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Environmental projects presented at Inaugural Honors Symposium

On December 1, 2007, the Honors Program hosted the Inaugural Honors Symposium. At the symposium, students presented their capstone research and service-learning projects. Over 70 students, parents, faculty, and administrators attended the symposium.

The symposium began with a presentation by December 2007 graduate Jessica Krout. For her Honors capstone research project, Krout studied the effects of graphics versus text in newspapers. She focused her study on college-aged individuals in order to see which type of paper would appeal to them most. Her research concluded that students were more likely to remember information from a high-graphic, low-text newspaper page.

The students in the Honors Colloquium, led by Dr. Sara Grove, professor of political science, made the next presentations. The students in the class worked on two projects: an alternative fall break to Wallops Island, Virginia and a "green" Honors Living/Learning Center. The students who participated on the alternative fall break studied the legacy of Rachel Carson and related it to the contemporary environmental situation of Wallops Island. They discussed how Carson inspired

them in their project to assist cleaning up a marsh on Assateague Island. A highlight of their presentation was a documentary of the Wallops Island experience, which was created by Honors junior and communications/journalism major Nick Ray.

Other students presented their design for a LEED-certified Honors Living Learning Center. Their presentation included a discussion of how to achieve LEED certification, a comparative cost analysis of conventional versus "green" building, and guidelines for green living. The students have been attending the master planning meetings in an effort to see their plans put into action.

The symposium concluded with an opportunity for members of the audience to question the students on all aspects of their presentations. Junior Nick Ray commented, "It started out as presentations and ended as conversations, and that is a great step towards change."

Shippensburg University President Dr. William Ruud made the closing remarks. Dr. Ruud complimented the presenters for their hard work and challenged them to continue their projects and help create a more sustainable environment at Shippensburg.

HONORABLE ALUM: DAVID LOHMAN

Director of the U.S. Department of Defense Biometrics Fusion Center



really learn something" he remarked. "Physics was my most difficult subject in high school so I decided it would be an interesting area to pursue in college. Things had always come easily to me, and I was tired of that." With that in mind, Loh-

man set out to learn as much as possible during his years at Shippensburg, and he graduated in 1988.

Now, Lohman is the director of the U. S. Department of Defense Biometrics Fusion Center. Biometrics involves the use of technology to identify an individual based on a particular physical feature, such as a handprint, fingerprint, or iris scan, and fusion involving the combination of several of these biometrics techniques to ensure accuracy and efficiency.

These biometric techniques are being implemented world-wide. Lohman has recently overseen a project to increase security in military bases in the Middle East. Biometrics plays a crucial role in this as it can be used in many different ways.

The military bases in this area provide work opportunities for many individuals who live in the Middle East and the surrounding areas. All individuals who work there, including the military personnel, must go through rigorous screening to ensure base security.

Biometrics enhances security at the bases by guaranteeing that only those individuals who have passed

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Calendar

February

24 - Ice Skating with the HSO

Meet in the CUB lobby at 1:00 p.m.

25 - Pizza with a Prof: Dr. Agnes Ragone and Dr. Jose Ricardo, Modern Languages Dept.

RLH 117, 6:00 p.m.

26 - Mandatory Freshmen and Sophomore Advising Sessions

Freshmen: SPH 200, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sophomores: SPH 200, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

26 - Uncommon Conversation with Harvard History Professor Evelyn Higginbotham

Mark Room, Old Main, 4:00 p.m.

March

17 - Call for Candidates for HSO Officers for 2008-2009

17-18 Honors Scheduling Fall '08

Email Sharon Poe at sapoe@ship.edu with the courses you would like to schedule.

19 - Honors Read: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

CUB 318, 5:00 p.m.

25 - HSO Meeting

CUB 217, 8:00 p.m.

April

7-11 - Election of 2008-2009 HSO Officers

7-10 - Applying to Graduate and Professional Schools Workshop Series

12 - Honors Alumni Advisory Council Meeting

Century Caf , 12:00-3:00 p.m.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

By Christina Shirk, Honors junior

Dr. Mark Sachleben



Dr. Mark Sachleben, an assistant professor of political science, is teaching the Honors Model Organization of American States (MOAS) seminar during Spring 2008. The students in the seminar will be participating in an MOAS meeting, which brings 35 countries together to discuss political, legal, social, and economic affairs. This MOAS meeting will take place in Washington, D.C. where the actual Organization of American States meets.

One of the reasons Dr. Sachleben chose to teach at Shippensburg was the balance between small classes and big university opportunities. This allows him to get to know and interact with students while still being able to do projects that a bigger university allows. He explained how his own research is "classroom-driven," in that he tries to answer the question 'how does research help explain political science issues to students and the public?'

