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A message from the Director...

Last semester ended on a positive note as members of the Honors Student Club collected over 200 coats and donated them to shelters in and around the city of Paterson. The Honors Club would like to thank the entire University community for their generous support of the second annual Honors Coat Drive.



Members of the Honors Student Club hosted the second annual Honors Coat Drive in November.

Just prior to finals week, Honors students, faculty, and staff gathered together for the annual Holiday Party in Hobart Manor. Honors music student Jordan Piper provided music for this fun and final Honors event of 2007.

The Honors Student Club recently held their first Executive Board meeting of the spring semester. The discussion centered on plans for upcoming events and activities including several "Lunches in the Lounge," a field trip to "Bodies...The Exhibition" in New York City, and Honors Week (including a talent show) in April. The board also discussed plans to "Adopt-a-Spot" on campus as well as volunteer opportunities that are available at the Wayne Animal Shelter. More information about upcoming events and activities can be found in this issue of the Honors newsletter.



Jordan Piper provided the music of the season at the annual Honors Holiday Party in December.



Honors students enjoyed the annual Holiday Party in Hobart Manor.

Please note that advisement for the fall 2008 semester will begin next month, followed by registration at the beginning of April. A complete listing of Honors General Education Courses and Honors Track courses will be available soon. Be sure to watch for email updates pertaining to Honors classes, advisement and registration.

As always, feel free to speak to Jan or me if you have any questions or concerns about Honors.

Honors Week will be held April 14-18, 2008

Mark your calendar now and watch for more details about events showcasing the work of Honors students.

- Tuesday, 4/15 Performing Arts Presentations ~ Hobart Manor
- Wednesday, 4/16 Thesis Presentations ~ University Commons, Room 168
Talent Show ~ Hobart Manor
- Thursday, 4/17 Honors Banquet ~ Student Center Ballroom

Honors Club to meet on February 14th

The next general meeting of the Honors College Club will be held Thursday, February 14th in the University Commons, room 168A during common hour. All Honors students are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

Honors Club Executive Board

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“Lunches in the Lounge”

- Thursday, February 7th -- Guest Speaker: Dr. Pete Mandik
- Wednesday, February 20th
- Tuesday, March 4th -- Guest Speaker: Stephanie Staiano
- Tuesday, March 25th -- Guest Speaker: Dr. Neil Kressel
- Tuesday, April 9th
- Tuesday, April 29th

All meetings will be held from 12:30 - 1:45 pm on the 4th Floor Lounge of High Mountain East

All Honors students are welcome. If you do not live on campus, tell the person at the front desk that you are there for the Lunch in the Lounge. Food will be served! For more information call 973-720-3657.

Back by popular demand!

Second annual Honors Talent Show to be held in April

The second annual Honors Talent Show will be held Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in Hobart Manor. The entire William Paterson University Community is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Last year faculty, students, and staff from all across campus shared their talents. Dr. Benno, the Director of the Biopsychology Honors Track, opened the show with a few of his original compositions based on well-known songs. His act was followed by several faculty members and students who presented poetry readings and several musicians who played the piano, classical guitar, and drums. One student showcased her martial arts ability and another did a skit of *Toy Story* using handmade puppets. There was even a special guest appearance by Dr. Dinan and her hula hoop.

This year's event promises to be just as exciting and acts are currently being booked. If you have a talent (any talent) that you would like to share, please contact Jess Pepe at pepej@student.wpunj.edu or 732-580-0682.



Joe Bergen was one of the Honors students who performed at the Talent Show last year during Honors Week.

Northeast Regional Honors Conference to be held in April

The Northeast Regional Honors Conference will be held April 3-6 in Morristown, NJ. Students in Honors Colleges and Programs from Maine to Maryland will be presenting their research at this conference by reading papers, showing posters, and participating in round-table discussions. Those of you who will be writing Honors theses and creating final projects will want to present your research at a future regional conference, so you might want to attend this one and see how the conference operates. The complete conference schedule can be viewed at <http://www.umehon.maine.edu/nenhc/conferenceindex.htm>.

Dr. Dinan is helping organize this conference and volunteers are needed to work at the registration desk. Volunteers will be able to attend the conference sessions at no charge and will be invited to attend a nice banquet on Friday night. The following time slots are available:

Thursday, 4/3 -- 5:00 - 8:00 pm

There are no meetings for students on Thursday. Students who volunteer at the registration table that day may attend a student social event that evening.

