory and carried over her momentum into the third set to win 6-2.

Seniors Stefania Nicolae and Sandra Burgos posted the final two points for the Islanders after battling back to win in three sets.

For all the latest on Islanders Tennis, like the team on Facebook (IslandersTennis) and follow them on Twitter and Instagram (@IslandersTennis).
The basketball season is underway, and hopes are high for Texas A&M Corpus Christi’s men’s team, especially the men’s team. With twenty-three games played this year and a winning percentage of .435, the Islander’s March Madness dream is quite possibly an attainable spot on the horizon. In the midst of this busy season, Head Coach of Islander Men’s Basketball Willis Wilson sat down to answer some questions about his team, members, and what it’s going to take to make it to the NCAA Tournament.

1. What is the biggest difference that has led to more success this season?

Wilson: The key word is trust. Trust in the coaches, trust in the system, trust in each other and trust in ourselves. Now that we are embracing the concept of trust, we are achieving great things as a basketball team.

2. When looking back at last year, what is the biggest difference that has led to more success this season?

Wilson: Well, first things first, in order to make the NCAA Tournament, we need to try to win the Southland Conference Tournament. And in order to win the Southland Tournament, we need to make it there first. That’s something we haven’t done in a few years. Again, we need to focus on the process, on showing up and giving our best in every game in order to have success. And we’ve played some top-25 teams already this year in Iowa State and Oklahoma, so we have experienced playing that caliber of team. But we have a long way to go before we can even think about that.

3. How much of an impact have your newcomers made this year?

Wilson: We feel we have two of the best freshman big men in the conference in Jeff Beverly and Rashawn Thomas. Jeff is a dynamic scorer who has good finesse for a guy his size. Rashawn is a long, athletic player who has an impact on the game at both ends. Both of those guys have played a big role in our team’s success, and we are going to need them to continue to play a big role if we’re going to accomplish what we set out to.

4. Who are the returning players who are leading the team?

Wilson: With our team, you have to start talking about John Jordan – he’s one of the best players in the conference and a guy who could play at any level. He’s the team leader both on and off the court. But a big part of our success is that we’ve gotten contributions from just about everybody – from our seniors in Zane Knizeler and Joy Williamson, to our returning veterans in Jake Kocher and Hamed Ali, to our youngsters like Brandon Pye and Cole Martinez. But even the guys who haven’t been contributing in games have been making huge contributions in practice making us better on game day. It’s a total team effort.

The Islanders Men’s Basketball team next plays Central Arkansas University at the American Bank center on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 PM. This conference game is key to the Islander’s season, and students are encouraged to take advantage of this pivotal game and cheer on their fellow students as they take on the CAU Bears.
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The prophesied “Special” that will save the Lego Emmet an ordinary Lego figure is thought to be as well. The plot of the movie is pretty simple, though you are ordinary, you can be awesome of the better movies I have seen so far this year. Not much of a Valentine’s Day book you might say well, this one calls to mind the love of family, friendships, best friendships and patriotism in ways that would make St. Valentine proud. It is about the love of a best friend and the love one has for themselves above all, that makes one a great asset to their country. As Valentine’s Day begins and comes to an eventual end, it is easy to get caught up in the hype of it all, the idea of grand romantic gestures and things that only seem to happen once a year. But, as “Code Name Verity,” reminds us, it is also just as important to love yourself and those around you, and your country not just one day, but everyday. This is done in the novel by staring down and taunting the enemy, but if you would rather take a less hands on approach and go the graceful route, by all means. There is a scene on a test, a loss in a sports event, a breakup, a loss of a friendship or even the loss of a loved one. “Verity” shows that even through all the turmoil of being in a war and being a prisoner to it, and to the greater whole, a prisoner to society and what it expects of you (like women should not fly, for instance, in the Royal Air Force in “Verity”), it is still just as important to hold fast to your ambitions and not lose sight of what is really important to you.