One of Dr. Sachleben's research interests has been the relationship between film and politics. He co-authored the book *Seeing the Bigger Picture: Understanding Politics Through Film and Television* along with Kevan Yenerall. He finds it interesting how "moving images are everywhere," and even without realizing it, they reinforce our values and who we are as a society. He points out how interesting it can be to watch international films and realize that although differences like customs, foods and languages exist, they humanize

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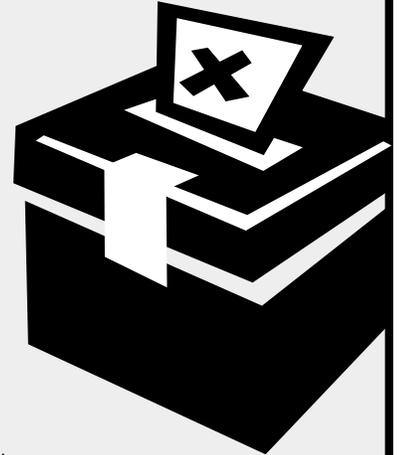
Vote for HSO officers April 7-11

Interested in leading the Honors Student Organization next year? On Monday, March 17, Honors students will receive an e-mail calling students to apply for 2008-2009 HSO officer applications.

Many students have displayed leadership abilities throughout the academic year, and all students are encouraged to apply. Applications consist of submitting a brief statement of students' qualifications and reasons for running for office.

All officer positions are open including president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Current officers are eligible to run for next year.

After March 17, interested students will be encouraged to send their applications to Ryan Blackman, current HSO president, by e-mail at rb8770@ship.edu. Applications are due by Monday, March 31.



All Honors students will be able to vote for officers in an on-line election during the week of April 7.

The 2008-2009 HSO officers will be announced at the Spring Banquet on April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the CUB.



Speak Out!



By Kara Bushman, Honors sophomore

It's horrible!
It makes me want to move to Tahiti.



Beth Kusko
Senior

How has the weather been affecting your campus life lately?

It's hard to figure out what to wear and when you're walking everywhere you get sick easily.



Brittney Miller
Sophomore

It's harder for me to be ambitious and excited when its gloomy and rainy... but I LOVE the snow and sunny days!



Mark Messick
Sophomore

I always wear long johns under my pants. It seriously helps!



Amy Harmon
Junior

Hmmm... chapped lips, frozen faces, and the occasional slip and slide on ice, but I often find myself happy to see snow and as most students will agree, the possibility of a snow day!



Tony Blair
Freshman

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their screening are able to come onto the base. "Say an individual works Monday through Friday. If they come onto the base on a Saturday, they'll be scanned and a computer will show that they don't belong there on that day. They'll be denied access to the base. This keeps people safe." Lohman said.

Lohman has high hopes for the field of biometrics. "In the future, it can be used for things such as gym lockers so people don't have to carry keys, child care, and credit cards to prevent identity theft."

Lohman has been inspired by many great leaders. "The biographies of leaders throughout history have been an inspiration. These leaders are who I look to for examples of how to approach and tackle problems." The leaders who have inspired Lohman the most are Abraham Lincoln and Stonewall Jackson.

Furthermore, Lohman credits the Honors Program with much of his success. "The Honors Program really helped me to think out of the box and look at things through different perspectives." Because of his experiences in the Honors Program Lohman continues to support the program as a founding member of the Honors Program Alumni Advisory Council.

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people. He was interviewed about the topics in this book on the "Day to Day" segment on NPR and had a lot of fun doing it. The book itself is an ongoing project. He and Yenerall have become editors and will go on to incorporate professionals from different perspectives like print media, music and even comics.

Dr. Sachleben's innovative student projects in his honors seminar along with his own interesting research bring a new angle to political science to get both students and the public interested in issues that affect us all.

Honors Alumni Advisory Council formed in Dec.

In 2007-2008, the Honors Program is making new connections with its hundreds of talented alumni. On December 1, 2007, a group of alumni returned to Shippensburg University to form a new Honors Alumni Advisory Council. The members of the new advisory council include graduates of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education and Human Services, and they are pursuing careers in diverse fields, including chemistry, computer science, environmental science, sales, education, law, and government.

