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HONORS SEMINARS
The following is a listing of the Honors Seminars still available for the second half of Fall 2007 semester.
Descriptions of the seminars can be found online at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars_f07.php. Reference numbers are also posted online.

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HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS LATELY?
If you have a good idea for an Honors Seminar topic, let us know. We are always interested in good seminar topics. If you have an idea who could or should teach the seminar, we’d love to hear that too. Please contact Gene Takle, gstakle@iastate.edu, 294-4371. The faculty/staff deadline to propose a seminar for Spring 2008 is September 14, 2007. Honors Seminar Proposal forms are available online.

CREDIT LIMIT FOR REGISTRATION
The general registration policy states that students cannot register for more than eighteen (18) credits for any semester. All Honors students, including 2007-2008 Freshman Honors Program members, have a twenty-one (21) credit limit for registration. This limit will be coded automatically by the Honors Program Office.

PASS/NOT PASS POLICY FOR HONORS STUDENTS
Honors students may not take any course Pass/Not Pass unless approval has been secured from the student's college Honors committee prior to the student selecting the Pass/Not Pass option. Please note that this policy does not apply to courses/seminars offered on a Satisfactory/Fail grading system. It applies only to those courses --- both Honors and non-Honors --- for which you may elect the Pass/Not Pass system rather than the standard A-F grading system.

JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING USE UPDATE
All Honors students can be granted access to the Jischke Honors Building after hours through use of a keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you can be issued one through the Honors Program Office. Your first keycard is free of charge, but there is a $20 replacement fee if you lose your access card.

ATTENTION SPRING 2008 GRADUATES!
It may appear to be a long way off still, but for those of you who are planning on graduating next spring you need to be thinking about your project proposals and projects now! Deadlines for project proposal submissions vary among colleges, so please check with the contact for your college Honors Committee if
you have any questions. Remember, your senior year will go by quickly— it’s never too early to get ahead on your project!

Agriculture and Life Sciences: Chair, Joan Cunnick, 383D Science I, jcunnick@iastate.edu
Business: College Liaison, Rob Musselman, 1200 Gerdan Business Building, robertm1@iastate.edu
Design: Student Services Coordinator, Michelle Rasmussen, 297 Design, mrasmuss@iastate.edu
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Human Sciences: Student Services Specialist, Dayle Nickerson, E105 Lagomarcino, dmnick@iastate.edu
Liberal Arts & Sciences: College Liaison, Jane Jacobson, 102 Catt Hall, jrjacob@iastate.edu

HAVE YOU STUDIED ABROAD?
The Honors Program is seeking Honors Students that have studied abroad within the last 2 years to share their experiences with Freshman Honors Students this fall during the FHP Study Abroad Info Sessions on October 16 and 17. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Beyer, jbeyer@iastate.edu, or 294-5827.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THE NCHC CONFERENCE?
Each year the National Collegiate Honors Council holds an annual conference about Honors Programs and issues facing Honors students. About half of the 2000 people at each conference are students from across the country, many of whom present panels related to their Honors experience or their research. This year’s conference will held in Denver, Colorado, October 31 – November 4, 2007, with the theme “Creative Tensions, Challenging Environments.” If you are interested in attending the conference or would like more information, please contact Jamie Beyer at jbeyer@iastate.edu or 294-5827 by September 4, 2007.

Students who have attended previous NCHC conferences have secured funding to help pay for the conference costs for this great experience.

HSB NEWS

LABOR DAY PICNIC
HSB will be hosting the annual honors Labor Day Picnic on Monday September 3rd at 5:00pm at central campus (just in front of Curtiss Hall). There will be a catered BBQ (FREE!) as well as some Frisbee fun. Come reunite with old friends and meet new honors members as we greet the fresh semester!

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HONORS PROJECTS
Grants of up to $750 (University Honors Grants) are available from the Honors Program to defray expenses of your Honors Research Project. A description of the project and a detailed budget are part of the application process. Projects that are substantially completed are ineligible for funding - apply early in your project planning process! Detailed information, including applications, guidelines, and funding are available at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarships.php or from Leah Greving in the Honors Office. The best grant applications are typed, free of spelling errors, and contain thoughtful and clear explanations of project goals and budgets. Work with your project advisor in preparing your application and call the Honors Office at 294-0855 with questions or concerns. There is no specific deadline for University Honors Grants.

STEWART RESEARCH AWARDS
The Stewart Research Awards provide financial support of up to $600 for Honors students’ research projects. Full members of the Honors Program who are proposing research in any academic discipline may apply and the award may be combined with any other financial grant. Awards may be given to a student for a research project which is not designated by the student as his or her required Honors Project, although preference is given to those projects likely to result in a student authored or co-authored publication. The University Honors Committee funds a limited number of awards each year, and the competitive nature of
these awards means that students must supply a letter of support from the project advisor. Research awards may be used for any expenses incurred during the project, including travel and equipment costs. Application materials are available in the Honors Office. The deadline is October 12, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STUDY ABROAD FAIR
The Study Abroad Center's annual Study Abroad Fair September 13 (10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., MU Great Hall) will feature ISU and non-ISU programs to study, work or volunteer abroad. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Center, 3224 Memorial Union, 4-6792, studyabroad@iastate.edu.

