The 2013 Spring/Summer Honors Convocation Ceremony will be held next Friday, May 10 at 2pm in Western Hall. At this ceremony, Spring and Summer graduates are recognized for a variety of academic honors, including Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Scholar, Honors Scholar, and College Scholar. For each honor recognized, a medallion is presented which can then be worn at the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday. Eighty eight Honors Scholars will be recognized at the ceremony, including Joshua Davis (College Scholar for the Honors College) and Andrea Patten (Student Speaker for the Honors Convocation Ceremony). If you need to talk to someone in the Honors College that day, look for us at Western Hall.

Honors College Seeking Grad Assistant for Next Academic Year

The Honors College is looking for a graduate student next year to replace our long-time grad assistant who is graduating. This will be a full-time assistantship (20 hours per week). The primary duties will be to assist with the publishing of the monthly newsletter With Honors, to maintain the Honors College website, to perform various clerical duties, to assist with Honors College events, and to create promotional materials for the Honors College. Qualified applicants should be proficient in Word, Publisher, Excel, and Photoshop. Familiarity with web development, Adobe Suite software, and the Honors College is also desired. To apply, submit a letter of application, a resume, and contact information for two references to the Honors College by May 6.

Student Honors Association Elects New Board

The Student Honors Association held elections on Friday, April 19th and elected new officers for next year. Here is the new SHA Board:

President: Datrese Hearn
Vice President: Tyler Czarnecki
Secretary: Tierra Valentine
Treasurer: Grant Bachner
Public Relations Chair: Annabelle Borota
Service Chair: Brian Wehde
SGA Senator: Patrick Hostert

Congratulations to the new SHA officers and best wishes for the 2013 –2014 Academic Year!
**Rotary District 6460 Scholarships Available**

Rotary District 6460 is offering two different scholarships to students who live in, go to school in, or have graduated from a school in district 6460 (which appears to be a big portion of west central Illinois that includes Macomb). The first is a $5,000 scholarship for students who have completed at least 24 hours of university credits and are pursuing a degree in one of the following areas: Water and Sanitation, Basic Education and Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal and Child Health, Economic and Community Development, or Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. To apply you must submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words describing your commitment to your major and your career goals. You must also submit a transcript, a resume, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Keith R. Lape, PDG, 20 Nob Hill Drive, Jacksonville, IL 62650 by June 29th.

The second scholarship is for International Study and the amount of the award is $10,000. To be eligible, you must have completed 48 hours of university credits and again be pursuing a degree in one of the following areas: Water and Sanitation, Basic Education and Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal and Child Health, Economic and Community Development, or Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. To apply you must submit a typed essay describing your commitment to your major and your career goals, and the details of your international study. You must also submit a transcript, a resume, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Keith R. Lape, PDG, 20 Nob Hill Drive, Jacksonville, IL 62650 by June 29th.

**Photo Contest Winner:** Abbey Eckman is the winner of this year’s Honors Advantage Rewards Photo Contest. Here is Abbey taking advantage of her Honors Advantage Rewards discount. As the photo contest winner, Abbey received a $25 gift certificate to Guadalajara.

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**Featured Study Abroad Program of the Week: Good Luck on Finals and Have a Great Summer Plus GH 299 Study Abroad Opportunity Next Year!**

*(by Emily Bahr and Emily Gorlewski)*

The Office of Study Abroad wishes all students in the Honors College good luck on their finals next week! We hope you’ve had a great semester and that it finishes well. As you prepare to leave campus for the summer, think about stopping by our office to learn more about the study abroad opportunities available to you as a WIU student. We have lots of great information about the types of programs we offer, finances, and how an international experience can enhance your education and future career. Summer Break is the perfect time for you to discuss this information, as well as your personal study abroad interests, 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!

If you need a GH 299 for the Spring semester next year, consider participating in GH 299 – Developing Intercultural Competence Through Study Abroad: Service Learning in Nicaragua! This GH 299 will be taught by Emily Gorlewski, Assistant Director in the Office of Study Abroad. It will be a full semester course with a travel component, a service-learning program in Nicaragua over Spring Break. Students will be able to engage with people in the community in a meaningful way while using strategies for intercultural development. Plus there will be some time to enjoy Nicaragua’s natural beauty such as rain forests, volcanoes, and beaches. Look for more info on this course to come to you over the summer from the Honors College! (There will be an additional cost to participate in this GH 299.)

If you would like more information about studying abroad at WIU, feel free to contact the Office of Study Abroad at (309) 298-2504, visit our website at www.wiu.edu/studyabroad, or like our Facebook page: Western Illinois University Study Abroad.

We hope to see you in the Office of Study Abroad sometime soon! (We’re in Memorial Hall, room 344.) Have a great summer!
Library Open Late During Finals Week

The Malpass Library will be open late this weekend and next week to accommodate students studying for finals. Here are the hours for the Malpass Library for finals week:
- Saturday, May 4: 10am-8pm
- Sunday, May 5: 11am-3am
- Monday, May 6: 7:30am-3am
- Tuesday, May 7: 7:30am-3am
- Wednesday, May 8: 7:30am-3am
- Thursday, May 9: 7:30am-12am
- Friday, May 10: 7:30am–5pm

Mystery Photo of the Week

Several E-Letter readers recognized the decorative partition in last week’s mystery photo (below and left). Janell McGruder, Hannah Drake, Angeline Sullivan, Katherine Harmon, Abbey Eckman, and Hannah Porter all knew that I took the picture in the recently renovated Corbin-Olson Dining Center. I will be spending a lot of time in the Corbin-Olson Dining Center this summer during the Summer Orientation and Registration Programs.

Movies Movies Movies

It appears that the Film Festival at the Rialto has ended for the year. The new regular movie at the Rialto this weekend is “Iron Man 3.” To see a full listing of movies at the Rialto, go to: http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html or call 833-2626.

Ya’s Sudoku:

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Honors College History: This is part of a series of “historical” Honors College pictures to commemorate the 30th anniversary of a university-wide honors program at WIU. The picture above shows an SHA meeting some time during the spring of 2005. Some of the SHA members pictured are Farah Zolghadr, Alex Heuer, Angelica Arteaga, Danielle Keowen, and Jessica Schuler. Note that the meeting was being held on the west side of the Honors College before we had our own outside door. Back then our main entrance was on the east side, through the Garden Lounge of the library.