

Here's to a GREAT Spring 2001

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Attention Seniors Graduating in May 2001

English 210 & 301 (Tech Writing)
Force Date

Tuesday, January 16
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

1. Make sure you have the correct prerequisite (English 104 or equivalent).
2. Come to Blocker 224 during the force dates and times listed above.
3. Bring a letter on department stationary from your academic advisor stating that you are graduating in the semester for which you are registering.

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News in Brief Two escape from Oklahoma prison

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Two inmates, one of whom raped and murdered his 81-year-old neighbor, broke out of a maximum-security prison Monday by removing the toilets in their cells, crawling through an air duct and scaling two fences topped with razor wire.

James Robert Thomas, 25, and Willie Lee Hoffman, 21, were discovered missing from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary about 5 a.m., said Jerry Massie, a spokesman for the Corrections Department. A third inmate also tried to escape but got caught in the wire.

It was the first escape from the high-security area of the prison known as H Unit, which opened in 1991, Massie said.

Thomas was convicted in the 1993 slaying of a woman who had hired him to mow her lawn. He was sentenced to life without parole and 400 years for rape. Hoffman was serving 20 years for kidnapping and other charges.

The inmates apparently removed toilets from the back of their cells, which gave them access to a maintenance crawl space, prison spokeswoman Lee Mann said.

Authorities said the inmates are suspected of stealing a car in the McAlester area for their getaway.

TV executives prepare for possible actor, writer strike

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Television executives are hard at work on two schedules for their networks later this year — one they hope to use and another they fear they will have to.

If a looming strike by actors and writers becomes reality, TV viewers can expect a lot of game shows, "Survivor" knockoffs and marginal series, and less of the fictional characters they have grown to love.

"We've had strike-planning meetings on a bimonthly basis for about 10 months now," said Scott Sassa, NBC West Coast president. "And I hope that those plans are for naught."

Too many people have talked about the strike as an inevitability to be confident Sassa's wish will come true. The Writers Guild of America contract, which covers 11,000 writers, expires May 1. Contracts covering 135,000 actors expire on July 1. Walkouts would virtually shut down the TV and movie industries.

A 22-week strike in 1988 cost the industries millions of dollars and delayed the start of the fall television season.

In the contingency plans, non-fiction programming plays a big part. "Everybody has a lot more reality in development, which is not

union-dependent," said Leslie Moonves, CBS Television president.

CBS has already scheduled its third "Survivor" installment for next fall. Bet on "Big Brother" coming back if there is a strike, despite its lukewarm reception last summer. NBC has signed the first "Survivor" winner, Richard Hatch, to be host of an American version of a popular British game show, "The Weakest Link."

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"The Cube," a series where 10 strangers are locked in a room with 24 hours to figure out what they have in common, is due from the WB, along with "Kiss the Bride," which films real-life wedding proposals.

A game show starring Paul "Pee-Wee" Reubens called "You Don't Know Jack!" is being prepared by ABC. Because "Who Wants to Be a

Millionaire" already airs four times a week and could be shown more often, ABC may be in a more enviable position than its rivals.

"We're not looking to just throw something up on our airwaves that we don't believe in," said Lisa Braun, ABC entertainment chief.

ABC has also bought the rights to 13 classic James Bond movies that could air next fall in the event of a strike. Overall, movies on TV, which have faded in popularity in recent years — could become more prevalent.

Expect more newsmagazines, news specials, too. "There will definitely be more of a news presence prime-time," Moonves said.

The WB has already ordered episodes of four entertainment series for the fall that will be prepared before the strike deadline, including the running comedies "For Your Love" and "The Steve Harvey Show."

For actors, the payoff for the strike work is a guarantee their show will be around for another season.

"While no one wants to see a strike happen, we have taken some steps to ensure that we are ready for the fall with original episodes that will take us through the first of the year," said Susanne Daniels, the entertainment president.

Clinton sends message of racial unity to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, President Clinton said Monday that his wish as he leaves the White House is for an America where the quest for common humanity outweighs racial, ethnic and cultural differences among citizens.

"If I could leave America with one wish as I depart office, it would be that we become more the 'One America' that we know we ought to be," Clinton told a crowd of about 900 at the University of the District of Columbia.

Clinton also referred to a message he sent to Congress over the weekend that calls for improvements to the criminal justice system, restoring voting rights for people who complete their prison sentences, and a national election commission, led by former Presidents Ford and Carter, that would review balloting problems that surfaced in the past presidential election.

Earlier, Clinton, who signed the King Holiday and

Service Act in 1994, establishing the day as a national day of service, went to a local senior center where he painted a pillar and told reporters he hoped his successor's commitment to civil rights is not marked by partisanship.

Minority citizens in America still face problems that must be addressed by the next administration, Clinton said as he rolled pumpkin-colored paint with Americorps workers at the Greenleaf Senior Center.

"I hope it will be a commitment that goes way beyond party," Clinton said. The president also told reporters that he is considering clemency for several people who have completed their sentences and want their voting rights restored.

He called on Congress to pass legislation similar to that in Arkansas that automatically restores voting

rights after people have served their sentences.

"It would seem to me most American people agree that when you pay your debt to society and become law-abiding citizens," that voting rights should be restored, he said. "I would

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really like to see it done. I think there's a lot of bipartisan interest in it."

On Sunday, Clinton sent to Congress his recommendations for improving race relations in the United States.

In his message to law-

makers, Clinton called for an end to the "intolerable practice" of racial profiling.

He also said Election Day should be declared a national holiday and recommended the incoming Bush administration appoint a nonpartisan presidential commission on election reform.

