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The Monthly Newsletter For The Humphreys College Huskies, Stockton Campus



Office of Academic and Career Counseling

Karen Garrett, Counselor

Welcome to all new, continuing and returning students. The Office of Academic and Career Counseling has many upcoming and exciting events to help you, whether you are a first-time or graduating student.

Spring has sprung and so has the Office of Academic and Career Counseling on the Stockton campus. Students now have two full-time Academic and Career counselors with extended hours for the day and evening student.

We at Humphreys believe that the new schedule and activities will provide staff and students with the best situations in which to reach our most qualified students and alumni. Our mission is to provide services that facilitate career decision-making and goal setting for students at all academic levels. Further, our mission includes teaching job-search skills that enable students and alumni to secure satisfying employment upon graduation and throughout their lifetimes.

- ***Office Hours***

Our office is located on the West Campus in Room A2. Here are our hours for this quarter:

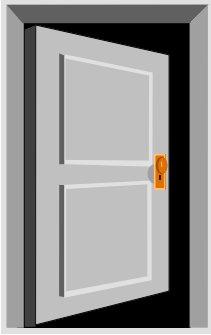
MONDAY	8:30AM-6:30PM
TUESDAY	8:30AM-6:30PM
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM-6:30PM
THURSDAY	8:30AM-6:30PM
FRIDAY	8:30AM-5:00PM

- ***Scholarships***

April and May are SCHOLARSHIP months. Scholarship applications are available in the Counseling office and on the Main Campus in the Admissions area.

- ***Resume Workshops***

If you need help with your resume, plan on attending an APRIL RESUME WORKSHOP. Choose to attend one of the following seminars -- **free: Wednesday, April 21, 5:15-6:15 p.m. or Thursday, April 22, at 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Both seminars will be conducted in Room A3 on the West Campus.



Spring at the Center

Michael Duffett, Tutorial Services Coordinator

Hola, estudiantes en Humphreys College! Como estamos en la lengua espanol? Forgive the uncharacteristic Hispanic greeting this month but I'm teaching so much Spanish these days that my mind moves much in that language. Which is my way of saying that those of you in the Spanish class are welcome to my time and attention in tutorial fashion when I'm wearing my other hat in the Tutorial Center at A5 on the West Campus. But that's an invitation in any language and for any course. The new hours are now posted on the door and anyone and everyone is welcome to come by and benefit from the help of our tutors.



Student Council's Corner

Tauri, vice-president

We would like to welcome the new students to Humphreys College. We also hope that everyone had an excellent Spring Break! There are some upcoming events of which you should be aware!

- We will be having a Student Council meeting on May 4, 1999, at 2:15 p.m.
- We will be having a "Spring Cleaning" clothes drive for The Dawn House (A safe place for abused women). Please bring your old clothes to the college. There will be a box in the front office to place your clothes in. If you have any questions, please contact Wilma Okamoto-Vaughn.

One last thing—if you want to write an article for *The Growl*, please submit it in the Student Council box or you can give it to Jess Bonds in person or e-mail him at jbonds@humphreys.edu.

To contact any member of the student council, please e-mail us at humphreys@hotmail.com. We appreciate your input and comments.



On-Campus Housing Renovation

Terry Heederik, Operations Manager

Certainly you've noticed all the work going on around the apartments. We hope you're enjoying the new and improved look. The College is committed to providing a clean and safe environment for you. As a result of this commitment, the apartments have been renovated with new roofs, stucco, paint, and security fencing. Thanks for your patience during this construction work.



Meet Your Teacher: Dr. Richard Chabot

Interviewed by Stanislav Perkner

“I Never Wanted to Teach...”

Before I met Dr. Chabot, I did not know that the way to Humphreys College could lead from Northern California through Taiwan, China, and the Philippines. He washed dishes in Alaska, repaired bicycles in New Orleans, roofed houses in Chico, taught English in China, oversaw refugee resettlement programs in Hawaii, and did research on family planning in the Philippines...

“It took me six years to obtain a BA in Religious Studies from Chico. Visions of a wider world led me to study in Taiwan for a year and then to teach English at Tunghai University in Taiwan for another year. Only then did I go on for an MA in Asian Studies in Hawaii, focusing on Chinese sociology and psychology. It did not give me a job, however. I wound up teaching English at a coal mining college in mainland China, then entered the University of Hawaii for seven grueling years of graduate study in Sociology, all dedicated to understanding immigrant and refugee community development in the U.S.”

You finally got your Ph.D. in 1991...

“.. and I swear I’ll never be a formal student again. I love to study on my own, but I’m through being a student under any particular teacher.”

How did you gain your Manila experience?

“My wife Marie took me to the Philippines. There she had a full-time job with the East-West Center and I had to take what I could get. I did some part-time work for the Population Council and taught some sociology courses for De La Salle University. When Marie wound up in London studying for her MS , I came back to California and was fortunate enough to be taken in by Humphreys.”

At Humphreys, you are known as a very sensitive, dialog-oriented professor.

“I never wanted to be a teacher. Some of my worst memories as a child include teachers; some of my college professors were no better. I became a teacher because of my interest in the subject of sociology. My first class, taught entirely on my own, was so stressful and depressing I almost dropped out of school. But for some reason many students, though not all, enjoyed how I taught and actually claimed to learn from what I taught. No doubt many students suffered, but I became a better teacher by viewing each class as an opportunity to do what I most enjoy: study and share sociology. I do want to continue delving into the social sciences, and my teaching style at Humphreys really shows it. Instead of “teaching,” I pretend I’m sharing something I really care about. I’m not embarrassed when I don’t know the answer to a student’s question. I go look up the information. That’s part of the class.”

