



TRIO TRIBUNE

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Notice:

We are trying a new format for our newsletter. Since the newsletter is sent electronically to students and interested others, we are trying an e-newsletter format. It is easier to read and scroll down, however, it is not as conducive to printing as former newsletters. Please let us know what you think. Send your comments to Carla.

A New Year; A New Beginning by Carla Coates

Welcome back TRIO students! The new spring 2006 semester has begun and we are glad to see you back on campus. Our new accommodations have been well received by both students and staff. Students enjoy the added space and the "quieter" atmosphere to study. If you haven't had the chance to see our new office space, stop in and see us. We are located in Bremer Hall 120 (formally the testing area).

- John and Carla are now taking appointments to update Student Education Plans (SEP). As a reminder, SEP's need to be updated at the beginning of each semester.
- Michelle and Darrell are now taking appointments and walk-ins to assist with reading, writing, and math assignments.
- Ruben is now taking tutor request applications and matching students with peer tutors.
- The computer lab is fully operational and busy with students.

National TRIO Day Open House

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL TRIO DAY FEATURING THE EXPANSION OF THE TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES LEARNING CENTER AT HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006
9-NOON**

OPENING CEREMONY 9:15 A.M.

**HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BREMER HALL ROOM 120**

RSVP (319) 296-2320 x. 1803

TRIO STUDENTS—Wear your TRIO attire to help celebrate the occasion!

EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR

QUALIFYING HAWKEYE STUDENTS by Carla Coates

Are you having transportation problems that are affecting your ability to get back and forth to your classes? If so, there may be help available for you. In the event of an EMERGENCY, funds exist to help you with gas vouchers, bus tickets, vehicle repairs, etc. There are also funds available to help with EMERGENCY child care needs. Eligibility criteria exist to secure these funds. Please see John or Carla for more information and a referral.

NOTICE: These funds are only available in the event of an EMERGENCY. An EMERGENCY means there are no other alternatives for you.

FREE Tax Assistance

The IRS is offering FREE tax services to taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less.

For further information, go to the IRS web page click on "Check Out Free File" and follow the directions from there.

Thank you Randy Werning, Trio Student, for bringing this to our attention!



TRIO Peer-tutoring Services by Ruben Carrion

The TRIO Student Support Services coordinates a pool of peer tutors for almost any subject of study that TRIO participants are taking at Hawkeye Community College.

So, how do I get peer tutor for my Accounting class?

The first step in the process is to visit with your respective TRIO advisor, John or Carla, or the peer tutor coordinator, Ruben, who will assist you in completing the "Peer tutor Request Form" available in Bremer 120. The

earlier you submit your request, the sooner you will be matched with a peer tutor who has successfully completed the course and is competent in the subject.

Once a peer tutor has been identified and can coordinate his/her schedule with yours, you are expected to regularly meet with your peer tutor. The tutoring sessions can vary from 40 minutes to two hours per session and depending on the availability of time you could meet several times during the week during the entire semester. Much of the learning that occurs during these sessions seem to focus on the review of learning strategies such as taking notes, researching information for assignments, and taking the test or exam. The peer tutor may suggest effective study patterns to you but it is ultimately your decision as to what will work for you. The fact that the tutor was successful at completing the course, suggests that the learning strategies they used are effective and worth considering. However, your investment of time and effort will always pay off especially when you are reviewing the material with a competent tutor.

So, stop by the TRIO Student Support Services Learning Center and visit with us. In addition to matching you with a tutor, we offer a variety of learning resources such as short videos and handouts featuring effective learning strategies, and individualized instructional assistance sessions to help you develop learning skills for academic success.

The TRIO Student Support Services Program also seeks competent peer tutors. In the past, many of our TRIO participants have taken the opportunity to play the role of tutor and help their fellow students. The requirements to be a tutor include a letter grade of a B or better in the course/subject, a recommendation from the instructor who taught the course, and a flexible schedule to coordinate days/times for tutoring sessions. A tutor can earn up to \$6.25 per hour and work up to 20 hours per week.

TRIO Scholarships by Carla Coates

What would you do with \$400 to \$700? Have you applied for your TRIO scholarship yet? TRIO still has scholarship money available and is eager to

disburse it to TRIO students meeting the eligibility criteria.