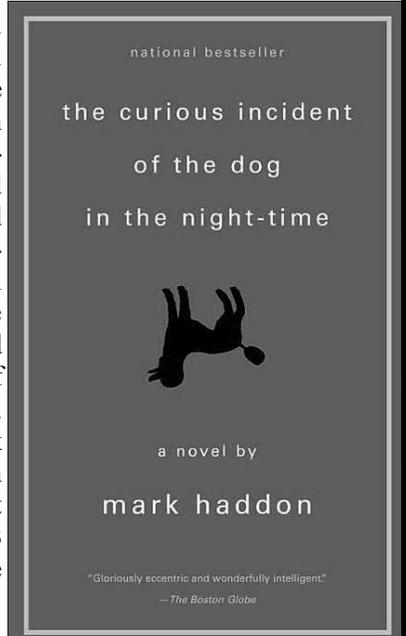
At the first advisory council meeting, Honors director Dr. Klein and Honors students Ryan Blackman, Michelle Baker, and Amy Harmon updated the alumni on the ways that the Honors Program has grown and changed during the past five years. The advisory council were impressed with the expansion of the Honors curriculum and the Honors students' efforts to create new leadership and service opportunities for students as well as build Honors community through cultural and recreational events.

After the presentation, the alumni discussed ways that they could contribute to the Honors Program's future growth and development. New alumni programs will include a "Backpack to Briefcase" Speaker Series. Rennae Hillen, an Honors alumni who graduated from the College of Business in 2004, will make the first presentation in the series on February 20. Her presentation, "Success Beyond the Grades," emphasizes that as a student, your success or failure is associated with grades. What happens after graduation when there are no more grades? How do you gauge success? Finding fulfillment in a job and success in the "real world" can be challenging. To truly excel in the working world, it is important to find success beyond the grades. A transcript of Hillen's talk will be published in the next issue of *The Honors Chronicle*. The alumni also plan to initiate an Honors scholarship fund drive in 2008.

Honors Read!

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

The next Honors Read will take place on March 19 and will be based upon the book "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. This novel is a fictional narrative of a fifteen-year-old boy who has Asperger's Syndrome but is very good in math and unable to tell lies. "I've heard it's quite a good book, and should appeal to a wide range of readers" said Jessica Barben. Barben will be leading this book discussion along with Dr. Susan Foltz and Dr. Mary Stewart. It will take place at 5:00 in CUB 318. Books are available in the Honors Program office.



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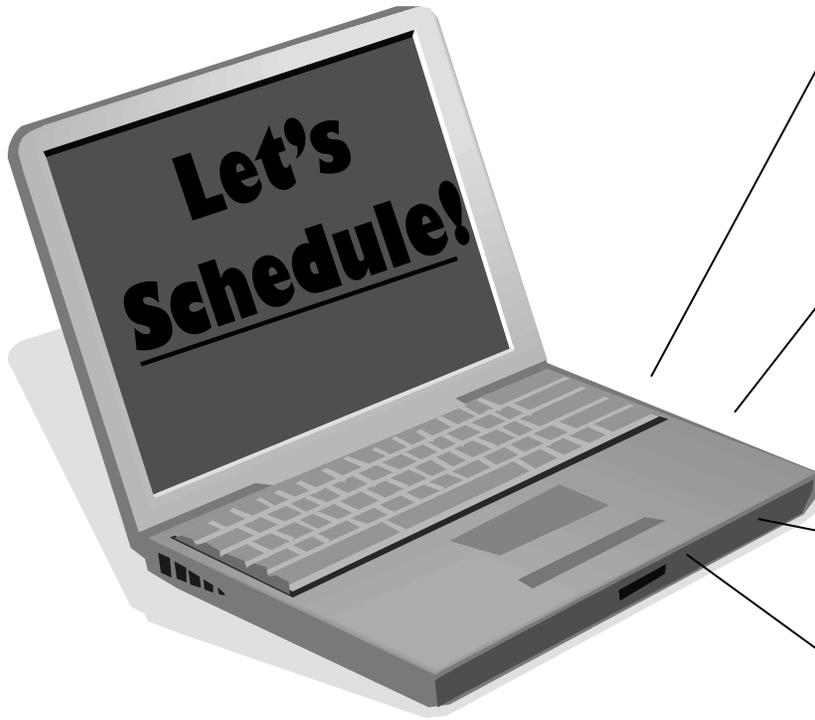
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If you plan to schedule Honors courses for Fall 2008, contact Sharon Poe, Honors secretary, at sapoe@ship.edu on March 17 or 18 with your course selections. Course descriptions are available on the Honors Web site at <http://webpace.ship.edu/honors/advising/curriculum.html>.

A list of Honors courses that will be offered in Spring 2009 will be posted on the Web site in mid-March. Students are encouraged to plan ahead so that they do not take courses that