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1. Broccoli Project Auditions
The Broccoli Project Presents: Mr. Marmalade by: Noah Haidle Auditions
Mr. Marmalade is an absurd comedy about just how wild a little girl's imagination can run when left to her own devices. And HBO. Auditions will be held in Welch 2.224 on Wednesday (9/15) at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday (9/16) at 6:30 p.m.. We need actors, tech, and task monkeys so come and show me what you can do.
Feel free to contact Alex Reynolds at <alexandra.e.reynolds@gmail.com> if you have any questions.

2. Getaway Lost & Found
A watch was left behind at last Friday's Freshman Getaway. If you lost one and can identify it to the Plan II front desk receptionist, please come by to claim it.

3. Plan II Sophomore Summit 2009
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 6:00 p.m.--7:15 p.m. • Mezes 1.306
Sophomore Summit is an event where we welcome students back for their second year at UT Austin and gather them together as 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 tailoring a degree plan for the required Plan II thesis, and explain the Sophomore Advising process. 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 their future.

Representatives from campus offices such as the Liberal Arts Career Services and the UT Study Abroad Office will discuss career and internship planning, useful and exciting foreign travel, study and research as well as how students can incorporate these opportunities their academic plan.

Plan II Associate Director, Professor Alex Wettlaufer and Plan II Assistant Director, Professor Wendy Domjan, will discuss appropriate preparation for the required senior thesis.

All second year Plan II students are required to attend.

4. Plan II Website Updates
The Plan II organizations page on the Plan II website has been updated. Check here for more information on the myriad of opportunities that await: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/activities/orgs.php>. Also, see the NEW Plan II Pledge and Double Major Bingo!

5. Worthington Essay Prize Competition
Plan II alumnus, Roger Worthington, and his wife, Ann, provided funding for the annual Worthington Essay Prize beginning in 2002. Originally a single prize, now Plan II awards 3 prizes each year to Plan
II students, including a first-year student prize. The essay topics have ranged from hypothetical scenarios to real-world events and always challenge students to form an argument on one side of a debate, then present it convincingly. Plan II recruits UT faculty members to be judges of the competition each year. In the spring semester, Plan II traditionally hosts a dinner for the winners and their guests. ALL Plan II students are eligible to enter. Grand Prize: $2500; First-Year Student Prize: $1500 (unless Grand Prize winner); Second Prize: $1000. Check here for more information on the essay topics and entry instructions: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/news/1099>

6. 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>

The Study Abroad Office will also present the 2010 Maymester offerings in the following meetings:
Wednesday, September 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. in WEL 1.308.
Wednesday, September 23 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)
Wednesday, October 7 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)
Tuesday, October 27 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)

7. 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>.

8. 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. 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!

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

3. 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>

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>

**EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS**

1. Internships with Texas State Senators
   TC 330: Legislative Health Policy Internships and Seminar Plan II sophomores and juniors interested in medicine, law, or government are invited to apply for selective internships with leading state senators in
the Texas Legislature during the 2010 spring semester. The internships and seminar are led by Professor Alfred McAlister of The University of Texas School of Public Health, 
<alfred.l.mcalister@uth.tmc.edu>, and coordinated by Plan II senior Pallavi Shankar, <pallavi.shankar@gmail.com>. Time commitments generally range from ten to twelve hours a week, divided between time spent at the Capitol, outside research, and seminar time. These unpaid positions provide a unique opportunity to learn about and contribute to legislative deliberation of current health policy issues in Texas. Interested students can apply by providing their name and contact information, expected graduation date, major, plans for postgraduate education, career goals, GPA, résumé, and a brief statement of interests and qualifications. This should be submitted no later than October 2 at 5:00 p.m. in printed form to Melissa Ossian in the Plan II Office, WCH 4.104. Notification of selection will be made by October 12.

2. Teach For America Info Session
Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals - of all majors, backgrounds, and career interests - who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. This year, 7,300 corps members are teaching in 35 regions across the country while 17,000 Teach For America alumni continue working from inside and outside the field of education for the fundamental changes necessary to ensure educational excellence and equity.

Please join us for an information session and learn how you can make an immediate difference in the lives of your students.

Date: Monday, 9/14/09 & Tuesday, 9/15/09
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Mezes 1.306
Food & drinks will be provided

To learn more, visit <http://www.teachforamerica.org/> or contact <admissions@teachforamerica.org>. NEXT Application Deadline: Friday, September 18th, 2009

**UNIVERSITY WIDE**

1. Dilemmas in Entering Emerging Markets
With Professor David Spence, specialist in Energy and Environmental Law
NIU Sustainability Discussion Series

5-6 p.m. Wed. Sept. 16th
CBA 3.304 Third Floor Special Events Room
Enjoy a roundtable discussion with Professor David Spence on the social, economic, and environmental barriers to entering developing markets. Network with one of McCombs finest MBA professors, talk about real global issues, and enjoy free refreshments.

For More Information Contact Elaine Hsu at <ElaineWHsu@gmail.com> or visit the Net Impact Undergrad Website at <http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/niu>.

2. Volunteer with ZAP
ZAP (Zavala After-School Program), an official UT Student Organization, is looking for volunteers for Fall 2009. Volunteers teach an after-school class at Zavala Elementary School in East Austin one day a week (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday) for an hour from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Class topics range from sports, such as football and soccer, to arts-and-crafts and dance - you choose! Classes begin Monday, September 28 and run for 8 weeks. There will be a mandatory orientation on Monday, September 21.

Please visit our website <sites.google.com/site/texaszap> or email us <texas.zap@gmail.com> for more information.

