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**WELCOME TO THE 40 ACRES!**

Welcome to the 40 Acres!
Gone to Texas!
Tuesday, August 27—TONIGHT, the night before classes begin.

"Join other new students at the Tower the night before classes begin and discover what is mean to be a Longhorn." This is where you turn ORANGE. Everyone goes. Lots of fun. Not to be missed. http://www.utexas.edu/events/gtt/
It's going to be hot. Hydrate well!
Every college has an event and some food prior to the big event at the Tower. The College of Liberal Arts (CoLa) has BBQ at the Turtle Pond from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (veggie options always available).
See the GTT schedule: http://www.utexas.edu/events/gtt/schedule.php

Plan II Convocation
Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM in WEL 2.224
Convocation is a required event for all Plan II first-years, http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/first-yr/.
Students have an early dinner with their Plan II World Literature fellow students and Plan II peer advisers prior to Convocation. Invite your professor to join you at dinner and at convocation—most love to take part. Convocation is required. If you have a class when Convocation is scheduled or if you are attended the scholarship dinner at the Texas Exes you will be excused but you must contact Mary Dillman, mdillman@austin.utexas.edu, prior to Convocation.

Plan II GETAWAY!
Friday, September 6 2013
Entering first-year students, Plan II peer advisers P2SA officers and Plan II staff travel off campus for a killer BBQ dinner (with veggie options), swimming, water-balloon battle, piñata, a Shakespeare performance, volleyball and other games. Shady Springs has big beautiful oaks and a lush lawn. They have a spring on the property so even when we are in "extreme" drought conditions, the grass is soft and green. There's a big "party barn," so even if it's rainy, there's plenty of room for fun. We want every first-year student to attend Getaway.

It's quite a bargain at $60. $30 of the charge is for the Getaway (transportation, food, beverages, Shakespeare and fun); the other $30 pays for a LIFETIME membership in the Plan II Students' Association (P2SA). Download forms at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/first-yr/ . Bring bring the three forms and a check for $60 (or cash) to the Plan II Honors office before September 5, 2013.
Getaway information and the registration form are available on the Plan II site: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/first-yr/. If you won't be 18 yet on the day of Getaway (Friday, September 6) be sure to use the "minor" forms. You can mail the forms in with the check or bring it to the front desk at the Plan II office (CLA 2.102) when you arrive on campus. The Getaway registration form is also where you join Plan II Students' Association, which you ALL want to do. ¡Muy important!

The Liz Carpenter Lecture Series Featuring Gail Collins, New York Times Journalist and Editor
Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm
Hosted by the Plan II Honors Program at the Ecter-Harbin Alumni Center. Gail Collins was the first woman to edit the New York Times op-ed page and has written four books, including her latest, When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present, published in 2012. Collins writes a semi-weekly op-ed column for the Times, published Thursdays and Saturdays. She also co-authors a blog, The Conversation, with David Brooks, at NYTimes.com, featuring political commentary.

This event is free and open to the public. See http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/news/6756 for details

Plan II Sophomore Summit
Tuesday, September 17th, 5:30-7:00pm, MEZ 1.306
Required for all Plan II Second Year Students
Sophomore Summit is where Plan II formally welcome students back for their second year at UT Austin and gathers together as a class/members of the Plan II Community. The purpose of the Sophomore Summit is to briefly introduce students to several offices/resources on campus, provide guidance on customizing course choices (to prepare for thesis down the road), and explain the year-long Sophomore Advising program. It is our hope that students leave the Summit with the information and tools they need to investigate the many opportunities that lay before them and start thinking about what they want to accomplish in the next few years at UT Austin and begin to plan out how to fit it all in and best prepare for the next step after UT (whatever that might be).
For more information on all of the events and activities included in the Sophomore Advising Program visit the Plan II Website: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/soph.php

NEW – Plan II Public Health Program
Information Session: September 17, 2013
Plan II's new Public Health Program will be launched during the 2013-2014 academic year and led by Professors Stanley Reiser and Alfred McAlister. The Program will be a cross-institution collaboration between The University of Texas at Austin Plan II Honors Program and The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH - Austin Regional Campus). Up to ten Plan II students will be accepted into this program annually.

