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## HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ALBERT DORMAN HONORS COLLEGE!!

by Fatima Elgammal

On the evening of Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, as the sun set on the sodden campus and the echoes of piano keys ricocheted through the halls of Fenster Hall and the Campus Center, people from coast to coast and everywhere in between, gathered for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of New Jersey Institute of Technology's fifth college – the Albert Dorman Honors College (ADHC).

This night not only commemorated the groundwork laid nearly two decades ago, but also recognized prominent figures who belong to the NJIT Honors family. To prepare for such an important celebration, current Honors College students donned white gloves and assisted in this celebration in numerous ways, helping to make this event successful.

The ADHC began as the Honors Program in 1985. Until a few years ago, honors graduates only received a diploma from their school of major. Now, graduates from the honors college receive a diploma with the designation of both the school of their major and the Dorman Honors College. In part, this anniversary event was a ceremony awarding past students with official Honors College diplomas.

In addition to the candidates for degrees were former directors of ADHC, loved and

never forgotten: founding Director Dr. Richard Sher (1985-1991), former Director Mrs. Ruth Baker (1992-1996), and former Director Dr. Dennis Donahue (1997-2000), whom many current students have as their HSS professor. Among the honored guests who enchanted the night were J. Robert Hillier, Founding Chairman of the

Honors Board of Visitors, Saul K. Fenster, NJIT President Emeritus, and the school's very own Albert Dorman, class of 1945, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree at NJIT in Mechanical Engineering.

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Despite the sopping weather Kupfrian Hall's Jim Wise Theater, where the candidates for degrees were acknowledged for past accomplishments, NJIT President Robert Altenkirch and Honors College Dean and Vice-President of Academic and Student Services Joel Bloom carried the night away in charm and laughter. Speakers imparted the audience with the central aim for the Honors students of yesterday, today, and tomorrow - to become leaders and ultimately define a role in the legacy of the Honors College.

Dinner rolled by and as the guests sat in the Campus Atrium, Alumni Association President, Sean G. Duffy, class of 1995, announced the donations collected. The benefits of the night's event were huge, and proceeds of the money raised through tickets went toward the newly established Dorman Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Now, honors alumni will be able to award scholarships to honors students.

As the night came to an end and the echoes of the speeches were long gone, one ripple continued to reverberate through the now desolate halls and empty tables. With the image of the college gonfalons being carried down the terrace, headed by the melody of the bagpiper, one thought lingered in the air, and it was from the resurrected words of Mr. Dorman, ten years ago, during the dedication ceremony of the Honors College. "The past is history; the future, a mystery; but today is a gift. That's why it is called the present." Happy birthday, Honors College; may you live to see the rise of another decade.

*Special thanks to Mrs. Hulin for coordinating such a successful event.*



## THE NEW EDITORS OF THE TECHNOLOGY OBSERVER

by Radha Yamarthy

The Technology Observer, the Honors College magazine that informs the NJIT community of the latest advancements in technology and science, has two new editors who have many great ideas for this year's issue. Christian Howell and Lorianne Jones, fifth-year honors architecture students who will graduate in the spring, replaced Victor Keto, last year's editor. Both of them worked on the Tech Observer magazine last year as designers and are very excited about being co-editors this year. They have a lot of experience writing for architecture design booklets documenting design proposals they made for various architecture competitions.

Howell and Jones are planning to set up a new structure for the Technology Observer this year that not only focuses on current and future technology but past technology as well. They are planning to feature five articles ranging from cell phone plasma technology to DNA printing techniques. They also expect to include an article that discusses the developing technology of green roofs in architecture and an article that features the new sculptural techniques developed by Brower Hatcher, who spoke at a colloquium last spring.

As the new editors of the Tech Observer, Howell and Jones hope that they will be able to maintain the level of excellence that was set by past issues of the magazine. In order to achieve this, they believe that they must encourage more direct involvement and feedback from the members of the Tech Observer committee and have students design and critique each other's work. They want students to enjoy the processes of designing, writing and editing.

The Technology Observer magazine is always looking for writers, designers, and editors. If you are interested, stop by their weekly meetings on Friday at 2:30 in GITC 1203 or e-mail Christian Howell at [csh2@njit.edu](mailto:csh2@njit.edu).

