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1. **Plan II Pre-Med Society Meeting**

The Plan II Pre-Medical Society will be holding its fourth meeting in the Joynes Reading Room, CRD 007A, on this Wednesday the 21st at 6:30 p.m. Students from UTMB will come speak, and plans for the society's party at the Austin State Hospital will be finalized. Cookies will be served. ALL Plan II pre-med students are welcome! Also, this Friday, the 23rd, the society will host a part for the patients at ASH, beginning at 5:45 and ending at 7:30. ANYONE is welcome, but please contact Holly Day at mangamaniac2007@gmail.com

2. **Plan II Peer Advising Week**

Peer Advising Week for all Plan II First-Year students will be October 19-23 in the Plan II office. All Plan II first-year students must come in and meet with a Plan II Peer Advisor in preparation for Spring registration, which begins on October 26th. Check your email for the complete schedule of advising hours, your registration worksheet, and other important details!

3. **Plan II Thesis Registration Procedure and Deadlines**

Plan II seniors wishing to start their thesis in the spring must complete the following steps to register in the thesis course (TC 660HA):


2. Fill out Part One of the Thesis Registration Form and bring it to a meeting with the Plan II Associate Director (Alexandra Wettlaufer) OR the Plan II Assistant Director (Wendy Domjan) during their office hours. Discuss your thesis proposal and, if approved, get their initials on Part One and turn it into the Plan II front desk. THE DEADLINE FOR PART ONE IS Friday, Nov. 6th.

3. Register for the thesis course and schedule meetings with professors you would like to work with as your supervisor and/or second reader.

4. Complete Part Two of the Thesis Registration Form and turn it into the Plan II front desk. THE DEADLINE FOR PART TWO IS Friday, Dec. 4th.

4. **Voltaire’s Cinema Event**

*Voltaire’s Cinema* presents Matt Valentine with a screening and discussion of Ridley Scott's 1979 sci-fi classic, *Alien*. Ridley Scott's 1979 film *Alien* stands apart from the several sequels (each helmed by a different director); neither an action blockbuster nor a typical horror film, the original *Alien* is perhaps the most successful marriage of science fiction and suspense. The film has been the subject of a surprising volume of scholarly criticism, referenced not only in film theory but also examined through the lenses of feminism, art history and comparative literature. Now thirty years old, the film's Academy Award-winning visual effects (especially the alien creature, designed by artist H.R. Giger) have aged well -- the film still looks and feels like a believable dystopian future, and has avoided much of the campiness that dates other sci-fi films of this vintage.

When: October 28, 7 p.m.

Where: Joynes Reading Room

Don't be scared! Come poise yourself for a thrilling Halloween with some light refreshments and a cult classic hosted by Matt Valentine. Contact pii.academics@gmail.com for questions or concerns.

5. **Voltaire’s Coffee Announcement**

All twenty spots available for Larry Speck's November 12 VC are currently full. If you would still like to be added to a waiting list in case someone cannot attend, please contact pii.academics@gmail.com with your request. For more information see the Facebook event http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=171524987552&ref=ts

6. **Plan II Travel and Thesis Grants**

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2009, students wishing to apply for Plan II grants in support of academic travel or thesis research during the winter break or Spring 2010 semester may apply online using the College of Liberal Arts Online Scholarship Portal. Visit the Plan II Honors website and navigate to Current Students, then Scholarships to find the link to the scholarship system. If you have not used the system before, you will need to create a one-time profile, then apply for the specific Plan II grant you are seeking.

Students who have already submitted paper application forms will be contacted by Plan II individually.

For students applying for study abroad support, be sure to see the “HOW TO APPLY” section of the Plan II Travel Grant webpage. The notes will guide you to the online application. The deadline for applications will be October 30, 2009. Send questions to planiischolarships@austin.utexas.edu.

7. **Plan II/KIPP Program**

The Plan II/KIPP Partnership will be starting its second annual PlanTutoring program this semester for the 2009-2010 school year. KIPP Austin Collegiate is looking for energetic and hardworking Plan II students to assist them in tutoring high school students in all subjects. PlanTutoring allows tutors to volunteer as many hours as they would like but requires a one-hour commitment per week. KIPP Austin Collegiate has expressed a high demand for tutors this semester. If there are any sophomores or juniors interested in being involved in the growing Plan II/KIPP Partnership, then PlanTutoring is a great program to join. Please contact Jessica Collins by email jessann@mail.utexas.edu if you are interested.