The movie also has other good themes of the enemy, but if you would rather take a less hands on approach and go the graceful route, by all means. There is a scene on a test, a loss in a sports event, a breakup, a loss of a friendship or even the loss of a loved one. “Verity” shows that even through all the turmoil of being in a war and being a prisoner to it, and to the greater whole, a prisoner to society and what it expects of you (like women should not fly, for instance, in the Royal Air Force in “Verity”), it is still just as important to hold fast to your ambitions and not lose sight of what is really important to you.
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For those of you who’ve never had a bunny, here is something you need to know. Bunnies are the ultimate escape artists. They have the methodical tenacity of a velociraptor, the inflexible stubbornness of a mule and the calculated slyness of a fox. No matter how well you think you’ve got them penned up, they always manage to escape. No matter how well you think you’ve bunny-proofed the corner with all the wires, escape. No matter how well you think you’ve kept the bunnies penned up when I’m not home, and I vacuum up whatever stray poo is left over at the end of the day before going to bed.

For about four days though, every time I came home there was some poo thrown about. I couldn’t figure out what bunny was escaping or how they were, since no one tried escaping whenever I was home. It wasn’t until one afternoon when I came home early and found Jojo out and about, hopping around like he owned the place. Apparently, this little bunny was escaping from his pen whenever I left my apartment by jumping over the boxes. He would then proceed to spend the day hopping around until I got home.

Depending on your art skills, for this next step, you can either draw out various superhero symbols on a separate piece of paper or print off a list of premade symbols from rockinboys.com/super-hero-valentines-day-printable.

Write out various superhero or Valentine-themed messages on another piece of paper. You can also print out a premade list of messages from lessordinarydesigns.blogspot.com/2012/01/free-printables-super-valentine.html.

Once everything is cut out, you’re ready to assemble your superhero lollipops.

Glue your premade or homemade superhero symbols onto the capes. Using the hole puncher, punch a hole in the middle top of each cape, and slide the lollipops through the hole.

Punch a hole on the top and bottom of each message, and slide the lollipops through the holes.

Glue the masks onto each lollipop, and voila, you’re all done. You can also modify your superheroes in whatever way you please. I tied a piece of ribbon under the capes on mine, and also colored in the eyes on the masks.

**We Have All the Time in the World** - Louis Armstrong
**Single Ladies** - Beyoncé
**All By Myself** - Celine Dion
**Young and Beautiful** - Lana Del Ray
**This Love** - Maroon 5
**Accidentally in Love** - Counting Crows
**One of Those Nights** - Tim McGraw
**Mirrors** - Justin Timberlake
**Lovesong** - Adele
**Who You Love** - John Mayer
**Solitary Thinkin**’ - Lee Ann Womack
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**DIY VDAY**

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**Superhero Valentines**

Supplies:
- Index cards
- Hole puncher
- Construction paper (You could also use regular copy paper and just color it in)
- Elmer’s Glue or tape (You could also use a hot glue gun if you happen to have one)
- Scissors
- Pen or pencil
- Something to make a template out of (I used an index card)
- Hole puncher

**Step 1**
Start by drawing a cape and mask on the index card, and cut them out. They will be the templates you will use on the construction paper.

**Step 2**
Using the template you cut out, trace however many capes and masks you will need for your Valentines on the construction paper or regular copy paper.

**Step 3**
Glue your premade or homemade superhero symbols onto the capes. Using the hole puncher, punch a hole in the middle top of each cape, and slide the lollipops through the hole.

**Step 7**
Punch a hole on the top and bottom of each message, and slide the lollipops through the holes.

**Step 8**
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**YOUR HEALTH**

**YOUR VOTE**

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If you’re hoping for some comedic relief with a touch of romance, the classic comedies “The Princess Bride,” or “50 First Dates,” are hilarious selections. If you prefer a less mainstream film, selections such as “Never Let Me Go,” or “Like Crazy,” are excellent choices. Grab some extra buttery popcorn and a glass of wine (or sparkling grape juice if you’re under twenty-one), and enjoy the night of privacy.

STARGAZING – One of the many positives to living near an uninhabited beach is the amount of breathtaking stars in the sky at night. This Valentine’s Day, take advantage of the observation deck in the National Seashore’s guest center. The stars are numerous and beautiful, and several constellations are clearly visible. In the event that February the 14 is a cloudy and rainy night, take up some refreshments and a book or some music and head up to the deck to check out two of the most beautiful attributes this city has to offer – stars and sunsets.