## A BROADWAY EXPERIENCE: *PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*

by Diya Abdeljabbar

It was just as one would imagine a night on Broadway; a crowded New York City block filled with enthusiastic people and bright lights beaming from every building. Hundreds left the loud and bustling Manhattan night and quickly whipped out their tickets to enter a whole new atmosphere. The dimmed lights and audience's hushed anticipation truly added to the regal and grand appearance of the Majestic Theater, whose high and broad ceiling made it feel like we had reached the summit of an enormous mountain, especially when we looked down and saw the panoramic view of the stage, balconies and sculptures that covered the walls.

With barely any time to spare to admire the interior of the theater, the room turned black and the lights were directed to center stage. From that point on the night was filled with amusement, admiration, terror, and romance.

The play began with a wonderful opening scene that instantly captured attention. It was filled with everything from amazing dancers to a stocky opera singer attempting to climb to the top of a model elephant. The amusement quickly turned to admiration when the scenes that followed brimmed with magnificent singers that took our breath away with their superb voices. Among the voices that continuously sent chills down our spines were those of Hugh Panaro and Sandra Joseph who played *The Phantom of the Opera* and Christine Daae, respectively.

Many of the Honors College students in the audience that night would agree that Panaro did a particularly excellent job playing such a powerful role. However, this is not a surprise, since his co-star, Sandra Joseph, and he have combined for over 1,000

performances as the main characters in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*.

*The Phantom of the Opera* is a tale that begins when an opera ghost terrorizes the cast and crew of the French Opera House. He finally drives the lead soprano so mad that she decides to leave the show. A chorus girl, Christine Daae, is able to sing the lead one night but the soprano doesn't want her show stolen so she returns. However, the ghost demands that they continue assigning the lead roles to Christine.

Meanwhile, Christine falls in love with Raoul, the Viscount of Chagny, but the Phantom is in love with her. The Phantom, outraged by their love, kidnaps Christine to be his eternal bride. Raoul however, is fully prepared to fight for her and get her back.

For some ADHC students, including Jason Schooling, who planned and organized the entire night as Chairman of the Social Committee, this was the second or third time experiencing *The Phantom of the Opera*. Schooling, an avid theater-goer, commented on the performance

afterwards, "I've been to about 10 Broadway shows in the past, Phantom twice prior to this time... My favorite part of the show was the Broadway atmosphere; there's just something special that comes with seeing a show live." When asked if the Honors College Social Committee was planning on going to any more Broadway musicals he mentioned "*Wicked*, *Tarzan*, and *The Lion King*" as some of the top choices. I am sure whichever show is chosen will become a favorite among the Honors College students, especially for those who fell in love with Broadway on this night. After the curtain closed, we headed back outside into reality only to talk about when we would be coming back.



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## HONORS STUDENTS AT THE CAPITOL

by Cliff Lau

This past summer, the Honors College held its second annual trip to Washington, DC. A two day tour that began on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the 2005 Washington, D.C. trip aimed to bring NJIT honors students like me to the nation's capital, so we could feel more connected to what happens in our government. In order to best fit in, we were given a strict dress code of shirts, slacks and skirts. But it was these clothes and our smooth, silky ties that helped us truly fit in.

On our first day, we toured the Senate Office Buildings and NASA's Goddard Space Center. We also navigated through the Congressional Subway to Capitol Hill, which is an underground system that connects our nation's legislative buildings and runs so fluidly that they all seemed to be one. We were even given a chance to sit in the Chamber (where laws are made) and listen to Senator Frank Lautenberg of NJ, the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee for global warming, discuss the energy bill. We also had the chance to meet Senator John Sununu (R) of New Hampshire. Afterwards, we ate in the Senate cafeteria. At NASA's Goddard Space Center, we learned about the innovative technologies that have been developed at Goddard, including lasers, sensors, autonomous systems and scalar physics. They were essentially NASA's gadget division. We said our thanks and moved on to dinner, then retired for the night, marking the end of the first day.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Department of Treasury was first on the second day's list. Here we watched green sheets spin through silver machines and pile into stacks; they were to follow a strict drying schedule before moving to the next phase. Ultimately, they would all be sliced up and cut into individual notes, packed and plastic-wrapped into bricks of dollars. We then met with Dr. Goutam Gupta, Chief for the Office of Technical Support at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He gave a presentation

summarizing their mission - to safeguard the government's security documents by staying ahead of potential forgers through the development of countermeasures embedded in the U.S. dollar. Pointing out inscriptions and icons on the dollar bill, he explained each of their specific applications.