8. **Plan II to Offer New Maymester Program in Costa Rica — May 2010**

Plan II to Offer New Maymester Program in Costa Rica — May 2010. Plan II is pleased to announce the creation of a new Maymester Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica to be
offered in May 2010. The Program is titled “Costa Rica: Issues in Rainforest Conservation” and will be co-taught by Professors Ruth Buskirk and Moon Draper of the School of Biological Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences. Course credit for either TC 357 or BIO 337 can be gained from participation in the Program. For detailed information visit the Costa Rica page on the Plan II Website: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/abroad/costa-rica.php>

Interested students should plan to attend an information session: 
Tuesday, October 27 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)

The Application Deadline is November 1, 2009; applications are accepted on a rolling basis so feel free to apply early.

In order to access the online Maymester application your EID must be entered into the Study Abroad Office online system, contact the Study Abroad Office 471-6490 directly and request to be authorized to apply for a Maymester Program or come to an information session and sign the application form. Note: submitting your EID for authorization to the online system does not obligate you to apply for a Maymester Program.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Business Honors Program Sophomore Transfer Info Sessions**

Tuesday, November 10th, 5:00 p.m., CBA 4.330
Wednesday, November 11th, 5:00 p.m., CBA 4.324

Open to all freshmen interested in the BHP! Learn about the application process and speak with our staff. Tiff’s Treats will be provided.

Please contact Eric Hui at eric.hui@bb06.mccombs.utexas.edu for any additional questions.

2. **New BS Degree in Environmental Science**

The Environmental Science Institute will hold an information session for the NEW B.S. Degree in Environmental Science on Thursday, October 22nd from 4-5 p.m. in JGB 4.102. Please share the attached flyer with students and departmental contacts interested in learning more.

Two NEW courses offered Spring 2010:

- GEO 371C Field Seminar in Environmental Science and Sustainability
- Unique Number: 26995 W 3-4p; F 1-5p Dr. Jay Banner
- GEO 371C Research Methods for Environmental Science
- Unique Number: 27014 TTH 11-12:30p; M 2-5p Dr. Mary Poteet

*Enrollment in these courses is restricted to students in the B.S. Environmental science major.

If you are unable to make the info session, but have questions about the NEW major, please contact the ESI office to find out more.

3. **LAUNCH Student Research Forum**

The Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Chapter is looking for participants for its first annual Student Research Forum from 5-6:30 on November 11th. Students will present original research to peers, faculty mentors, and a panel of three faculty judges. The winning participants of the LAUNCH Student Research Forum will each receive a travel scholarship from the College of Liberal Arts. These scholarships should be used to fund the students’ travel to and participation in the National Conference of Undergraduate Research at the University of Montana on April 15-17, 2010. Participants will be chosen based on the strength of their application and research summary (500-750 words). Applications are due by Friday, October 30th at 5 p.m. For an application and more information, please visit the LAUNCH website, <http://www.launchut.org/> or e-mail Trevor Templeton at ttempleton@mail.utexas.edu

4. **Law Fair**

Law Fair is an annual event that brings representatives from 100+ law schools to campus to recruit UT students. UT Law Fair is one of the largest school-sponsored law fairs in the nation! This is a unique opportunity to learn a great deal about many different law schools all in one day. Oftentimes the person at the booth is the same person who will be reading your application down the road! Law Fair is free and open to the public. Business casual dress is recommended.

Monday, October 26, 2009
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 
Texas Union Ballroom
We are also offering a special workshop in conjunction with Law Fair:
**Admissions Panel**
October 26, 1-2 p.m.
Texas Union, Governor's Room (3.116)
Admissions committee members from three different law schools (UT Law, SMU and University of Chicago Law) will answer your questions and give you the inside scoop on the admissions process.

5. **LACS Workshops**

10/19 - Make the Most of the 2009 Career Expo <mailto:LiberalArts@Work>: LACS Workshop from Noon-1 p.m. in FAC 18. Attend this workshop to learn how to prepare your 30-second pitch and develop a strategy for meeting the organizations of interest to you. For more information about the 2009 Career Expo, please see "Career Events" in your BTT Gateway account.

**EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Enspire Learning Job Opportunities**

Enspire Learning is recruiting Marketing Coordinators, Content Writers, Technology Developers, and Multimedia Designers to join its 2010 Emerging Leaders Program. These entry level positions are full-time, salaried with benefits and will begin in July 2010.

