

The Honorable Mention

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Capital University Honors Program

Tailgate Party

By: Will Luther

On November 5, 2005, Capital hosts John Carroll in the Bernlohr Stadium. In support of our team, the Honors House will be throwing another tailgate party. Drop by the house before the game, grab a burger/brat, and support the team. The game begins at 1:30 PM and food will be available beginning at noon.



**“The game begins at
1:30 PM”**

Monty Python Night

By: Chase Carter

On Tuesday the 18th there will be a Monty Python night open to all those interested in getting together for some fun, some popcorn, and of course British humor. We will be projecting the film, “The Meaning of Life”, in Cotterman’s basement. The movie will be starting promptly at 8:00 PM. If you haven’t had a chance to make it to any other honors events, this is your chance to get together and have some fun.

Food For Thought

Dinner and conversation with fellow students and Capital faculty

By: Aaron Rausch

Thanks to everyone who came out to our first “Food for Thought” event. The next event will held Wednesday November

16, 2005, at 6:00 PM. Dr. Jon Stadler, Associate Professor of Mathematics will present “Numbers Juggling”. As before, refreshments will be provided.

If you missed that last “Food for Thought,” these events are casual get-togethers for students to meet, have some great food, and

discuss a variety of topics with various university faculty members and speakers.

Do you have suggestions for topics that we might tackle or professors that you would like us to feature? Let us know!

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Spring Registration

Registration for spring courses will take place at the end of October. According to the Registrar's Office, registration will be done online. As an active Honors Program member you will be given a time to register online for Tuesday, October 25, 2005. If you are not given an early registration time, you may be an inactive member. Active status requires that you have a GPA of 3.2 or above and you need to have taken an honors course within the past year.

If you have taken an honors course within the last 12 months (fall 04, fall 05, and/or spring 05) and you have a GPA of 3.2, you should have received a letter from Dr. Baker confirming that you are eligible for early registration. If you did not receive this letter and you have met the requirements, please contact the Honors Program office.

Honors Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Friday 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Council Corner

For the Council Corner this month, we asked each council member to recommend a book. Check out these great picks!

Chase – “I would strongly encourage everyone to read *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen. It gives you a true study of American History with all its blemishes.”

Tony – “I strongly recommend reading *The Professor, The Banker, and The Suicide King: Inside the Richest Poker Game of All Time*. The author, Michael Craig, gives an insightful look into the worlds richest poker game of all time, and the stress of high stakes professional poker.

Aaron – “This summer I read “Confronting the Controversies,” by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton, who is a Methodist minister, critically examines many hot topics. The Christian viewpoints of homosexuality, abortion, the death penalty, and separation of church and state are discussed. Check it out!”

Stephanie – “I strongly recommend the book *The Phantom Tollbooth*; You can read it in a few days, even in between classes. It's a superbly enjoyable read, and it has a commendable message.”

Alissa – “The Chronicles of Narnia. They are so amazing because they appeal to both adults and children, both can find different important literary aspects in these books.”

Will – “This summer, I read *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam Jr. It was very empowering, illustrating the effects of education on the underprivileged.”

Sarah Z. – “The book I most recently read and enjoyed was *The World is Flat* by Tom Friedman. A writer for the NY Times, Friedman does an excellent job of describing the history of the 21st century. It is very interesting.”

Kelly – “I am currently reading *What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman* by Danielle Crittenden. It is an interesting book that provides a different perspective on feminism and the changes that it has created.

Sarah L. – “I read *The Witching Hour* by Anne Rice about two years ago. It is a great book if you want to learn about the area of New Orleans.”

Important Dates:

- October 14, 2005—Haunted House Trip 7:30 PM
- October 17, 2005—Stress Relief 8:00 PM
- October 17, 2005—Council Meeting (following Stress Relief)
- October 18, 2005—Monty Python Night 8:00 PM
- October 21, 2005—Office closed for mid semester break
- October 25, 2005—Honors students register for Spring Courses
- October 27, 2005—Card Night 7:00 PM

Honors Does One Better! THE EXPERIENCE

By: Sarah Zaenger

While many students may find October as a time for haunted houses and costume parties, the honors council would like to invite you to the Haunted Attraction: *The Experience*. Located approximately 45 minutes north of downtown Columbus,

The Experience is a theatrical presentation based on a plot. It comprises original characters with a definite, frightening storyline. To learn more or show your friends, visit www.experiencethesite.com.

