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## Upcoming Events

**April 1:** Deadline to apply for Honors independent capstone project grants for projects completed in the Summer or Fall of 2014. Submit applications to the Honors Office, Presidents Hall.

**April 3:** Pizza with a Prof with Dr. John Rogers at 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Honors Seminar Room. Rogers, a retired English professor, will be discussing his experiences of Italy, and discussing opportunities with Honors students for them to live and study abroad.

**April 4-5:** Service Opportunity: Relay for Life Service Event. 6:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. at the Ship Rec Center.

**April 9:** The Honors Read will be discussing *Eleanor and Park* in the Honors Seminar Room from 3:45-4:45 p.m..

**April 10:** Fulbright Scholarship Workshop with Dr. Jonathan Skaff from 4:00-5:00 p.m., in DHC 208.

**April 11:** Service Opportunity: Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Email Shelby at sc8158@ship.edu for more information.

Find these exciting events and more on the online Honors Program calendar, located at [www.ship.edu/Honors/Calendar](http://www.ship.edu/Honors/Calendar).

## ACROSS THE POND

By Katie Lazarski, *Honors Junior*

It's not always easy to step outside of something that is your comfort zone. Uprooting the past two years of your college career and moving to Europe? Well, that can be even more difficult. Often, it involves an incredible leap of faith that requires more courage than you really think you can muster. The final few days I spent at home in Pennsylvania were ones filled with nerves, nostalgia, and a sort of cautious excitement. How would life move on while I was away? What would I miss? Am I sure about this? Little did I realize, I was about to embark on my most incredible adventure.



Katie Lazarski visiting Loch Ness in Scotland

Stepping off the plane in Heathrow, I experienced a mix of excitement, finality, and, most prominently, sleep deprivation. Here was something I had always dreamed about, but actually standing in the middle of that dream was something completely different. Being in a foreign city, in a foreign country, completely alone, I did the only thing I could think of doing: I hit the ground running. The first week went by in a blur of orientation events, explorations of the city, and a multitude of new faces. Before going abroad, I did not consider myself to be particularly good at meeting new people. It was a skill that definitely could have used a great deal of improvement. In London, though, I was completely on my own. If there was any chance of me truly enjoying my time, I had to break out of that shell and meet people.

The more I put myself out there, the more I realized that there were so many other people from around the world with similar stories and feelings. Suddenly, any anxiety I held previously began to fade away, and my horizons about the world around me began to expand. Meeting people from around the world begins to put what you've known previously into perspective.

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## Taking Care of Business

# Steve Bussey: Internship With SalesLoft

By Mary Grace Keller, *Honors Freshman*

When Steve Bussey saw an opportunity, he took the first flight to Atlanta, GA to seize it. Over winter break, the senior software engineering major visited SalesLoft to inquire about job opportunities and returned with an internship.

SalesLoft is a company that provides sales information about automation software. Bussey spent his first month with the company building the website, *sal.es*, which features sales articles. His next assignment is to work with SalesLoft’s core product. “They essentially have a prospecting tool that allows sales executives to find targeted individuals as well as their phones, emails, and they manage it across a variety of web platforms such as Salesforce,” Bussey said.

Bussey originally connected with SalesLoft through Dave Fontenot, the co-founder of MHacks, the largest student-run hackathon. Fontenot directed Bussey to SalesLoft through HackMatch, which pairs companies and software engineers. Before working with SalesLoft, Bussey had a two year internship with WebpageFX in Carlisle. Bussey enjoyed working as the part-time lead engineer for the company, but feels that his new internship allows him to work alongside “extremely focused engineers.”

Although Bussey’s internship ends with the spring semester, after graduation he plans to move to Atlanta. He hopes to obtain a job at SalesLoft.

In his four years of college, Bussey has been a member of the jazz band, cycling club, programming team and software engineering team. He also competes in computer science competitions. The Honors Program has helped Bussey along the way to success.

“One of the biggest perks of the Honors Program is the small and focused class size,” Bussey said. “I’ve actually only had a few non-honors general education classes, and I really do feel that the honors focus enhances the classes greatly.”



