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Meet Your
Student Liaisons

Hi! My name is Jenny Orrock and I am one of your two Student Liaisons for the 2004-2005 academic school year. This is only my second semester here at Radford and I'm very excited to get it off to a good start.

I am a Media Studies major with a concentration in Advertising. Anyway, enough about me! I am very excited to see so many new faces this year! We got off to a good start with Orientation and I hope to see each of you a lot more this year. I am always here to help you, so if you ever need anything, please let me know.

Hi, I'm Kevin Lillard and I am very excited to be one of the Student Liaisons this year. I am a Junior and a Psychology major. I would like to welcome all new members and just say that I, too, am a relatively new member of the Honors Academy...I just joined last year. Jenny and I are both open to new ideas and suggestions, so if you have anything in mind, feel free to let us know. I would also like to encourage all of you to attend the HASO meetings. We have some really fun things in mind, as well as any ideas you might have, but we need to have people involved to do them.

Here’s Our Graduate Assistant

Hello Everyone! My name is Lauren Coe, and I am the new '04-'05 Graduate Assistant for the Honors Academy! I am currently a second year School Psychology student, soon to be receiving my Masters and Ed.S. degrees. School psychology has always been my best fit. The other half of my time will be devoted to assisting the Honors Academy participants, which include freshmen and students who are on their way to becoming Highlander Scholars. I will be available to answer any questions that you may have, from which classes will fulfill honors credit to contracting courses.

For the Fall '04 semester, I will be in the office: Monday and Wednesday 1-3:30pm; Tuesday 8-12, 1-5pm; and Friday 9-12, 1-3pm

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me at lcoe@radford.edu, or call during my office hours above (831-6124).

I’m looking forward to meeting each of you this semester!
Above and Beyond: Additional Course Enhancement

As we have done in the past, the Honors Academy is again financially supporting the Honors sections of our General Education courses to provide additional opportunities for student engagement.

These opportunities are many and varied and will expose our students to new experiences and enhanced educational involvement. So far this semester we have provided support to the following courses:

**Biology 105**: Mark Cline has ordered additional equipment to enhance this course. The students will be able to work with Forensic DNA Fingerprinting kits.

**English 101**: JoAnn Asbury will engage the editor of one of their course textbooks, Dr. Ernest Lee, of “Being of These Hills,” to speak to the class with a reception to follow. This class also prints and binds a booklet of essays written during the course.

**Geology 101**: Professor Gordon Love. This class took a field trip to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on October 23rd. We hope this was a fun and valuable experience for the students!

**Music 121**: David Zuschin took his class to the Piedmont Opera Theatre on October 8th. For many students, this was the first opportunity they have had to attend an opera.

**Theatre 100**: Assistant Professor Wesley Young will provide his class with the opportunity to attend a performance at the Shenandoah Shakespeare Playhouse in Staunton, Virginia. They also received a backstage tour of the Playhouse (something most people don’t get to see!).

Wishing everyone a wonderful break and a Happy New Year!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have questions about the Academy? Please let us know!

Q. What is HASO and am I a member?

A. If you are a member of the Honors Academy, you are a member of the Honors Academy Student Organization (HASO). This organization was formed to provide a community for all students in the Academy, regardless of whether you live in Floyd Hall, on-campus in other residence halls, or even off-campus. We have regular meetings during the academic year and do community service, have fundraising events, picnics, and just a general good time. If you haven’t been to a meeting yet, try one—just for fun!

Q. What GPA is necessary to maintain membership in the Academy?

A. To remain in the Honors Academy (and to be eligible to live in Floyd Hall next Fall), you must finish the academic year with a minimum GPA of:

- *Freshmen* (<25 semester hours) 3.2
- *Sophomore* (26-55 semester hours) 3.3
- *Junior* (56-85 semester hours) 3.4
- *Senior* (86+ semester hours) 3.5

*Floyd Hall housing eligibility for freshmen is based on their first semester GPA. Please contact the office if you have further questions.*
College Bowl Results

The HASO sponsored event, College Bowl, held Saturday, Nov. 13, was quite successful due, in part, to the sportsmanship displayed by competitors. During one game technical difficulties wouldn’t allow one competitor to buzz in and the opposing team pointed to the competitor and claimed that he had the first chance to answer.

Honors Academy Director Dr. Joe King said, “What impresses me is how teams approached this. For example, teams were without members who overslept so the teams played short handed. Even so, the teams tried to play fair and honest.”