Students who successfully complete the program will earn the Graduate Certificate in Public Health (awarded by UTSPH) a distinguished academic achievement for any student planning to pursue a career in the health professions, public health or social policy; the credits earned in the certificate program may be applied toward an MPH degree at UTSPH (within five years of completing the certificate). In addition, through the Public Health program students will complete one TC 357 Junior Seminar course and their Plan II Thesis; both required to complete the Plan II Major/BA Degree.

Upcoming Program Information Sessions:
Tuesday, September 17, 12noon-1:00pm, GDC 2.402 (Gates Dell Complex)
Wednesday, September 25, 12noon-1:00pm, CLA 2.606
Deadline to Apply: October 1, 2013
For More Information and Application Instructions Visit: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/public-
The Roger and Ann Worthington Essay Prize in Plan II Honors
Deadline: September 27, 2013 at 5:00 PM

Essays should be 1000 - 1500 words in length and offer a clear, well-reasoned answer to the question below. No prizes for essays that argue both sides. Faculty will evaluate and judge the essays.

Deadline: 5 p.m., September 27, 2013 at the Plan II Honors front desk (CLA 2.102)
Include a title page with your name, UT EID, email address, and your class (freshman, sophomore, etc.). NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. See details and prompt at: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/news/6727

Plan II E-mail Ambassadors Needed

Plan II students volunteers are needed to serve as e-mail ambassadors to prospective students. Volunteers, names, and major(s)/interests will be posted on http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/applicants/contacts/ with a link to their email address. Prospective students may contact a real live current Plan II Honors student with questions about student life in Plan II and at UT Austin, including dorm life, Plan II and UT student organizations, Plan II life, why you chose Plan II, and very often, what it is like to combine Plan II with another major and/or degree. There is always need for Plan II student contacts who are combining majors and degrees in fine arts, engineering, communication, and architecture, but purely Plan II, and Plan II/Liberal Arts double-majors, business, pre-med and pre-law are, OF COURSE, welcome. Send your name, your email address, your FSE (first year entered, your freshman year) and other majors, degrees, and special interests to Jennifer Scalora, scalora@austin.utexas.edu

Plan II World Lit Ambassadors Needed

First Information Session: Friday, September 7

Share your Plan II pride! We seek first-year students to act as escorts for prospective applicants (high school juniors and seniors). World Lit ambassadors take visitors from Plan II admission information sessions to Monday/Friday 11:00 am World Literature classes, and following the class, escort the visitors back to the Normandy Scholars Room (CLA 2.606). We will use Professors Hoad’s, Bertelsen's, Woods' and Garrison's Monday and Friday 11:00 World Lits, and Professor McDuffie's Monday 11:00 World Lit. So if you are in any of those World Lit classes, please volunteer if you don't have a Monday or Friday 10:00 class. If you do have a class and can't be an escort TO the World Lit class, please consider helping by escorting visitors back to the Normandy Room after your World Lit class.

We ask ambassadors to arrive at the Normandy Room by 10:40-10:45 a.m. to ensure everyone arrives to the class on time. (Volunteer ambassadors must be free 10--11 MWF.) Information sessions begin on Wed, Sept 8. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Kelsey McKinney (mekinney.kelsey@gmail.com) & Sara Saastamoinen (sara.saastamoinen@gmail.com) p2recruitment@gmail.com ASAP!
We need World Lit Ambassadors as soon as possible. The first information session of the fall semester is Friday, September 7. Ideally, we will have three ambassadors "on-line" and ready to go.

Joynes Reading Room FB Page

The Joynes Reading Room has a Facebook page. Like us on Facebook to stay informed about visiting writers this semester, who will include Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anne Hull, novelist Caleb Crain, and poets Eduardo Corral and Adelia Prado. We will also announce FREE BOOK GIVEAWAYS on Facebook!

Update your contact information with Plan II

Please notify Plan II (scalora@austin.utexas.edu) when you change your email address, permanent address (usually your parents' address) or your combination majors/degrees. Our database does not automatically update when you use UTDirect or change majors at your Deans' offices.

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Longhorn Welcome Week
Next event: August 27, 2013

For the next two weeks, UT welcomes students back to campus through a variety of events, and a list of them can be found here: www.LonghornWelcome.com Specifcally, New Student Services hosts a few welcome programs geared toward new students—including a Texas '17 class photo to take place during UT Athletic's "Big Yell" event. During this event, new students will get on the field for a class photo (much like what they do at UGA and other schools- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT1BVoePLsw).