## Dr. Steven Burg: Fulbright Scholar and Coffee Connoisseur

By John Watts, *Honors Junior*

On Thursday, February 6th, the Honors Program had the privilege to host another Pizza With A Prof, and the guest speaker was Dr. Steven Burg of the Shippensburg University History Department. After enjoying the pizza, sodas, and Swedish fish, Dr. Burg spoke to the Honors Program students about his experience in Sweden through the Fulbright Scholarship. In the fall of 2013, Dr. Burg received the Fulbright Scholarship and was sent to

the University of Gothenburg. While at the University of Gothenburg, Dr. Burg joined the university faculty, and began learning about what life and culture is like in Sweden. As part of his studies, he journeyed to a Jewish cemetery to study the history of the Jewish communities in Sweden, and he visited modern Jewish communities as well.

As part of his experience in the Gothenburg University faculty, Dr. Burg discovered there was a great love of coffee, with the rest of the department taking frequent breaks to socialize outside of their work, drawing a distinct line between free time and working time. Dr. Burg described how the history department alone had their own coffee lounge, with a restaurant-grade cappuccino maker, and a warm, relaxed environment.

The Honors Program would like to thank Dr. Burg for taking time to speak with the students and sharing his experiences in Sweden as a Fulbright Scholar. *Tack så mycket!*



Dr. Steven Burg addressing Honors Program students



Touring the White Cliffs of Dover in England

Judgments that you made have made previously begin to seem worthless and silly, and you begin to realize just how similar and different you really are. These horizons only expanded more as I began to travel around Europe. From the highlands of Scotland, to the Coast of Portugal, the wonders and history that were laid out in front of me were almost beyond belief. Being a curious person, the acquisition of this knowledge was above and beyond one of the most exciting moments. Learning about the clans of the Scottish highlands, seeing one of the most culturally rich cities in Portugal, experiencing places like the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam, and living in one of the most historical cities in the world are all things I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Being back at home in the States has only proven to accentuate the changes that have taken place. I know now that I am not the person who boarded that plane in September, and going back to that would only be counter-productive. These experiences have made me grow and there isn't anything I would do to change that. Yes, leaving is a challenge, but me? I've always like challenges.

This is one challenge I'm glad I conquered, and I would highly recommend that anyone do the same.



## A Word From The HSO President

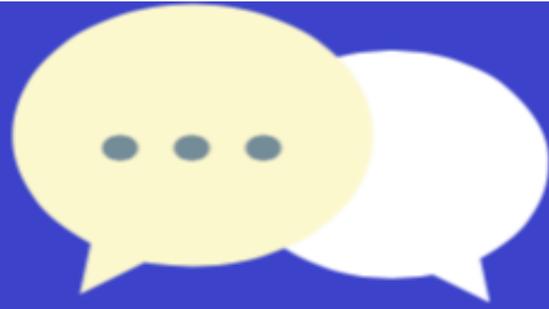
Hello Everyone!

I hope that all of you had a very relaxing winter break and are ready for another great semester in the HSO! We in the HSO have planned a number of different activities that we hope will spark your interest and warrant your attendance. Last semester, we introduced a new event to our repertoire called "Brainstorm." This is a trivia competition, in which both professors and students match wits to see who is really the most knowledgeable. This event was so popular that we are holding a similar event this semester. We will hold a variety of other events, both social and athletic. These include movie nights, volleyball, and seasonal competitions. Not only have we planned a great deal of recreational activities but also a great deal of service focused activities. The HSO hopes to have a close relationship with animal shelters and Kings Gap. Not only do we plan to develop relationships with our surrounding community but also with our campus community. We hope to develop a close relationship with our campus farm and help them grow, in more than one sense of the word. There are countless other events that take place during a semester that make the HSO a special organization that I am honored to lead. I wish all of you a great semester and wish to see you at many of our events in the future!!

*- Grant Innerst, HSO President*

# SPEAK OUT

How did you beat the cold weather?



**ELIAS SHISLER**

**"I guess I just dressed warmly and hurried between classes and didn't stay out in the cold too much."**

**"I wore 300 layers of clothing and drank a lot of coffee."**

**AUDREY MCGARRELL**



**ALYSON POORBAUGH**

**"I guess hunkering down and drinking lots of coffee and tea is pretty much what I did."**

**"I'm not able to beat the cold because I have to run outside at track practice every day."**

**SARAH LATCH**



**MIKE DONOVAN**

**"To beat the cold I sometimes cut through Dauphin because it's warm for about 20 seconds, and if it's too cold I usually try to walk faster or sometimes I run. It's kind of embarrassing. Other than that the cold usually wins."**

**"I avoided going outside when it wasn't absolutely necessary, and when I did go outside I wore lots of warm clothing and hit up Starbucks for lots of warm coffee."**

