

Newsletter of the University Honors Program - Volume 5, Issue 3 (October 2006)

## Six Courses for Honors Colloquium Credit

Six courses, a record-setting number, will be offered for honors colloquium credit in the Spring 2007 semester. During their undergraduate careers, all honors students are required to take at least two, so this is a great opportunity to participate in one or more of these engaging and focused courses.

- Dr. Moshe Gershovich, Associate Professor of History, will be offering an honors colloquium on the causes, course, and effects of the **Holocaust (HIST 4910-099)** from an interdisciplinary perspective drawing from psychology, sociology, and literature, with a particular emphasis on its meaning to us in the present time. Holocaust-related films will be shown and discussed, and numerous guest speakers will be invited to share their perspectives. This course, available to honors and graduate students, will meet Wednesday nights 6:00-8:40.
- Dr. James Czarnecki, Professor of Art and Art History, will again be offering the ever-popular **Copies, Fakes and Forgeries (ART 4930-099)** for honors colloquium credit. This course will cover issues of authenticity, originality, and authorship in the arts, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-2:15.
- Dr. Sandra Wetig, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, will be offering a colloquium on **Issues and Trends for Education in the 21st Century (HONR 3000-099)**. The course, which will meet on Monday afternoons 2:00-4:40, will discuss current and future issues in public education practice and policy, with enrichment provided by special speakers and a service-learning experience.
- Dr. Donna Dufner, Associate Professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, will again be supervising a service learning opportunity, qualifying for honors colloquium credit, consisting of **Basic Training in Computer Skills (ISQA 4000-099)**. The participants in this project, who must contact the Honors Program

office or Dr. Dufner (554-2069) for a security clearance prior to enrollment, will provide computer training to low-risk inmates at the Douglas County Jail. The course meeting time is Monday and Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:45.

- Hal France, former Artistic Director of Opera Omaha, will be providing honors colloquium credit in **History of Opera (MUS 4530-099)**, in which Professor France will be sharing his insider's perspective on the opera world Tuesday nights 7:05-9:45.
- Dr. Stacie Petter, Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, will be offering honors colloquium credit to participants in **Managing a Digital World (ISQA 3420-099)**, which will introduce students to the fundamental skills and concepts of information systems and technology management. The course will meet Monday evenings 5:30-8:10. There is a prerequisite of CIST 3100 or permission of Dr. Petter.

## Clothing Drive for Liberty Elementary

Hats, gloves, and mittens are sought for the students of Liberty Elementary School in downtown Omaha. Drop-off points for your donations will be at the Honors Program office (AS 105) and the Milo Bail Student Center; in addition, monetary donations will be accepted for the purchase of undergarments. Thank you very much!

## The Synergy Project Continues Spring '07

In the Spring 2007 semester, the Departments of English, History, and Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences will offer the second part of The Synergy of Thought and Spirit, a linked course for honors students emphasizing the interconnected nature of the disciplines to be studied. Participating students will enroll in specially designated honors sections of World Civilizations II with Dr. Fred Amis, Introduction to Philosophy with Dr. Laura Grams, and World Literature with Professor Matthew Marx, and will receive nine honors credits upon completion. This great opportunity to enrich your academic experience and form closer relationships with instructors and other students is open to students regardless of whether they have taken the first Synergy of Thought and Spirit course; two linked sets of course sections will be available. In addition, there will be an optional historical-literary tour of Europe associated with this course, to take place in the summer.

## October Social Report

October's Honors Program social events were extremely successful. The pizza party the night of Sunday, October 8, drew 44 attendees, both honors students and guests, to the party room at Valentino's for a great evening of food and fun. The Wednesday, October 18, bowling event at Mockingbird Lanes, while more intimate, was also highly enjoyable for the twelve people who attended; honors student and intercollegiate bowling club member Alicia Krogstrand came out on top with the highest scores of the night. The Student Advisory Board covered shoe rental costs.

## Movie Night November 15

The Student Advisory Board will be presenting an enjoyable evening of cinematic entertainment on Wednesday, November 15, at the Scott Residence Hall on the Pacific Street campus. Bring a bag of candy or chips to add to the mix! The curtain opens at 8:30 pm.

## Student Advisory Board seeks members

The Honors Program Student Advisory Board, responsible for organizing activities and providing feedback, continues to seek new members. Meetings are held over breakfast every other Tuesday at 7:15 am. All honors students are welcome to apply; the application is available online at [http://www.unomaha.edu/wwwhonor/PDFs/SAB\\_App.pdf](http://www.unomaha.edu/wwwhonor/PDFs/SAB_App.pdf).

## Fall 2006 Calendar of Events

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| November 3     | Honors contract forms due by 4:00<br>Last day to drop with "W" |
| November 15    | Movie Night (8:00)   |
| November 22-25 | Thanksgiving break (offices closed 11/23-25)                   |
| December 4     | Senior theses due to office                                    |
| December 7     | Senior thesis presentations                                    |
| December 8     | Last day of classes<br>Honors contracts must be completed.     |
| December 9-15  | Final exams  |
| December 15    | Commencement (2:00 at Civic Auditorium)                        |