August 27th (11am-3 pm): Start Fresh Student Org Fair (West Mall)
August 28th (5:45pm) Big Yell! Texas Town Hall Meeting – Texas ’17 photo on field - (DKR)

2013-2014 Undergraduate Research Fellowships (fall competition)
Information Session: Tuesday, September 3. Deadline: September 17
Applications and information are available online at http://www.utexas.edu/research/resources/awards-fellowships-grants. Attend an optional information session on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in FAC 328 to learn more.

Undergraduate Research Fellowships are awarded in amounts up to $1,000 in fall and spring. University tenured, tenure-track, non-tenure track faculty members or full-time research staff members may supervise undergraduate students in independent research projects.

Deadline for fall 2013 is 5 p.m., Sept. 17. No late applications will be accepted. Direct questions to liza@austin.utexas.edu or 512-232-6391. Office of Undergraduate Research

Ensemble Audition and Registration Info for Fall 2013

The Butler School of music offers 30+ different music ensembles with opportunities for singers and instrumentalists interested in performing. Hundreds of non-music majors participate in ensembles each year.

All Ensembles offered through the Butler School of Music are open to UT students of any major that meet the requirements (some require an audition, others are open enrollment). The link above provides info about auditions and registration. Most auditions occur the first week of classes.

Note: Longhorn Band has already auditioned and begun rehearsals for this Fall.

Gilman International Scholarship Program Spring 2014 Online Application Open
Deadline: October 1, 2013

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is pleased to announce that the online application is now open for students participating in study abroad programs and internships during the spring 2014 term. The Gilman Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go. All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply. For more information about the Gilman Scholarship, webinar schedules, and other helpful resources, including subscription to Gilman Advisor Newsletters, please visit the Gilman website at www.iie.org/gilman.

Spring 2014 online applications are due October 1, 2013 by 11:59pm (central)

Students applying for any academic term must meet the eligibility requirements below:

* Enrolled as an undergraduate student at an accredited two or four-year U.S. Institution
* Receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term abroad
* United States citizen
* Participating in a study abroad program or internship that is no less than four weeks (28 days) in one country and no more than an academic year
* Applying to or accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student's home institution
* Studying or interning in any country not currently under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Cuba

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Since the program's inception in 2001, the Gilman Program has awarded over 15,000 U.S. undergraduates of high financial need to study and intern abroad in over 130 countries from more than 1,100 institutions.

For more information, please contact the appropriate person below:
For Students:
Last Name A-D - Phone: 832-369-3477 - Email: gilmanforms@iie.org
Last Name E-K - Phone: 832-369-3484 - Email: gilman@iie.org
Last Name L-Q - Phone: 832-369-3475 - Email: gilmandocs@iie.org
Last Name R-Z - Phone: 832-369-3485 - Email: gilmanapp@iie.org

Thanks to all supporters of the Gilman Scholarship. We look forward to awarding our next round of Gilman Scholars for the spring 2014 term!

Texas Language Center
If you are an undergraduate student at UT Austin who would like to fulfill the UT language requirement in a foreign language that is not regularly taught, one of the resources the Texas Language Center provides access to is oral and written proficiency testing. For more information please visit: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/tlc/language-requirement/language-proficiency-testing.php

STUDY ABROAD

Hindi-Urdu Flagship Program
Deadline: August 30, 2013

Learn Two Languages and Study in India with the Hindi Urdu Flagship!

Are you a freshman? Are you interested in language learning and study abroad? Join the Hindi Urdu Flagship (HUF) and learn the skills that will help you stand out from the crowd.

HUF is a prestigious, federally funded program that gives UT undergraduate students, majoring in the subject of their choice, an intensive training in Hindi and Urdu and the cultures behind them. Our courses include everything from Bollywood dialogues to the technical language of medicine and business.

Spend a year in India, studying Hindi and Urdu and completing a meaningful professional internship. Emerge from this program as a global professional, to use the languages and skills that will bring you unique employment possibilities and a whole new vision of the world.

Visit hindiurduflagship.org for more information and to apply for admission for Fall 2013!

Contact Person: Selina Keilani, selinak@austin.utexas.edu

Study Abroad Fair
September 11, 2013 at Gregory Plaza

Interested in studying abroad? Plan early, and come to the study abroad fair September 11, 2013 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Gregory Plaza, where you’ll find information about many of the opportunities to study abroad available to you.