We then had lunch at the renowned Old Ebbitt Grill, which had a dignified and sophisticated atmosphere. Students relaxed as refreshments and iced beverages were served, providing a soothing backdrop for a great conversation between twenty-odd students and faculty. The food was delicious. We moved on to tour the city, pausing to stand before the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, exploring various museums and wandering through the National Mall, eventually terminating at the Lincoln Memorial,

which offered a breathtaking view of the Washington Monument across the Reflecting Pool, where families of ducks tended to picnic.

We doubled back to the Omni Shoreham Hotel for the NJIT Student-Alumni Reception. There, four NJIT Alumni offered advice about possible avenues in their career fields. It was quite inspirational, especially for

engineering students, who were advised to become patent lawyers after majoring in their specific fields. Each of the four alumni stood surrounded by a circle of students, stories being traded and questions being answered, under an atmosphere of surety and repose which can only be compared to a scene of four sages providing wisdom to a gathering of scholars seated about them. It was a successful and enlightening way to conclude the 2005 Washington, D.C. itinerary.

During the course of our trip, new relationships were born, new lessons were learned, and new experiences were found; they will forever remain as memories and appreciated moments.

*Special thanks to the Mr. Robert Cottingham and Mrs. Lois Hulin for organizing this great trip.*



## HONORS FRESHMAN RETREAT TO “HAPPINESS IS CAMPING”

by Unum Rahmat

On August 29, one of the largest incoming freshman classes went on the annual Honors College retreat to “Happiness is Camping” in Blairstown, NJ. Along with thirty upperclassmen, Mrs. Lois Hulin (formerly Ms. Lois Chipepo), Ms. Shane Williamson, and the camp directors, the freshmen participated in a number of icebreakers and campsite activities in an attempt to bond with their peers.

The Sunday night before leaving for camp, Honors freshmen residents were able to mingle with one another by participating in a Texas Hold ’em Tournament, a Madden Tournament, and bowling and billiards in the new game room.

On Monday morning, the freshmen and counselors boarded the buses and drove off to “Happiness is Camping.” At the camp, there were introductions, led by Mark Hanna, who gave the “who’s who” of everyone’s major. Then the freshmen enjoyed spending quality time with each other by participating in relay race games like “Izzy Dizzy,” “Water the Captain,” and Tug of War. During the free time, students were able to bond with one another and play wiffleball, basketball, and volleyball, go swimming, or simply relax. Furthermore, they were able to ride the zip line and the totem pole provided by the campsite.

Later in the day, the freshmen participated in a canoe building competition led by counselor Andre Pause. Each group was given a cardboard box which needed to be cut up and designed into a canoe in a total time of thirty minutes. The canoe that held the most amount of water won. This activity allowed the new students to share their ideas and contribute into designing the best canoe. Since counselors were not allowed to interfere or help

in any way, the freshmen had to work together to find the best solution.

During the early part of the evening, the freshmen were joined by Ms. Williamson, Assistant Dean for Academics. She discussed the Honors College freshmen requirements. Honors Council President, Tom Riccobono, also welcomed the freshmen that night. Dr. David Reibstein, the Associate Dean of the Honors College, made an appearance and told everyone to remain on top of their studies while still befriending fellow classmates.

Later that night, the counselors and the incoming students sat around a bonfire making s’mores. Counselors

shared anecdotes about previous retreats and sang camp songs. There was also candle dipping led by counselors Angelie Mascarinas and Jennifer To. The freshmen had many creative ideas that they implemented in their candle designs. The retreat ended with a slide show summing up the events of the past two days.

A freshman, Tomasz Zarebczan, said “I personally enjoyed it a lot because it gave me a chance to meet a lot of people that I will be having classes with for the next couple of years. I have already made a couple of good friendships with the people I met there. I enjoyed the team activities such as Izzy Dizzy and the water game with the Captains. It was a fun time.”

This was just one example of the many students who enjoyed the retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to bring everyone together before classes begin. With everyone’s cooperation and Mrs. Hulin’s hard work, this was definitely accomplished, thus making yet another retreat a great success!



