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A message from the Director..

The Honors College began the fall semester with a handful of social events including a Labor Day mixer for new students which featured volleyball, and a spectacular game of leap frog on the football field. On September 18, we hosted our annual ice cream social at Hobart Manor, and on Saturday, October 11, a group of students joined Dr. Dinan for an afternoon of pumpkin and apple picking in Chester, NJ and a pumpkin carving party at her house.



A group of Honors students recently went pumpkin and apple picking in Chester, NJ.

We have held three lunches in the lounge. During one lunch, Associate Vice President Glen Sherman addressed student concerns and at another, sophomore John Strevens proposed changes to the residence life policies. He will soon be meeting with the Director of Residence Life to discuss the policies. On Tuesday, October 21, Tony Lombardo and Dr. Lance Risley discussed the research project they undertook last summer studying bats in New Jersey.

Jess Pepe, the current president of the Honors Club, is seeking Student Government Association status for the club. Her hope is that the club will become chartered, which will allow it access to resources that might allow the club to plan a spring field trip to the Smithsonian

museum in Washington, DC in place of the more modest field trip to a museum or exhibition in New York City.

The regional conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council will be held in Annapolis, MD in April. If you would like to present your thesis research at this conference please see Dr. Dinan for an application. More information can be found at:
www.umehon.maine.edu/nenhc/conferenceindex.htm.

Priority Registration for Honors students is Thursday, October 30th!

- You may register for your spring 2009 classes that day from 9:00 a.m. Midnight. If you do not register on that day you will have to wait until your registration window opens in November. **You will need your 6 digit alternate pin number in order to register.**
- Priority registration is for students who are in good standing in the Honors College. This means that you must be enrolled in at least one Honors GE Class per semester or be enrolled in an Honors Track. All Honors students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- If you have declared your major, please contact your advisor to discuss your spring classes and obtain your alternate pin number.
- All undeclared Honors students are advised by Dr. Dinan. Please contact her at dinans@wpunj.edu to set-up an advisement appointment as soon as possible.
- The Honors GE courses that are being offered this spring are listed on page 3. If you would like to enroll in one or more of these courses, please send an email to pinkstonj@wpunj.edu. Be sure to include your name, 855#, and the names of the course(s) you would like to take. You must be issued a permit in order to enroll in the course.

Help top this!



Over 200 coats were collected in 2007.

Annual Honors College Coat Drive to be held

In November, the Honors College will conduct its third annual coat drive. We will collect gently used coats of any size by placing drop boxes in High Mountain East and in the Honors office. On Tuesday, November 11, Kristina Koszytko will run a bake sale in the Student Center to publicize the coat drive (please contact Kristina if you wish to contribute to the bake sale, koszytko@student.wpunj.edu).

Children's coats will be donated to Passaic County Head Start and adult coats will be given to Eva's Village, a shelter, drug rehabilitation center, and soup kitchen in Paterson. The Honors College has collected over 200 coats in each of the last two years and we hope to do as well this year, so please go through your closets and see if you have an old coat to donate.

"Lunches in the Lounge"

- **Tuesday, 11/4**
Topic: Honors Club Meeting
- **Thursday, 11/20**
Topic: TBA
- **Tuesday, 12/9**
Topic: End of the Semester Distress Event (Chocolate provided)

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



John Strevens (center) discussed proposed changes to the residence life policies at a recent "Lunch in the Lounge" meeting.

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. Lunch will be served! For more information call 973-720-3657.



Honors has "Adopted a Spot"

Honors students Christina Freer (left) and Jess Pepe work on the Honors Adopt a Spot outside High Mountain East. 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 always needed to help maintain the site. For more information contact Jess Pepe (pepej@student.wpunj.edu).



HONORS FILM NIGHTS FREE



6:00 PM
Library Auditorium



November 17

The Color of Pomegranates



December 15

A Clockwork Orange

January 19

Pink Floyd's The Wall

February 16

Groundhog Day

April 20

The Science of Sleep

Spring 2009 Honors GE Course listing

— ARTS & COMMUNICATION —

COMM 101 – Introduction to Theatre

J. Beal – F 11:00 – 1:40

A wide-ranging and free-wheeling look at theatre in all its aspects from all sides- script, staging, performing, watching, directing, technical work, historical, contemporary, dramatic, comedic, and musical. In short, we try to answer these questions: what is theatre, and why should we care?

