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WheelerNotes

From Rumor to FACT: An Evening at Armstrong

Full-time faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences are invited to meet as a community for food and entertainment on *Tuesday evening, February 10*.

Departmental secretaries have the details of the event, but here are the highlights:

Place: Solms 110

Time: 6:00 for sangria and finger foods; 6:30 for buffet meal; 7:30 for Showcase Concert

Menu: Mixed lettuces with Tomatoes and Cucumbers; Chile Lime Vinaigrette and Creamy Roasted Pepper Dressings
Black Beans; Mexican Style Red Rice
Rolled Quesadillas with Roasted Vegetables and Cheese
Tex-Mex style Beef Tacos
Make-your-own Fajita Station with marinated chicken and fixings
Chocolate cheesecake

Childcare will be provided in the Honor's lounge; Cost is \$5.00 for adults and no cost for students. See departmental secretary to register before February 5.

FinlayNotes

Law School Advisement Tips

In December, Ms. Marilyn Sutton, Assistant Dean of the Mercer University School of Law spoke about the current climate regarding admission to law schools in general and at Mercer in particular. Sutton made clear that competition to gain entry into law school has never been more intense and that good advisement is essential.

Those who advise potential law students should be aware that the official published deadlines for admission are in fact rather artificial. Admissions

committees begin to fill the fall class in December and January; many of the slots and most of the financial aid awards have been determined by the time the official deadline rolls around. This also means that students should take the LSAT exam no later than October, and preferably in June, of the year before they intend to enroll.

Also of note: she mentioned Mercer's current freshmen class of 145 students represents 30 different majors, (and no major predominates); students with an unusually poor semester on their transcripts would be wise to submit an addendum offering an explanation; those who take the LSAT more than once will be evaluated on the basis of the average score, not the higher score.

Phi Kappa Phi

We are looking into the possibility of establishing a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi on the AASU campus. A general, multidisciplinary, honors society Phi Kappa Phi has 385 chapters and some 120,000 active members around the world

In order to establish a chapter, we need to create a chartering group of at least fifteen individuals, at least ten of whom are active members of Phi Kappa Phi and on the AASU faculty or staff. (As many as five active Phi Kappa Phi members-at-large within our geographic area may join the institution's members to complete the charter group of fifteen.) Five of the required charter group may be members of Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi, rather than Phi Kappa Phi.

If you are an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, or Sigma Xi, please let me know so that we can begin to create a chartering group.

ArmstrongFest

The second annual ArmstrongFest is scheduled for the week of April 12-18. Planned events include a Quiz Bowl (this with students and faculty on the

same teams); a slam poet; an international festival; a golf tournament; a 5K run; a faculty lecture by John Jensen; a downtown AASU history walk; a jazz combo performance, and more.

In addition, the week coincides with three annual events that highlight student success: the MACAS awards ceremony, the student research and scholarship competition, and the annual awards convocation.

Students Participate in Habitat for Humanity Projects

Dr. Jonathan Roberts, PSYC, has teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to get students involved in giving back to the community by building Habitat houses. In each of the last four months, groups of 10-15 students have volunteered their labor on the 4th Saturday of the month. In all, over 40 students have given a day of their time, performing tasks such as painting, laying sod, and prepping grounds. Generally speaking, the students have had very positive reactions to the experience, and several students have come out on more than one occasion.

Dr. Roberts has committed to bringing groups again in the spring semester, also on the 4th Saturday of each month. If you or your students are interested in participating in Habitat for Humanity feel free to contact Dr. Roberts for more information.

FacultyNotes

William Daugherty, CJSPPS, has published "Approval and Review of Covert Action Programs Since Reagan," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* 17 (Spring 2004): 62-80.

Student Notes

NanoNotes (Faculty/Student Notes)

Deadlines and Dates

14 January Extra Compensation Agreements due
14 January Part-time Faculty Pay Report Worksheet due
15 January Corrected Spring CIRS

16 January Non-attendance reports due from all faculty

21 January Faculty Assignment Reports (FAR)

21 January Part-time Faculty Evaluations

21 January Nominations for University Curriculum Committee due

23 January Faculty Lecture Series: David Leaver, HIST, on Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe

23 Retention Recommendations of First Year Faculty due to dean

27 January Academic Council Meeting

30 January Deadline for Items for College Curriculum Committee

31 January Open House #2

2 February Faculty APARs due to Dept Heads; Dept Head APARs due to dean

6 February Faculty Forum:

6 February College Curriculum Committee meeting

10 February Dean's Night Out

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