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## PARK PROFESSOR PASSES

Longtime professor of Political Science and founder of the Hauptmann School for Public Affairs, Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann passed away in late January. He was 87.

Dr. Hauptmann had a long and exceptional career. Emigrating to the United States in 1950, he began teaching at Park College in 1951.

During his time at Park he also had academic appointments to the National War College and,

as a Fulbright Scholar, to the University of Nurnberg. He was also a fre-



quent lecturer at the Federal Government's Office of Public Management seminars.

Dr. Hauptmann was a

founding member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and was a life-long active member. Dr. Hauptmann created and edited the *Midwest Review of Public Administration*.

He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends.

A memorial is being planned for a later date.

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## PI SIGMA ALPHA 2007 INDUCTION

Park University's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honor society, inducted four new members during a December 2007 ceremony: Javier Centozio, a junior Political Science major; Rachel

Gordy, a junior Legal Studies major; Jacy Jensen, a senior Public Administration major; and Sarah Molina a senior Social Work major.

In order to be eligible for Pi Sigma Alpha, students

must have attained junior-level standing, completed a minimum of nine hours in Political Science, and be in the top one-third of their class.



From left to right: Jacy Jensen, Sarah Molina, Javier Centozio, Rachel Gordy

## DR. RON BRECKE LEADS READING OF THE NAMES

In honor and recognition of their ultimate sacrifice, Park University faculty publicly read aloud the names of the American service personnel who had died in Afghanistan and Iraq through March of 2007.

The reading began at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the entrance to the Academic Underground at the Parkville Campus. The event concluded at 3:00 p.m. with the playing of

Taps.

Led by Ronald F. Brecke, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, each volunteer faculty member recited the more than 3,200 names in 15 minute intervals.

“This presentation was in keeping with Park’s ‘work and faith’ tradition as well as with the University’s close association with the United States Military and its opera-

tions throughout the world,” said Brecke.

“The reading was not associated with any kind of protest or demonstration. It was a recitation of the names of those who have faithfully given their lives in the United States military.”



## MOCK PRIMARY ELECTION



The long anticipated 2008 Presidential Primary came early to Park University’s Parkville campus.

Under a project started by President Javier Centonzio, the Political Science club conducted its first mock primary election.

President Centonzio stated that this initiative hoped, “to gauge the level of participation in voting on campus.”

The election was performed in the Thompson Building on Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1, 2008, between the hours of 11am and 2pm. Despite the

short polling period, turnout for the event was good.

Participants, made up of members of the Park student body, responded with 142 ballots resulting in the following returns.

## PARK MOCK PRIMARY RESULTS

**Democrats** (98 total votes or 69% of all ballots cast)

Obama: 80 votes (82%)

Clinton: 18 votes (18%)

**Republicans** (41 total votes or 29% of all ballots cast)

McCain: 13 votes (32%)

Huckabee: 12 votes (29%)

Paul: 11 votes (27%)

Romney: 5 votes (12%)

In addition, there were 3 write-in votes which constituted approximately 2% of the electorate. The Park University Political Science Club would like to thank

the following volunteers for their assistance: Javier Centonzio, Rachel Gordy, Darrin Manna, Sarah Molina, and Libby Walker, as well as all those who participated.



## POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR SPOTLIGHT: CRISPIN REA

Crispin Rea, a senior Political Science major at Park University, is currently working as a full-time assistant to Kansas City Mayor, Mark Funkhouser. Rea volunteered on Funkhouser's mayoral campaign last year and impressed Funkhouser enough that he hired Rea full-time when he took office in May 2007.

Currently, Rea's areas of focus include: Youth Development, Hispanic Affairs,

Neighborhood Advocacy and Communications. He also schedules town hall meetings and forums, helps prepare speeches and assists in organizing press conferences.

There are several projects on which he is currently working. Mayor Funkhouser has asked Rea to prepare a proposal for a Kansas City Office of Immigrant Affairs. "This proposal will include the input and advice of many

community stake holders," Rea said.

