

## The HoHoSeMo

A semimonthly news update of the NKU Honors Program  
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### ***IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTICES: Mark your calendars!***

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#### **Get Ready!**

Next **CoHo** (coffeehouse) is **Thursday, February 21st from 6:00-9:00 pm at the HoHo!** This month features belly dancing by and belly dancing lessons for all, courtesy of Honors student Jenna Torres and friends! Email Ali Godel @ [godela1@nku.edu](mailto:godela1@nku.edu) to sign up for your performance spot! Join us and enjoy some delicious coffee from **Lookout Joe's**. See you there!

#### **Free Food!**

**Come to a Reception at the HoHo on Wednesday Feb 27 from 5:30-6:30 pm.** This reception precedes **Robert F Kennedy, Jr** who is speaking at 7:00 pm in Greaves.

#### **Mentor the HoHoNewbies!**

Applications for **Honors 101 Mentors** are now available online at the Honors Program website <http://honors.nku.edu>. They are due **February 29th**. Gain peer leadership and teaching experience while you earn 3 hours of credit toward the Honors Minor! Email Ali Godel @ [godela1@nku.edu](mailto:godela1@nku.edu) for more information.

#### **Honors Student Advising**

Believe it or not, it's that time of the year already. It's time to start planning for classes during the Fall 2008 semester (and summer too!). The Honors Program is utilizing the talents of a group of Peer Advisors and David Kime to provide advising to all honors students who are not yet working on their capstone. The Peer Advisors are trained to provide assistance in navigating degree requirements, general education requirements, and the Honors Program and are held to the same confidentiality standards as all advisors at NKU. This year's Peer Advisors are Sara Austin, Colleen Gettys, Jessica Flake, and McKenzie Marx. (The rumors that David refers to the four as his "minions" are completely false.) They are all highly talented and motivated students who have had a variety of excellent student service experiences before becoming Peer Advisors.

***All pre-capstone Honors students should plan on meeting with David Kime or one of the Peer Advisors as soon as possible!*** Fortunately, making an appointment with an Honors Advisor is easier than ever. Simply **e-mail [honorsadvisor@nku.edu](mailto:honorsadvisor@nku.edu)** with your name and available times, and the advising staff will work to set up an appointment with the correct advisor at the next available time.

#### **Two Spring 2008 student-funding opportunities...**

1. The **Honors Program** has six scholarship opportunities for interested and qualified students who are in good standing in the Honors Program and have completed at least one (sometimes more) Honors (HNR) course. The Albright Scholarship is for a junior who exemplifies overall Honors excellence. The Federated Department Stores Scholarship, the Castellini Scholarship, and the Sencorp Scholarship are for Honors students with a declared major or pre-major in business. The Zalla & Presidential Fellowships support independent research and/or international study. The Anne Braden Scholarship memorializes the legendary civil rights leader who taught Honors

courses. You can find the application as an attachment to this email (PDF), and it will be on our website as well (<http://honors.nku.edu>). All applications are due in the Honors House by **Friday, February 29**, and must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. For questions, contact Belle or Tom at the Honors House.

2. The **NKU Research Foundation** is sponsoring three competitive student-funding opportunities: The Student Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award Grant provides up to \$500, the Graduate Student Research Grant up to \$750 and the Summer Undergraduate Research/Creativity Fellowship \$3,500. Initiatives must be supported by a faculty mentor. **March 21 is the deadline** for this competition. Visit <http://rgc.nku.edu> and link to "Student Opportunities" for details.

### **More Scholarship Money!**

Tom Zaniello, Faculty Representative for the **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship competition**, will review the credentials of any student who wishes to apply for a Cooke scholarship for graduate school for the Fall of 2008. This is a very competitive program, having awarded only 35 scholarships from a pool of more than 1000 national applicants last year. Minimum GPA to apply would be 3.8 with an outstanding record of academic or related accomplishments, including a substantial research project and off-campus presentations and/or publications with or without a faculty member. Financial need is a factor. If interested in applying, contact Tom Zaniello by e-mailing [tzaniello@nku.edu](mailto:tzaniello@nku.edu) by **Thursday, Feb. 28**. There is an internal NKU competition before applications are sent to the national office. Full information is available at the website <http://jackkentcookefoundation.org> or e-mail [tzaniello@nku.edu](mailto:tzaniello@nku.edu)

### **Hold the date!**

**Friday April 25 6-10p.** It will be a Big Night at the HoHo. Details to come.

## **~ OPPORTUNITIES~**

### **More Free Food!**

CULTURA LATINA SOCIAL presents **BATAHOLA Friday Feb 22 in UC 303 at 12p.** The **Batahola Cultural Center** is a social aid and cultural center located in Managua, Nicaragua. Students, faculty and staff are invited to explore the possibility of living and working as volunteers in Nicaragua. Questions? Contact Leo Calderón, Latino Student Affairs at 859-572-6013.