ENGINEERING STUDENTS: AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY/WORK ABROAD
Studying or working abroad during college helps you grow as a person and prepares you to meet the challenges of engineering in the global marketplace. Engineering International Programs & Services (EIPS), 101 Marston Hall, can help you find the international opportunities that are right for you! For more information, visit http://www.eng.iastate.edu/eips

To learn more about engineering-friendly international opportunities, visit “Tour The World” Engineering Study & Work Abroad Fair, September 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Howe Hall Atrium.

TUTORING
As the Fall semester is quickly approaching, the Academic Success Center would like to remind you of the services available to you. We offer various services such as Supplemental Instruction, Academic Consulting, Academic Intervention, Workshops, and Tutoring.

The Academic Success Center is looking for students who have received at least a B or higher in the course they wish to tutor or have passed out of that course. Other qualities include strong communication skills, patience, and interest in helping others. The website (www.dso.iastate.edu/asc/tutoring) provides complete information on other responsibilities and requirements.

COURSE OPTION
Com S 572 (Also Com S 472, Com S 472 Honors). Principles of Artificial Intelligence. (3-1) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: 311, 330 or Cpr E 310, Stat 330, Engl 105, Sp Cm 212, Com S 342 or comparable programming experience. Specification, design, implementation, and selected applications of intelligent software agents and multi-agent systems. Computational models of intelligent behavior, including problem solving, knowledge representation, reasoning, planning, decision making, learning, perception, action, communication and interaction. Reactive, deliberative, rational, adaptive, learning and communicative agents and multiagent systems. Artificial intelligence programming. Graduate credit requires a research project and a written report. Oral and written reports. Additional information about the course can be found on the course web site: www.cs.iastate.edu/~cs572/

UNIVERSITY LECTURES
The ISU Lectures Program, funded by GSB and the Office of the Provost, is committed to the philosophy that the function of the university is to provide "a market place of ideas." The Committee on Lectures works to bring to campus a broad spectrum of lectures as well as cultural and artistic events. For a complete listing and descriptions of Iowa State University Lectures Program Schedule of Upcoming Events please visit www.lectures.iastate.edu. Here is a brief listing of upcoming lectures in the next month:

COMEDY! John Oliver from "The Daily Show with John Stewart"
Friday, 07 Sep 2007 at 8:00 pm @ Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State Center
Where Have All the Soldiers Gone? The Transformation of Modern Europe - James Sheehan

Thursday, 13 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ The Gallery, Memorial Union
Cellulosic Ethanol: Putting Farm Waste into Your Gas Tank - Thomas Binder

Wednesday, 19 Sep 2007, 4:00 PM @ LeBaron Hall Auditorium, Rm 1210
Helen LeBaron Hilton Chair in Human Sciences Fall Lecture - Richard Florida

Wednesday, 19 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State Center
American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood - Marie Arana

Thursday, 20 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
The Yellow Rose of Suffrage-A One-Woman Play performed by Jane Cox

Sunday, 23 Sep 2007, 7:30 PM @ Fisher Theatre, Iowa State Center

The Mess We’re In: How U.S. Leaders have Failed Us in the Middle East and What You Can Do - James Zogby
Tuesday, 25 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Race and Abortion - Dr. Alveda C. King
Wednesday, 26 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Designing Humanity - Hamilton Cravens
Thursday, 27 Sep 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMEFEST
Learn about opportunities and businesses in Ames by attending Welcomefest on Thursday, August 29th, 5:30-9pm at the Lied Recreation Center. This annual event brings together numerous Ames and local businesses, community organizations, and campus departments for new students.

CLUBFEST
Looking for stuff to do? ClubFest will be held Thursday, August 30th from 11am-4pm in the Lied Recreation Center and will have representatives from over 100 student and campus organizations. Walk away with information about the various ways you can get involved with social, academic, service, and other opportunities!

ADMISSIONS TELSTARS
The Office of Admissions is hiring TelSTARS! These current students call prospective Iowa State students to share their Iowa State experiences and encourage them to apply for admissions, etc. A full job description can be found on the Access Plus Student Job Board. Please contact Jen Hacke by Tuesday, August 21 at noon to learn more. jhacke@iastate.edu or 294-4591.

10,000 HOURS PROJECT
Looking for a way to get involved on campus? The 10,000 Hours Show is currently looking for new staff members for the school year! The 10,000 Hours Show is a student group on campus that promotes volunteering by providing a FREE concert to people who volunteer 10 hours or more of community service. If you are interested in being on staff email ISU10K@gmail.com for an application and staff descriptions.

VARIETIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED!
Varieties Central Committee is responsible for recruiting talent, organizing shows, and publicizing the event. There are many positions available. We'd love to have you join us in continuing this tradition.
Join Varieties Central Committee! Varieties is an ISU tradition featuring student creativity and talent. Three categories allow students to showcase their talents in many areas. Teams put together 30 minute skits. They are responsible for writing dialogue, song lyrics and choreography as well as staging, costuming, and acting. Students may also compete as emcees (hosts) for the shows featuring commentary and comedy. The final category is vignettes which showcases individual or group talents such as dancing, juggling, and other unique abilities.