BAKING – as a final and very fun alternative, get your baking pans out and make a cake. Nothing brings more cheer than a delicious, moist yellow cake smothered in cream cheese icing. Decorate it with some of your favorite toppings, like sprinkles, strawberries, or even various types of cookies and candies. Share the cake with your friends or eat it all by yourself – no one will be judging. Just do your best to enjoy this holiday despite the loneliness that is often associated with it. Remember: your worth is not determined by someone else making you feel less special for being uniquely beautiful. Happy Valentine’s Day. Why don’t you just love you today?

by KATHLEEN RAMIREZ
features editor

Aren’t you tired of sappy love songs, hand-holding and cheesy pickup lines? Have a deep loathing for all things pink and heart-shaped? Or just plain broken-hearted and bitter? Then look no further. In honor of Singles Awareness Day, here are a few ideas to help bring out the very best in anyone.

#1 Cards
What better way to show you care than by making those closest to you feel as miserable as yourself. The saying, “misery loves company,” has never been more true with these cards, which are available at etsy.com. Use them to remind your strictly platonic loved ones just how much you despise the holiday.

#2 Food
Use your newfound (or maybe not-so-new) singleness to eat until your heart’s content. Among the list of must-haves: anything with a skewer stuck through it, broken heart-shaped cookies, or anything with onions or garlic, because let’s face it you don’t have anyone to impress anymore. Visit sheknows.com/food-and-recipes/articles/948865/4-baking-and-valentine-day-desserts-for-shit-through-the-heart-meatball-skewers.

#3 Decorations
For decorations, try bringing the gloom by sticking it to Cupid and defacing all things pink and heart-shaped. Try spray-painting pink hearts black or mark them with a giant black “X” in phrases like “love sucks.” For even more anti-Valentine’s Day fun, why not adorn your table with wilted flowers, cactuses or roses with the thorns left on. The prickly beauties will serve as a constant reminder of the pain you wish you could inflict on your ex every time you touch them.

#4 Fun and Games
If you and your friends are all single, why not spread the anti-love and hold a contest for the best “Getting Dumped” story. You can also participate in some voodoo doll therapy or some anger management piñata smashing. Still bitter about your recent break-up? Well, here is an activity for you. In memory of your cheating ex, First, take your little sister’s favorite stuffed animal. Second, find a knife suitable to your liking. And lastly, stab said knife right through said stuffed toy’s back. Repeat as necessary.

#5 Presents
This Hallmark card holiday is the perfect time to show all those people you don’t like just how deep your loathing is. Instead of giving out flowers, how about handing out cactuses or wilted flowers to people you don’t like. You can also use this day to shower yourself with love by going dog shopping, because unlike humans, dogs will never leave you.

#6 Music
Radio music too depressing for you? Use this holiday as the opportunity to add a new playlist to your iPod. Here are a few songs to get you started.

• Cee-Lo Green- “F*ck You”
• Taylor Swift- “We are Never Getting Back Together”
• George- “Somebody That I Used to Know”
• Nancy Sinatra- “These Boots are Made for Walkin’”
• J. Geils Band- “Love Stinks”
• Guns N’ Roses- “Used to Love Her”

#7 TV
Contrary to popular belief, the best way to get over someone is not by moving on. The best way to feel better about a break-up is to watch other people break-up. Cue the divorce court shows and break-up movies. Finish your evening off by watching a marathon of divorce court and movies all about unrequited love to help you come to terms with being single.

• “The Break-Up” (2006)
• “500 Days of Summer” (2009)
• “Edward Scissorhands” (1990)
• “Titanic” (1997)
• “Blue Valentine” (2011)
• “ Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” (2004)

Remember: your worth is not determined by someone else making you feel less special for being uniquely beautiful. Happy Valentine’s Day.
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"At this time we do not have a requirement. We of course want our freshmen on the island," said Drum, "We have evidence that supports that students living on campus in their first year are more successful in college."

According to Drum, the apartments will be priced appropriately for the floor plans created, and will be competitive. Other amenities have yet to be announced. It is known, however, that a dining hall is not, at this time, in the Momentum Campus master plan. Therefore, if students living at Momentum Campus would like on-campus dining, they will have to utilize the various food suppliers on the main campus until another option is presented. As previously stated, policies are not scheduled to change, and students living on Momentum Campus may but will not be required to, buy a meal plan.