## HONORS SCHOLARS' SUMMER EXPERIENCES

by David Nare

Summer time has been, and continues to be, one of the most anticipated times of the year. People from all walks of life are occupied with all kinds of activities. A feeling of excitement fills the air as some party, while others work. Some honors scholars here at NJIT even had the chance to intern during the summer and had a chance to display their knowledge and learn about the work environment.

Angelie Mascarinas, a Biomedical Engineering major, spent about ten weeks researching with the Undergraduate Math and Biology Training Program. She worked in the electrophysiology lab at Rutgers Newark where she intensively studied gap junctions. Gap junctions are located in cardiac muscles, uterus and neurons, where they allow ion flow and electrical coupling to enhance cell-to-cell communication. In her study, she explored the electrical coupling between two pyloric dilator neurons of cancer borealis (crabs). Analyzing simpler vertebrates like crabs would allow inferences to be made of more complex vertebrates like humans, but in both cases, the location of gap junctions is not fully known. "It was a great experience and an extensive learning process for me that sharpened my presentation skills, challenged me and forced me to be innovative," Mascarinas said. She is currently writing a research paper with her group members that will be presented in December at the NJIT seminar series.

Jatin Rana, who is studying Electrical Engineering (EE), had the opportunity to display what he likes best at Intel in Parsippany, NJ, for their Modular Communications Platform Division. He worked first hand with product line managers and marketing engineers to help forecast the growth of voice and data in the



Angelie Mascarinas



Jatin Rana



David Nare

telecommunications industry as well as research the growth in key market segments crucial to his division. Rana also assisted with forecasting Intel's total markets for the next five years on specific telecom products such as single board computers, media servers and base station controllers/radio network controllers. Of his experience, Rana says, "It was interesting, especially being an EE major. I had to integrate engineering with marketing and business to achieve my task, and it was quite an experience." In the end, he presented his findings to several senior managers.

As for me, a Chemical Engineering major, I spent my summer in West Point, PA, where I interned with Merck & Co. Inc. for the Bacterial Vaccine Manufacturing Department. My summer task involved assisting in developing, installing, upgrading and maintaining a vaccine manufacturing process to the standards of the Federal Drug Administration Regulations Title 21, Part 11 Act. This act called for increased standards of compliance in validation areas of electronic records and electronic signatures. These new standards would allow the system that ran the manufacturing process to be in a state that would correct and strengthen security while holding people accountable for what they do under their electronic signatures. In addition to the Part 11 project, I provided vaccine automation service support to a syringe filling line that produced most of the vaccines and to a vial filling line that was under construction. My internship concluded with a presentation to several departmental managers. It is fair to say that Mascarinas, Rana, and I were honored and intrigued to have been part of such enriching summer experiences.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: A STEP IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

by Eman Rashed



On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, NJIT's hallowed walls, long saturated with discourses of technology and mathematics, echoed with words and phrases such as "human rights," "United Nations," "war victims," and "prisoners of conscience" in Kupfrian Hall. What was going on?

Ever since NJIT first opened its doors in 1884, it has been determined to be a vanguard for the advancement of technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It has done admirably well in fulfilling this goal; having been named the country's most wired university in 1997. However, as aware as the NJIT community was of the latest strides in technology, they were not as aware of issues such as the war in Iraq or the crisis of Nepal.

At the start of 2005-2006 school year, two seniors assumed the responsibility of awakening the students of NJIT from their stupor. Jabeen Reza, an Honors senior majoring in applied physics, and Nabil Adawi, an Honors senior electrical engineering major, formed NJIT's first Amnesty International chapter. Explaining their desire to initiate such an organization, they said, "We've been in NJIT for four years and there has never been anything like this on campus. With wars raging in other countries and third world countries suffering from famine, we thought it was time the students of NJIT began to be more aware of the world's situation."

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. It is a movement with a vision: a vision that one day all people will enjoy all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of human rights. What demarcates this group from other superficially similar organizations is their commitment to action. It is an organization characterized not by its ideals, but by the seamless fusion of its ideals and its dedicated pursuit to

transform such ideals into concrete reality. Amnesty International is a self-governing coalition of individuals who are united in an effort to solidify a vision of a world where everyone and anyone are in full possession of their God-given human rights.

