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Captain Shippee, Shane Tully, center, graciously accepts his... Crown?

From left to right: second and third place winners, Mike Bokoff and Scott Shannon, respectively basque in Tully's Glory



SOCI 299- 023 Do you plan to work AND have a family? There are still seats available in Dr. Goodstein's 1-credit HONORS course being offered this Spring

Honors Events

Registration for Spring 2007! [Click here for more details!](#)

HONORS CORE CURRICULUM for 2007 : "NATURE TRANSFORMED!" Students consider one of the Honors Core Curriculum courses designed specifically for Honors students!

Why not take an Honors Core Curriculum course? Courses designed from the ground up just for Honors students! Fulfilling gen-ed requirements and giving you Honors credits toward your Sophomore Certificate! [Click here for more information!](#)

Anth 295-001 and 004 (honors) Anthropology of Global Music

INTD 182-039 Networking to Create Career Opportunities

INTD 298: Controversial Social Issues

INTD 291-002 Introduction to Computer Programming in the Humanities and Sciences

POLS 248-001 African American Politics

There aren't any Honors Events currently available! Please check back for Updates!

Honors Council

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Opportunities

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Join Dr. Lynne Goodstein and your fellow Honors students Mondays from 4:30-6:00 to hear professional women discuss their path to success in both motherhood and their careers in new 1 credit Honors seminar course. The course will cover many issues of interest to those students—women and men—who are trying to imagine their lives in five or ten years and how they will navigate the demands of career, spouse, and children. This course is being offered as an independent study, so students must complete an Independent Study Authorization form, obtain your advisor's and Dr. Goodstein's signatures. If you are already home, we can help with the signature part. Interested students may contact Dawn England (dawn.england@uconn.edu); Jeanne Larson (Jeanne.larson@uconn.edu) or the Honors Office (honors@uconn.edu) for more

Professor Robert Birge's New Discovery

In last month's issue of the journal *Science*, Bob Birge, professor of chemistry, explained how he and several colleagues from Canada found that lasers can manipulate the efficiency of photochemistry in a protein called "bacteriorhodospin." Read more.

HONORS CONVERSION STATUS, NOW ON-LINE

Students interested in knowing the status of their Honors Conversion can go to the Honors Program Current Student page and see their progress.

Attention: May/August 2007 Graduates, submit Final Plan of Study!!

Your senior year is halfway done and it's still time to prepare for graduation. The first of the graduation forms that are required for Honors Scholar graduation, the "[Honors Final Plan of Study](#)", was due **December 1**, **so please submit your plan of study before you leave for the holiday break**. In addition, if you haven't already, please check out the [Honors Graduation Checklist](#) for important information on forms, deadlines, and other important items regarding Honors graduation.

Teach for America!

Only 60% of students in low-income public schools graduate from high school, and on average, they perform at the level of 8th graders in high-income communities. You can help change this.

-- Are *you* ready for the challenge?

Join a network of UConn leaders to help end this educational inequity.

34 UConn students have joined Teach For America since 1990

5 of them just entered the 2006 Corps:

**Tara Castleberry, Allison Demers,
Kelly Neault, Chloe Sweetser and Puja Thakkar.**

The upcoming winter break is an opportune time to complete your Teach For America application before the third deadline on **Sunday, January 7, 2007**. Whatever festival of lights you choose to celebrate, please help make the next generation's future brighter... here's to a New Year of possibilities.

Who we're looking for:

We seek individuals—from all backgrounds and career interests—who have what it takes to excel as teachers and to ultimately exert broader societal influence in our nation. We look for candidates who have a proven leadership record (whether in school, work, or extracurricular activities), and who demonstrate leadership qualities such as the ability to influence and motivate others and the ability to persevere through difficult challenges. (Full Salary and Benefits)

Check out what Fortune Magazine and NBC have to say about Teach For America, and learn more about Teach For America by visiting www.teachforamerica.org.

Questions? E-mail admissions@teachforamerica.org.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you like working with children? Do you love to read? Come volunteer in an after-school reading program for elementary and middle-school students. Help classroom teachers in local schools work with children to enjoy and improve their reading. We are looking for volunteers on Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday afternoons for about an hour and a half each visit, starting in late January and finishing in mid-April. The schools all start the program at different times, with the earliest start time at 2:45 p.m. and the latest at 4 p.m., so we have some flexibility in scheduling! We will provide training on the specific program activities before you begin. Please contact Catherine Little at catherine.little@uconn.edu or Katie Rinaldi at katherine.rinaldi@uconn.edu if you think you are interested in volunteering.

SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

We are seeking **three qualified undergraduates** to participate in a field-based course to study biodiversity, ecology, and evolution in selected plant groups in Southern Africa. The course, which extends from May 15-June 19, will involve research at 4-5 different field sites where students will conduct independent projects and will participate in group projects. Students will also be expected to enroll in a weekly seminar (1 credit) covering both cultural and scientific background during spring '07 to be held on the UConn Storrs campus. Travel, lodging and field expenses will be paid for by a grant for International Research Experiences for Students from the National Science Foundation.

Interested students should submit transcripts, résumé with contact information, one letter of recommendation in a sealed, signed envelope, and a cover letter describing previous research experience, previous international experience (if any), a list of relevant courses, and a brief statement explaining their interest in this experience. **Please submit application materials in hard copy by December 15 to Cynthia Jones, U 3043, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut.**

LOOSE ENDS....

PHI KAPPA PHI

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has a Study Abroad Grant Competition for the 2007-2008 academic year. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards 50 Study Abroad grants of \$1000 each. For eligibility, deadline, notification and application information, [click here!](#)

Teach for America Luncheon

There will be a FREE luncheon held Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 12-1:30 in CUE 134. A member of Teach For America will speak at the luncheon. **Space is limited so we would like you to RSVP to Marlene Coughlin at marlene.coughlin@uconn.edu by January 19, 2007.** This luncheon counts as an Honors event. *Click here!*

Apply to the NIH/Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program

Applications are now being accepted for fully funded PhD studies in the NIH/Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program, formally known as the National Institutes of Health-University of Oxford and National Institutes of Health-University of Cambridge Scholars in Biomedical Research programs. ***The deadline for applications to the NIH/Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program is January 8, 2007. There is no application fee.***

Fully Funded Scholarships for PhD in Immunology and Infectious Disease

The National Institutes of Health and the University of Pennsylvania, two of the world's finest training institutions in Immunology, have combined to create a graduate training partnership unlike any other – The National Institutes of Health-University of Pennsylvania Advanced Immunology Scholars Program. The program sponsors 2 to 4 graduate students per year in an interdisciplinary curriculum designed to train outstanding and independent students in a combination of basic science and advanced research technologies. For complete descriptions of the program see the attached flyer. There is no NIH application fee. For the University of Pennsylvania, the online application form can be found at <http://www.med.upenn.edu/immun/>. Applications to both the NIH and UPenn must be received by December 15, 2006. Both applications may be completed online.