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HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
(The following announcement was distributed September 12, 2005 to all University Honors Program members.)
Eliminating Associate Membership in the University Honors Program

The University Honors Committee has approved the elimination of the distinction between Associate and Full members of the Honors Program. Henceforth, all students in the Honors Program (other than those in the Freshman Honors Program which will retain its separate identity) will be known as “members” and will enjoy the same privileges and benefits previously reserved to Full members. These changes are instituted to streamline student experience in the Honors Program.

To implement this change, a system of “good standing” has been designed to permit and encourage students to progress continuously through Honors, starting either in the Freshman Honors Program (FHP) or post-FHP, and culminating in graduation with Honors distinction. It will no longer be necessary to apply separately for Associate and Full membership. Once a student is a member of the Honors Program, or a member of the Freshman Honors Program, he or she will retain membership in the Program so long as he or she maintains good standing.

“Good standing” status will be defined as follows:

a. Students in FHP will be in good standing and will become members of their College Honors Program if, during the second semester of their freshman year, they satisfy the following conditions:
   1. Have an ISU GPA of 3.35 or above;
   2. Submit, and receive approval for, a Statement of Honors Purpose;
   3. Attend an Honors orientation session in their college

b. Students who have not participated in FHP, or who have left Honors after FHP without progressing into their College Honors Program, can become members of their College Honors Program if, at any point prior to having 48-credits remaining until graduation, they satisfy all of the following:
   1. Have an ISU GPA of 3.35 or above;
   2. Complete an Honors application;
   3. Submit, and receive approval for, a Statement of Honors Purpose;
   4. Attend an Honors orientation session in their college

c. To retain good standing status, members who reach 60-credits remaining to graduation (generally, end of sophomore/beginning of junior year) must submit and have approved by their College Honors Committee, an individualized Program of Study that describes educational and career goals, and documents the challenge and rigor of their curriculum in addition to applicable university, college, major or Honors requirements. (Students who apply to Honors between the time they have 60 and 48 credits remaining to graduation, will submit the Program of Study at the time of application.)

d. To remain in good standing, when reaching 30 credits remaining to graduation (generally end of junior year/beginning of senior year) members must submit and receive approval for an Honors Project Proposal (subject to pertinent rules set forth by the corresponding College Honors Committee.)

*At all points, members must maintain an ISU GPA of at least 3.35 to remain in good standing.

Students who are current Associate or Full members of the Honors Program on October 1, 2005 will automatically become members of the Honors Program, subject to maintaining good standing status from that date forward. (For example, a student who currently is an Associate member will become a member on October 1. By such time as that student has 60 credits remaining to graduation, he or she must submit a Program of Study to his or her College Honors Committee. Similarly, a student who has
30 or fewer credits remaining until graduation – i.e. plans to graduate in Spring 2006 – must submit an Honors Project Proposal to his or her College Honors Committee no later than November 1st, unless his or her College Honors Committee has set a different deadline.

All questions about this new system should be directed to Ricki Shine, the Administrative Director of the Honors Program, at rshine@iastate.edu or by appointment. To schedule an appointment with Ricki, please contact Linda Young (lindakay@iastate.edu; 294-0573) or Suzanne Wirth (suzwirth@iastate.edu; 294-0855) in the Honors Office.

**FALL 2005 HONORS CALENDAR**
September 16: HSB Ultimate Frisbee, 6:00 p.m., Central Campus
September 19: Full Membership approval deadline for Spring Priority Registration
September 22: HSB Mentor Program Information Session, 7:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
September 25: HSB Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
October 10: HSB Dinner Exchange
October 14: First half classes end; Second half classes begin; Advising for Spring 2006 registration begins
October 14: Stewart Grant Application Deadline
October 14-15: Freshman Honors Program Retreat
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
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, Great Hall
December 5-9: Dead Week
December 12-16: Finals Week

**REGISTRATION REMINDER**
Please check the “Courses” at http://www.public.iastate.edu/~honors/courses/f05courses.html and “Seminars” at http://www.public.iastate.edu/~honors/seminars/f05seminars.htm for the current listing of available Honors courses and seminars as well as Honors sections of courses and recommended sections of courses for Honors students. Honors courses and seminars are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Courses and lab sections marked by a $ require students to pay an additional fee for course materials.

**HONORS SEMINARS**
* OPEN SEMINARS: The following Honors Seminars that will be offered during the second half of the semester still have openings for students:

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Descriptions for the seminars are posted on the Honors webpage at http://www.public.iastate.edu/~honors/seminars/f05seminars.html.