Thus, those strange phrases heard in Kupfrian 118 on October 5<sup>th</sup> were Amnesty International's first step as an organization. A panel discussion was held where two speakers, both very well versed in the field of human rights, proceeded to discuss current and past world situations, where human rights were squandered, and the tragic results thereof. The two speakers were Karima Bennoune, an Associate Professor at Rutgers University School of Law where she teaches international law and human rights, (she served as a legal adviser for Amnesty International in London for four years), and Dr. Anie Kalayjian, who to name only a few of her credentials, is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress and treasurer of the United Nations, and President of the Armenian American Society for Studies on Stress & Genocide. It was an eye-opening factual presentation made all the more powerful by the undercurrent of human emotion that accented the words of the speakers, for human rights and the tragedy resulting when they are cast off, was an issue they had both dealt with very personally. (For more information on the panel discussion, read the coming issue of *The Vector*). Despite the tragic stories they told depicting such scenarios, they spoke of hope and a future where human rights are internationally accepted and revered. It is this future that the NJIT chapter of Amnesty International and chapters across the globe strive to achieve.



## “PASSING THE TORCH MENTOR PROGRAM”

by Radha Yamarthy

The “Passing the Torch Mentor Program” was recently started to provide first-year honors students with the opportunity to network and cultivate relationships with upper-class honors students. This program also enables upperclassmen to gain leadership experience and provide service to the Honors College community. The program has grown and changed in many ways since its launch in September 2004.

Former honors student John Pershouse and the Assistant Dean for Academics for Honors College students, Ms. Shane Williamson created the mentor program. John Pershouse, a May 2004 graduate and the former vice-president of the ADHC Student Council, approached Ms. Williamson and expressed his idea of a mentoring program for first-year students. The two met and discussed their visions and goals for the mentoring program, thus creating the “Passing the Torch Mentor Program.”

When the program was launched in September 2004, mentors were required to have two office hours every week, during which mentees could approach their mentors with problems or concerns they had. Each mentor was required to meet with their mentee two times a month; however, conflicting schedules made this difficult. This year, Ms. Williamson modified the program to make it primarily an e-mentoring relationship.

Mentors are now required to email their mentees twice a month, and must maintain an accurate count of how many times they emailed each mentee as well as how many times they are e-mailed back. Ms. Williamson said, “The mentors and myself realize the benefit of face-to-face interactions, and thus peer mentors must have one in-person contact each month.” The mentees and mentors don’t need to have a formal meeting; it can be something as simple as seeing each other at a colloquium or in the cafeteria.



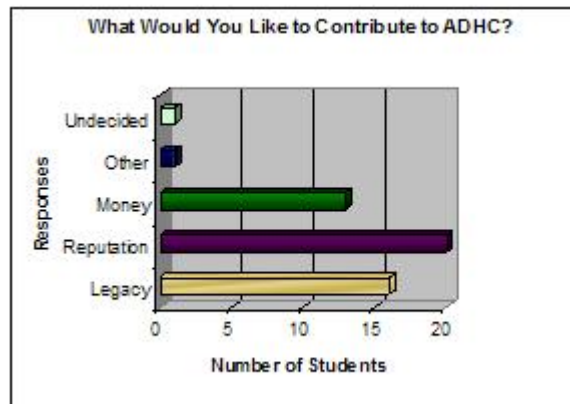
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As a peer mentor, I feel that the “Passing the Torch Mentoring Program” has changed for the better. There were only twenty-five peer mentors last year, and each mentor were responsible for about seven students, making it hard to get to know all of one’s mentees really well. This year there are almost fifty mentors and each mentor has about three students. I feel that mentors can now provide more individualized attention to their mentees’ concerns and issues. I believe that having an e-mentoring program is much more beneficial because most of us check our email all the time and can therefore respond to our mentees quickly.

The peer mentoring program is a valuable asset to the Honors College freshmen. It can help freshmen academically as well as socially if they take advantage of the program and the time they have with their mentors. The transition from high school to college is a very difficult time, but the “Passing the Torch Mentor Program” truly helps alleviate much of the stress associated with accommodating to a whole new environment by providing guidance.

## STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADHC SURVEY

by Eman Rashed



This survey was conducted on an audience of 50 students.