Normandy Scholars Program & History Departmental Honors INFO SESSION
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5pm Garrison Conference Room (GAR 1.102)

Students are invited to come learn more about the incredible opportunities offered by earning Departmental Honors in History and/or participating in the Normandy Scholars Program. NSP is an intensive Spring semester of coursework focusing on World War II followed by three weeks studying in London, Normandy, Paris, and Berlin. History Honors is a 3-semester sequence including original historical research and resulting in a 50-70 page thesis. The director of both programs will be on hand discuss the benefits and highlights of the programs as well as the application process. Refreshments will be served. For more info please contact the History Advising office or visit the following sites:

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/history/undergraduate/honors.php
http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/history/normandy-scholars/overview.php

Rome Study Abroad Program - Summer 2014
Information Session: September 24
The Plan II Honors Program is thrilled to announce the return the Rome Study Abroad Program during the summer of 2014! Led by legendary Professor Karl Galinsky, 15-18 students will have the incredible opportunity to live, study and experience life abroad in Rome, Italy. Throughout the program, Plan II students will receive credit for two courses, a TC 357 Junior Seminar and a HMN 350, upper division Humanities, both fulfill specific requirements of the Plan II Major. Plan II strives to provide study abroad opportunities for our students to travel and learn with the best UT faculty, experiencing high quality honors level courses, all the while earning useful course credit. For detailed information on the Rome Study Abroad Program, attend an information session and visit: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/abroad/rome-details.php

Upcoming Rome Study Abroad Program Information Sessions:
* Tuesday, September 24, 5:00pm-6:00pm, CLA 1.302D
* Thursday, October 10, 5:00pm-6:00pm, CLA 1.302D
* Wednesday, October 23, 12:00noon-1:00pm, CLA 1.302D

Rome Study Abroad Program Application Deadline - November 8, 2013
Questions: contact Plan II Academic Advisor, Melissa Ossian (melissaossian@austin.utexas.edu)

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

McKinsey & Company Information Session
August 29, 2013

You are invited to attend McKinsey’s information session on August 29, 2013. This event will give you an opportunity to meet the McKinsey team and provide you with a chance to learn more about McKinsey’s work, people, and the opportunities the firm has to offer.

McKinsey & Company Information Session for graduating Class of 2014
Thursday, August 29
AT&T Conference Center, Classroom 102 7:00-8:30 PM

McKinsey is an international management consulting firm that works with leading corporations, non-profit institutions, and governments on issues of critical importance to senior management.

Please visit www.mckinsey.com/usschools to learn more about McKinsey and the Business Analyst role.

Part-Time Positions at Harry Ransom Center

The Harry Ransom Center currently seeks smart, friendly students for multiple work study positions. Federal work-study appointment required. Responsibilities range in nature from fielding questions from visitors to disseminating information about the Harry Ransom Center in various settings.

To apply, email cover letter and resume to c.lee@austin.utexas.edu with the subject line “Student Assistant for Visitor Services.” Please submit class schedule/work availability with application.

USEFUL MISCELLANEOUS

About Plan2News
Plan2News is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II and others associated with Plan II who send their e-mail addresses to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association and performances and exhibits by Plan II students.

Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events.

Submitting to Plan2News
Please keep in mind that although Plan2News enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as the sole advertisement for a position or an event. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

Personal and political announcements will not be published in Plan2News. Job and internships announcements must be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

To place a news item in Plan2News, you must do the following:
• Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu.
• In the subject line, write “Plan2News” exactly.
• Give the name of a contact person with phone number or e-mail address.
• Provide an activity date or a deadline.
• Do not use “we” or “I.” Please write your submission in third person.
• Write in complete sentences and use correct grammar.
• News items will run until your deadline or through two issues of the newsletter if no deadline is provided.
• The text of submitted newsletter items (including job and internship postings) must be fewer than 150 words, not including headline and contact information. Please edit your entries to this length before submission. An overly lengthy entry will be returned to its sender and will not appear until this standard is met.
• Send your news item to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu no later than 2 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 2 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 2 p.m. deadline is final. Do not send your message to any other address. No one else can approve news items for inclusion in the Plan II newsletter and no other address will be used to receive entries.