Spring Banquet & Induction Ceremony

Pi Sigma Alpha Epsilon Mu cordially invites you to their annual spring banquet on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the banquet room above Zimorino’s on North Higgins Avenue. The banquet speaker will be Bruce Nelson, a University of Montana political science alumnus, lifetime member of Pi Sigma Alpha, and Governor Schweitzer’s Chief of Staff who will speak about his career in the public service: why he chose it, how he prepared for it, how he entered into the profession, and what he has gained from it. Pi Sigma Alpha will sponsor an essay contest based on Mr. Nelson’s speech; the winning one-page reflection will win $100; the second and third runner-ups will be awarded $75 and $50, respectively. The induction ceremony for new Pi Sigma Alpha members will directly follow Mr. Nelson’s speech. An Italian buffet of lasagna, pasta primavera, assorted pizza, salad, and brownies will be served at the cost of $9.00 a plate for the first 40 students and their guests. Water will be provided, and there will be a no-host bar. All Pi Sigma Alpha members and political science students and their friends and family are encouraged to attend; it should be a great event. If you are going to attend and want the special $9.00 price, email “Jessie” at pisigmaalpha_eypsilonmu@yahoo.com with “banquet” in the message line and tell her how many tickets you would like.

Political Science Scholarships

The Political Science scholarship announcements for the 2005-2006 school year are out. The due date for scholarship applications is next Wednesday, April 6, so you still have time! Read more inside.

Graduation Details

It’s that time of year again; senioritis, warm weather, and GRADUATION! This year, the main graduation ceremony will be held in the Adams Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. The Political Science Department graduation ceremony will be held directly following the main ceremony in the Music Building’s Recital Hall. Congratulations to all graduating seniors!

If you are a full member of Pi Sigma Alpha, you can order the black, red, and white PSA honors cords from Jessie. Email her at pisigmaalpha_eypsilonmu@yahoo.com to place your order. The cords cost $12 and should be available for pick-up in the Political Science office either the last week in April or the first week in May.

The Political Science Department is looking for an undergraduate to help Loretta Edwards with the reception after the department ceremony. The volunteer will be asked to help set out refreshments and stay a few minutes after the Department ceremony to help clean up. The whole process should only take about an hour to an hour and a half. If you are interested in helping please see Loretta in the Political Science Department office. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
Who Teaches that Class? I have to what before I graduate?!?!? FREE PIZZA!!!

Possibly the first-ever Political Science major meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m., in Gallagher Business Building room 123. The faculty will be present and invite you to come, ask questions, and learn all that interesting stuff you never knew, but will need to know before you graduate. This is a great chance to meet other political science majors and learn that your professors really are personable and approachable. The department will hold a meeting for majors each semester just prior to the advising period to help students understand the requirements of the major and develop a sense of community among themselves and with the faculty. There will be an introduction of the faculty, an overview of the next semester’s courses, an explanation of major requirements and any new or confusing university requirements that affect students, and reports from PSC related clubs (e.g., Pi Sigma Alpha, Montana Model UN, Pre-Law). And, faculty will answer any questions the students have. So come, learn a little, ask some questions, and eat free pizza!

**WANTED:**

PSA Officers for 2005-2006
Need: President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer
Requirements:
- PSC major
- full membership in PSA
- Junior, Senior, or Graduate student status

Interested? Email: pisigmaalpha_epsilonmu@yahoo.com
UM Welcomes Dr. Christopher Muste

The political science department welcomes Dr. Christopher Muste as a visiting adjunct professor. Muste earned his Ph.D. from Berkeley in May of 2001 with examination fields in American Politics, Political Behavior, and Research Methodology. Muste has previously taught political science courses at Louisiana State University from 1999-2004. He spent fall semester of this year working as a Senior Polling Analyst for the *Washington Post*, covering the 2004 Presidential Election. While working for the *Post*, Muste gave two guest lectures at UM on polling and the election.

Currently, Muste is teaching Introduction to American Government and Media and Public Opinion. In your spare time stop by his office and say hello or try one of his classes.

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**Summer Class Schedule**

**1st Session (5/23 to 6/24)**
- 120 3c Intro to Comparative Govt- MTWRF-10:50-12:20-LA338-Muste
- 130 3c Intro to International Rel- MTWRF-12:30-2:00-LA337-Adams
- 300 & 400 1c Writing & Adv. Writing Course in PSC-Arrange-Tompkins
- 341 3c Pol. parties & Elections- MTWRF-7:30-9:00-LA337-Koger
- 395 1c Food & Politics-special-6/27- 7/1-1:10-4:00-Adams
- 430 3c Inter-American Relations-Special-5/23-6/30-MF-Mexico-Haber
- 463 3c Development Administration-Special-5/23-6/30-MF-Mexico-Haber
- 468 3c The Public Policy Cycle- MTWRF-9:10-10:40-LA337-Tompkins
- 496 1-3c Independent Study-Arrange

**2nd Session (6/27 to 7/29)**
- 100 3c Intro Amer Govt-MTWRF- 9:10-10:40-LA138-Lopach
- 300 & 400 1c Writing & Adv. Writing Course in PSC-Arrange-Tompkins
- 335 3c Amer Foreign Policy-MTWRF-9:10-10:40-LA337-Hayes
- 364 3c State & Local Govt-MTWRF- 10:50-12:20-LA106-Greene
- 496 1-3c Independent Study-Arrange