The Honors Council will provide

transportation to and from *The Experience* on Friday October 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM. The cost is \$8.

If you are interested in being scared, please send your RSVP to: capitalhonors@yahoo.com or call the honors house at 338-8104 by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 14, 2005.



Are you interested in being scared?

RSVP Today!

More Guns, Less Crime

By: Sarah Lux

Keep your eyes peeled! In November the Honors Program will be joining the College Republicans to bring controversial author John R. Lott to campus. Lott wrote the book *More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun Control Laws (Studies in Law and Economics)*. If you are interested in reading Lott's book before he comes to campus, the ISBN number is 0226493636.

Note from the director

I realize that Lott is a controversial speaker. However, events are not chosen with the idea of avoiding controversy or promoting any particular viewpoint. I hope that by co-sponsoring this speaker we will encourage reflection, the pursuit of further knowledge, and interaction between students and faculty. As always, we are open to suggestions for future speakers.

Dr. Stephen A. Baker

Stressed out?

By: Stephanie Barnes

Stressed out? You Need to Come to...

Relaxation Night! Monday, October 18, 2005 at 8:00 PM, take a break from your hectic life and kick back at the Honors House. Wear your comfiest clothes and enjoy ice

cream, coloring, stretching exercises, detoxifying herbal tea, and other cost-free and fun activities that will help soothe the tired student's soul. It will not only help you to unwind, but will also provide you with techniques to minimize stress and maximize well-being.



**Relaxation Night
Monday, October 18,
2005 at 8 PM.**

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We are located at:
2373 East Mound Street,
on the corner of Francis and Mound,
across for the Capital Center.
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Card Night At The Honors House

By: Kelly Rohr



Are you in need of some time to relax and enjoy yourself? The Honors Council will be hosting a card and game night on October 27, 2005 at 7:00 PM. This will be a very relaxing evening of playing cards, possibly some board games, and enjoying the company of fellow honors students. Feel free to bring a friend. The event will take place in the lounge area of the Honors House, which is located at 2373 E. Mound Street. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

If you notice a mistake in this newsletter, please let an honors office representative know by calling:

614-338-8104

Book Recommendations from our Professors

Dr. Keller – "Much of what I read is either world history, art related, or in French; however, there are two books that might interest honors students:

King, Ross. *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*.
New York: Penguin Group, 2003
ISBN 0-14-200369 7

Paperback; NY Times bestseller; same author wrote *Brunelleschi's Dome*

<http://www.bestwebbuys.com/books/compare/ISBN/0142003697/isrc/w-home-search>

(at above site, under \$12.00 new including postage from many sources)

Platt, Polly. *French or Foe?: Getting the Most out of Visiting, Living, and Working in France*, 3rd ed., rev. and exp. n.p.: Culture Crossings Ltd., 2003.
ISBN 0-96-46684-2-4

Paperback available for \$14.00 from overstock.com unbelievable insights into the French mentality

"*French or Foe* is the most accessible book I've come across for highlighting the differences between the Americans and the French." Jean-Louis Barsoux (author of *Set up to Fail Syndrome and Management in France*)

Dr. Baker – "My fifteen year old daughter's summer reading assignments included *What the Numbers Say: A Field Guide to Mastering Our Numerical World* by Derrick Niederman and David Boyum. The examples are interesting and the style

very relaxed. Definitely recommended for light reading. (This was one of the books the family shared during our summer vacation near a lake in Ontario.)"

Dr. Griffith – "*Famous Americans* by Loren Goodman is simply one of the funniest, most refreshing books of poetry to come along in a long time. Many students in my Poetry Writing class have been charmed by its originality. Goodman won the Yale Younger Poets prize, normally reserved for pretty boring stuff.

If you haven't already, all honors students should read the novel *Blindness* by Jose Saramago. This Nobel Prize winner recounts the horrors that occur when the world is afflicted by an unexplainable disease that causes most of humanity to go blind. The parallels between what happens in the novel and what happened in New Orleans are creepy.

Lastly, all students should also read *The Philosophy Gym* by Stephen Law. An Oxford professor of philosophy, Law has put together 25 intriguing philosophical problems and asks the reader to look at various views on these problems ("Is there a God?" "Is Gay Sex Wrong?" "Can Morals Exist without God?" and so on.) A brilliant guide to clear thinking."