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Essay Contest
Pi Sigma Alpha has created an essay contest this year, opened to all students interested.

Topic: Restorative Justice

Question: In your own words, briefly describe restorative justice and provide an example of how it can be practically applied.

Criteria: 500-800 words, typed

Awards: First Prize: $100,
Second prize: $75
Third prize: $50

In addition, the first prizewinner will have the opportunity to read their essay at PSA’s Spring Banquet. Essays are due Wednesday April 7.

New Professor in the Political Science Department

Starting Fall Term 2004 the Political Science Department will have a new assistant professor. Karen Adams, currently an assistant professor in the Political Science Department at Louisiana State University, has been selected to fill the vacancy opened by the retirement of Professor Forest L. Grieves at the end of the spring semester.

Adams completed her undergraduate studies at Stanford University, where she received a B.A. in both Political Science and Economics. She then continued her studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she obtained her M.A and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science. Professor Adams was nominated by the University of California, Berkeley for the American Political Science Association’s 2001 Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best dissertation in the field of international relations, law and politics.

Professor Adams will begin her career at the University of Montana teaching a course on International Security to be followed by courses on International Organizations and American Foreign Policy during the Spring Term 2005.

By Mark Taylor

Pi Sigma Alpha’s Spring Banquet
Judge Karen Orzech speaking on Restorative Justice in Missoula County

This year Pi Sigma Alpha is proud to announce their annual Spring Banquet will be held April 9th at 6pm in the Dell Brown Room in Turner Hall. Judge Karen Orzech will be our keynote speaker, speaking to us about restorative justice.

In addition PSA will induct new members and allow the winner of our essay contest to read his/her essay.

This event will include an Italian dinner.

Tickets are $7.00, please RSVP. For more information or to buy tickets contact Julianna Crowley at 240-9225.
Writing Requirements

According to General Education Requirements, all students must a) pass an approved writing course, b) pass the upper-division writing proficiency test, and c) satisfy the upper-division writing requirement in their major.

**PSC 300** is designed for students needing to satisfy the first of these three requirements: an approved writing course.

This can also be satisfied by taking one of the listed courses in the catalogue.

**PSC 400** is designed for students needing to satisfy the last of these requirements: the upper-division writing requirement for the political science major.

Both courses are a one credit course taken in conjunction with an upper-division political science course of the student's choosing. It entails completing writing assignments set by the professor which conform to the criteria set for general education writing courses.

Major Requirements

Students majoring in political science must take a minimum of 36 credits of political science, including 100S, 120S, 130E, 150E; and one 300-400 level course in four of the five major fields (American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Administration).

Twenty-one of the 36 credits must be in upper-division courses. No more than 7 credits of independent study (PSC 496) and internship (PSC 498) combined may count toward the 36 required credits.

One may also chose a focus in either American Government, International Relations and Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Public Law. For more information check the catalogue or the Political Science webpage at……………

http://www.umt.edu/polsci/polsci11.htm

Bob Stone – Reinventing Government: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

On Tuesday, April 13th Bob Stone will be arriving to the University of Montana to talk to students about Public Administration.

This event will be held in the Dell Brown Room in Turner Hall at 2:30 pm.

Bob Stone served from 1981 to 1993 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations), where he started a quality revolution and was widely recognized as one of the top public sector managers in America. Then from 1993-1999 he led the White House project to reinvent government, which was the longest-lasting and most successful reform of the federal government ever.
Pi Sigma Alpha

What is PSA? Founded in 1920 at the University of Texas, PSA is the national honors society for political science graduate and undergraduate students. PSA has more than 460 chapters in colleges and university in the United States.

The UM Chapter, Epsilon Mu, is the University of Montana’s chapter of PSA. Epsilon Mu is one of the most active honors groups at the University of Montana. The organization participates in a wide variety of events, such as organizing political debates, monitoring speeches and forums. Epsilon Mu has won Best Chapter from the National Office of PSA four years! PSA Epsilon Mu meets ever week, Monday at 5pm in LA 306.

We Are Recruiting New Members! Pi Sigma Alpha needs you! If you have a 3.0 average in your political science classes and meet some other criteria, you may be eligible to become a member!

This is a great way to become involved and meet other political science students.

What are Political Science Students doing?

