



Famous mummies to perform

In Philadelphia, every January 1st, the city turns itself upside down. That's the day the Mummers parade through town. It's a tradition and an event that go back for more than a century.

The mummers are string bands, dressed in phenomenal costumes full of feathers and fun. Each year's parade has a different theme and each year, the bands out-do themselves in creating costumes to match the theme.

While mid-November is not usually known as Mummer time, attendees of NCHC's 41st annual conference will get a taste of the fabulous pageantry that Philly residents enjoy every New Year's Day.

The Aqua String Band will perform during the conference's welcome reception on Thursday evening.

This powerhouse band was



Aqua String Band performs on New Year's Day 2005: The Mummers Parade.

organized in 1920 and has never missed a Mummers parade. The name "Aqua" was taken from the Latin word for "water," because it was during Prohibition that the band first played.

This is a performance not to be missed!



First place winner named in art competition



Anna Pennington, left, and her honors program director, Elinor Cabbage, of Wor-Wic Community College, display "Growing," the first NCHC Art Acquisition Award winner.

NCHC has purchased its first piece of art. "Growing," a painting in acrylics on foam board, was selected as the winner of the inaugural Art Acquisition Award Competition. Anna Pennington, its artist, is a student in the honors program at Wor-Wic

Community College in Salisbury, Maryland.

"She has a distinctive style and way of putting the paint on the canvas," said judge Anne Vaccaro, Art Department chair at Edison Community College in Piqua, Ohio. "Her painting has content -- it's not just a pretty picture. I think she might be a good investment as well as a nice piece for NCHC. I really think she's got something."

Runners-up were Michael Honek of University of Akron for "Nuclear Family," computer art; Megan King of Ball State University for "Nostalgia," a photograph; and Carrie Lingscheit of University of South Dakota for "Momentary Lapse," a lithograph.

Pennington wins a purchase award of \$250 and a complimentary conference registration.

Her artwork begins an organizational collection for NCHC. It will be framed and will hang in the national office.

She was thrilled to learn her painting took first prize.

"Really?" she said when notified by telephone last month. "I can't believe it!"

Pennington is the daughter of Neil and Kristina Pennington of Downingtown, Pa. She will begin her second year of study as a general studies major at Wor-Wic in the fall, after which she will transfer to a four-year institution to prepare for a career in medicine, teaching, social work, or environmental work. She has had no formal art training.

Next year's competition will run through late spring.

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Deadline for receipt of NCHC committee budget requests for 2007
- Sept. 12** Deadline for receipt of applications to join list of Recommended Site Visitors
- Sept. 15:** Deadline for applications for Portz Grants
- Oct. 15:** Deadline for conference registration at a reduced fee
- Oct. 20:** Deadline for conference hotel reservations at block rate
- Nov. 15-19** NCHC 41st Annual National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, downtown Marriott Hotel



ED-ifying News

by Patricia Ann Speelman,
Executive Director

As heat waves set new records worldwide and the Nebraska summer brings long, sunny, ultra-humid days, things also are heating up in the NCHC

offices.

We have started the implementation process for a new online, association management system that will include vastly expanded capabilities on our web site. At the same time, the re-branding work moves forward that will bring NCHC a bright, new look.

More and more pieces of the 2006 conference are falling into place and the 2007 conference planning committee is already hard at work after a very productive meeting in Denver this month. Look for the pre-program book for this year's event online and in the mail after August 15.

And you don't have to wait for the conference to join in the work of your NCHC! There are openings on several committees right now. If you're interested in taking NCHC to new heights, we have a spot for you. Give me a call (402-472-9150) or send an e-mail (nchc@unlserve.unl.edu) and we'll chat!

NCHC Board approves 3 grants for consulting visits

Butler University, Delta State University and Orange County Community College won NCHC Consulting Mini-Grants this spring. The Board of Directors approved the grants following the recommendations of the Assessment and Evaluation Committee who reviewed applications.

Six schools submitted applications for the grants which support the consulting fees of on-site visitors.

The grants are awarded as matching grants to institutions whose honors programs have been created within the last five years. The site visitors are selected by the schools from the list of NCHC Recommended Site Visitors.

