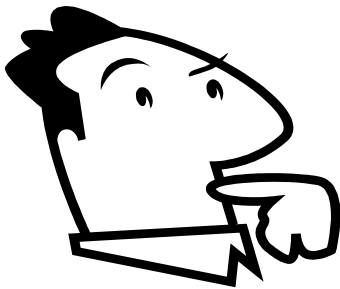


# The Honorable Mention

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## Food for Thought

...dinner and conversation with fellow students and Capital faculty

By Bethany Rowles

Come spend the evening with your fellow Capital students and the Honors Council for a Food For Thought, featuring Dr. Saurav Roychoudhury, an assistant professor in the School of Management. This discussion will be

held on **March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Learning Center Room 202.** There will be pizza and drinks and a great discussion about "Investing in stock markets." This is a good opportunity to get all your questions answered.

### *Beneficial or Bullshit*

By Will Luther

On March 6, we will be watching a 30 minute clip of *Penn and Teller's Bullshit*. Following this episode about safety hysteria, students discuss the topic presented in a casual setting.



All opinions are welcome. In fact, discussions are usually better when different ideologies are represented. All showings will be held at **6 p.m. in the Bridge of Learning.** Please contact Will Luther at [wlu-luther@capital.edu](mailto:wlu-luther@capital.edu) if you have further questions.

### Spring Celebration

By Katie Golovin

St. Patty's Day + Easter = Corned Beef and Eggs??? EWWW. No it means that the Honors House is hosting a St. Patty's day Celebration of Corned Beef and Cabbage alongside an Easter Egg hunt to bring in the beginning of Spring!!



On **Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>,** time is still TBA the feast begins at the **Honors House** while scavenging for candy filled Easter Eggs. If you are at all interested, and everyone is welcome, please e-mail [kgolovin@capital.edu](mailto:kgolovin@capital.edu).



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# A Few Notes From Dr.

## Registration update for all students

The registrar's office will soon send out email notices to students who are eligible for early registration. To be eligible you must have taken an honors class in the last twelve months and have a GPA of at least 3.2. If you lost, but have regained honors eligibility, you must reapply to be reinstated: please send me an email confirming that you wish to re-enter the program, the date of the last course you took and your GPA. Students re-entering the program will be added just before regular registration date, i.e. if you are inactive you do not qualify for early registration but can take honors courses and reactivate your status.

## Seniors



When were you admitted? Your degree audit probably specifies six honors experiences: four plus 310 and 410. But if you entered Capital in fall 2003, the requirement was, and for you still is, three plus 310 and 410. This will be fixed when I sign your form.

## Are you graduating from the Honors Program?

If you are graduating from the Honors Program, please check with Dr. Baker about the reception (for you, your family and friends) at which you will receive a graduation certificate and your stole.



## Diversity Summit

By Hannah Botkin

Capital is having a diversity summit **on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** to close out the end of the University's "Unity week." At **1 pm in Kerns Chapel** Tim Wise will speak. Tim is a professional college speaker who has authored several books and articles concerning diversity and equality.



## Honors Housing for 2008-2009

By Sarah Malone

If you are interested in participating in Upper-class Honors Cluster housing for the 2008-09 school year, please contact Sarah Malone through email ([smalone@capital.edu](mailto:smalone@capital.edu)). Please make sure that you are eligible for the Honors Program for 2008-09 school year. All required information must be supplied to Sarah Malone by **Wednesday, March 12, 2008**. Further information and requirements will be specified at a later date.



# Choosing a Major: Help from Dr. Baker

By Dr. Stephen Baker

At this time of year many students choose a major. If you have not decided on your major yet, how do you select one? There are many questions to consider and no simple answers. Most students begin by asking: What do I enjoy? This makes sense. You do not want to get stuck doing something that you do not like. But consider carefully whether your enjoyment will continue. Often students are impressed by a professor's knowledge or personality and choose to take more courses with that professor. This is inevitable. However, try to remember that your major will be there when the professor isn't. It's *your* major. Talk with more than one professor. Talk with your family and friends. Go online and research what happens to people with majors in areas that interest you. Look at all the opportunities, including further study.

We all enjoy doing well, but it is probably not a good idea to choose a major on that basis alone. If it's easy for you, is it easy for others? Will your choices be respected by people who look at your qualifications? Does choosing the easy option stimulate your development and add to your knowledge? Although it might take more work, taking chal-



lenging courses and risking a slightly lower GPA may well be more sensible than looking for the easiest way through.

Consider how you might distinguish yourself. For example, can you pursue study abroad? Is a double major possible? Again, don't jump at the easy option. If you can combine two very different areas, such as mathematics and art, you will demonstrate much greater flexibility than someone who has two majors with very similar content and methodology. (Students often "pick up" a second major in a similar area by double counting courses. What is the point? Does adding a second major in virtually the same area

really show additional knowledge?)

Your major is only part of what determines your opportunities. If you have already decided on a career that requires a particular undergraduate degree, your choice of major is given, but that does not mean that all the choices have been made. You can still differentiate yourself. You may be able add courses in another area (such as a foreign language), even if you can't double major. Perhaps you can add a minor. Do what you can do, not just what you have to do.

If you have not decided what you would like to do, keep your options open. While considering different majors, try to make sure that you have the foundation courses needed so that you don't inadvertently remove an option. Find out if a graduate degree is required to succeed with the major you have chosen; look at grad school requirements online.

Finally, don't panic. Most positions involve some training, and most people will change their careers. You can change your mind. You may have to do some more work, but educational opportunities do not end with the declaration of a major.

Honors House Office Hours:  
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM-11:00 AM  
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