Descriptions of available positions are listed at http://www.sub.iastate.edu/?at=varieties

The application/interview sign ups are due SEPT. 7 at 5pm. You can pick up an application outside the East Student Office Space.

WINGSPREAD CONFERENCES

ATTEND A MEETING OF THOUGHTFUL INQUIRY
Wingspread conferences, sponsored by The Johnson Foundation, bring together experts and other individuals who are leaders in the development of policies specific to the conferences. Honors students at Iowa State are among the students from only a dozen other schools around the nation who have special status as Wingspread Fellows and are invited to apply to attend the conferences at no cost to themselves. Students attend as observers to the deliberations, but have plenty of opportunity to interact with the experts on an informal basis. In fact, it is not necessary to be majoring in the area of the conference topic. The Foundation is interested in encouraging students to become educated citizens and, thus, have opened these conferences to any interested student. Wingspread was built in 1939 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Wingspread is located on Wind Point, a peninsula on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. For further information on the conference or facility go to http://www.johnsonfdn.org/tour.html. Please review the conference listings below and consider becoming a Wingspread Fellow. ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR THE CONFERENCES. Contact Laurie Fiegel, lfiegel@iastate.edu, or 294-4371, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you are interested in attending one of the sessions listed below.

Coordinating Funding Strategies for Developing Democracy

Statement of Purpose: To help the funding community develop a more coordinated pro-democracy agenda.

The principal issue is: Making American society more engaged and egalitarian.

Synopsis: While interest and support around issues of civic engagement have increased over the past few years, almost all of that work focuses on one specific issue: campaign finance, voting rights, for ex-felons and the like. A group of funders believe that a more coordinated approach to funding and to democratic work could produce better outcomes. Funders are loathe to change anything about how they operate, but there is solid interest in this project.

Expected Outcome: At best, a strategic agreement on funding. More likely, a step midway toward that goal.

Dates: September 10-11, 2007 (Monday-Tuesday)-begins @11:00a.m.

Electrifying the Network: Next Steps for Higher Education Network for Community Engagement

Statement of Purpose: To advance the action agenda of HENCE (Higher Education Network for Community Engagement).

This conference is a follow-up to one held in 2006 involving representatives of over 30 national higher education organizations involved in community engagement. The conference will extend the work completed since 2006 and will establish action goals for 2007-2008. The objectives established at the prior conference have been achieved and a longer term strategic plan for the collaboration is needed to extend their work.

Dates: September 14-16, 2007 (Friday-Sunday)-begins@ 3:00 p.m.
**Promising Media strategies to Change the Marriage Culture**


*The principal issue is:* Developing a Healthy Marriage Initiative

*The principal issue is:* This is the second of four scheduled conferences that will serve the national Healthy Marriage Initiative.


*Dates:* September 24-26, 2007 (Monday-Wednesday)-begins at 2:30 p.m.

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### GETTING INTO JISCHKE AFTER HOURS

In order to have after-hours access to the Honors Building, see Linda in the Honors Office and sign up for access. You then will be assigned a card. If you already have a university-provided keycard to enter your residence, the Honors Building system will be coded to allow you entrance using that keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you will be issued one that you will be able to pick up at the Honors Program Office. It may be as long as two weeks for the new keycards to be issued or for current keycards to be coded into the system.

You will be granted access to the Honors Building as long as you are a member of the Honors Program in good standing and you must abide by the After Hours Building Use Policy. If you lose your access card there is a $20 replacement fee.

### THE AFTER-HOURS BUILDING-USE POLICY FOR THE JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING!

Three words: **USE GOOD JUDGEMENT!**

These are a few rules and guidelines that all students must follow when using the Honors Building after business hours. These are based on the Building-Use policy, ISU building-use regulations, ISU security regulations, and Jischke Honors Building supervisor policies. In general, after-hours use of the Honors Building is a PRIVILEGE granted by ISU security and the Building Supervisor. This privilege can and has been revoked for student noncompliance of the building policies and guidelines. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed. HSB, as the Honors student representative body, has the responsibility to make all Honors students aware of these policies and to enforce them. These common-sense rules MUST be followed; by not doing so, you directly jeopardize the privilege of Honors Building use after hours for all students.

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- Entrance after hours is by access card only. Card readers are located at the Northeast door and the South door.
- Do not post any signs, flyers, etc. on the walls or woodwork.
- Pick up trash before you leave.
- You may not sleep overnight in the Honors Building.
- Only members in good standing in the Honors Program are allowed in the Honors Building. You may not allow non-honors students into the building after hours.
- NEVER prop an outside door open - it violates the university building-use policy and it sets off an alarm.
- If someone is studying, respect their right to study quietly - that's why the building is here.
- Don't use the phone for lengthy personal conversations. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed.

**NOTE:** There is to be no alcohol or illegal drugs in the Honors Building at any time. Violators will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.