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Honors Student Profile

An interview with Spury Surapaneni

By Eric Gamboa

Continuing our tradition of recognizing Honors students who have exhibited a deep commitment to their personal passions and to helping the community, The Honors Outlook has spotlighted Spury Surapaneni for this week’s issue. Spury is a fourth-year psychology major whose time is currently divided by the graduate school application process, the Student Homeless Aid Relief Project (S.H.A.R.P.), classes, research and University Honors.

Spury currently serves as the president of S.H.A.R.P., a community service initiative that prepares sacked lunches, hygiene kits, cat food and dog food for homeless individuals and their pets. In an interview with The Honors Outlook, Spury elaborated on her inspiration to lead the project, stating that “it stemmed from living in India and Africa, and seeing poverty so transparent. I think that to do something and get involved was always there...It’s a quick and convenient way for a lot of students to do it because you spend an hour packaging and an hour distributing but you’re making a huge impact.”

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Honors Tips

Commuter Edition.

• After 4:00 pm (Monday–Friday) and on the weekends, your parking permits are valid in all lots and non-24 hour enforced parking areas (except Lots 4, 19, and 20).

• There is free parking available at the University Village (UV) parking structure levels 2 and 3 for classes in the UV Theatre.

• Check out the UCR TAPS Twitter/Facebook page to find updates on available parking spaces in any UCR Lot.

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The First Meeting of the “Foodies Club”

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GAME NIGHT REVIEW

A new sensation has swept the Honors community these past two weeks: Game Night! Whether you fancy strategy, card or sheer luck games, Game Night (hosted by the Social Committee) at the Honors office is the place to be on Tuesday nights. While the inaugural Game Night had approximately 10 students in attendance, the second week had nearly double that amount!

The Western-themed card game “Bang!” has become a popular way to start game night sessions. “Bang!” is a more complex and strategic version of Mafia that enables players to assume the identity of an Old Western character whose goals they must accomplish. Other game staples include Wits and Wagers along with Taboo for larger groups. A personal favorite among attendees has been the Settlers of Catan, a game of strategy and resource monopolizing. Though time consuming, Settlers of Catan is a great game to play with friends and will hopefully be seen every Tuesday. Game Night organizers are always willing to teach newcomers how to play any games that might seem cryptic and students are welcome to come and go as they please. Game Night usually lasts several hours so you can join in on the fun any time.

For those who’d like to join in on the epicurean feast, the Foodies Club meets every other Monday and is dedicated to introducing new and continuing students to different restaurants around the Riverside area. There is no end time to these events so as long as you have a ride back to campus (or wherever you need to be), feel free to stay as late as you like. Foodies Club can become your new way of getting dinner every other Monday, and Honors hopes many others will join in on the food and merriment. The next Foodies Club meeting will be on Monday (10/24) and students will meet in the Honors office at 5 p.m. Please visit the calendar of events on the Honors website for more information about which restaurant the club will be attending next.

By Aaron Toop

INTERVIEW WITH SPURTY FROM 1...

Spurty’s experience reminds us that students should always strive to give back to their community. Whether it is through S.H.A.R.P., Josh and Friends, Feel Good or any other campus organization supporting charitable causes, Honors students have a wide variety of avenues to begin giving back to their community. Given that the quarter has just begun, students should definitely consider attending meetings and engaging in activities that promote a greater good. For some individuals, as was the case with Spurty, this commitment to helping others can foster a career goal or even a life pursuit.
Honors Calendar

**Friday, October 21st**
Is Prophecy Proof?
Honors Confrence Room
11:00 am - 12 noon

**Monday, October 24th**
Foodie Club
Featuring Portillo's Hot Dog
Meet at the Honors Office
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 25th**
Weekly Game Night
Meet at the Honors Office
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner with the Professor
Lothian Dining Hall
4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, October 26th**
Informal Office Hours with Dr. Parker
Pentland A Building
10:00 pm - 12:00 am

**Monday, October 31th**
TED.com Talk
Honors Confrence Room
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, November 1st**
Weekly Game Night
Meet at the Honors Office
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner with the Professor
Lothian Dining Hall
4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

For further details check honors.ucr.edu

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HONORS HIKE TO THE “C”

Last week, a new class of Honors freshmen took part in what has become a time-honored rite of passage for UC Riverside students. Ever since its installation in 1955, the emblematic C on the western slopes of the Box Spring Mountain has tested the mettle of Highlanders seeking to reach the top. On October 8th, a few more Honors students joined the ranks of these adventurous students on a hike organized by the Honors Social Committee.

The day began at 9:00 a.m. in the Lothian lobby where students met to begin their long trek up the mountain. To many, the prospect of reaching the C seems at best daunting, but the Honors students involved in this particular venture soldiered on and, in the end, wound up having an excellent time in the process.

Ming Cai, one of the event’s primary organizers, said of the journey, “I think it’s important because again, its fun to just relax and hang out with your friends, and it is also cool to kiss that C to get them straight A’s.” That’s right—students who took part in last week’s hike won much more than just the opportunity to bond with their Honors comrades; they also won a fair shot at better grades this quarter. Who knew?

In addition, the hike to the C offers all UC Riverside students a chance to engage in an activity that is truly unique to our campus. Cai remarked, “I thought this hike was a good experience because it exposes first year students to something that only UCR has.” True, UC Riverside is not the only campus in the UC system that has a golden C, but it is the only one that UC Riverside students have been hiking to for more than 50 years.

In the end, last week’s hike to the C, like every hike before it, was about making an effort to become a part of the UC Riverside community—a group whose distinguished members have been making the same climb that Honors made last week for generations. We can only hope the tradition carries on for many more.

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By Townsend Gallinger-Scholz

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Halloween Social
Pentland Hills: Bear Cave
8:00 pm - 12:00 midnight