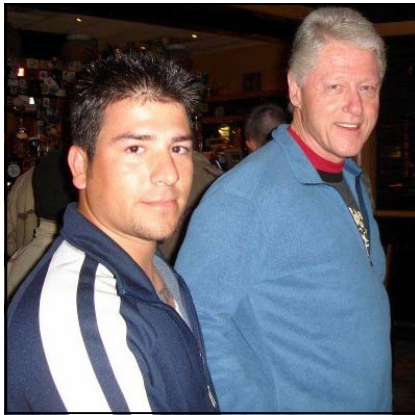
Rea also is working on the development of a Youth Master Plan. "This plan would identify gaps in services and opportunities to streamline programming regarding youth," according to Rea. "It also would provide recommendations and goals to guide how the city develops youth programs and services in the future."

"My senior year has been exciting and busy to say the least" Rea said. "Applying what I have learned working in the Mayor's Office to what I have learned and studied in class has been extremely beneficial. After graduating in May I will pursue my MPA while continuing to work for the Mayor.

My four years at Park have been incredible and have prepared me for the work I

## PARK STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Javier Centonzo grew up in the Kansas City Area, and joined the Marine Corps at age 18 in 1999. He was released from active duty in 2004, and began working for Union Pacific Railroad as a Locomotive Engineer. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard in



2004. In 2005, Javier's unit was deployed to Iraq. Javier is quoted as stating, "I had the honor of serving in combat, and the privilege of serving with some great men that made the ultimate sacrifice for their country." Upon his return, Javier decided to begin pursuing his undergraduate degree at Park University.

*Personal goals: "My desire is to do everything I can to honor those that have fallen. I want to go on to Law School and get involved with Family Law and advocacy work for children that need help."*

## STUDENT AND FACULTY NEWS

Eight students as well as Drs. Pasley and Brecke went to Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, for the annual undergraduate conference in March, 2007.

Billy Williams presented a paper on "The Role of State Demographics in 04: Red

State, Blue State".

Dr. Ron Brecke and undergraduate Jacy Jensen had their article "Cooperative Learning, Responsibility, Ambiguity, Controversy and Support in Motivating Students" published in *Insight*, a journal on teaching and learning.

Dr. James Pasley presented "Selling Sovereignty in the South Pacific" at the 2007 International Applied Business Research Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. James Pasley served as a Mock Congressional hearings judge for Park Hill elementary school stu-

dents.

Drs. Brecke and Pasley served as panelists for the Phi Alpha Theta Midwest Regional Conference in March 2007.

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## NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Political Science curriculum at Park University has undergone some recent changes. With the addition of new faculty member Dr. James Pasley last year, the Political Science major was able to expand its offerings to include new classes in the area of International Politics. As a result, the Political Science major now permits students the opportunity to focus their studies in one of two concentrations: American Politics or International Politics. The core curriculum also has been expanded so that students will take an introductory course in each of the four main subfields of Political Science: American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Philosophy.

Additionally, the following new courses have been created: Congress and the Presidency, International Organizations, Politics of the Developing World, and War and Terrorism. The new program will go into effect beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year.

Requirements for:

B.A. MAJOR – 36 Hours, 2.0 GPA

I. Required Core Courses (18 hours)

PO 200 American National Government

PO 210 Comparative Political Systems

PO 216 International Relations

PO 220 History of Political Philosophy

PO 405 Senior Thesis

PO 450 Internship

II. 9 hours in student's concentration, plus 3 hours in the other area (12 hours):

Concentration A: American Politics

PO 201 State and Local Government

PO 304 Constitutional Law

PO 310 Parties and Elections

PO 323 Congress and the Presidency

PO 340 Public Policy

Concentration B: International Politics

PO 221 Political Ideologies

PO 320 American Foreign Policy

PO 338 Politics of the Developing World

PO 345 International Organizations

PO 344 War and Terrorism

III. Electives (6 hours)



PO 100 American Politics and Citizenship

PO 202 Introduction to Law

PO 329 Law School and LSAT Preparation

PO 330 Public Administration

PO 350 Special Topics in Political Science

**Senior Examination:** A student must pass a four to six hour written comprehensive examination in Political Science.

Requirements for:

MINOR – 18 hours, 2.0 GPA

PO 100, PO 200, PO 210, plus 9 additional hours in Political Science.

**Senior Examination:** A student must pass a one to one and a half hour written comprehensive examination in Political Science.