**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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Associate
Amanda Meyer, Agriculture, ANSPV
Tyler Strom, Agriculture, AG B
Keihly Moore, Design, ARC
Matthew Goodman, Engineering, MAT E
Ecoterina Mariano, Engineering, CH E
Samuel DeGree, LAS, HIST
Jessica Dovey, LAS, ENGL
Kirk Erickson, LAS, OPEN
Mattias Gassman, LAS, BIOPH & INDIS
Jeffrey Roske, LAS, L ST
Christopher Sigmund, LAS, ECON

Full
Stacia Kuisle, Agriculture, ZOOLA
Johnathon Frahm, Business, MGMT & MKT
Robert Gassman, Design, ARC
Yuen Yee Lau, Design, ARTID
Angela Young, Design, L A
ChenRu Zheng, Design, ARTDN
Eric Aderhold, Engineering, CPR E
Emily Larsen-Ferree, LAS, HIST

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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Business: College Liaison, Kim Williams, 1200 Gerdin, kimw@iastate.edu
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Engineering: Engineering Undergraduate Secretary, Susan Kratz, 110 Marston, skratz@iastate.edu
Human Sciences: Chair, Pat Carlson, N119 Lagomarcino, pcarlson@iastate.edu
LAS: 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 Freshmen Honors Students this fall. We are still looking for students to help present at our Study Abroad Session on Wednesday, October 19, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If you are interested and available, please contact Brandy Cunningham, brandyc@iastate.edu, or 294-5827.

HSB NEWS
ANYONE FOR ULTIMATE?
The Honors Student Board invites you to come show your skill at the HSB Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
Friday, September 16, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. on central campus. Come with a team or join one when you get
there, or just come out and watch. No pre-registration is required. If you cannot attend the HSB Ultimate
Frisbee Tournament but would still like to participate in HSB, HSB’s weekly meeting is Thursday night at
6:30 p.m. in 1113 Jischke Honors Building. Everyone is welcome!

MENTOR PROGRAM INFO SESSION
HSB is sponsoring an informational session on the FHP Mentor Program for all interested freshmen. If you
are thinking about applying for the Mentor Program and would like to find out more information, come and
hear from past mentees about their experiences on September 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in 1151 Jischke Honors
Building.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING
MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY IN IRELAND
The deadline for the 2006-2007 George J. Mitchell Scholarship is October 10, 2005. With 12 awards made
each year, the Scholarship provides a year of graduate study at any university in Ireland or Northern
Ireland. Applicants must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 30 who will have an undergraduate
degree when starting study with the Mitchell Scholarship (graduating seniors are encouraged to apply).!!
Mitchell Scholarship recipients should present superior records of academic excellence, leadership and
community service. Scholars, who normally are in one-year Master's degree programs, have represented a
wide range of disciplines, from biotechnology and civil engineering to economics and international
relations. Additional information and access to the online application are available at our web site
(www.us-irelandalliance.org). If you are interested in applying, please see Ricki Shine.

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.

 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 14, 2005.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
PRE-LAW OPPORTUNITIES
Students from all majors across campus interested in participating in the ISU Pre-Law Club for Fall
2005-Spring 2006 should contact Robbie Bauer at rbauer@iastate.edu for more information.

Kristine Sonnett, St. Louis University Law School admissions representative, will speak in Catt Hall 302
from 9:30-10:30am on Monday, September 19th. Kristine will give a talk about SLU Law School, a general overview of law school preparation, strategies to be admitted into law school, and answer questions.

Sherolyn Hurst, University of St. Thomas School of Law admissions representative, will speak in 1113 Jischke Honors Bldg from 5:30-6:30pm on Tuesday, September 20. Sherolyn will also give a talk about the University of St. Thomas School of Law, a general overview of law school preparation, strategies to be admitted into law school, and answer questions about all aspects of law school. PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Drake Law School will once again sponsor the Dwight D. Opperman Endowed Lecture in Constitutional Law on Thursday, October 6. The highlight of this program will be the talk by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. ISU will take two university vans leaving from the north drive near the fountain by the north door of the MU at noon and returning by approximately 6pm the same day for students who want to attend. Students interested in attending MUST confirm their participation with Bruce Allen at allenbs@iastate.edu by September 30th as seating is limited to 28 students on the university vans.

The schedule of events include:
RECEPTION 1:15-1:45pm
TOUR OF LAW SCHOOL 1:45-2:45pm
JUSTICE BREYER'S LECTURE 3:00-4:15pm!!!

Students interested in any of the above events and with questions can contact Bruce Allen at allenbs@iastate.edu or by phone at 294-4831.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
On October 12-14, the World Food Prize will hold its annual International Symposium. This year's topic is "Confronting the Dual Global Challenges of Malnutrition and Obesity." An exceptional array of leading medical specialists and international experts will be speaking at this conference, providing a unique opportunity for Iowa State University Honors Students to hear some of the leading international experts on global nutrition and public health.

