Weekly E-Letter

Centennial Honors College

Spring 2014 Honors Convocation Ceremony is Friday, May 9

The spring 2014 Honors Convocation Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 9 at 2 pm in Western Hall. This is when spring and summer graduates are recognized for various academic honors, including Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Scholar, Honors Scholar, and College Scholar. For each honor given, a medallion is presented to the student. These medallions are then worn at the Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday. Approximately 100 graduating Honors Scholars will be recognized at the ceremony and awarded a gold medallion on a light blue ribbon. Among them will be College Scholars John Johnson (College of Arts and Sciences), Caleb Markey (College of Business and Technology), Shiloh Luescshow (Centennial Honors College), and Honors Convocation Speaker Samantha Morrow. The title of Samantha’s speech is “Lollipop Moments.” Congratulations Honors Scholars!

Application Deadline for GH 299 “International Health” is Today!

The extended application deadline for Dr. Fetene Gebrewold’s GH 299 “International Health” is today, Friday, May 2. This fall 2014 course will examine international health, focusing specifically on the World Health Organization and the United Nations. The course will include a required trip to New York City during the first part of the Thanksgiving Break. The cost of the trip is currently estimated at $800. You must follow special procedures in order to register for this course. The first step is to complete a short application form, and return it to the Honors College by May 2. This form is available on the Honors College website here: http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/. After your application is processed and accepted, you must submit a non-refundable deposit of $800 to the Honors College by May 8. Priority for registration in the course will be given in the order in which applications and deposits are received.

Extended Hours in the Malpass Library for Finals Week

Next week the Malpass Library will be open even later than usual to help you study for final exams. Below are the special, extended library hours for finals week:

- **Saturday**, May 3: 10am - 8pm
- **Sunday**, May 4: 11am - 3am
- **Monday**, May 5: 7:30am - 3am
- **Tuesday**, May 6: 7:30am - 3am
- **Wednesday**, May 7: 7:30am - 3am
- **Thursday**, May 8: 7:30am - 12am
- **Friday**, May 9: 7:30am - 5pm

Dancing the night away: Hannah Drake and Joshua Diaz “cut a rug” at the Honors Scholarship Extravaganza on April 25 at the Macomb American Legion.

New Tau Sigma Chapter at WIU: Tau Sigma is a national honors society for transfer students. A chapter of Tau Sigma has now been established at WIU and the first group of members was inducted into Tau Sigma on Saturday, April 26 in the Sandburg Lounge of the Union. Chapter Advisor Michele Au-rand and keynote speaker Dr. Rick Hardy posed with new members of the “Epsilon Upsilon” chapter for a group picture after the ceremony on Saturday.
Study Abroad Feature of the Week:

**Good Luck on Finals and Have a Great Summer Break! (by Emily Bahr)**

The Office of Study Abroad wishes all students in the Honors College good luck on their final exams next week! As you prepare to leave campus for the summer, consider stopping by our office to learn more about the study abroad opportunities available to you as a WIU student. We are happy to provide you with information regarding the types of programs we offer, financial considerations for study abroad, and how an international experience can enhance your education and future career. Summer Break is the perfect time for you to discuss this information with your family and friends. There are also a number of programs that take place over the summer, so this time next year you could be preparing to study abroad! Have a great summer break!

If you are interested in learning more about WIU’s study abroad opportunities in more than 50 destinations, please contact the Office of Study Abroad at (309) 298-2504, visit our website at www.wiu.edu/studyabroad, like our Facebook page: Western Illinois University Study Abroad, or follow us on Twitter: @wiustudyabroad.

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**Mystery Photo of the Week**

Ten E-Letter readers knew the location of the cozy corner shown in last week’s mystery photo (below and left). Jennifer McNabb, Jane Coplan, Michele Aurand, Jeanne Stierman, Hannah Porter, Bill Thompson, Jillian Ross, Angie Sullivan, Paris Hamm, and Rick Hardy all knew it is in the lowest level of the Malpass Library. This is where the Library Espionage Book Club meets in the summer.

This week’s mystery photo: Where on the Macomb campus of WIU is this corn cob sign?

**Movies Movies Movies**

Once again, the Rialto hadn’t updated their website for the week when I last checked, but here are the movies that were listed as playing yesterday: “Heaven is for Real,” “Draft Day,” “Transcendence,” “Rio2,” “The Other Woman,” “Captain America: The Winter Soldier,” and “The Amazing Spiderman 2.”

For showtimes, go to http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html or call (309) 833-2626. Here are movies that will come to the Rialto later in May: “Neighbors,” “X-Men: Days of Future Past,” “Million Dollar Arm,” “Maleficent,” and “Godzilla.”

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**Ya’s Sudoku:**

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**Persuasive Group:** Ashley Gerard, Emily Nation, Carole Fleetwood, and Gina Meier gave their final presentation in Stacey Macchi’s Comm 241H class yesterday. (photo courtesy of Stacey Macchi)