Join Enspire Learning for an information session on Thursday, Oct.
2. **Intellectual Entrepreneurship**  
"Pre-Graduate School Internship."

This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

In addition, you may read more about this program on the web: [http://communication.utexas.edu/ic/](http://communication.utexas.edu/ic/)  
NOTE: Because of the generosity of several UT deans, undergraduates who do their pre-grad internship in programs in the following colleges will be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor)--- Law, Public Affairs, Communication, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Pharmacy, Business, Social Work, Education, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts.

A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at:  

If after examining these materials you have questions, please feel free to contact Rick Cherwitz at <spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

3. **Winn Tutor Positions Available**

Tutors are needed for School year 2009-2010 with Winn Tutoring, a private in-home tutoring service for students in grades 5 through 12. Part-time job tailored to a busy schedule, working 2-10 hours per week at $19-$22 per hour. Most work is Monday through Thursday between 5Pm and 9PM  
***TRANSPORTATION IS REQUIRED***  
Tutor is needed for Advanced High School level Chemistry, Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-cal

Apply at [www.winn tutoring.com](http://www.winn tutoring.com), or e-mail Sharon White at <info@winn tutoring.com>

4. **2009 LA Career Expo**

The 2009 CAREER EXPO is October 21st, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Texas Union Ballroom. All majors invited! Meet with dozens of employers who have full-time jobs and internships available. NOTE: Professional dress suggested, minimum of business casual required. You can check out who has registered to date at [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/connections/career-fairs/2009/fall/](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/connections/career-fairs/2009/fall/) - more employers will be added so check back often. This is a must-attend event for anyone seeking a job after graduation or an internship!

5. **The Daily Texan Needs Writers**

The Daily Texan’s special editions staff is looking for writers to fill out this year’s roster. We publish about 40 editions annually including Longhorn Life. We’re looking for students with strong writing skills to compose 400 to 600 word articles upon request, which we will pay $15 a piece if published. Columns include housing, culture, technology, education, diversity, current events, health, politics and profiles. Interested students should contact Elena Watts at <elenaw@mail.utexas.edu> or (512) 232-8351.

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**UNIVERSITY WIDE**

1. **Texas 4000 for Cancer Hosts First Ever Benefit Concert**

Texas 4000 is a non-profit organization that hosts an annual charity bike ride from Austin, Texas, to Anchorage, Alaska. Around 55 University of Texas students make this trek each year to spread Hope, Knowledge, and Charity across North America. The C4 or Come Cure Cancer Concert will be held on Thursday, November 19th at Scholz Garten from 8 p.m. to midnight to benefit the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Tickets are $15 in advance and can be purchased from any member of Texas 4000 ($20 at the door). At the concert, attendees will enjoy the music of Curtis Grimes, Sam Sliva and the Good, and Jimmy Kaiser. All guests will receive a goodie bag and will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes. Please contact Whitney Yang at <whitneyleayang@gmail.com> if you have any questions or would like to purchase a ticket.

2. **Bob Bullock History Museum Events**

Bob Bullock History Museum and IMAX "Where the Wild Things Are"

Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honors Society invites all History majors and all Liberal Arts and Education majors for a  

* Night at the Bob Bullock Museum *  October 29th from 5-6 p.m. the museum available for us (museum closes at 6:00 but IMAX will still be open).  

6:00 - 6:40 You are welcome to join several of the PhATh officers for dinner at Player’s at 6 and walk over to the IMAX presentation at 6:40 p.m.  

6:40-6:50 p.m. there is no late seating at the IMAX show. You must check in 15-20 minutes before the show starts.  

7-8:30 p.m. IMAX showing of *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Please feel free to come to all or part of this event. The charge for the movie is $5 for Phi Alpha Theta members and $10 for non-members.

RSVP ASAP  
Please *RSVP AND PAY BY OCTOBER 15th to the main history office GAR 1.104 or Dr. Susan Boettcher in GAR 3.102.

* Please submit payment in an envelope labeled "Attn: Dr. Boettcher"along with your name, email address, eid, and amount enclosed. Please note, The Department of History cannot provide change.

