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HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION
FALL 2005 HONORS CALENDAR
October 19: First day of registration for Spring 2006
October 26: HSB Bowling, 9:00-11:00 p.m., Memorial Union
October 26-30: NCHC in St. Louis, MO
October 29: HSB Nerd Olympics, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
November 5: HSB Ice Skating, 8:00-10:00 p.m., ISU Ice Arena
November 6: HSB Sunday Before Class, 5:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
November 15: Spring semester seminar registration begins at noon
December 4: HSB Broomball, 11:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., ISU Ice Arena
December 5: Poster Presentation, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Great Hall
December 5-9: Dead Week
December 12-16: Finals Week
HONORS SEMINARS
The listing of Honors seminars for Spring 2006 will be posted by November 1 on the Honors website and will also be included in the November 1 edition of News and Notes, so please continue to check back for more information.

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 Ricardo Salvador, salvador@iastate.edu, 294-4371.

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 2005-2006 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.

ATTENTION SPRING 2006 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!
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HSB NEWS

HSB DINNER EXCHANGE
Thank you to all of you who attended the HSB Dinner Exchange. We had a great turnout and really enjoyed meeting with faculty members around campus over a delicious meal from Battle’s Barbeque. We will be offering another Dinner Exchange next semester, so stay tuned for more information.

UPCOMING HSB EVENTS
HSB invites you to come show off your bowling skills at Bowling Night, Wednesday, October 26, 2005, from 9:00-11:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Recreation Center. The same week you can come wow everyone with your talents at HSB Nerd Olympics- Halloween Style, Saturday, October 29, 2005, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Jischke Honors Building. We hope to see everyone there!

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING
UDALL SCHOLARSHIP
Melissa Millage from the Udall Foundation will be on campus Wednesday, October 19 and will meet with Honors students who may be interested in applying for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship at 5:10pm in the Honors Building. (Signs will be posted directing you to the room.)

The Udall Scholarship award is $5000. This very prestigious program furthers Congressman Udall’s legacy by awarding scholarships for study of the environment and related fields. Scholarships are also awarded to Native Americans and Alaska Natives in fields related to health care and tribal public policy.

Because environmental issues and Native American tribal issues can be approached from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, there is no typical Udall Scholar. Students from many different majors have been awarded Udall Scholarships. Successful candidates generally have taken courses in ethics and public policy, and have performed community service in the area of the candidate’s future career.

Who can apply?! Sophomores and juniors who plan careers related to the environment or are Native Americans or Alaska Natives who plan careers in health care or tribal public policy. Students should have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Interested freshmen should attend so they can learn more about the scholarship and how to plan their studies to be competitive for selection. Sophomores and juniors should attend because they are eligible to apply this year.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HONORS PROJECTS
Grants of up to $500 (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.iastate.edu/~honors/general/projects.html or from Suzanne 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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
BIOMES OF AUSTRALIA 2006
The Biomes of Australia International Field Trip in Biology will again be offered in 2006. Tentative dates are May 8 through June 5, providing four weeks of travel to the major biological regions of the land down under. The trip will be patterned after the excellent 2005 trip. If you would like to see the itinerary we followed last year and see photos of what we do while in Australia, check out the www site at www.biology.iastate.edu. Click on I and then International Opportunities and then on the Index of Biomes of Australia to access the course homepage. The 2006 trip will be very similar.

You will fly into Melbourne on the SE coast and spend three days exploring temperate/coastal Australia before flying 1,000 miles to the NE to the tropical York Peninsula. Using the city of Cairns as a base of operation, the group will live four days in the rain forest (hiking and observing plants and animals), live for three days aboard a 140 foot sailing vessel on the Great Barrier reef (diving and snorkeling each day), and live in the dry savanna woodlands for four days (hiking and observing the characteristic habitat and kangaroos). From Cairns, you will fly to the central desert at Alice Springs where you will take a four-day camping safari to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the Olgas, hiking and observing the semi-desert conditions of the area. The trip will end with a four day stay in Sydney, including a day trip to the Blue Mountains National Park. Students can extend their trip and travel on their own after the itinerary is complete. In the past, many students have chosen to spend an extra week or more on their own in Tasmania, Western Australia, or New
Zealand.

Warren (University Professor of Genetics, Developmental and Cellular Biology, and a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master Teacher in International Programs) and Judy (Director of the Ames/ISU YWCA) Dolphin will lead their eighth field trip to Terra Australis Incognito, the intriguing land of the southern hemisphere. Students who have taken this trip in the past have said that it was the best time of their lives. More is packed into this trip than you would find in a trip lasting longer and costing more.

Students accepted into the class will take a one credit seminar during Spring semester on campus in which the biology of Australia will be discussed. The seminar is taught on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30 PM. Students then register for three credits in summer school and take the four week field trip. Both courses (4 credits) count toward the advanced credits needed in many biological science majors and satisfy the university international perspectives graduation requirement. You must complete at least one year of college biology by the time of the trip to be eligible. Twenty students ranging from freshmen to seniors with a range of GPAs will be chosen through a competitive application process.

The exact cost of the trip is yet to be determined and depends on foreign monetary exchange rates and air fare costs. The estimated cost is $4,400 + or - $200. This includes all travel, lodging, meals, and entrance fees for 28 action packed days in Oz. The university will charge a study abroad fee and reduced tuition for three credits in summer school. Because you are taking a course, the cost of the trip is eligible for student financial aid support. Some scholarship funds are available through the Study Abroad Office and through the Colleges of Agriculture and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to Professor Warren Dolphin at wdolphin@iastate.edu for more information.