Registration open for '06 meeting

Online registration for NCHC's 41st annual conference is open. The conference will take place at the Philadelphia Marriott Nov. 15-19. Early registration fee for members is \$250. Member fee after Oct. 15 is \$350. Non-member fee is \$500. To register, click on the conference link on the NCHC website, then click on "registration form."

See the NCHC website for hotel info.



Honors in Action

Students in the honors program at University of New Mexico enjoy homework. They took a class on "Thinking on Both Sides of the Brain." Students explored both practical problem solving and creative thinking. One of their assignments was to invent a game. Here they are playing their inventions. Rosalie Otero is program director.

To submit photos for "Honors in Action," send as jpgs to nchc@unlserve.unl.edu. Enclose information for the captions: people's names, what the activity is, name of school, name of honors director or dean. You must get written permission to publish from anyone in the photos before you send the photos to us.

Honors administration articles due for Journal by Sept. 1

The *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* is now accepting papers for Volume 7, No. 2 (fall/winter 2006), which will focus on the theme of honors administration. We invite research essays for this issue that consider matters related to directing an honors program, serving as dean of an honors college, changing from a program to a college, term limits (or lack thereof), serving in any administrative or staff position of an honors program or college, institutional relations, positioning within an institutional hierarchy, budgetary management, fundraising, national involvement, tenure and promotion, career advantages or liabilities, balancing administrative/academic or honors/disciplinary responsibilities, or any other topic relevant to honors administration. We also invite book reviews of publications that might be of interest to readers of JNCHC, and we are happy to receive letters to the editor on matters related materials published in JNCHC.

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2006. The following issue (deadline: March 1, 2007) will be a general-interest issue.

How to submit

Articles to *Journal of National Collegiate Honors Council* and to *Honors in Practice*: E-mail to Ada Long at adalong@uab.edu. Phone: 850-927-3776.

Registrations for the 41st annual NCHC National Conference: Go to www.nchchonors.org, click on 2006 Conference Information, then click on Registration Form and follow instructions.

Applications for site visitors list: Go to www.nchchonors.org, click on Consulting Services, then on application. Mail materials to NCHC, 1100 NRC-UNL, 540 N. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0627.

Directory Update

New/Renewing members since June 20, 2006

<i>Institution</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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Join the Site Visitor List Applications due September 12

NCHC members are invited to apply to become NCHC Recommended Site Visitors. The deadline for receipt of all materials at the NCHC office is Sept. 12, 2006.

To be considered, you must:

- be a current institutional or individual professional member of NCHC.
- have attended three of the last five national conferences (including the upcoming one in Philadelphia).
- have completed an NCHC institute for site visitor training (in 2000, 2002, 2004, or 2006).
- submit 20 copies of the application form (to download the form, go to the NCHC website at www.nchchonors.org and click on "Consulting Services"), with an abbreviated curriculum vitae (limited to Honors and assessment/evaluation activities) and a one-page statement of your views on the role of a site visitor attached to each application form, and
- provide the names and addresses of three relevant professional references (at least two of whom are from institutions other than your home institution).

NOTE: Please contact your references and ask them to send their letters directly to the address on the application form.

Procedure: The NCHC Assessment and Evaluation Committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, which has the authority to add names to the list of Recommended Site Visitors.

Looking ahead



Donzell Lee (left), chair of the Master Class subcommittee of the 2007 Conference Planning Committee discusses ideas with Conference Chair Hallie Savage during a planning meeting in Denver this month. The 2007 conference will take place there next year.

*Have you registered for the 41st annual conference yet?
Go to www.nchchonors.org!*

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The Job Board -- Positions available across the country

Associate Director of the University Honors Program, American University

Position Number: 4566

Department: University Honors Program

Open Date: 07/06/2006

Band: Project Leader/Advisor

Salary Range of Position: Mid 50's to low 60s

Educational Requirements: Masters degree required, advanced degree preferred. Prior experience with university Honors students preferred. Ability to teach university level course work in the University Honors Program and at least 4-5 years of office experience inside and/or outside of academia preferred. Exposure to academic advising, counseling, student development, or other relevant professional or academic experience preferred.