These plans for new housing have been in the works for some time. According to the Corpus Christi Caller Times, in 2007 the Island University was faced with capping its student population at 30,000 students due to the limited space on the 240 acres of Ward Island that the main campus currently sits on. The city of Corpus Christi donated 137 acres at the intersection of Nile Drive and Fannin Joslin Road, the area now known as Momentum Campus. This new campus enabled the University to expand and increase its maximum capacity up to approximately 16,000 students. With the new campus, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi created a master plan, allocating space for the sports complex, housing and research facilities. American Campus Communities will be the official developers of this project, rather than Camden Miramar. According to Richard Whatcott, the community manager of Camden Miramar, Camden was given the opportunity to be the developer, but opted out.

"We decided we wanted to put all of our focus on the Island Campus," said Whatcott, "We're making sure that we are meeting the needs of, primarily, freshmen on the on-campus communities instead of the Momentum Campus."

The Momentum Campus Housing is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2015. For more information regarding the master plan for Momentum Campus, please visit tamucc.edu.

Debate on Harbor Bridge continues

by CONNER TICHOTA
news reporter

On Feb. 18 there will be a Public Hearing held at the Solomon Ortiz Center regarding plans for the Harbor Bridge Project. The public hearing, set for 5 P.M., will be marked as one of the last events before the Public Comments period of the project will be closed on March 3. The hearing will begin with an open house, allowing people to view project exhibits and ask questions regarding the project. Following the open house, a formal presentation will be held.

The Harbor Bridge Project was first proposed in 2005 and has been open to public suggestion since 2011. The project, led by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Association, intends to replace the current bridge and reconstruct parts of the connecting highways.

There are four proposed plans, including a ‘no-build’ alternative. The limits of the project stretch from US 181 and Beach Ave, to the Crosstown Expressway and Morgan Ave. According to the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge Project official proposal report, the project was initiated due to a variety of transportation and structural needs. There are numerous structural flaws with the historical bridge, erected in 1959. After a Bridge Condition Survey conducted in 2008, it was noted that there were several areas severely damaged by rust, missing bolts and leaking joints. These were just a few of the numerous structural issues affecting the Harbor Bridge. Furthermore, the bridge is not structurally adept to hold a high volume of traffic, especially during emergencies such as a hurricane evacuation.

The Harbor Bridge Project has been an ongoing source of controversy for local Corpus Christi residents for several years. According to life-long Corpus Christi resident Texas A&M-Corpus Christi graduate Rebecca Lyons, there are several concerns about the type of the impact the project will have.

"I am wary most of all. I am what many may call an ‘environmentalist,’" said Lyons in an e-mail, "I care about how this project will impact the environment. I can’t say I support the bridge until the Environmental Impact Statement is released to the public."

An EIS report was recently released in Dec. 2013 by the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge Project Website. According to this report, all four of the plans for replacing the bridge will cause displacement of certain commercial areas, residential areas and even public parks. Lyons also added that she is concerned about the displacement of residences in the surrounding areas. According to reports from the Corpus Christi Caller Times, areas on the Northside of Corpus Christi will be severely economically affected by the reconstruction. For example, the public housing complex, N.D. Leathers, houses nearly 23 percent of residents of the Hillcrest and Washington-Coles neighborhoods. However, residents will have to relocate due to the reconstruction, and as for the complex, which has been in place since 1941, the plan is probable demolition.

"I’ve gone block walking before to the residences on this side of town," said Lyons, "All of the people I spoke to always said that they would never be given enough money to move. This does not mean that they won’t be given enough money to move... but would it really be enough for you to leave your home, where you probably hold many memories?"

Whatcott added that Camden Miramar would focus on completing construction on the new residence halls and renovating the older ones located off the Island Campus.

"The Momentum Campus housing will be a wonderful next step for students," said Drum, "They will still be on-campus and receive those benefits. I think our students are going to really like the new housing."

The Momentum Campus Housing is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2015. For more information regarding the master plan for Momentum Campus, please visit tamucc.edu.

