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Reality Check Brings Perspective

On Wednesday, October 28th, the Dean of Students Office held a financial simulation for Shippensburg Area High School students called "Reality Check." During the simulation, the students received a folder that designated their monthly income and family status. Upon receiving the information, students then proceeded through the simulation to buy a house, pay for utilities, and purchase other essentials, such as groceries, transportation, and clothing. Students were able to make purchases on credit, but at the end had to reconcile their finances

with the bank.

The simulation helped students to understand cost of living and financial responsibility. Thanks to the help of many university students and employees, Reality Check brought a new perspective to SAHS students.



November Events

11/3/09— Creative Writing Club-Every Tues. @ GBL Elem.

11/7/09- Shape Gallery Holiday Art Sale

11/13/09- Up Til 9:00pm - 5:00am

Social 7:00-8:30pm

11/19/09- The ARC

tat for Humanity Book Sale

11/5-11/7/09- Habi- 11/8/09- Cumberland 11/17/09- YMCA Valley Animal Shelter Bingo

Thanksgiving Party

11/20/09- Stop Hunger Now 4:00-7:00pm

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The Integration of Service Learning into Curriculum

The mission of the Volunteer Service Office is "to promote civic engagement through service-learning & volunteerism. Our goal is to provide students with gainful opportunities to stimulate character development and promote community involvement. These opportunities will provide them with knowledge and insights inspiring a vision to become responsible citizens and future leaders".

While our office exists to connect students who are actively seeking to volunteer, we have been considering ways to expand our outreach to include others who would not normally seek out a service experience.

Some professors have begun requiring service as a part of their courses. We have seen the examples of professors who have dedicated a part of their course work to service learning, such as Dr. Sherri Horner, (WST), Dr. Ken France (PSY), Dr. Laurie Cella (ENG), Dr. Chad Kimmel (SOC), Instructor Jen Diquatrro (HCS), along with many other unnamed professors at Shippensburg. Note the variety of departments that are covered in the brief listing of classes with a service learning component. Could we apply service to any major or department on campus? This is our goal.

Integrating service learning

into the curriculum would allow students the opportunity to develop a sense of civic responsibility, while enhancing their educational experience. We have seen from experience in the VSO the impact that service and community based volunteering can have on an individual. We have been very encouraged by the growth and development of classes and that now incorporate a service learning component. Hopefully, with increased support from professors and various departments, Shippensburg University will eventually consider integrating service learning into curriculum.

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National Day on Writing

On October 20, 2009, Dr. Laurie Cella of the English Department held a luncheon in honor of the National Day on Writing. With the support of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of Students Office, and the English Department, the forum gathered to discuss the role of servicebased learning in the classroom. There were representatives from several different university academic departments, along with nine associates from community

organizations. The community members each brought a list of needs and goals that their individual organizations were hoping to accomplish with the help of university students and faculty. There was enthusiastic support from the department professors in attendance. Dr. Cella plans to hold another similar event in the spring with the hope of including even more community organizations. A review and evaluation of the impact made by

this first meeting planned. Among her goals for the 0 9 - 1 0

school year, Dr. Cella is also planning to develop a list of community organizations that are interested in working with the English department in an attempt to make service-based learning a more prominent experience in that major.





Above: Current members of SU Circle K

Circle K

collegiate organization tle (the local food pan- every Monday in the world. It is a ver- try), Adopt a Highway, club. We are a volun- of our upcoming events around us. We do pro- Drive on November

organization on include a King's Gap meetings. help those 21st, as well as a Blood CUB room 219 at 8pm!

Circle K is the largest jects such as King's Ket- 23rd, and King's Kettle Tuesday nights! If you sion of the Kiwanis and Blood Drives. Some are interested in any, or all of these, come to our They campus that gives our work day on November every Monday night in

Social Work Creates Cases of Comfort

There will be an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by Circle K on November 23rd in the CUB.

The Social Work Organization (SWO) has an interest in helping others. One project the organization created this semester was Cases of Comfort. The project was generated from a student. The student learned that when foster children are removed from a home, their belongings are stuffed into garbage bags. Those bags are sometimes torn

and the children loose the few possessions they had. The leaders of Phi Alpha, the Social Work Honor's Society, in conjunction with SWO, started a drive to collect new and gently used suitcases. They also requested items of comfort, such as teddy bears and bed time story books, from local churches and business to stuff the suitcases.