Friday, 4/4 - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 3:00 - 6:00 pm --

On Friday, most people participate in the "City as Text" explorations and explore the region. The banquet is Friday night.

Saturday, 4/5 - 8:00 - 12:00 --

Student presentation sessions will be held. Dr. Dinan is also asking for assistance with assembling registration folders prior to the conference (this task will be completed on campus).

No transportation will be provided. Volunteers who do not have a car should contact Dr. Dinan and she will help arrange carpooling. Please contact her at dinans@wpunj.edu and let her know if you are interested in volunteering and if you need transportation.

Honors College Information Meetings

Thursday, 2/21
@ 12:30 pm
&

Wednesday, 2/27
@ 11:00 am

University Commons,
Room 168B

You should ONE
of these meetings if:

- ~ You are currently in the Honors College and have not yet selected a track or
- ~ You are a William Paterson student with at least a 3.0 GPA and a desire to learn more about the Honors College.

For more information
call 973.720.3657

Honors Spring Field Trip set for March 29th!



Bodies... The Exhibition

Join us for a trip to *The Bodies Exhibit*
at the *South Street Seaport Exhibition*
Center in New York City

Saturday, March 29th -- Time tba

To sign-up, contact Dr. Dinan, (dinans@wpunj.edu)

Love animals?

Volunteer opportunities available at the Wayne Animal Shelter

Members of the Honors College now have the opportunity to volunteer at the Wayne Animal Shelter. Duties include dog walking, caring for animals, washing blankets, etc. Only 15 spots are available on a first come, first served basis. For an application or more information, please see Kristina Kosztyo or Jess Pepe at High Mountain East, room 426. The deadline to apply is February 12th.

Honors has "Adopted a Spot"

"Adopt a Spot" is a program that allows campus groups and organizations to take care of a designated location on campus. The Honors Club has adopted the grassy area outside of High Mountain East. Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter and plant flowers. One or two dates for working on our spot will be set up after spring break. Please watch for more details or contact Jess Pepe (pepej@student.wpunj.edu).



Honors Intramural Soccer news

An Honors intramural soccer team will be forming during the spring semester. Please watch for details regarding registration.

Upcoming Events

7 February	Thursday	12:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
10 February	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- "Crash", High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
14 February	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club General Meeting -- University Common, 168A
20 February	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge -- High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
24 February	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
2 March	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
4 March	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge -- High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
9 March	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- "Pursuit of Happyness", High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
23 March	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- "3:10 to Yuma", High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
25 March	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge -- High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
29 March	Saturday	TBA	Honors College Field Trip -- "Bodies...The Exhibition," NYC
30 March	Sunday	8:00 pm	Film -- High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
3-6 April	Thurs.-Sun.	TBA	Northeast Regional Honors Conference - Morristown
8 April	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge -- High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
15 April	Tuesday	8:00 pm	Honors Performing Arts Presentations -- Hobart Manor
16 April	Wednesday	TBA (afternoon)	Honors Thesis Presentations -- University Commons, 168 A/B
16 April	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Honors Talent Show -- Hobart Manor
17 April	Thursday	TBA (evening)	Honors Week Banquet -- University Commons Ballroom
29 April	Tuesday	12:30-145	Lunch in the Lounge -- High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
19 May	Monday	4:30 pm	Honors Convocation Reception and Ceremony Atrium Lobby/Shea Auditorium

Plans are underway for International Film Nights!

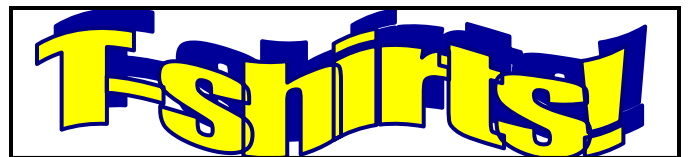
February 26 - *The Darjeeling Limited*

March 25 - *The Twins* (tentative) (This is a Dutch film and you can read about it here: <http://imdb.com/title/tt0322674>)

1st/2nd week in April - A TBD French film hosted in conjunction with the French Club

April 29 - *The Motorcycle Diaries* hosted in conjunction with the Spanish Club

Please watch for more details -- the exact days, times and location will be announced soon.



Honors College tee-shirts in sizes small - 3XL are available for only \$10.00 each! The colors are navy blue (for character), and gold (for service). The words "WPU Honors College" is printed on the front with the logo, and the back has a "thinking cap" logo with the motto "I want the world to change because I was here." The logos were designed by Edgar Flor. To purchase a shirt, please contact any Executive Board member!