Let’s be honest, superhero movies aren’t exactly a new concept in Hollywood, are they? Ever since the first Superman and Batman movie serials in the 1930s and 40s, moviegoers have been watching these caped crime fighters battle the forces of evil and I must confess that some of my favorite films of the last 10 years have been ones based on comic book heroes. I loved “The Avengers,” “Iron Man,” and dug the heck out of “The Dark Knight,” (despite some issues) and I honestly think that you can take a comic book hero and make a well-developed story for cinema. Hell, I still get some chills whenever I see teaser trailers online for the second “Amazing Spider-Man.”

But as 2014 began and a new lineup of comic book-based films was announced, I started to feel something deep down inside me. Something I have been battling with for a while but only now have realized, a complete sense of utter exhaustion and frustration. Years ago when I was but a wee nerd, I used to get excited at the news of a new comic book film coming out. The promise of seeing my favorite heroes battling my favorite villains in a climactic struggle to save the world filled me with high levels of glee and giddiness. Heck, I thought “The Shadow,” was the coolest film ever and, sadly, I still do. It’s a guilty pleasure. Now, in my mid 20s, I simply groan and hold my palm to my face, amazed and astounded that they had either made yet another sequel to an already waning franchise or managed to scrape to the bottom of the barrel and dish up an unknown franchise to throw at the screen for some quick cash.

I find myself wondering ‘how much further can Hollywood go?’ Can they really keep making movies based on comic books for the next decade? Don’t get me wrong, as a guy who worked on films for nearly two years, I understand why they make these kinds of movies: it’s easy money. Film studios can rest easier knowing that there is an already well-established fan base for their product than something that they are just introducing for the first time. They know that with the right amount of marketing and A-list actors, they can convince millions of people to watch what might just very well be a complete turd. I don’t have to remind most folks about “Batman and Robin,” the one movie that almost single-handedly made it impossible for any comic book movie to ever be made again. And yet, each time these films manage to rake in massive amounts of cash at the box office, despite poor reviews and average terrible quality. But I do give credit to Marvel and Disney for creating the movie formula that garnered them great success with the “Avengers,” and all of the heroes’ solo films leading to it. Even DC is struggling to get its films to land with the announcement of the “Batman vs. Superman,” movie following the success of “Man of Steel,” which I still feel is a terrible film (but that’s for another rant).

So to sum up a rant that probably went on for way too long, comic book films are the new “cool thing” in films. Everyone’s making them and all the cool kids want to go see them, which is ironic as I used to be thrown in my locker if I ever confessed to liking any comic books as a kid. And it’s easy to see why studios want to make them: to serve to the lowest common denominator and make big money really really fast. And despite all of my problems with them, I still like the prospect of comic book films being released. Well, at least the law of averages stating that out of all of them one of them has to be good, right? But in the end how long will it be before the “regular filmgoers” (whatever that means) become tired of seeing these films taking up space at their theater and will there ever return a time when Hollywood took chances and put out films that were original and not based off of what is already printed on the pages of a comic book or graphic novel? Probably not. But hey, at least we can look forward to that live-action Blondie and Dagwood film right? Oh give it time and I’m sure it’ll happen eventually.
Dear Island University,

February is already upon us, bringing with it one of the most superfluously expensive holidays. Here at Island Waves, we aren’t necessarily against the holiday in any way, but we just wanted to highlight the importance of self-love.

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Work backwards with this suggested guide:

1. (How long does it take) to drive to campus and find parking from the point of origin?
2. (How much time is needed to eat a reasonable breakfast?)
3. (How much time is needed to leave the apartment or residence? Allow for any minor accidents that could occur en route. For students who live in campus housing, calculate the minutes needed to walk to the first class of the day.)
4. (How long is the bus ride from the building to the campus?)
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1. (How long does it take) to drive to campus and find parking from the point of origin? (For bus riders, how long is the bus ride from point of origin?)
2. (How much time it takes to get up in the morning and get ready for the day (Did I hear a groan?).
3. (How much time is needed to eat a reasonable breakfast?)

Total up the time and backtime the amount needed to leave the apartment or residence. Allow for any minor accidents that could occur en route. For students who live in campus housing, calculate the minutes needed to walk to the first class of the day.

Practice backtiming and be punctual. Be relaxed and eager for that first class. Get the best seat in the classroom and make the professor happy.

Backtime and avoid a tardy or absence. Have a great semester.

Sincerely,
Alexis De Leon
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