



Communication and Theatre Monthly Newsletter

November 2009

Student News:

Graduation Applications, Due NOVEMBER 6TH:

The last day to apply to graduate Spring 2010 is November 6th. Students need to follow these steps in order for the applications to be processed as quickly as possible:

- Fill out graduation application
- Print off current transcript
- Meet with your Advisor
- Go to Business Office and pay

\$50 application fee

-After all this is completed, drop off application at Admissions and Records Office

Please follow these instructions and get your application in on time to ensure that you are able to graduate in the spring!

Love at First Sip to Premiere This Month:

The fall production, Love at First Sip, opens this month in Petro Theatre. The show, written by Kyle and Erik Rasmussen, has been in rehearsals since the middle of September. The buzz underscoring the show has been great, even getting a feature in the Enjoy section of the Billings Gazette by Jaci Webb just one week after it had been cast.

The show features students from our own communication and theatre department and from around campus, including: Erik Rasmussen as Will Phillips, recent graduate, Cydney Mann as Camille Phillips, Bobbi Kaye Kupfner as Melissa Walrich, Director

Zach Carleton as Don Walrich, Michele Haslid as Chris Mitri-Potts, Trent Steinbrink as Jack Mitri, Jon Erwin as Counselor Dan Bachelor, Kayla Eastwood as Doctor Jill Bachelor, and Kyle Rasmussen as Jerry.

The show opens on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m., with shows on Friday and Saturday at the same time and a Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Admission is free to students with a MSU-B student ID!

Graduates Putting Degrees to Good Use:

We spoke to recent Organizational Communication graduate, Brittany Lane, about what she is doing with her communication degree.

Brittany is the partial owner, and marketing specialist for Rocky Mountain Mr. & Mrs. Magazine. The publication is a free local lifestyle magazine. In her position as Marketing specialist and co-owner, Brittany wears many different hats. With her communication degree she is able to switch between those roles effortlessly. Her degree has helped her with interviews, allowing her to know how to communicate appropriately and effectively with many different types of people. It has also made her more gregarious in her business ventures, and more approachable to other business people.

Brittany's diverse duties include: selling advertisements, educating the community about their magazine, interviewing business owners, as well as providing market analysis to giving

them local exposure. She also attends many networking events like Business After Hours and was elected secretary for Business Networking International.

Brittany is a shining example of what can be accomplished with a communication degree.

Important Dates

Registration for 2010 Spring Semester Begins	11/02
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Spring Semester 2010	11/06
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Summer Semester 2010 (attending ceremony)	11/06
Veteran's Day No classes - Offices Closed	11/11
Last Day to Drop a Class with Approval of Advisor and Course Instructor	11/24
Thanksgiving Holiday—No Classes	11/25-29
Final Exams Week	12/14-17
Semester Ends	12/17

If you have any news or ideas you want to share, please contact: **Bobbi Kupfner at 657-2178**

Faculty News:

Dr. David Weiss on a Publishing Spree:

Dr. Weiss has informed our newsletter of two more items in which he is in the midst of getting published.

The first item is a chapter in the new book titled: War and the Media: Essays on News Reporting, Propaganda, and Popular Culture. His chapter is entitled: " 'New Mexico's always Been Patriotic and Loyal to the Country': Uncritical journalistic Patriotism in Wartime."

Secondly, along with his co-editor, Professor Jason Edwards of Bridgewater State College, Dr. Weiss has been offered a contract to publish a book they have been editing. The publishing company, Lexington Books, is interested in publishing their manuscript, The Rhetoric of

American Exceptionalism. They are waiting to hear from five other publishers.

Let us all congratulate Dr. Weiss once again in this accomplishment!

Exciting Theatre Courses Offered this Spring!:

Randy Pugh is offering two exciting classes this spring and one during the winter intercession.

COMT 340, Performance for Camera is an online only class, but the good thing is that it is only an eight week session during the winter. Also Professor Pugh is willing to work with local students on campus with his video equipment for those who don't have their own.

Are you tired of taking orders from other people? This class is for you. COMT 358, Directing, is a required class for Theatre Majors that is only offered every two years. Students get to stage scenes and discover what is the most effective way of directing.

COMT 450, Performance Skills for Professionals, is also required for Theatre Majors, but can also help any student in overcoming their fear of performing in front of others. You can learn to maximize your physical and vocal skills, and it is a great way to earn upper division credit.

LAMBDA PI ETA

Attention all Communication and Theatre juniors and seniors. An exciting opportunity awaits you with Lambda Pi Eta: undergraduate conventions, networking, awards, and an excellent addition to your resume. To become a member of Lambda Pi Eta, you must:

- Have completed 60 semester hours
- Have completed 30 hours of communication study
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Have a communication studies GPA of 3.25
- Currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
- Display commitment to the field of communication

Interested students please contact
Melinda Tilton

Faculty Office Hours:

All Faculty also will take students outside of these times, but by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

- **Dr. Sue Balter-Reitz:** (Chair)
TR 12:30-2:30
W 12:00-1:00 in MM
- **Dr. Steve Coffman**
TR 10:00-10:25
T 2:00-3:00
- **Dr. Dan Gross**
TR 8:00-8:30
TR 10:30-12:00
- **Prof Randy Pugh**
MW 12:00-12:30
TR 8:00-10:00
- **Prof Melinda Tilton**
TR 8:20-8:40
& 12:00-1:50
On-line Office Hours MWF 9:00-10:00
- **Dr. David Weiss**
T 3:45-4:45
W 1:15-3:15

Please contact Kathy Davis to make an appointment: 657-2178

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- **Dr. Sarah Keller**
TR 8:00-8:30
& 10:00-11:45