Position Requirements:

- Strong interpersonal communication, organizational, problem solving, public speaking, and management skills
- Excellent attention to detail with strong ability to prioritize and multi-task in a fast-paced, high pressure environment
- Keen regard for fostering and developing academic excellence
- Strong familiarity with a university environment including an understanding of the organizational structure and functions of on-campus departments

Description: The University Honors Program seeks a personable individual to join our small office which provides academic and social opportunities to more than 1,000 undergraduate students.

Specific responsibilities include:

- advising current Honors students on academic and occasionally personal concerns
- managing the day-to-day operations of the Honors office
- supervising the Program Coordinator, two part time graduate student workers, and several part time undergraduate student workers
- managing program budget and other expenditures
- assisting in developing and scheduling Honors courses every semester
- meeting regularly with prospective Honors students and their families to recruit top students to the university and the Honors Program
- strategizing and planning for special events and programs to build community and highlight Honors student accomplishments both internally and to the external community

The position reports to the Director of the University Honors Program and requires extensive interaction with students, faculty, and administration from numerous campus departments.

Use the link to the university web site as the best way to make application for the position:

http://www.american.edu/hr/ft_staff_main_from.html

Assistant Director for Recruitment and Admission, Honors & Scholars



Program, Miami University

Reports to: Associate Director for Enrollment Management (Kristy Burton)

Date: 06 July 2006

Summary: The person in this position is responsible for executing the recruitment and admission processes for students in the Honors & Scholars Program, which includes the Harrison Scholars, University Honors and the Oxford Scholars Programs. The assistant director collaborates with the Office of Admission to coordinate the H&S application and admission process and participates in all major recruitment events for prospective students. This person also contacts, meets, and communicates with prospective students and parents and administers a program for H&S students who assist in recruitment efforts. A major component of the job is to review applications, serve on the honors committee relating to admission and recruitment, update admission information on all honors written and online publications, and maintain good relations with the Office of Admission and with high school guidance counselors. The assistant director is also assigned teaching and responsibilities (at least one course each semester and advising a select group of students for the academic year).

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Recruitment—Participate and give presentations at all major recruiting events (Red Carpet Days, high school guidance counselor visits, regional counselor meetings, Open Houses); actively contacts high-ability prospective students via phone, e-mail, letters and IM; schedules individualized H&S information sessions and meets with prospective students and parents; develop, administer and assess the “Honors Ambassadors” Program which is a program for upper-class honors students who receive credit for recruiting prospective students; participates in college fairs and other regional recruitment events; collaborates with the Office of Admission to schedule and staff H&S tele-recruiting and e-mail campaigns.

Admissions— Admission counseling; review applications from students (high school, current, and transfer) for both the Harrison Scholars Program and the University Honors Program; recommend policies for admission of Honors and Scholars students to the director and relevant committees; maintain accurate information relating to admission on all Honors & Scholars publications (online

and written); communicate with applicants; handle and troubleshoot complaints and questions.

Service—Serve on the Harrison Scholars Program Committee (which sets all admission policy for the program); serve on the Honors & Scholars Enrollment Management Committee; read Urban Leadership Internship Program applications

Teaching and advising—Teach a one-credit course each semester and provide academic support for select groups of students in the University Honors or Oxford Scholars Programs.

Miscellaneous—Give presentation to accepted students at summer orientation; advise current Honors and Scholars students as needed; some travel, evening, and occasional weekend work is required. Also other duties may be assigned.

Supervisory Responsibility: This person is responsible for supervising two Student Recruitment Coordinators, and the Student Visit Coordinator. They also have functional supervision of support staff.

Required Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in any discipline; administrative experience in an academic setting; excellent organizational and writing skills; dynamic public speaking and interpersonal skills; ability to communicate effectively with and handle complaints from prospective students and parents; functional knowledge of computer technology, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point.

Desired Qualifications: Experience working in or serving as a student in an honors program or other program serving high-ability students; knowledge of Microsoft Access, web development software, publishing and design applications including Microsoft Publisher and Adobe Photoshop; demonstrated ability to build effective and collaborative relationships with a wide set of constituencies; knowledge of the current promising practices in enrollment management; student-centered philosophy and a commitment to serving a diverse, high-ability student and alumni body; experience with effectively supervising others.