ARTH 104-01 – Approaches to Modern Art

M. Williams– TR, 3:30-4:45

A study of the major movements, individuals and issues in visual art, from its origins in the cave paintings of Altamira and Lascaux through its continuation into the present. The course emphasizes the acquisition of visual literacy in “reading,” analyzing and understanding art. Opportunities to view and interact with original art are emphasized, along with the development of student writing skills.

— HUMANITIES —

ENG 150 - Introduction to Literature

S. Fisher -- MW, 2:00-3:15

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This course gives students a sense of a literary tradition unfolding across time in the genres of poetry, drama, essay and fiction.

HIST 102 - The West and the World: The Age of Discovery to Decolonization -- S. Dinan, TR, 8:00 – 9:15

This class begins with the question, what is the modern world? To answer it we will examine political, social, cultural, intellectual and economic developments from the sixteenth century to the present. By reading and analyzing a variety of primary sources we will grapple with the issues considered paramount by people at different moments in European history.

SPAN 106 – Basic Spanish I & II

O. Delasuaree -- MTWR, 2:00 pm

This course offers students the opportunity of completing the university language requirement (6 credits) in one semester by covering the entire first year curriculum in an intensive setting. Cultural activities supplement this unique experience for the exceptionally motivated student.

— MATH & SCIENCE —

ENV 110 – Environmental Foundations

K. Swanson -- MW, 9:30 -10:45 (Lab W 2-4:45)

This course will stress a holistic view of the environment from the viewpoints of several disciplines of the sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.

— SOCIAL SCIENCES —

PSY 110 – General Psychology – Jane Austin – online

This course provides a broad overview of the field of psychology and the study of the human mind and behavior. This online format promotes involvement through an active discussion board and interactive learning modules. A variety of assignments encourage students to translate theories and concepts into a meaningful context related to their own lives and experiences.

PSY 210 – Developmental Psychology

N. Pakizegi -- TR, 2:00 – 3:15

This course is about how we come to be who we are through the course of our development. It will cover physical, social, emotional and intellectual development in each of the main periods of life from infancy through emerging adulthood. Issues of class, race, gender and culture will be interwoven throughout the topics.

— HEALTH AND FITNESS —

PEGE 200/CMHL 200 -- Active Lifestyles for Health

R. Blonna/G. Schmidt -- WF, 11:00– 12:15

Physical Education for aerobic conditioning and life-long good health!

— RACE AND GENDER —

WS 150 – Racism & Sexism

C. Sheffield -- TR, 2:00 – 3:15

In common with standard sections, this course will examine racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism looking at current laws, historical documents, academic articles, films, and hearing the personal experiences of other students. Engaging the topics, students will read critically, write on complex topics and work at concept development. Such skill development assignments will prepare students for an intensive undergraduate program regardless of major.

A permit is required to enroll in the above courses. To request a permit, send an email to pinkstonj@wpunj.edu and include your name, 855#, and the names of the course(s) you would like to take. Note that space is limited and permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Upcoming Events

28 October	Thursday	7:30	Pizza with the President location TBA
30 October	Thursday	12:30	Mandatory Meeting for all students in Honors Tracks UC 168
1 November	Saturday	TBA	Halloween Masquerade Location TBA
4 November	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
11 November	Tuesday	12:30	Coat Drive and Bake Sale UC Mainstreet
13 November	Thursday	12:30	First Year Student Meeting UC 168
17 November	Monday	6:00	Film -- "The Color of Pomegranates" Library Auditorium
18 November	Tuesday		Coat Drive — Final Collection Day
20 November	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
22 November	Saturday	TBA	Conference on Democracy in the U.S. Location TBA
4 December	Thursday	3:00—4:30	Honors Holiday Party Hobart Manor
9 December	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
15 December	Monday	6:00 pm	Film -- "Clockwork Orange" Library Auditorium
19 January	Monday	6:00 pm	Film -- Pink Floyd's "The Wall" Library Auditorium
16 February	Monday	6:00 pm	Film -- "Groundhog Day" Library Auditorium
26-29 March	Thurs.-Sun.	TBA	NRHC Honors Conference Annapolis, MD
20 April	Monday	6:00 pm	Film -- "The Science of Sleep" Library Auditorium
20-23 April	Mon.-Thurs.	TBA	Honors Week
18 May	Monday	4:30 pm	Honors Convocation Reception and Ceremony Atrium Lobby/Shea Auditorium