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**Plan II News**

1. **Plan II Convocation**
   Thursday, September 3rd  
   7:00 p.m. in WEL 1.308

   Plan II Convocation kicks off the academic year and is MANDATORY for all Plan II first-year students. Be there by 6:45-50 to check in. Dress code: snappy casual (no shorts/flip-flops!). Plan to go to dinner with your World Lit Peer Advisors prior to the event and walk over to Welch Hall together.

2. **Freshman Getaway**
   Register NOW, along with your lifetime membership to the Plan II Students' Association.  
   Friday, September 11th  
   3:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
   REGISTRATION DUE by September 10th; registration forms available at the Plan II front desk

   Plan II Getaway kicks off the social year with great food (including vegetarian options), volleyball, swimming, frisbee, soccer, and Shakespeare. Every first-year attends this annual event so don’t be the one who misses out. Get to know Plan II faculty, staff, and peer advisors in a great setting away from campus—the Shady Springs Party Barn! Buses start loading at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Littlefield Fountain on 21st Street, leave by 4 p.m.

3. **Plan II World Lit Escort Ambassadors Needed**
   Are you in Mia Carter’s, Brian Doherty’s or Jim Garrison’s MWF 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. section of World Literature? If so, Plan II needs your help to give visiting prospective students a great experience by escorting them from Plan II information sessions to your World Literature class. As an escort ambassador, you will be asked a few times during the semester to pick up visiting high school seniors from the Meyerson Conference Room (WCH 4.118) at 10:45 a.m. and bring them to your class. It works best if volunteers do not have a 10:00 a.m. MWF class since we need you to drop in at the information session by 10:40 a.m. If a volunteer’s schedule allows, after the class, our visitors and their parents always appreciate it when you share your Plan II experience. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Megan Sanders and Emily Hawthorne, <p2recruitment@gmail.com>.

4. **Plan II Honors Overnight Ambassadors Needed**
   Are you an on-campus resident who is eager to show off UT and Plan II? If so, Plan II needs volunteers to host a prospective student for an overnight stay in a dorm (especially in the honors residences). Volunteers are not expected to play tour guide or babysitter during a student’s visit. Essentially, volunteers should provide visitors with solid contact information and a firm meeting time, directions around campus and to the cafeteria, and a floor to sleep on for the night. Honors dorms, Duren, and San Jacinto visits are most often requested, but all on-campus housing offers are always
appreciated. Both male and female volunteer hosts are needed. Overnight ambassadors will be asked to house overnight visitors only once or twice at most. These overnight visits are often what make a prospective student choose Plan II and UT over other excellent schools. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Megan Sanders and Emily Hawthorne, <p2recruitment@gmail.com>.

5. 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) will be posted on <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/applicants/contacts/>. This way, prospective students may contact a real live student with questions about dorm life, UT life, Plan II life, or even what it is like to combine Plan II with another major. There is a need for Plan II student contacts who are combining majors and degrees in fine arts, communication, and architecture. E-mail ambassadors WILL NOT (EVER!) discuss the application process, the Plan II application evaluation process, the required curriculum, testing credits, UT admissions, or any other technical information. All such questions should be referred to Jennifer Scalora or the Plan II website. Send your name, your email address, your year (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) and other majors, degrees, and special interests to <scalora@mail.utexas.edu>.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. UPDATED: Non-US History Requirement for Students in all Catalogs
Plan II students in all undergraduate catalogs will now be under the updated Non-US History degree requirement which is six hours in the same geographic area (the early/late requirement has been removed). Students can find the list of approved Non-US History courses on the Plan II website on the “Advising Forms and Guides” page: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/adv-forms-guides.php>

2. New TC 357 Junior Seminar Added to Fall 09 Schedule
Professor Wayne Rebhorn from the Department of English will be offering his TC 357 course “Self and Society in Renaissance Culture” during the fall 2009 semester. This course aims to introduce students to the civilization of the Renaissance in Europe from Petrarch and Boccaccio in mid-fourteenth century Italy to Molière in mid-seventeenth century France. Although the primary focus will be on the literature of the period, the course will also consider politics, philosophy, and art, as well as social and intellectual history. Class meets TTh 11:00-12:30 in CAL 21 (unique 43827). For more information visit the College of Liberal Arts course description database: <http://web.austin.utexas.edu/cola/students/courses/coursedetail.cfm?courseID=26585>