The World Food Prize Foundation is making available a special registration fee of just $100 for Iowa State students to attend the Symposium as well as the two lunches and breakfast. To register for this remarkable event, download and print out the registration form that was previously emailed to all Honors students or contact Ricki for a copy. Fill it out and send it to the World Food Prize offices at the address noted on the registration form. PLEASE NOTE: You must use this registration form in order to be eligible for the $100 registration fee.

THERMOSONIC RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDERGRADUATES
The ISU Center for NDE is building a research program in thermosonic nondestructive evaluation. Thermosonic NDE is a method for finding cracks in a part by vibrating the part with high-intensity ultrasound and then imaging the part with an infrared thermal camera. Since we are building this program from the ground up, we face a broad range of interdisciplinary challenges. This is a research opportunity for undergraduates in Aerospace, EE, ME, Materials, CS, Physics, etc.

Our goal is to rapidly build a next-generation thermosonic NDE system, then to demonstrate its capability, develop improvements, explore the underlying physical phenomena, and quantify its reliability. We are looking for undergraduate students to assist in the development of this system. Initial development tasks will include: Data acquisition system, including automation, control, and user interface; Timing and triggering electronics; Motion control system; Ultrasonic excitation system and pneumatic actuator; Infrared camera interfacing and control; Image and signal processing; and, precision
laser range finder. Over the longer term there will be the opportunity for publishable research in thermosonic NDE. We also work closely with commercial partners in the Aerospace industry.

The ideal candidate would be a freshman, sophomore, or junior undergraduate with some experience in circuit design and construction, mechanical design and construction, and/or software. Honors program is a plus. We can pay or provide research credit. If interested, please contact: Steve Holland, 225 ASC II, 294-8659 or sdh4@iastate.edu.

POSITION FOR UNDERGRADUATE CHEMISTRY STUDENT AT AMES LABORATORY

The Ames Laboratory is looking for an enthusiastic, hard working and reliable chemistry student to work in our laboratory as part of our magnetic molecules project (5-10 hours/week). Your project will involve both ligand synthesis and discovery of new coordination clusters, and will therefore give you experience of a wide range of techniques in organic and inorganic chemistry. This represents an excellent opportunity for any student considering a PhD or employment in synthetic chemistry. You will work in a safe and clean environment and will be trained in specialized characterization techniques. Please address questions and informal applications to Dr. Paul Kögerler (294-3745, kogerler@ameslab.gov) or Dr. John Fielden (294-7505, jfielden@ameslab.gov).

PLANT SCIENCE INSTITUTE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

There is an opportunity for two or three capable and motivated ISU Honors students to participate in National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored research projects in the Plant Sciences Institute.!

One project is part of the NSF’s 2010 program -- to understand the function of all plant genes in Arabidopsis, a small mustard plant studied by many plant scientists. The entire Arabidopsis genome has been sequenced, and now scientists are attempting to understand the function of each of its 25,000 genes.

The research will be conducted in the lab of Dr. Stephen Howell in the new Roy J. Carver Co-Laboratory.!! The opportunity is best suited for students with laboratory experience and who are majors in biochemistry (or ag biochemistry), genetics or biology.!! Students will learn to use tools involved in genomics and/or proteomics research.

The aim of the project is to understand the function of genes controlling shoot development in Arabidopsis.!! Hundreds of genes are activated during the formation of shoots, and the Howell lab seeks to understand the genes that regulate this fundamental process.!! Some of the major controlling genes encode transcription factors (proteins that activate the expression of other genes) and subtilases (proteins that process other proteins involved in signaling developmental events). The research may be used as an honors research project and/or for pay.!! Interested students should contact Ricki ASAP at rshine@iastate.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH: POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Peter A. Peterson, Professor of Plant Genetics, at 294-9652 or pap@iastate.edu, is seeking an Honors Student to work on the following: Project Description: This is a maize genetics project. The material includes maize transposable elements (DNA that is mobile). There are several different projects. With each, most of the genetic analysis has been completed. The next step is to correlate the DNA analysis with genetic characteristics of the whole organism. This will make a complete story. In one of the projects, a genetic analysis will be accompanied by the DNA research. Project operations: Possibly 10 (or more) hours per week operating in a DNA laboratory. One or two graduate students will be helping in the same lab. Undergraduate Student responsibilities: A need to take on the project: Become acquainted with the related literature. Pursue the project to the end. Skills: Mostly, the undergrad researcher should have a willingness to learn about genetics and an opportunity to acquire some skills in DNA technology. Desirable specific skills include lab routine, pipette routine, basic understanding of
PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction). These skills can be acquired provided the student has familiarity in general lab facilities and routines. Time scale: With some diligent effort, each of these projects could be completed in one semester. Successful completion: This research completion could lead to a publication. This is possible with each of the projects.