**EMILY GROFT**



**SARA LANDIS**

**"I wrapped myself in my assignments and warmed my hands by the heat of my laptop."**

**Aaron Jefferys**

Kelsey Mengle is one of the most energetic chemistry majors I've ever met in my life. Having someone to talk to who is as passionate about the subject as I am is probably one of the bigger benefits of the Honors Mentor-Mentee program. It's comforting to know that I don't just have professors who can help me, but rather someone who has already been in my position and understands the confusion. I would say that interaction between mentor and mentee is almost all the time. If she doesn't see me doing work in Franklin, then it is the other way around. She always makes a point to ask what I'm working on, where we are in lecture, or how I did on my last quiz or exam, and she never hesitates to answer any questions I may have on the subject. Kelsey has been an excellent mentor in preparing me for what is to come in my major.

**Colby Ott**

Having Kelsey as my mentor this year proved to be a beneficial and fun experience. Kelsey took the extra effort to not only be a mentor but to become a friend. Aside from the usefulness of the knowledge she possesses about the chemistry experience as well as college, it was helpful to have an upperclassman friend before college started. Kelsey has helped with course selection, chemistry questions, and any problems or thoughts I had about college. Although she has fulfilled her requirements of being a mentor, she puts in the extra effort to reinforce our friendship. Whether in the hallways or on the sidewalks, I can always expect a friendly smile, hello, and small chat when I see her. We have played volleyball and laser tag together and enjoy Starbucks stops every now and then. I could not have asked for or picked a better mentor.

**Kelsey Mengle**

As a mentor for new students in the Honors Program, I am a point of contact for my two mentees, Colby Ott and Aaron Jeffreys. Not only am I there for them as an "advisor," but I am there to have fun and be a caring support for my mentees as they adjust to college. Colby and Aaron are both chemistry majors like myself, so we can all relate to each other in the difficulty of our classwork. We see each other in the halls of Franklin daily (normally multiple times each day) and always stop to ask how classes are going. We have played volleyball at an Honors event together, volunteered at a dinner to help the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, and have gone to various Chem Club events together. On occasion, one or both of my mentees and I will go to Starbucks together to take a quick break from the academics and get to know each other better. I can confidently say that our mentor-mentee relationships are strong and will last even when I am no longer their mentor.

## Announcements

### *Reach Out Updates*

By: Amanda Schwarz, Honors Junior

**Book Sale-** Reach Out will be hosting its popular book sale from April 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in CUB 232. Gently used books will be sold for \$1 and there will definitely be a variety! This is a great opportunity for education majors to build their classroom libraries and there will be a variety of other genres. We hope to see you there!

**Flower Fundraiser-** Do you know someone that loves flowers? Well you are in luck! Reach Out is selling flower bulbs online. The process is very simple and the group receives 50% of the profits. Check the Honors Weekly Updates for the link.

**Aqua Zumbathon-** Reach Out will be hosting an Aqua Zumbathon® on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Chambersburg. What is an Aqua Zumbathon® you ask? It is a unique Zumba® experience where you dance in the water! Two sessions will be hosted from 2-2:45 and 3-3:45. Only 30 people can register per slot, so sign up early! Cost for students is \$10 prepay or \$15 at the door. Keep an eye out in the Honors Weekly Updates for registration information. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

**Knutes-** Reach Out will be hosting a community night at Knutes on April 7<sup>th</sup>! Come support the group by enjoying a delicious meal! See the Honors Weekly Update or Reach Out's Facebook page for the flyer.

**Meeting Times-** Would you like to become more involved with Reach Out? Join us every Monday from 6:30-8pm in Lehman Library 106. We are always looking for new members from every major. As always, please contact [reachout@ship.edu](mailto:reachout@ship.edu) with any questions!

# Editor's Corner

Things have gotten off to a chilly start this semester. Between the polar vortex, bringing in the biting air, and the seemingly interminable onslaught of snow, the semester has been off to a very chilly start indeed. However, I've got something to warm your hearts: this semester, I have taken up the mantle of the editor-in-chief of the *Chronicle*, and with the change in management, I've tried to bring in some new features. As you peruse this edition, I hope you enjoy our brand new segment "Taking Care of Business," as well as our other features that you know and love. Next issue, another new segment, "Honors Read Recommends," will be unveiled! These are the first of many new things to come for the *Honors Chronicle*, and I'm extremely excited to see these things come to fruition. I think we'll be in for an absolutely smashing semester, and I am excited for us to take this journey together, dear reader.

Have an absolutely wonderful day!

-John

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