The organization collected items during the month of October and has over 100 suitcases to date. The drive has been continued until the end of November. For more information and drop off locations, you can e-mail Joy at im0357@ship.edu.



Rotaract Club Sponsors Photos with Santa

Ship to Ship is still looking for more SU students to be mentors. Contact dosvista@ship.edu for more information.

The Rotaract Club is an as well as the students of on-campus, volunteer service organization that is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shippensburg (District 7390). Shippensburg University Rotaractors have been busy planning for their upcoming benefit, "Photos with Santa." The event will provide an opportunity for the students of Shippensburg University,

Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School to have their photo taken with Santa Clause.

During the third week of December, Santa Clause will be in Shippensburg visiting the Great Hall in the CUB. Later in the week, Santa will visit the library of the Grace B. Luhrs Elementary School.

Students will be provided with materials to make their own personalized photo frames. Donations collected will go towards the education and empowerment of girls in

Africa. For more information Rotaract, contact Alyssa rotaract@ship.edu.



December Events

12/1/09- YMCA Holi- 12/4/09- Kid's Night day Party for grades 1-3 Out 6:30-9:00pm

12/8/09- YMCA Holi- 12/18/09- Semester day Party for grades 4-7 Ends. Classes resume 1/19/10.

12/1/09— Creative Writing Club @ GBL Elem. 2:30-3:45pm

12/7/09— Colleges Against Cancer 9:30pm Social 7:00-8:30pm

12/17/09- The ARC

12/25/09— Merry Christmas Everyone! "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."

-Benjamin Franklin



Ship to Ship Update

The Ship to Ship mentoring program has been going great this semester. We have eleven mentors (SU students) and eight mentoring partners (high school students).

So far activities have included: a scavenger hunt at the high school which had the mentoring partners leading their mentors around the high school explaining what an average day is like for them, a service project in which the mentors and mentoring partners helped clear branches for the Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails Council; and a lab day, during which the mentors guided their mentoring partners through several websites to help them to think about what kind of post-secondary opportunities they might want to pursue and to plan the necessary steps to get there.

November's activities will include a tour of Shippensburg University, a service project at King's Kettle Food Pantry, preparing a Thanksgiving Dinner together, and a Bowling

We are still looking for more SU students to become Ship to Ship mentors. It is a particularly valuable experience for Secondary Education and Social Work majors, but any Ship Student who is available from 2:30 to 5:00 on Tuesdays is welcome to join.

Below: Ship to Ship students and mentors helping Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails



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Hat and mitten drive going on now until December 4th! Collecting items in the VSO.

Warm Hearts and Hands

You have the opportunity to warm hearts and hands this holiday season by donating to the VSO hat and mitten drive. All of the items are going to Safe Harbor, which is a homeless shelter in Carlisle. The shelter normally holds about 80 adults and 20 kids a night, so we are hoping to collect more adult-sized items. If you would like to help, please bring any hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, or ear muffs in good condition to the Volunteer Service Office, located in the Student Life Office of Lower Level of McLean Hall. We are collecting items until December 4th.

Introducing "Big Ship Little Ship"

Big Ship Little Ship is a newly created organization on campus that parallels Big Brothers Big Sisters. Volunteers in this organization are matched with children from James Burd Elementary School and the Intermediate School in Shippensburg. Big Ship Little Ship will be holding interviews the week of November 1st, hopes of beginning the mentoring process on November 9, 2009.

Our volunteers will hang out with the kids either during their lunch and recess time combined, or after school from 3:00-4:00 for homework help. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or if you would like more information about this new organization, please contact Amanda Pine ap6683@ship.edu. Please be advised that due to the procedures for creating "matches", new students interested in the program

may not receive a match until the spring semester.

Big Ship
Little Ship recently paired
with the Volunteer Services Office to hold a hat
and mitten drive for Safe
Harbour, a shelter in Carlisle. Big Ship Little Ship
has also created a group
for Relay for Life this year,
and will be planning a
fundraiser to begin in late
January or early February.



We're Online!

http:// www.ship.edu/ Dean_of_Students/ Volunteer/ Volunteer_Services/