RESEARCH PROJECT - GREENHOUSE STUDY
The project involves assessing different tomato breeding lines' response to fruit lycopene production through K nutrition (a factorial experiment of 3 tomato lines × 4 or 5 K rates). This would be a sand culture requiring daily application of nutrient solutions. Work directly with Dr. Taber, Professor in the Horticulture Department, on project setup, maintenance, and data collection. An excellent opportunity to gain first hand experience about the research process! Funds available to pay an hourly wage (not necessary to show financial need) up to 10 hours per week. Fall semester activity involves growing the plants in the greenhouse with various treatments; spring semester laboratory K analysis of the plants and fruits. Interested sophomores + are encouraged to contact Dr. Henry Taber, email: taber@iastate.edu, or phone: 515-294-0025 for further details.

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.

Excellence in Service-Learning Practice
Statement of Purpose: To review, improve, approve, and prepare implementation of a practice-excellence agenda for service-learning practitioners, advocates, and “field-builders.” The principal issue is: Service learning. Synopsis: Key leaders in the field will define ways to improve and strengthen service-learning programs. Such improvements include making explicit the learning that occurs through service. Participants will develop a plan for communicating the need to improve current practice. Expected Outcome: A specific action plan for promoting improvements in service learning and unifying the field behind those improvements. Dates: September 29 - October 1, 2005 (Thursday - Sunday) – begins at 4:00 p.m.; adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

Effective Use of New Conservation Incentives
Statement of Purpose: To discuss the effective use of new conservation incentives, such as those being considered for inclusion in the 2007 Farm Bill and related federal and state legislation, and consider implementation of new programs that may provide historic levels of financing for conservation purposes. This conference was developed to: Bring together senior executives and subject experts from the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors to focus on conservation-related issues of critical concern. The principal issue is: Conservation of private lands. Synopsis: This conference will address how conservation incentives in the 2007 Farm Bill are administered, and how to guarantee maximum effectiveness when applied by the land owner. Expected Outcome: Political and research agenda to
prepare for the 2007 Farm Bill reauthorization. *Dates:* October 3-5, 2005 (Monday - Wednesday)– begins at 8:00 a.m.; adjourns at 3:00 p.m.

**A Protocol for Strategic Initiatives at the Base of the Pyramid (BoP)**
*Statement of Purpose:* To create an inclusive form of development in which the corporate sector engages with marginalized voices, concerns, and interests to become a catalyst for social justice, ecological restoration, and cultural diversity. *This conference was developed to:* Develop collaborative strategies to alleviate environmental and social conditions in the third world. *The principal issue is:* Sustainable business practices. *Synopsis:* This conference analyses a specific business activity at the Base of the Pyramid, in this case SC Johnson’s pyrethrum producers in Kenya, to assess the efficacy of the BoP model. *Expected Outcome:* A full case study and refined approach to doing business in the most undeveloped parts of the world. *Dates:* October 9-11, 2005 (Sunday - Tuesday)– begins at 6:00 p.m. and adjourns at 12:00 noon.

**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 adjorns 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 English. We also expect international news coverage. *Dates:* November 29 - December 2, 2005 (Tuesday - Friday)– begins at TBD and adjourns at TBD

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**VOLUNTEER FAIR**

On September 20th, Iowa State University will hold its first ever Volunteer Fair for students sponsored by The 10,000 Hours Show. From 12 – 4 pm in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union, exhibitors will have the chance to meet directly with students to recruit and share with them the benefits of getting involved with their organization. To request a registration form, contact Katie Petersen at 515-450-9379 or at ktbp@iastate.edu.

**SKUNK RIVER NAVY DAYS (SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 1 & 8)**

For the 8th year, the BEST learning community and interested volunteers are coming together to form the Skunk River Navy (SRN).! The primary focus of the SRN clean-up project is to educate incoming freshman biology students about organismal diversity and ecology in a real-world setting. Hard-working volunteers are encouraged to participate; however, large groups cannot be accommodated at this time.!

Individual students who wish to volunteer may contact Jim Colbert in advance at jtcolber@iastate.edu.

All SRN days will begin at 9:00 AM in room 112 Bessey Hall, ISU campus. Be on time or risk being left behind. Transportation and lunch will be provided. (If you wish to drive your own vehicle to facilitate departure before we're finished, or provide additional transportation in the event that the ISU vans are full, that's fine) You WILL get wet and muddy. Wear shoes (old tennis shoes work very well) and clothes (jeans get very heavy when wet) that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. We will be picking up trash along about 3 miles of river. The walking/wading is often "challenging". -Bring water to drink. -Dress for the weather. Unless the water level in the river is too high, we will most likely be going. -You may want insect repellant and sunscreen. -"Cookies at the Colbert's" will be available at the end of SRN days -Approximate time of return to campus will be 5:00 PM. -Questions about cancellations, postponements, etc. can be answered by Jim Colbert (294-9330 [office], 232-1325 [home], or jtcolber@iastate.edu).

**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.