3. Free Seminars Offered at the UT Learning Center
Secrets of Academic Success
9/22 - 10/8 3:00 to 3:50 p.m. TTh 3 weeks
Come learn skills that will, with practice, supercharge your learning. We'll talk about using a systematic approach to studying and learning that can be applied to any class or learning opportunity. In addition to learning a more effective way to study, learn how to more successfully manage time, how to take better notes, and how to utilize specific strategies that will help improve test preparation and test-taking skills.
The course also talks about the emotional components of learning and learning style preferences. Take this step toward getting the desired results at UT!

Refresher for M 408D (Seq, Series, and Multivariable Calculus)
8/31 - 9/3             6:00 to 7:15 p.m.             MTWTh             1 week
This class reviews the major concepts from M408C and is appropriate for students beginning M408D. The class is designed to refresh students' memory of the foundational elements of calculus that will be built upon in their M408D course. Each day of this four-day refresher will cover roughly one-quarter of the M408C curriculum, therefore a full review requires attendance on all four days.

Refresher for M 408L (Integral Calculus)
8/31 - 9/3             6:00 to 7:15 p.m.             MTWTh             1 week
This class reviews the major concepts from M408K and is appropriate for students beginning M408L. The class is designed to refresh students' memory of the foundational elements of calculus that will be built upon in their M408L course. Each day of this four-day refresher will cover roughly one-quarter of the M408K curriculum, therefore a full review requires attendance on all four days.

For more information on other free seminars follow this link: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/classes/>

4. University Extension Launches Five Month Online Courses
Starting September 1, 2009, all University Extension (UEX) independent study online courses will be offered as five month courses. These shorter, faster online courses allow fast and consistent progress. The student sets the pace while engaged, rapid instructor feedback helps students complete a course faster. Depending on the student’s pace, some courses can be completed in a month or two. Students may take up to 30 days to complete a final exam. UEX offers over 60 undergraduate courses from across the curriculum, including many core curriculum courses.

To learn more, visit the "Five month online courses" link on our home-page,< http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/>, or contact us by phone or e-mail. (512) 471-2900 <uex@austin.utexas.edu>

5. New Grading System Implemented Fall 2009
The new plus/minus grading systems has been implemented starting with the fall 09 semester. For more information visit: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/news/1876>

6. Howl, Howl, Howl! Does Father Always Know Best?
Professor Elizabeth Richmond-Garza, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts
Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in ACES 2.302
King Lear is a huge play and a painful one. It asks us to think hard about how we treat our parents and how we wish to be treated in turn as we grow old. In certain periods the world seems especially violently chaotic, and at the same time parents and children feel out of touch. These two fears combined in Shakespeare’s day and perhaps also come together in ours. Whenever King Lear is popular, as it is
today, it speaks to us about terror and about whether our families can ease our anxieties. This multimedia presentation will trace through image and film how a play from almost exactly four hundred years ago remains unforgettable and therapeutic for all generations even today.

7. Seats available for Plan II students in Professor Alexandra Wettlaufer’s French Literature course (Taught in English)
Looking for an interesting upper-division elective that can be counted toward the Plan II Fine Arts/Humanities requirement? There are a few seats remaining in Professor Wettlaufer’s fall 09 course, Masterworks of French Literature: Fictions of the Self and Other in Society 1800-1950. In this course students will examine representative works from 19th and 20th-century French literature, from Balzac’s Realism of the 1830s to Beckett’s Theatre of the Absurd of the 1950s. We will consider literature in its relation to history, with special attention both to form and style in the development of narrative, prose poetry and avant-garde theatre. All students will be expected to give one in-class presentation on an aspect of French culture and history related to one of the works we are reading, and this presentation will be turned into a brief (5-7 page) paper. A final paper on a French novel from this period not included on the syllabus will be due the last day of class. Readings include Beckett’s Waiting for Godot and Flaubert’s Madame Bovary among others. The course is offered under French Civilization 349, unique #: 37170; European Studies 347, unique #: 36505; Western Civilization 320, unique #: 48563; and Women and Gender Studies 345, unique #: 48780. Any questions about the course can be directed to Professor Wettlaufer: <akw@mail.utexas.edu>

