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Student Work: Geology Field Trip

Professor Renee Faatz recently took her Geology 1010 and Honors Geology classes to visit Capitol Reef, which is a National

Old Uranium mine



Park two hours south of Ephraim. She was able to take 42 students, 4 of which were honors program members. They

were able to see, first hand, petrified wood, deep canyons, sand dunes, old uranium mines, folded rocks, and clam fossils. At one point the students were able to see a huge

dinosaur fossil protruding from the side of the rocks. They were taught that if you lick the bone, your tongue will slightly stick to it, and that's how you can tell it is a fossil.

So, they all took turns licking the dinosaur fossil! They also had the chance to walk through a field in search of fossils to collect. All in all, they were able to combine education and fun into one amazing trip.



Licking the Fossil

Student Work: Service

For the first time in several years, honors program has sponsored a service project in the community. Kailey Madsen and Caitlin Thomas organized this awesome activity. At the end of October, there was a Halloween carnival at the elementary school. Honors students were among the Snow students who signed up for shifts to go help run activities for the children. There were games that you could purchase tickets to play. The children were also able to enjoy cotton candy and face painting. In addition to staffing these activities, the honors program members also helped set up and then clean up. The carnival was a success, and everyone had a wonderful time. This is the first of many service projects.

Faculty Focus: Dr. Paul Gardner

Two Honors Classes, Two Important World Issues

By Paul A. Gardner, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

The Earth is filled with the wonder and the beauty of life. It is also filled with pathogens, parasites, and predators whose way of life can be brutal. What can explain this mix of wonder and suffering?

Evolution is the scientific answer. It plays a hugely important role in such fields of study as public health, medicine, ecosystem management, and psychology. It is one of the most important ideas in the world today.

Theodosius Dobzhansky, one of the contributors to modern evolutionary theory wrote that:

“Seen in the light of evolution, biology is, perhaps, intellectually the most satisfying and inspiring science. Without that light, it becomes a pile of sundry facts some of them interesting or curious, but making no meaningful picture as a whole.”

“Nothing in biology makes sense, except in the light of evolution.”

(Dobzhansky, 1973, "Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except In The Light of Evolution", *Am. Biol. Teacher* 25:125- 129)

Evolution is the central theme of biology. It is also the central theme of the honors biology class. The class is in the form of a seminar. Students read from a

wide variety of sources on evolutionary topics ranging biodiversity to diabetes to theology.

They

also

consider climate change, another important topic. This topic is also the subject of another honors class. A team of teachers from backgrounds that include biology, geology, sociology, literature, communications, and economics will lead the class through its investigation of this issue. Guest speakers from off campus will also join the class.

Students and teachers in both of these classes learn not only from their reading, but from engaging, energetic discussion.

Please consider joining us for one or both of these classes (BIOL 2100 and HONR 2850) during the spring semester 2013.



Helps and Hints: Prezi

In the life of a student, not all assignments are created equal. Worksheets mean busy work. Papers entail long nights and many drafts. Group projects involve lengthy group meetings, half planned procedures and eventually, a huge work load placed on one person. But presentations are arguably the worst of all. You spend hours researching your subject. You practice your part over and over. You find countless pictures and graphs to prove your point. However, technology has a mind of its own. Too many creative and well prepared presentations meet their end at the hands of Power Point. Since the sixth grade, we have been subjected to the same layouts, transitions, and animations that appear in a Power Point presentation. It's time for change! It's time to be artistic and innovative! It's time for Prezi!

Prezi offers a wide variety of options perfect for any type of

presentation. You can take advantage of their creative layouts and organizers, or you can choose a 3D background for your hard-earned research. You can customize how your presentation will progress with a click of a button. You can zoom in and zoom out easily to reveal hidden text. You can search the web for and import any type of media within creative process.

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Talent Corner

One of the Honors Program members, LoriAnne Poulsen, has been doing great work in the drama department! She was in *"To Kill A Mockingbird"* and the beginning of the semester and now is acting in *"The Forgotten Carols"* which is showing Nov. 29th through Dec 1st. *"The Forgotten Carols,"* is a play based on a book and music by Michael Mclean. This play is about a woman who is closed off and bitter

especially during the Christmas season. She is asked to care for an old man afflicted with dementia. He claims to have been alive from the time of Jesus and knows many people who tell him of the birth of Christ. There are many carols that are not as well known such as the innkeeper expressing his grief for not accepting Mary and Joseph into his inn. She will be playing the police woman.

Honors Announcements:

- **Scholarships.** In the coming weeks, the honors program will be accepting applications for several types of scholarships. We will have some \$250 scholarships for first-year honors students, \$700 scholarships for members of next year's Honors Leadership Team, and a two-year scholarship at the University of Utah. Additionally, Southern Utah University has housing scholarship money for Snow honors students who want to transfer after graduation. Watch your email for details.
- **Newsletter Naming Contest.** Adriann Peterson, a second-year honors student, has won the contest to name this newsletter. She wins a book, a candy bar, and everlasting fame.
- **Moving On?** If you are leaving Snow College for medical, military, or church reasons, let us know. We would like to keep our honors program records up to date. Additionally, if you would like to defer honors scholarships or membership, we'd be happy to make arrangements. Send your updates to David Allred (david.allred@snow.edu).
- **Spring Honors Events.** We are beginning to plan honors events for spring semester. Watch for details on an on-campus event in January. We would also like to invite any member of the Snow faculty to join us for a pizza event next semester. He or she would talk about a favorite book, educational experience, or academic interest. Send your nominations to David Allred (david.allred@snow.edu).
- **WE HAVE SPACE FOR SUBMISSIONS!!** If you would like to submit a work to the newsletter, e-mail Snownews12@gmail.com. You could be published!!
- **Art Contest.** You may have seen flyers for the art contest the honors program is sponsoring this semester. Any Snow College student can enter and submissions are due December 5th in Professor Allred's office. Consider entering and tell your friends!

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