3. **Joynes Literary Society Meeting**

The Joynes Literary Society is a student-organized book club for undergraduates in any honors program at UT Austin. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m. in CRD 007A. Up for discussion is Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning post-apocalyptic novel *The Road*. Ten free copies of *The Road* are available for UT Austin undergraduates who email their request to whitneylayang@gmail.com.
available for honors students at the Joynes Reading Room front desk. If you have questions, contact Naveen Pattisapu at <napcot@gmail.com>. (Don't take a free book unless you plan to attend the discussion!)

4. **Analecta Accepting Entries**

Analecta, UT’s official Literary and Arts Journal, is accepting poetry, fiction, drama, and personal essay submissions now through December 16. All winners will be published in Analecta 36 and will receive two free copies of the journal. Prizes of $100 will be awarded to one featured poet and one featured prose writer. Entries are unlimited and will be judged through a blind selection process. Please refer to the detailed submission guidelines at <http://www.ut senate.org/analecta/submissions.htm> before submitting. Entry is open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, at UT and other universities. Email any questions to <analecta.ut@gmail.com>.

5. **Ethics in Government Conference**

The LBJ School of Public Affairs, Office of Conferences and Training is pleased to announce that former Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff will be presenting a session on Ethical Leadership at the 2009 Ethics Government conference which will be held in Austin on October 28, 2009. The following speakers and more will be presenting:

The Opening Keynote: Robert Hoyk, Ph.D., co-author of the book "The Ethical Executive: Becoming Aware of the Root Causes of Unethical Behavior: 45 Psychological Traps that Every One of Us Falls Prey To". He will discuss many of the psychological traps that were identified in the book. Every participant will receive a copy of the book with their registration.

The Closing Keynote - Henry J. Shea, Associate Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and Richard Juliano, Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Former Illinois Governor George Ryan. They will discuss "The Consequence of Public Corruption: An Insider's View".

This conference is a must for anyone dealing with Ethics and Ethics Compliance in Texas government today.

Date: October 28, 2009
Location: Thompson Conference Center
Cost: $175 for the general public $158.00 for UT students/faculty and staff
Credit hours: 6 CPE and MCLE (application pending)

To register and see the complete agenda, please visit out website: <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/profdev/candt/class/384/>.

If you have any questions please email us at: <ljbpdl@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

6. **Helping Horns**

The University of Texas Student Government is starting a new program called Helping Horns. This program involves University of Texas students going to Crockett High School and/or Reagan High School to "adopt-a-teacher" or Saturday TAKS tutoring. Both of these schools are in great need of help with academic tutoring and are greatly appreciative of our help.

Info sessions will be conducted in the upcoming weeks.

We appreciate you for considering participation in this program. For more information, please contact Aniq Lakhpaty at <aniqlakhpaty@gmail.com> or Scott Trebloc at <Scottx12@aol.com>.

7. **“The Girl on the Fridge:” an Evening with Israeli Writer Etgar Keret**

This event is sponsored by The Plan II Honors Program, The Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The Program in Comparative Literature, and The University Honors Center on Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in the Joyner Reading Room.

Please contact Matt Valentine with any questions <mvalentine@mail.utexas.edu>

Also, please join the Middle Eastern Film Club for a screening of Keret’s recent film Medusot (Jellyfish) on Monday October 19, at 6 p.m. in Burdine Hall Room 136.

8. **Counseling and Mental Health Center Offers New Groups**

New groups include personal exploration groups, groups for specific issues and populations, integrated health classes and mindful eating programs. If you would like more information on these groups and more visit the CMHC website at <www.cmhc.utexas.edu> or go by the CMH Center in the Division of Student Affairs, 100 A. W. Dean Keeton St. Austin, Texas 78712. (512) 471-3515

9. **Senior Fellows Guest Speakers**

Details are online at <http://communication.utexas.edu/students/srfellowevents.html>. These events, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by the Senior Fellows honors program of the College of Communication. For more information, contact Robert Jensen at (512) 471-1990 or <rjensen@uts.cc.utexas.edu>.

“Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle” a talk by Author Chris Hedges Monday, November 9, 2009 noon - 2 p.m. Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Building (CPE 2.204)

“The Lives of Indigenous Women in a ‘Post-Racial’ and ‘Post-Feminist’ World” a talk by Professor Andrea Smith, University of California-Riverside Tuesday, November 17, 2009 7 p.m. University of Texas at Austin Thompson Conference Center auditorium (TCC 1.110)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. **Undergraduate Research Award**

The Senate of College Councils and the School of Undergraduate Studies invite you to apply for this semester’s Undergraduate Research Award. The award seeks to encourage students to get involved in research early in their undergraduate experience. Eligible applicants include students assisting a
Elie Wiesel Essay Contest

Every year the Elie Wiesel Foundation sponsors an essay competition. This year the suggested topics are: What does your own experience tell you about the relationship between politics and ethics and, in particular, what could be done to make politics more ethical? Articulate with clarity an ethical issue you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself. Carefully examine the ethical aspects or implications of a major literary work, a film or a significant piece of art. Clearly analyze the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world. How does a recent political or cultural event shed light on the ethics of rebellion/revolution?

Contest Deadline: January 8, 2010

There are very substantial rewards for the winners: Winning students receive $10,000 in cash prizes, an internship, and a chance for their essay to be published in a nationally recognized publication. Awards: First Prize - $ 5,000; Third Prize - $ 1,500; Second Prize - $ 2,500; Two Honorable Mentions - $ 500 each

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Eligibility, FAQs and much more information at: <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/information.aspx>

STUDY ABROAD

1. Passport Day

Getting ready to travel soon? Apply for or renew a passport without leaving the Business school. Simply bring: completed passport application, proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of ID, two checks ($75 application fee; $25 execution fee). Passport photo services will be available for $10. Applications are available at the event, or you may complete them online at: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html>. Passport Day is Wednesday, October 28 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the CBA Events Room 3.304. For more information visit: <www.mccombs.utexas.edu/udean/ip/passportday.asp>.

2. Summer Overseas Pre-Law Program Opportunity for Plan II

The Business Law Program in Edinburgh is a five-week intensive summer study abroad program that is designed specifically for undergraduate students at The University of Texas at Austin. The program is offered in conjunction with The University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. The University of Edinburgh is one of Europe's leading higher education institutions and is annually ranked in the top ten by the TIMES newspaper rankings of UK universities. Summer 2010 will mark the 8th year the Program in Business Law, run by the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at the UT McCombs School of Business, has been offered. Students take two three-credit hour survey courses, one on American law and one on European Union law; program dates are likely to be June 28-July 29, 2010. Enrollment opens on September 24th and the Program is expected to fill quickly, interested students should visit the Program website (see below) for more information, contact Angie Carter at 471-1625, and plan to enroll early to ensure a spot in the Program.

3. UT in D.C. Archer Program

October 26, 2009 (Monday) at 3:00 p.m. in FAC 4
November 16, 2009 (Monday) at 12:00 p.m. in FAC 4
November 17, 2009 (Tuesday) at 12:30 p.m. in FAC 4

If you would you like to spend a fall or spring semester in Washington, D.C. involved in an internship and taking in-residence UT Austin classes, please see <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/utindc> and then come to one of the information sessions listed above to find out more. The UT Austin campus coordinator and former Archer Fellows will give an overview of the program and provide you with tips on submitting a competitive application.

Please feel free to make an appointment with Katrina Kosted, coordinator, if you would like to discuss your interest in the program, or if you are unable to attend an info session.

4. UT Semester in Los Angeles Program Information Sessions

October 26, 2009, @ 3:00pm CMA 5.160 (Video conference)

The program is currently accepting applications for summer and fall 2010, and will be moving to a selective application process with students who apply for spring 2011 or summer 2011. More information about this can be found online: <http://www.utla.utexas.edu/applying/index.htm>

Watch a short promotional video on the program online: <http://www.utla.utexas.edu>

Questions? Contact UTLA Center staff in Los Angeles by calling the following toll free number: (877) 875-2111.

USEFUL MISCELLANY

1. Submitting to the Plan II Newsletter

The Plan II newsletter 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 <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association, as well as performances and exhibits by Plan II students. Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events. Personal and political announcements will not be published in the newsletter; and internships and job announcements should normally be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter. Please keep in mind that although the Plan II newsletter enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as an employer’s only means of advertising for a position, a group’s only advertisement for an event, etc. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

To place a news item in the Plan II newsletter, you must do the following, or your messages will not be included:
- Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to <planiinewsletter@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, whichever is appropriate.
- 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.

Almost Symposium Time:

“I pledge allegiance to Plan II and the University of Texas at Austin.
And to the program for which it stands underfunded, indescribably awesome, with liberty and cookies for all.”

Plan II Pledge