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## FALL 2005 COLLOQUIA SERIES

by Kamal Shah

### **The Challenges Ahead for Pharmaceuticals and the Life Sciences – The State’s Leading Industry**

Wednesday, October 12

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

*Edward J. Ludwig*, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer Becton, Dickinson and Company, and Chairman of the Healthcare Institute of NJ will visit NJIT. The last organization represents the state’s major pharmaceutical and medical technology companies

### **The DARPA Grand Challenge**

Wednesday, October 19

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

*Shamoon Siddiqui*, BS COE 2004 (Honors College), MS COE 2005

Team of students from NJIT is designing a driverless vehicle that will compete in a national race, where it must navigate 175 miles of daunting desert terrain.

### **Honors Trip: The United Nations**

Saturday, October 29

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Students will have a guided tour of the chambers of the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council and the Economic and Social Council, all located in the Conference Building. Students might even get the chance to briefly observe one of the 5,000 official annual meetings held at the UN Headquarters.

Contact Mrs. Hulin for further details.

### **ADHC Board of Visitors Roundtable**

Friday, November 4

8:30 pm – 11:00 am

This annual colloquium provides a great opportunity for students to talk to members of the Honors College Board of Visitors to discuss careers, trends and employment opportunities. It is a great networking experience.

### **Obstacles to Sustainable Development**

Wednesday, November 9

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

*Allen Hershkowitz*, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council

Co-sponsored by the NJIT Speaker Forum.

### **HIV/AIDS in the Middle East: Issues and Solutions**

Monday, November 14

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

*Dr. Sandra Sufian*, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medical Humanities and History at the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine

Dr. Sufian focuses on Middle East Health issues and has founded a global network of researchers on HIV/AIDS in the Middle East and North Africa.

Co-sponsored by the Federated History Department

### **Business Etiquette**

Wednesday, November 16

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

No, don’t pick up those peas with your knife. And no, that plaid does not go with that stripe.

Co-sponsored by the Career Development Services.

### **Honors Night at the Theater**

Thursday, December 1

7:00 pm

THE DIRECTORS’ PROJECT 2005 [Student directed short plays] This theatrical performance consists of student directed short plays and is followed by a discussion with the student directors, coordinated by Tim Raphael. Students must attend both the play and the discussion. Limited to the first 30 students; reserve by e-mailing Mrs. Hulin by Nov 29.

### **The BS/MS Program at NJIT Cosponsored with the Graduate School**

Monday, December 5

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

The BS/MS program allows you to take two (for some programs up to four) graduate courses as an undergrad and have them count for the undergraduate and graduate degree at NJIT. This enables rapid completion of a graduate degree within only one or two semesters after completion of the undergraduate degree.

For more information, please visit: [http://honors.njit.edu/news/colloquium/colloq\\_05f.php](http://honors.njit.edu/news/colloquium/colloq_05f.php)

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## HONORS COLLEGE DATE AUCTION

by Cindy Osorio

Going once, going twice, sold! These will be the words heard by the NJIT community on November 30<sup>th</sup> when the Honors College conducts its sixth annual date auction. Rumor has it that after so many NJIT students complained about the male-to-female ratio in the school, a couple of ingenious students came up with a wonderful idea for an event that would be both fun and charitable to alleviate this issue. The concept was that a group of guys and girls would come together in front of an audience and would be individually auctioned. Then, the Honors College would donate the proceeds to a charitable cause. For the past few years the Honors College has been able to donate a sum of more than \$4,000 to non-profit organizations including the Smile Train, Peter Ho Memorial Clinic, and St. Michael's Hospital.

This year, the date auction proceeds will go to the Katrina Relief Fund. We have all seen the heartrending images of suffering families who have literally lost everything after Hurricane Katrina hit southeastern US.

Jason Schooling, Chariman of the Social Committee and a Civil Engineer major, has been hosting the Date Auction for the past two years and is very excited about this one. The event will take place in the Atrium of the Campus Center, starting at 3:00 pm and ending when there are no more people to be auctioned. There will also be an after party with DJ Nick Nagy from the Honors College, in which the highest bidders will have dates with their "prizes." The bidding will start at \$5, with guys usually ranging from \$5-\$10 and girls averaging about \$40. In 2001, the Editor-in Chief of that time, Lisa Kardos, was taken for \$340!

The date auction is just one example of the outstanding job the Honors College Social Committee has done to help raise money for charitable causes, while providing students with entertaining and unforgettable experiences.



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