Search Committee: Kristin Burton (chair), Jen Collignon, Dawn White, Kathleen Durham,

Application: Send letter of application, resume, evidence of website and brochure design work, and three current letters of reference to Kristin Burton, Associate Director, University Honors & Scholars Program, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Screening of applicants will begin August 15 and continue until the position is filled.

Miami University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Director of Honors Advising, The Burnett Honors College, University of Central Florida

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Position: 33388

The Burnett Honors College seeks to fill a faculty administrator position.

Applicants must hold a Master's degree from an accredited institution in any area of specialization. Previous professional experience advising college students is required. Previous experience with class scheduling is preferred. Familiarity with programs such as Filemaker, Powerpoint, PeopleSoft, and Excel is preferred.

This individual will be primarily responsible for:

- * Advising and counseling UCF Honors students, especially entering freshmen

- * Coordinating and assessing programs aimed at Honors student retention

- * Coordinating the building of the Honors class schedule

- * Directing on-line Honors registration and enrollment management

- * Coordinating Honors Freshman Orientation

- * Coordinating Honors sophomore/junior year experience (Wonder Years)

Salary is negotiable, based on prior experience.

Position will start immediately with an annual salary (12 month contract) to be negotiated depending on experience.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

All application materials should be sent to University of Central Florida, The Burnett Honors College, Attn: Ms. Emily Boyd, BHC 101, Orlando, FL 32816-1800. (email: eboyd@mail.ucf.edu, Fax.: 407-823-6583).

If you are interested in this position, please contact Dr. Martin Dupuis, Assistant Dean, The Burnett Honors College, BHC 104, (407) 823-0846.

Program Coordinator, University Honors Program, Northern Illinois University

Beginning August 1, 2006 or until filled. Full-time (12 months). The

Program Coordinator of the University Honors Program shall be an events planner and advisor to students in the Honors Program. Required: B.A./B.S. (Masters preferred) in any of the academic departments present on the NIU campus; excellent oral and written communication skills; have had two years experience working in Honors education or extra-curricular programming for college students; exhibit a commitment to an active and diverse Honors Program; be effective in working with students, faculty, and staff; past involvement with event management of large scale programs; and willingness to occasionally work evenings and/or weekends. Preferred: Master's degree; public relations and supervisory experience. Salary Range: Competitive. Send: Letter of application that addresses position and responsibilities, current vita, and three current letters of reference to: Northern Illinois University, University Honors Program, Program Coordinator Search, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Deadline: Review of complete applications will begin August 15, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply. AA/EEO Institution.

Assistant Director, Honors College, Oklahoma State University

The Honors College at Oklahoma State University seeks qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Director of The Honors College. The individual in this position will be responsible for assisting the Director on Honors College matters with particular attention to budget and office management, liaison with other campus offices, and technology needs. The Assistant Director will direct the communication and recruitment activities of The Honors College and participate in supervision of the Honors College's advising system and office operations. In addition, the Assistant Director will be responsible for providing honors academ-

ic counseling to approximately 100 students from all undergraduate colleges and majors.

Minimum qualifications:: (1) Masters Degree (no particular academic discipline required or preferred); (2) undergraduate Honors College or Honors Program Degree (not just graduation "with honors" based on g.p.a.), preferably from a college or university that is a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council; and (3) recent successful experience working with honors students are required. Minimum 3.50 undergraduate cumulative grade point average and three to four years recent experience with students in a college or university Honors Program or Honors College are required. Excellent communication, management, and organizational skills are needed as well as the ability to work with administrators, faculty, and students from different colleges and majors. Demonstrated record of ability to work independently with minimal supervision. Election to Phi Kappa Phi or Phi Beta Kappa desirable. Computer experience is required.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience.

For full consideration, letter of application; resume; transcript(s) showing Honors Program or Honors College Degree and honors credit hours earned; the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references; and the name and address of undergraduate Honors Program/College dean or director must be received by September 15, 2006, or until position is filled.

Interested candidates should apply on-line at <jobs.okstate.edu>. If unable to scan and attach transcripts, please mail the transcripts to Dr. Robert Spurrier, Honors College Director, 510 Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-1073. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Robert Spurrier at 405-744-7699.

For a black and white version of the E-Newsletter, suitable for printing, click here:

<http://www.nchchonors.org/News/July06bw.pdf>

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