Trip to Mexico –
This summer fifteen UM students will have a chance to study the culture, politics, and language of Mexico firsthand. Professor Paul Haber, who has conducting research in Mexico since 1979, will be leading the trip to Pátzcuaro, a Missoula-sized city 200 miles west of Mexico City. Students will live with Mexican families while taking three courses and numerous field trips. The coursework will cover Spanish language, Mexico-U.S. relations, and the political and economic development of Mexico. The program is six weeks long, lasting from May 24th to July 1st.

Unlike many study abroad programs, this program offers students the opportunity not only to study language and culture, but also the affects of Mexico-U.S relations. Mexico is by far the largest source of immigrants to the U.S., and it is also our second largest trading partner. The impact of Mexico-U.S. relations on life in both countries is only going to increase in the future, and this program gives students special insight on this important issue.

This will be the fifth year Professor Haber has brought University of Montana students to Mexico. While the deadline for this summer’s trip has already passed, another trip is planned for the summer of 2005. The program is open to students of all majors and class levels, including graduate students. Although not required, some Spanish language study and PSC 327 Politics of Mexico are strongly encouraged. Students interested in the program should contact Professor Haber for more information.

By Destin Markland

Model Arab League-
Get prepared to see lots of college aged people walking around campus unusually well dressed on April the 8th, 9th, and 10th for the next Northern Rockies Model Arab League Conference. Students from UC Berkeley, Idaho State University, and even cross-state rivals, Montana State University attend this conference hosted by our own University of Montana. They come here to represent Middle Eastern countries in a mock session of the League of Arab States. A wide range of issues will be discussed that include everything from joint defense in the context of post-Iraq war and the Road Map for Peace to water pollution and the status of women in the Arab world.

By Steve Hurin

Model United Nations –
What do Harvard, Stanford, and the University of Montana have in common? They were all at the UC Berkeley Model United Nations Conference on March the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. At this conference these schools will be going to sunny San Francisco, California to compete in a mock session of the United Nations. Historically, the University of Montana has placed in the top three of large delegations at this conference against large private universities such as Harvard.

By Steve Hurin

Montana Youth Voter Coalition –
ASUM, MontPIRG, Pi Sigma Alpha, Greek Life, and others are teaming up with organizations on campus, around Missoula, and across the state to begin the Montana Youth Vote Coalition. The coalition’s goal is to register 6,000 voters across Montana for the 2004 election cycle and to get them to the polls on election day. They want to send a message to politicians that students vote, that young people vote, and that they cannot ignore this voting group.
Scholarship Information

**Philo Bennett Scholarship** - Competition is open to all undergraduates (preference given to juniors and seniors) who have expressed scholarly or career interest in government and who will be full-time UM students throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) excellent G.P.A., overall and in Political Science; b) submission of a writing sample on a topic pertaining to good government; and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

*Anthony "Tony" Allen Doohan (see Newberry)*

**Susan K. Grebeldinger Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major or minor (undergraduate or graduate--B.A./M.A. students) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a career or scholarly interest in legal studies. Criteria: a) excellent GPA and demonstrated high performance in political science courses, b) submission of a writing sample with legal emphasis and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Kain/McKay Scholarships** - Several scholarships are awarded each year to declared Political Science undergraduate majors who must be full-time UM students throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) strong GPA in Political Science, b) strong overall GPA, and c) a current copy of an unofficial transcript must be included with the application.

**Anthony "Tony" Allen Newberry (Doohan) Scholarship** - Awarded to a declare undergraduate Political Science major who will be a full-time student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a career or scholarly interest in international studies. Criteria: a) strong G.P.A. and b) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Thomas Payne Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science Major (junior, senior, or higher) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) excellent GPA and demonstrated high performance in political science courses, and b) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Alan D. Robertson Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major (sophomore, junior or senior) who graduated from a Montana high school and who will be a fulltime UM student throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, b) evidence of leadership activities on campus or in the community and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**E. Paul Sliter Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major (junior or senior) who will be a full-time student throughout the academic year of the award. The recipient must have participated in community service and must have demonstrated political involvement.

**Maude and Grover Waldron Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science/Public Administration major (undergraduate or graduate) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a scholarly or career interest in state and local government and politics. Criteria: a) strong G.P.A. (at least a 3.4 in Political Science), b) one letter of recommendation and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

*Application forms are available in the Political Science office (LA 350). All forms are due the day before Spring Break March 26th.*