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS
1. Tutor positions available
TutorCrew is looking for elite tutors to join our team during the fall semester. We offer competitive pay ($12-$45/hr), flexible hours, and an innovative web-based system to help you manage your clients and your schedule. For more information, visit our website at http://tutors.tutorcrew.com or send us an email at tutors@tutorcrew.com.
website: tutors.tutorcrew.com <http://tutors.tutorcrew.com>
email: tutors@tutorcrew.com
phone: (888) 672-7678

2. Full Time Associate Consultant with Bain & Co.
Bain & Co. Bain is currently accepting applications for a full time position as an Associate Consultant from talented Plan II seniors graduating December 2009 or May 2010. Bain is a top-tier management consulting firm that helps clients make big decisions on strategy, operations, mergers & acquisitions, technology, and organization. Associate Consultants at Bain play an integral role in solving our clients’ most difficult problems. As an Associate Consultant, you’ll receive exposure to senior managers and CEOs of Fortune 500 Corporations, rigorous MBA-level business training, and the time to maintain a balanced life outside of work.

For more information about opportunities at Bain and application logistics, please attend our Interview Workshop this Wednesday, September 2nd from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in CBA 3.304 which will be
followed by an Information Session at 7:00 p.m. in UTC 3.110. Dress is business casual and all students are welcome.

**UNIVERSITY WIDE**

1. **Write for Nazar**

   *Nazar – A South Asian Perspective* is the first student media group on UT that focuses on everything South Asian. Its members are interested not only in the issues surrounding the region, but the impact South Asia has on America and the world. How does the quota system in the subcontinent's universities compare to affirmative action in US colleges? What is it about yoga and Bollywood that captivates international audiences? Nazar is looking for committed writers who are able to offer their own opinions on South Asian matters – regardless of what region they are from.

   Sound like your cup of chai? Contact Sumita Sami or Niyantha Shekar at <nazar.editors@gmail.com> with a one page sample of your writing.

2. **Gates Cambridge Scholarship**

   The Gates Cambridge community would like to invite all interested fellowships advisers, and their students, to participate in a "webinar" information session on the Gates Cambridge Scholarship on Sept. 10th, 1 p.m. Pacific / 4 p.m. Atlantic time. This “webinar” is intended to provide an introduction to Cambridge University, the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the application process, and allow for any questions and follow-up for those interested in applying. Registration for this conference is free and open to everyone (but please note that the focus of this session is on the American application cycle; we will host another session for international applicants in late October 2009). Registration details can be found at <http://www.gatesscholar.org/coffeehouse>.

**STUDY ABROAD**

1. **Study Abroad Fair**

   Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009
   Gregory Plaza
   10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

   Choosing a study abroad program that is the "right fit" is the best way to achieve personal and academic goals for study abroad, as well as assistance with long-range career plans. It is important to plan carefully because hundreds of opportunities exist, more than ever before. They differ in location, duration, curriculum, degree of cultural immersion, language, cost and many, many other ways. There is much to consider, so it's wise to begin planning as soon as you can. It's never too early to start! Join us at the fair to begin surveying your options.

2. **UT Semester in Los Angeles Program Information Sessions**

   Tuesday, Sep 22, @ 3:30pm CMA 5.160 (Video conference)
   Wednesday, Oct 14, @ 3:00pm CMA 5.160 (Video conference)
Thursday, Nov 12, @ 2:00pm 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: www.utla.utexas.edu <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. UT Email Accounts & Policies:
   Please be sure that you are thoroughly familiar with the UT email policies at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php>. Item C is most relevant, especially:
   It is the responsibility of every student to keep the University informed of changes in his or her official e-mail address. Consequently, e-mail returned to the University with "User Unknown" is not an acceptable excuse for missed communication.
   
   And
   The University cannot be responsible for the handling of e-mail by outside vendors (e.g., @aol.com, @hotmail.com) or by University departmental servers. A student may provide an official e-mail address resident on, or that forwards to, such a server at his or her own risk.

   Plan II does not receive automatic updates if a students updates an email account on UT Direct. We have to ask you to contact us directly if you change your email, local or permanent address. Email updates: <scalora@mail.utexas.edu>

2. 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.
- Send your news item to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu> no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3:00 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3:00 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.

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