"If ever there was a doubt about the importance of exercising the most fundamental right of citizenship, it was clearly answered by the first presidential election of the 21st century," Clinton said.

President-elect Bush will be sworn in Saturday to succeed Clinton after winning the closest presidential

race in recent history. Some minority voters, especially in Florida, where the outcome of the election was ultimately decided, said they were intimidated or even blocked from voting when they went to the polls on Election Day.

"Too many people that the votes they cast not counted and some that there were organized efforts to keep them from polls," Clinton said.

In his message, Clinton called on Congress to pass a wide range of social legislation including raising the minimum wage, making child care available and proving health care for young parents.

Civil-rights laws should be vigorously enforced and all forms of discrimination, Clinton said, and recommended that the Congress and the Bush administration pass legislation to fight crimes.

Clinton also said Americans have an obligation to ensure that the death penalty is fairly administered.

He said Congress should pass and Bush should sign legislation to give death prisoners greater access to DNA testing and make sure they are represented by competent lawyers.

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Biofeedback Workshop

Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 PM
One-session workshops that give an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation is available.
Facilitator: Steve Wilson

Conflict & Loss in Relationships Group

Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 PM
This group is for students who are currently or have previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of a meaningful relationship.
Facilitators: Brian Williams & Lynelle Ragland

Interpersonal Growth & Exploration Group

Mondays (Group 1) 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Tuesdays (Group 2) 5:00 - 6:30 PM

This psychotherapy group is for students who desire to live more authentically with themselves and relate more genuinely with others. Group members will be helped to explore self-limiting life patterns and share themselves with others through honest self-disclosure in a safe, supportive atmosphere.
Facilitators: Ron Lutz & Sarah Haley (Group 1)
Ron Lutz & Tom Burdinski (Group 2)

Anxiety Group

Tuesday 3:15 - 4:45 PM
An interpersonal group for students who suffer from general or social anxieties. Students will be able to work on the impact of anxieties in their lives, as well as explore the interpersonal meanings of anxiety symptoms. It is not a behaviorally oriented group, and thus, probably will not be as helpful for more restricted anxieties (i.e. single or simple phobias) or obsessive compulsive disorder.
Facilitators: Steve Wilson & Nancy Stebbins

Multicultural Issues & Relationships Group

Tuesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM
The purpose of this group is to increase awareness of multicultural issues and improve communication and self-confidence when dealing with multicultural relationships. Group topics may include, but are not limited to, cultural shock; cultural, religious, and social differences; and bi-cultural/multicultural relationship issues. This group is open to all students.
Facilitators: Gisela Lin & Amanda Samson

SPRING 2001 GROUPS

Grief and Loss Group

Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:30 PM
This group, for 4-8 people, is for those who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives and will focus on issues related to the grief process.
Facilitators: Mary Ann Covey & Cindy Peveto

Women's Issues Group

Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Come together with other women and work on becoming the woman you've always wanted to be. Improve your self-confidence, assertiveness, and relationships by sharing and processing with other women with similar issues.
Facilitators: Nancy Welch & Sarah Haley

Older Than Traditional Age Group

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 PM
This group addresses concerns that differ from those of the traditional undergraduate student. Potential topics are marriage, divorce, office politics, committee chairpersons, dissertation projects, and dealing with children or partners.
Facilitators: Robert Carter & Debbie Rabinowitz

Dissertation/Thesis Support Group

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM
This group is for graduate students who are struggling with the process of writing a thesis or dissertation. Group topics include issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goal-setting, and bureaucratic struggles.
Facilitators: Brian Williams & Debbie Rabinowitz

Non-Traditional Women's Group

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM
This therapy group for women 23+ allows each member to enter the group with her own unique issues and share, process and problem solve within a group context. This group can help individuals who are wanting to develop healthier ways of dealing with the stress of school and work, relationships, personal problems and family issues. When we begin to talk more honestly with others, we can often find new ways to deal with the problems we face.
Facilitators: Amanda Samson & Cindy Peveto

Career Exploration Group

Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM
This is a 4-week group beginning on April 4, 2001. It is designed to teach participants how to make decisions. Group participants will identify their interests, skills, work values and personality characteristics; research the job market and occupation. An initial appointment with a career counselor is required.
Facilitator: Michelle Amerson

Art of Socializing Group

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:30 PM
A group for men and women who would like to gain comfort in social situations, as well as learn additional communication skills. Students will be asked to identify their barriers to mastering either personal or professional socializing.
Facilitators: Amanda Samson & Lynelle Ragland

Academics Anonymous

Thursdays 3:45 - 5:15 PM
This is a 9-week group beginning on Feb. 22, 2001. It is designed to help students who are motivated to improve their grades, but lack consistency in their efforts. Participants will share helpful study tips with each other. Potential topics include overcoming procrastination, maintaining focus, balancing study and fun, improving academic confidence, studying smarter rather than harder, managing stress, and acing exams.
Facilitators: Betty Milburn & Patti Collins

Eating Concerns & Body Image Issues Group

Fridays 1:30 - 3:00 PM
The purpose of this group is to increase insight about eating problems and make progress toward recovery. Group topics may include daily eating and exercise behaviors, dealing with others about food issues, developing trusting relationships, expressing feelings, and managing stress. A PHYSICIAN'S RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR GROUP PARTICIPATION.
Facilitators: Mary Ann Covey & Theresa Sharpe

Empowering Yourself Group

Fridays 1:30 - 3:00 PM
A group for women and men with sexual molestation in their pasts. Identifying and exploring aftereffects of abuse will be the focus. Dealing with relationships, building self-esteem, and gaining power are emphasized.
Facilitators: Robert Carter & Nancy Welch

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