Deadline to sign up: September 19, 12:00 p.m.

3. University History Society presents: Michael Collins
Following defeat at the hands of British forces during the Easter Rising of 1916, Michael Collins develops new strategies for the independence of Ireland. He devises tactics which make him the father of urban guerilla warfare. By 1921, he has brought the British Empire to its knees, or so he thinks. President Éamon de Valera sends Collins to negotiate with the British for Irish independence. When Collins returns with a compromise of a divided Ireland and an Irish Free State, not a Republic, a rift develops among the IRA. Collins is now faced with civil war as he struggles against those who insist on complete freedom for all of Ireland.

Directed by Neil Jordan. Featuring Liam Neeson as Michael Collins, Alan Rickman as Éamon de Valera, Julia Roberts as Kitty Kiernan, and Aidan Quinn as Harry Boland.

Come join us for a night of history and popcorn.
What: Michael Collins
Where: GAR 1.122
When: Wed. Sept 26 at 7pm
Why: How much do you really know about the Emerald Isle, honestly?

UHS is the student organization for students who like History. For more information about UHS, contact <katherine.jordan@mail.utexas.edu>

4. UT Suicide Prevention Week
The Counseling and Mental Health Center is proud to announce U.T.'s first Suicide Prevention Week. This week is dedicated to raising awareness about suicide and suicidal behaviors among our students. It
represents a call to action and involvement by all UT staff, faculty, and students to support suicide prevention. Throughout the week, many UT departments and organizations are sponsoring a variety of interactive programs. Be that one who recognizes when your student or friend is thinking about suicide and learn how to help them. For more information about the week's events, check out <http://cmhc.utexas.edu/bethatone>.

5. BEVOnomics
Bevonomics, the new money management program from the Office of Student Financial Services at UT Austin, gives you the information and tools you need to learn how to make good financial decisions about your money and money and your future! Our workshops are open to any UT student, and you don’t need to bring anything to a workshop — just yourself. For a full schedule, see <www.bevonomics.org>

Upcoming Sessions:
BEVOnomics 101 - The Art of Spending and Saving Like a College Student - Monday, September 14, 12-1 p.m. - RLM 7.116
BEVOnomics 302 - A Guide to Investing - Wednesday, September 16, 5-6 p.m. - WEL 3.402

6. 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>.

“Green Worker Cooperatives: Economic and Ecological Change at the Grassroots”
a talk by Omar Freilla
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
3:30-5 p.m.
LBJ Conference Room (CMA 5.160)

“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)

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)
7. “By Order of the Law” Shakespeare’s *King Lear*

UT’s Spirit of Shakespeare Players and an esteemed panel of both English and Law professors and Matt Radford of Actors From the London Stage will discuss Shakespeare’s *King Lear*. The panel speaks Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eidman Courtroom. FREE admission.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Liberal Arts Competitive Scholarships

**Liberal Arts Competitive Scholarship**

For students in the College of Liberal Arts with a UT Austin GPA between 3.25 and 3.69. 30 hours in residence at UT at time of application.

Award amounts from $1,000 - $2,000.

DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

**Liberal Arts UG Research Awards**

To support undergraduate student research and to enable students to attend conferences pertaining to their field of study.

Eligibility Criteria: Student must have declared a Liberal Arts major and have a GPA of at least 3.2 at time of application.

Award amounts: up to $1,000.00 will be awarded for fall 2009 or spring 2010.

DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

**Liberal Arts Study Abroad Scholarships for Exchange Programs**

For students in the College of Liberal Arts planning on going on an Exchange Study Abroad Program. Number of awards vary in each semester.

Eligibility Criteria: Must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled in Liberal Arts with at least one semester completed in the College. Completion of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in residence, through the Summer 2009 semester (at time of application). UT-Austin GPA of at least 3.0.

One letter of recommendation from a UT faculty member.

Award amounts: $1,000 - $2,000

DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

To apply, go to [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php)

2. Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Spring 2010 & Summer 2010 Application Open - Deadline: October 6, 2009

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the opening of the Spring 2010 online application and the launch of a pilot summer award cycle for students participating in Summer 2010 study abroad programs. A limited number of summer awards will be available to students majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math field who meet the program's standard eligibility criteria listed below.

- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at a two or four-year U.S. Institution
- United States citizen
- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad
- Participating in a study abroad program that is no less than 4 weeks and no more than an academic year
- Receiving academic credit
- Study in any country not currently under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Cuba

Spring 2010 & Summer 2010 applications are now being accepted online and are due October 6, 2009. For more information about the Gilman Scholarship, application deadlines & timeline, and application process, please visit the Gilman website at <www.iie.org/gilman>, contact the Gilman Program at (713) 621-6300 ext. 25 or email <mailto:gilman@iie.org>.

3. DAAD Study Scholarship/Research Grants in Germany for 2010-2011

Campus deadline: October 15th

UT Austin is permitted to nominate two priority candidates for special consideration for DAAD Study Scholarships/Research Grants. (Students not designated as priority candidates will still have their materials forwarded to DAAD for consideration in the broader at-large competition.) These awards are designed to foster academic exchange at the graduate level. Students from all academic areas may apply.

Eligibility:
- US and Canadian citizens currently enrolled in degree-seeking programs; case by case for others who have been enrolled for at least 2 years (contact DAAD for confirmation)
- German skills sufficient to carry out the proposed program (level will vary depending on student’s plan)

For more information on the individual award categories please visit <www.daad.org>.

**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 students
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.

2. UT in D.C. Archer Program
   September 22, 2009 (Tuesday) at 12:30 p.m. in FAC 4
   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.

3. 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](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 student 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 email 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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