*The Interview of Dr. Chabot – continued...***How do you see Humphreys students in general?**

“Many of them are just trying to get by, to make it to the end of the week without exploding from the stress of work and family and school and the rest that has to be taken care of. Yet even within this most over-worked and deserving group, I find those who are so interested in learning and doing more in this world that they give up what I consider the most valuable commodity of all: sleep. While there are many students at Humphreys who have yet to open their books by the middle of the quarter, there are also those who skim the entire text by the end of the first week.”

At Humphreys, however, you teach not only your favorite SOC 101.

“It’s a mixed blessing. While I love being able to teach about all of the different social sciences, including Asian History and International Relations, I must therefore give up some of my time and attention that would otherwise be spent on staying on the top of the discipline of sociology. While I pity the poor professor who must teach nothing but introductory sociology all of his life, I can look forward to it as a once a year occurrence that lets me touch all of the different facets of a fascinating field of study.”

What do you do in you free time?

“Leisure? I’m a father of a two-year old boy. My wife works full time. And she doesn’t drive. And you think I have leisure time! Well, I suppose I do. Last weekend I mowed the grass. This upcoming weekend I am hoping to change the oil in my car. If my son lets me. With some luck, I hope to do a bit of gardening. Given a real streak of free time, I’d like to bicycle more. I’ve been looking around for an old Raleigh 3 speed. One with a 1961 Sturmey Archer hub; 1961 was a great year. And I’d like to get back to Jiu Jitsu and Aikido. Night classes keep getting in the way of that.”

Would you share with us your life credo?

“With all my study of China and religion and society, I suppose I really should have some hard little kernel of truth to live by. I really don’t. I can say that whatever the day or time, I’ve always wanted more but never cared about having less. I always want more of life. The only value I place on the things I own are the memories and meaning associated with those things. Give me something with meaning, that touches my soul, and you can take the rest. I suppose this is something I try to teach in my classes. Life is good and wonderful. Live as much as you can. Yet do not think any of it has any intrinsic value other than what we build in relationships and give through our actions.”

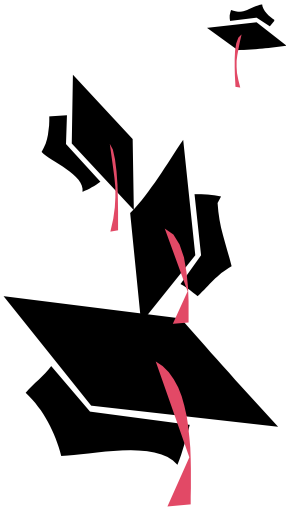


Law School Info Meetings

Lance Hall, Registrar

Three more meetings are scheduled to inform prospective students about the law school at Humphreys College. Hear the Dean, Registrar, faculty and alumni speak of the law school and all it entails. For more information, contact the Admissions Office. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Tell your friends!

Sonora	Site TBA	Monday	April 19
Stockton	Humphreys College campus	Tuesday	May 4
Tracy	Site TBA	Tuesday	May 11



Graduation Is Coming

Lance Hall, Registrar

Thinking of graduating? You may participate in the ceremony on Friday, June 18, if you can complete all required courses for your degree by the end of the Summer Quarter. If this description fits you, come to the Registrar's Office now to petition for graduation. Until you petition, we will not know you are ready to graduate. Students come and go, so it is your responsibility to initiate the process. For those of you who qualify, you will soon receive information regarding cap & gown, invitations, etc.



What Are They Listening To Now?

There's quite a variety of aural sensations to which the faculty tune. Turn on, tune in, but don't drop out!

Dr. Michael Duffett Kurt Weill: *The Three Penny Opera* with lyrics by Bertolt Brecht
 Alan Hovhaness: *Symphony No. 4* ("*The Mysterious Mountain*")

Jess Bonds Bob Dylan: *Blood on the Tracks*
 The Call: *Scene Beyond Dreams*

Connie Mead Linda Ronstadt: *What's New*

Kay Reindl Charlotte Church: *Voice of an Angel* - 12-year-old singing sensation from Wales
 Bill Whelan: *Riverdance*

Rowena Walker Beethoven: *6th Symphony – The Pastoral Symphony*

Ann Bauermeister Garrison Keillor: *Prairie Home Companion* (radio show)

Cynthia S. Becerra *The Greatest of Swing*, which includes music from the thirties, forties, and fifties

THE GROWL ESSAY CONTEST

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TOPIC: The Greatest Achievements of the 20th Century

PRIZES: Bookstore Gift Certificates

Winning essay(s) will be published in *The Growl*.

THE RULES

1. Only Humphreys College undergraduate students (full time and part time) are eligible. Student will be required to verify eligibility before receiving award.
2. All entries must be the entrant's own work with an acknowledgement of sources, if used.
3. Essays must be between 500 and 750 words (3-4 pages) in length.
4. Essays must be typed (Double-spaced) with a size 12 font.
5. The decision of the judges is final.
6. Winning essay(s) will be published in June issue of *The Growl*.

Entries are to be submitted to Jess Bonds or Cynthia Becerra before or by **May 14, 1999**.