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 Ricki Shine, rshine@iastate.edu, or 294-4292, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you are interested in attending one of the sessions listed below.

Implementing the National Action Agenda for Civic Engagement in Higher Education
(#3 of 3 annual conferences)

Statement of Purpose: To assess progress and refine strategic actions for implementation of the National Action Agenda for civic engagement in higher education. This conference was developed to: Assess progress on implementation of an action plan developed in the fall of 2002. The principal issue is: Education (higher education civic engagement). Synopsis: Conferees will assess progress on a civic engagement plan developed at Wingspread in 2004. Nationally, approximately 50 percent of all colleges and universities now provide civic engagement opportunities for students. Expected Outcome: Assessment
of progress and further refinement of five-year plan. Dates: October 26-28 2005 (Wednesday - Friday)-- begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

The Future of Wisconsin Agriculture
Statement of Purpose: To develop a new vision for the future of agriculture and rural life in Wisconsin through specific action and policy recommendations, and implementation strategies and action networks that will lead to a more sustainable, diverse, and economically viable future for Wisconsin’s agriculture sector and the state’s rural communities. This conference was developed to: Organize a state-wide program to map out the future of the agriculture industry and rural communities in Wisconsin. The principal issue is: Sustaining agriculture. Synopsis: Goal-setting conference for an 18-month study of the agriculture industry in Wisconsin. Expected Outcomes: Greater public awareness of the contributions of agriculture to the state’s economy and public policy supportive of value-added agriculture. Dates: November 3-4, 2005 (Thursday - Friday)-- begins at 4:00 p.m. and adjourns at 3:00 p.m.

The Future of Family-Owned Woodlands in the United States
Statement of Purpose: To bring together a diverse group of woodland owners and people who work with woodland owners in order to: 1) share experiences with promoting and assisting sustainable forest management; 2) discuss lessons learned from these activities, and 3) develop actions for increasing responsible private forest management nationally through community-based forestry initiatives and recommendations for supportive state and federal policies. This conference was developed to: Increase amount of private forest land managed sustainably. The principal issue is: Sustainable forestry. Synopsis: A conference to examine best practices of sustainable forestry on private lands and identify practices to promote to private woodlot owners nationwide. Expected Outcomes: More sustainably produced timber and more economically viable woodlots. Dates: November 11-13, 2005 (Friday - Sunday)-- begins at 6:00 p.m. and adjourns at 1:00 p.m.

Bringing Together Arab and U.S. Journalists
Statement of Purpose: To increase understanding and perceptions between Arab and American cultures, and to improve international reporting. This conference was developed to: Bring together Arab and American top-level journalists. Synopsis: Senior-level Muslim journalists (print and broadcast, including Al Jazeera) and their American counterparts will discuss perceptions and cultures, and exchange information, ideas, techniques, etc. Participants may include The New York Times, Washington Post, Fox, CNN, Reuters, Jordan Times, Lebanon Daily Star, etc. They are encouraged to broadcast directly from the conference and report on the conference in their respective mediums. Expected Outcomes: We will co-publish a booklet of outcomes in both Arabic and their English. We also expect international news coverage. Dates: November 29 - December 2, 2005 (Tuesday - Friday)-- begins at TBD and adjourns at TBD

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE
The Office of Admissions and New Student Programs are looking for students who are interested in leadership opportunities. We have two positions students may apply for:

STARS (STudent Admissions RepresentativeS) are volunteer student leaders that work with the Admissions Office. STARS present a positive, realistic student view of Iowa State University to prospective students and parents by providing tours and serving on student panels to answer questions for prospective students and their family members.

Cyclone Aides are undergraduate student leaders who facilitate new student programs throughout the year. Cyclone Aides assist new students through the college transition during orientation and Destination Iowa State. They provide new students with an introduction to campus and its resources, and assist with campus visits and student recruitment throughout the year.
For details about each the positions go to http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/leaders/ . Complete an application online today at http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/forms/stu_ldr_form.php . Note the application deadline of October 21, 2005. If you have questions, call Autumn at 294-5714.

GET PAID FOR WHAT YOU KNOW – TUTOR!
The Academic Success Center is now hiring tutors! If you are looking for a flexible job that sharpens your academic skills, broadens your ISU experience while earning extra cash then tutoring is right for you! The tutoring experience also looks great on a resume and interactions will build your academic confidence.

Visit: http://www.dso.iastate.edu/asc/tutoring/beomeatutor.html or our office in the Student Services building to apply to be a tutor. You will take part in a one on one interview and orientation session if you're hired.

Undergraduate students receive $7 an hour. Courses that we are specifically hiring for are: Chemistry, Math, Statistics, Electrical Engineering and Biology. Make a difference and apply today!

GETTING INTO FORT 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 $15 replacement fee.

THE AFTER-HOURS BUILDING-USE POLICY FOR THE JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING! Three words: DON'T BE STUPID!
If you need further elaboration, read on:
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 Ricki Shine. 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.
---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 you are the last person to leave the Honors Building after hours, you MUST check:
*Computers: Are the computers and printers all turned off?
*Lights: Are all lights EXCEPT the foyer lights turned off?
*Trash: Is trash picked up off of the floor? Is the kitchen and lounge area straightened-up? Are all books returned to where they belong?
---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. If you unplug the phone in the lounge area an alarm will go off and DPS will be alerted. 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.