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1. MANDATORY ADVISEMENT FOR RISING FRESHMAN

Please be aware that Honors College advisement for freshmen (including students who entered university with advanced standing due to AP credits) will take place immediately following spring break on March 20th, 21st and 22nd. Please be sure to come to the Honors College Office (Smith 236) by Monday March 19th to reserve an advisement period. Remember, Dr. Gunkel is the academic advisor for all Honors College freshmen, who therefore should sign up for advisement through the Honors College rather than through the Dean of Student Affairs Office.

Note: Upper-level students naturally also may receive advisement through the Honors College. Please contact Dr. Gunkel or Seth Mann for an appointment.

2. COURSE SELECTION FOR FALL 2007

The on-line schedule of classes for the fall 2007 semester will be released on Sunday March 18th. The URL for the On-Line schedule is <http://www.acs.rutgers.edu/soc>. By midday on March 19th the Honors College Website (<http://honorsnewark.rutgers.edu/CurrentClasses.html>) will list current Honors College course offerings. Please review the following links for other important advisement info:

***Academic Audit:** To print out your audit visit <http://rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/dsanwk/AAintroduction.html>. Your Personal Access Code (PAC) is your 4-digit month/day of birth (For example, if you were born on November 1st then your PAC would be “1101”). Some of you might have changed this to another 4-digit number. If you forgot this new code then you will have to visit Computing Services on the 1st Floor of Hill Hall to retrieve it.

***General Education Requirements:** For complete description of general education requirements visit <http://www.rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/dsanwk/gened.html>. Remember that your HC freshman colloquium counted towards your Interdisciplinary Requirement.

***Undergraduate Catalog:** The catalog contains information on every major and course offered at RU-Newark. There is an on-line version of the catalogue available at http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/nwk-ug_0608/index.html. There are hard copy versions available in Smith 236.

***Academic Calendar:** <http://registrar.rutgers.edu/NW/CAL-NW.HTM>

3. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON CAMPUS

On Monday March 19th, Senator Lautenberg will hold hearings of a Senate subcommittee on our campus in the Baker Trail Courtroom. Governor Corzine, Senator Menendez and several NJ congressmen are scheduled to testify. The subject will be the protection of chemical plants from terrorist threat. NJ has a very strong law on this, which the Bush administration has taken exception to, so it should be lively. This would be a great learning experience for everyone and is a rare opportunity for you to see a Senate hearing right on our campus. The hearings begin at 10:00 AM and will probably end by noon. Please bring sure to bring your student ID with you to the Law Center.

4. STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

The university is looking for members of the NCAS and UC-N graduating class of 2007 to be the Undergraduate Commencement Speaker at our commencement exercises on Thursday, May 17th. Strong graduating senior who have demonstrated commitment to leadership and community service are encouraged to seek nomination for this honorable role at Commencement. To be considered please obtain a copy of your student transcript, letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members, and a one-paragraph summary of the intended themes of your speech. A campus selection committee consisting of students, staff, and faculty will review the nominations, choose finalists, and interview the finalists. The topic of the speech is open and the student may choose to speak on any topic that is both personally meaningful and relevant to the Class of 2007 and their families. Students are responsible for obtaining all nomination materials which must be submitted by April 2nd to:

Undergraduate Commencement Speaker
Deans Office
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
325 Hill Hall
Newark Campus

5. ENERGY SECURITY AND GLOBAL WARMING CONFERENCE

On March 24th Americans for Informed Democracy is holding an important conference in Philadelphia called the "Powershift National Tour on Energy Security and Global Warming." This timely event will bring together students, concerned citizens, policy experts, elected officials, and local business and community leaders to explore real solutions to our energy crisis. This is a great opportunity for young leaders to learn how they can help tackle one of the most pressing issues of our time. This event is FREE and open to the public and includes complementary breakfast, refreshments, and lunch. There will also be a lot of exciting demonstrations, workshops and panels to attend. Come be part of the PowerShift and discover the knowledge and skills to tackle the global energy challenge. Together, we CAN make a difference and find sensible solutions for a brighter future. To learn more visit www.aidemocracy.org/powershift.cfm

6. HINDU CULTURE AND DHARMIC TRADITIONS

The New Jersey chapter of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) is organizing an exhibition on Hindu Culture and Dharmic traditions at the Dana Library Lobby, Rutgers-Newark campus from March 2nd - 28th, 2007. The subject areas covered range from the basics of Hindu greeting Namaste, to Ayurveda (Indian medicine), Arithmetic, Architecture, Metallurgy, Physics, Cosmic Rhythm, Hindu Women, Yoga, and Spirituality. This exhibition has been displayed across United States including NJ State House and State Houses in other states. The exhibition has been very well received by one and all and has also received wide press coverage in the local media (<http://www.hssus.org/content/view/full/154/2/>). There will be a program on Monday March 19th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Dana Room, Dana Library.

7. NEW SUMMER COURSE - FRANCE: NOW AND THEN

France and the United States have shared fundamental values for over two centuries and seem to have always been fascinated with one another, and yet, as we know, their relations have also been fragile. Why? How is France different from the United States with respect to significant, and often controversial, issues such as justice, immigration, violence, etc? With these questions in mind, students will explore the historical, judicial, intellectual and social landmarks, which have shaped French culture and civilization since its Revolution. This course is designed for students who wish to explore French culture and learn to reflect critically on the culture of the United States. Students with or without knowledge of French are welcome, since course materials (full-length movies, literary and journalistic excerpts, web sites and visual art samples) will be available in both French and English. This course is listed on the On-line schedule of classes under "French" (420:347).

8. NEW SUMMER COURSE – IRANIAN WOMEN POETS AND WRITERS

This course will explore different periods of literature through the works of Iranian women poets and writers and their struggles for freedom and justice, watching and analyzing movies and videotapes on Iranian women's issues and relating them to those of women in the other parts of the world. This course is listed on the On-line schedule of classes under "350: English." The official course title is "Topics in Literature: Iranian Women Poets and Writers" and the course number is 337. Questions about the course should be directed to Prof. Minoos Varzegar.

The Newsletter is published every week to provide timely information about events and opportunities of particular interest or benefit to Rutgers-Newark Honors College Students. Be sure to read carefully each week for important announcements and opportunities such as scholarships, internships, and research positions. Furthermore, we recommend that you create a folder on your hard drive or on your e-mail account to save all the newsletters for future reference. For additional information on what appears above please follow links listed with individual items or contact the parties listed to learn more about a particular opportunity. Please do not reply directly to this e-mail.