### **Intern with a Design Firm!**

Emersion Design is a new company and is seeking intern architects and co-ops with good design skills and an interest in sustainability. We are looking for candidates with enthusiasm for participation in all phases of the design and construction process. Successful candidates shall demonstrate good communication skills, ability to work collaboratively, and a desire to bite off more than they can chew. Other skills a plus: LEED AP, MicroStation, AutoCAD and Adobe literate. Because we are a small firm the successful candidates have the opportunity to be a key player in a growing, creative and upbeat environment.

Any interesting persons should directly email our lead Architect / internship coordinator - Mark Stedtefeld at [mark.stedtefeld@emersiondesign.com](mailto:mark.stedtefeld@emersiondesign.com).

Thanks to **Nikki Marksberry**, NKU Honors Alum class of **2002**, for letting us know about this great opportunity!

### **Mentor kids!**

At **Big Brothers Big Sisters**, there are many opportunities to mentor in the schools and in the community. Experience tells us that many of the honors students have likely been involved in community service before and this may be of interest. If interested contact Mr. Lynn Cameron, VP and Volunteer Recruitment Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, 2400 Reading Road, Suite 407, Cincinnati, OH 45202, (513) 421-4120, [www.bigsforkids.org](http://www.bigsforkids.org) or email him at [cameron@bigsforkids.org](mailto:cameron@bigsforkids.org). Remember: You don't have to change your life to change theirs...mentor someone today!

## **~BRAG SHEET~**

### **2008 Posters at the Capitol**

On January 31, several Honors students presented their research to KY legislators in the capitol rotunda. Congratulations to *Sara Austin, Karen Burwinkel, Kevin Hoppins, Jennifer Hernandez-Lamb, Ryan Sinclair, and Meagan Goodwin.*

### **They're stars!**

Michael "Hunter" Billman and his partner, Emily Ward, were recently hired as interns at CIN weekly to provide weekly "young and hip" video news segments. Their first video has been posted:

***<http://www.cinweekly.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080205/VIDEO/80205002>***  
Extra credit if you can identify HOHO shots!

## **~FALL PREVIEW~**

### **Live in Lakeside. Learn at Lakeside!**

Are you struggling with the decision about which of the many housing choices to select? Maybe you are looking for something unique about your living arrangements? Have you heard about the new Honors Dorm? How about taking an Honors course there?

*State of Love and Trust: The Films of Cameron Crowe*

*M 2-445*

*Instructor: Ali Godel*

*(The only Honors instructor to have four years experience living in the NKU dorms)*

*This course will be taught at the new Lakeside dorm complex.*

*It will offer students a close, comfortable and community-based atmosphere.*

## **~POST HoHo~**

### **Honors Alumni in Antarctica and on TV!!**

**Clair VonHandorf** (NKU Honors Alum, class of **2000**) has spent her time since completing **NKU's Honors Program** living one adventure after another. After spending a few years as an academic advisor at NKU (which can be quite the adventure!), Clair

began her travels with a through-hike of the Appalachian Trail, followed by "small trips" like biking around Lake Michigan, hiking through Vermont, etc. She cut all ties to "regular employment" and spent six months back-packing in New Zealand. No, she didn't climb "Mount Doom"...but she did get pictures of it! Back in the states, she eventually found herself as a River Raft Guide in Idaho. At the close of rafting season, she began her biggest adventure yet...Antarctica! She has been working at McMurdo Station with the occasional trip to the South Pole Station. The nature of Clair's work was recently the subject of a feature on the CBS news. You can watch the video and see Clair (she's in the overalls!) here:

**[http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i\\_video/main500251.shtml?id=3829056n](http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=3829056n)**

Next on Clair's agenda is either another season of river rafting in Idaho or working as a research assistant in the backcountry of Maine. She looks forward to through-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail sometime in the near future. You can read all about Clair's adventures and see lots of cool pictures on her blog, which she uses to keep in touch with family and friends all over the world, at **<http://walkwithbeauty.blogspot.com/>**.

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