We hope your semester break offered you a chance to relax and now you are ready to dig into the spring semester. Beginning a new semester means doing some academic housekeeping. To be sure that you have covered all your bases, here is a list of some things you should remember:

- All CAS Academic Advisors have walk-in hours the first two weeks of class, (through Jan 25th) to address any of your quick advising questions. (You can also ask a peer advisor!)
- The Add/Drop period, in which you are allowed to add or drop a class without penalty, ends Jan 25th.
- The opportunity to change your grading option, (A-F, Pass/Fail, or Audit) without penalty also ends Jan 25th.
- If you are a senior planning to graduate at the end of this semester, your application for graduation is due on February 12, 2010 and can be accessed through the AU portal at: my.american.edu. Remember to set up an appointment with your advisor to make sure you’re set to graduate.

STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The annual Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference is in its 20th year! It is an exciting opportunity for students to present their work for interdisciplinary panels of professors. During the all day event, students will present traditional research papers as well as original works of art and creative performances. The best presentations will be awarded cash prizes. Students from every CAS department are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found at: www.american.edu/cas/src/index.cfm. Contact Mimi Fittig at fittig@american.edu with questions.