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## A Senior's Advice For First-Year Students

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Whether you're an incoming college freshman or have been here at AUM for only a semester, here are some important reminders and tips a senior student thinks you should know:

**Keep on top of your GPA-** It is extremely important to keep your GPA as high as possible within your first year. If you achieve a high GPA at the beginning of your college career, it is easier to maintain it. Once your GPA drops, it is much more difficult to increase it.

**Get to know your teachers-** Whether you realize it or not, your teachers will be some of your biggest supporters and assets during your time in college. It is vital to form good relationships with them because they are more likely to help you with class assignments, grading and your future career.

**Procrastination-** We are all guilty of procrastinating at some point, but the more you minimize it, the better off you will be. Leaving assignments to the last minute may be possible in some rare instances, but the later you leave it, the more likely your grade will suffer. Always try to finish your assignments with time to spare because you are more likely to forget simple but important things such as a header on your paper, or checking your essay for spelling errors if you rush.

**Expand your horizons-** Obtaining your college degree is an experience, so make the most of it! Take classes that are interesting, challenging, and that you can learn the most from. Don't just take a class because it is easy, and you feel like you will have to do less work to pass the class. When choosing an elective, be open-minded and decide if that class will benefit you in the future.

## Where Are You Going to Be?

Dagur Jonsson

Now that the spring semester is underway, it is perhaps worth talking about the upcoming season for the sports teams here at AUM: tennis, softball and baseball.

Last season, the men's tennis team finished second in the NAIA national tournament. The women's tennis team followed up by winning the NAIA National Championship. Both teams have added to their rosters this year to enhance their chances of a possible repeat for the girls and a championship for the boys.

The AUM baseball team finished its season with an overall record of 32-24-1. With having to recruit ten new players this year due to seniors and other players leaving at the end of last season, the team is now fairly new, and it will be interesting to see how they do.

The AUM softball team finished the 2012-13 season 45-12 and won the NAIA opening round tournament. The Lady Warhawks are returning 13 of their players from the previous season, so they will be a strong team again this year. For the past three seasons, there has not been a huge attendance at home games with the sports teams, no matter who is playing. The main people that usually attend these events are close friends of the players and other student-athletes. However, I think it is time to turn the page and go out and support your school and fellow students who work so hard to combine both school and practices. Imagine competing in a sport in which almost no one comes and supports you, unless it is major friends. In some cases, the team could be playing for a national championship and very few students know of it and will come out and support AUM; but, very few is not enough to cheer on your team who is vying for a very important game or championship. Now next season is approaching very quickly, and before we know it will be summer already. AUM student-athletes need your support in every way they can get it. Our teams: tennis, softball, and baseball are very strong, and they are really fun and exciting to watch. Please review the schedule for the upcoming season and be there. Go WarHawks!

## The Console Wars

Kyle Edwards

With the holiday season finished and the dust finally settling over the Best Buys and Wal-Marts of America, the release of the two newest gaming consoles, Microsoft's "X-Box One" and Sony's "Playstation 4," still proves to divide and incite debate from the gaming community. Some gaming enthusiasts argue that the two consoles can't be compared, as they offer very different gaming experiences, while others argue that the two consoles can be contrasted quite easily. This contrast will yield different comparisons from consumers, of course, but some lessons are clearly learned from the success and competitive atmosphere from the gaming industry's history.

The overall economic impressions felt from the two releases, as well as the boosted sales from Nintendo's "Wii U" proves the growing value of this business. Some analysts predict that the gaming industry will be worth nearly \$83 billion by 2016. This is, of course, not just due to large and growing console playing consumers, but also through online and mobile game's exploding growth (Chapple). This industry has expanded and changed over 40 years and impacted nearly every home in America.

Over time, this growing business has proven to diversify the avenues through which consumers buy and play video games. It has also proven to intensify the competitive nature of a console's release, as many gamers only buy one console when released, if any at all.

As a consumer, it is getting harder and harder to determine which is the clear winner of the console wars. Some things