College Bowl has been a presence at RU since 2001 and in recent years has not had many participants. “This year, I wanted it to be better than last year; I wanted more enthusiasm and more teams than we have had. I also wanted more interaction between teams. I think we had that this year,” said King. “I have to credit all of the people who helped out: Loren Coe [Honors Academy graduate assistant], Kevin Lillard [Honors Academy Student Liaison], Rachel Lythgoe [HASO Historian and team captain], the HASO Vice President [yours truly] Leigh Ann Hopkins and all of the team members.”

The winning team called itself Andrew’s Homeless Orchestra. Team members included Patrick Hunter-Kilmer, Andrew Feret, Mike McCaughan and Rachel Kohler. Congratulations to them and their adopted fifth member Martin Mash who may be going to an invitational match held at VMI Feb. 5. The team will go to the regional competition held at VT Feb. 18 and 19.

Director’s Picnic

On Sunday, October 17th, the Second Annual Director’s Picnic was held in Bisset Park for all members of the Honors Academy. The picnic kicked off at 4:00 and the turnout was wonderful! The weather was wonderful and so was the food. Do you know any of these people?

Alumni Update

Tim Marsh—Media Studies—Class of 2003

Since December of 2003, I’ve lived in Charlottesville, VA. I live with my 14 month old beagle-mix puppy named Zoey. She's great company, full of energy and very curious. She takes me for a walk every morning at 7 am! My first job in Charlottesville was with Clear Channel Radio selling radio advertising to local businesses. The formats of the stations I worked with were Country, Oldies, AM Talk Radio, Top 40, Jazz and Sports Radio. Currently, I am working for Adelphia Media Services selling cable advertising.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Did we miss you? Please let us know.

August: William Altherr, Megan Brooks, Morgan Brooks, Nathaniel Clark, Amy Cole, Heather Culbertson, Caitlin Dubliner, Christopher Dunford, Jr., John Fitzgibbons, Chad Hart, Kimberly Hawks, Kristen Janovec, Eden Karol, Erin Laird, Kevin Lillard, Nathan Long, Lauren McCarthy, Sarah Murray, Darrell Riddle, Stevie Spence, Benjamin Toth, Jennifer Waskey, Joseph Wildt, Courtney Yates, Elizabeth Zirbel

September: Caleb Anderson, Michelle Bowser, Jamie Broyles, Savannah Childers, Nina Critz, Ashley DeFreitas, Sarah Dickinson, Jonathan Driskill, Lauren Dunbar, Justin Farthing, Richard Gray, Amanda Hale, Michael Hardin, Lindsay Huff, Mary Ellen Jones, Jade Lines, Ashley Martin, Michael Mistretta, Caitlyn Rancourt, Colby Raymond, Rebecca Rust, Shawna Slaughter, Kimberly Terry, Sarah Waldrop, Kelly Wallace

October: Jessica Abarquez, Tiffney Allen, Heather Amon, Kasey Brandmahl, Jennifer Ciccone, Brittany Cochran, Adrielle Crigger, Eric Dalton, Emily Flora, Manasseh Franklin, Matthew Grimsley, Kevin Groat, Ashley Hall, Dana Harrison, Erin Janovec, Megan LeCount, Catherine Maurakis, Jarrad Miller, Sarah Myers, Elisabeth Pallante, Jamie Plecker, Lindsey Putt, Alana Quarles, Sarah Ragsdale, Alyson Richardson, Michael Richardson, Lauren Russell, Katie Short, Michelle Sibert, Leigh Simmons, Cora Taylor, Rachel Witt


December: Megan Baker, Jonathan Boyd, Sarah Cole, Christopher Conner, Rebecca Damron, Dawn Fouse, Natalie Gianninoto, Abraham Gogel, Meredith Gombar, Nicholas Hopchak, Renee Lightner, Rachel Llewellyn, Amy Messner, Justin Milligan, Elizabeth Newstadt, Lydia Rathbun, Kristen Sherrick, Brandy Tate, Nate Toth, Annaliese Yoder

To All Honors Academy Members

This is your newsletter. We encourage your feedback. If you would like to submit any articles, announcements, or have any comments or questions, we want to hear from you. Come by the office, mail, or email input for your newsletter. We want this to be both informative and fun. The office is in Floyd Hall, our post office box number is 6971, and our email address is: honors@radford.edu.

We hope to hear from you!

Loretta Opes, Editor