- ✓ Meet with John or Carla to update your Student Education Plan (SEP)
- ✓ Complete the MAPP assessment or the Insight Personality Workshop
- ✓ Complete two (2) student success workshops **OR** one (1) student success workshop and one (1) cultural activity
- ✓ Be a Pell grant recipient
- ✓ Have a 2.3 GPA or better

If you have met the above criteria, pick up a scholarship application TODAY, write your personal essay, and get a letter of recommendation. It is THAT easy!

Transfer News by John Von Tersch



Salim Jusufovic at UNI



Joy Thorson—UNI Admissions & Salim



Nick Sullivan—UNI TRIO & Salim



Tim Meester at U of I



Amy Fagerberg—U of I TRIO & Tim

January has been a busy time for TRiO students moving on to four-year colleges and universities. Two students, Tim Meester and Salim Jusufovic, accompanied by TRiO transfer advisor John Von Tersch, attended orientation/registration sessions earlier this month at the University of Iowa and UNI respectively, where each enrolled in classes for the spring semester. Both students also met with TRiO-SSS staff at their new schools and intend to be active members in their programs.

Tim will be a Cinema major, while Salim plans to major in Accounting. John was able to guide each through the registration maze, and despite the later date, both students were generally pleased with the course schedules they were able to put together. Tim joins two other former Hawkeye TRiO students, Jenn Olmstead and Emmanuel Taylor, at the University of Iowa, and Salim becomes part of a large group of Hawkeye TRiO alums now attending UNI.

Planning to transfer soon? If so, consider making a visit to your new school. The Hawkeye TriO staff has a campus visit to UNI planned for Monday, January 30;

Upper Iowa, Waterloo Center for Friday, February 10; the University of Iowa on Friday, February 24; and Iowa State for Friday, March 24. Individual campus tours can also be arranged. All visits are free of charge to TRiO participants and are fully escorted by staff. See John or Carla for additional information.

Transfer Deadlines ...

See John if you are planning to transfer to a four-year school at the end of the current semester. Deadlines for admissions applications, transfer scholarships, and on-campus housing can pass quickly during the course of a busy semester. Missing important deadlines can cause serious disruptions in the transfer process and keep a student from enrolling early in important prerequisite courses in their major. Students are advised to know these important dates in order to stay on top of their college transfer.

Below are application deadlines for the fall semester at Iowa's regents institutions:

University of Northern Iowa:

Early Transfer Registration Deadline: Last working day of March

UNI will take fall admissions applications up to ten days prior to the start of classes

University of Iowa: April 1st

Iowa State University: July 1st

If transferring to Upper Iowa University, Waterloo Center and Wartburg College is in your future, see John about deadline dates and scholarship opportunities at those schools.

UNI Online Scholarship Application: The Deadline is Approaching!!

To be eligible for the vast majority of scholarships to be offered by the University of Northern Iowa this fall, students must complete the UNI online scholarship application. See John for details on accessing the application and the student information needed to complete it.

The deadline for completing the online application is **February 15th.**



Reading/Writing Specialist by Michelle Klingfus

Do you have questions about MLA, a comma splice, or sentence snarls? Are you lost when an instructor wants you to write a paper with a Works Cited page versus an Annotated Bibliography? Or do you just want to polish your skills and receive an A for your effort? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then you will want to consider visiting me, Michelle Klingfus, in the TRiO Learning Center. I can help you with research, writing, study skills, reading comprehension, and grammar snafus. Give me a call at 296-2320 Ext. 1806 or stop in to make an appointment from 9:00-2:00 M-TH. I hope to see you soon and will try to make writing as painless as possible.

Need Help with your FAFSA?

EOC staff members will be available to help TRiO participants with the FAFSA application.

Students need to have their PIN number and income tax forms for 2004 or 2005 if

appropriate.

Dates: February 6, 2006 9:30-4:30
February 13, 2006 9:30-4:30

Appointments are encouraged.

TRIO SPOTLIGHT by John Von Tersch

The fall semester was not kind to TRiO participant Jennifer Burt. She hoped that her last semester at Hawkeye would be relatively trouble free. She had spent a very enjoyable summer with the EOC program in Waterloo, helping young people. It had always been her dream to complete the A.A. in General Studies, earn her bachelor's degree in Human Services, and have a career working with children! But the week before Labor Day, she was diagnosed with Muscular Sclerosis. The disease threw her for a loop, causing her to miss a number of classes, and forcing her to spend a great deal of time and energy battling the illness.

Working closely with the TRiO office, she was able to keep her instructors up-to-date on her progress and her many medical appointments. TRiO was also able to identify a peer tutor for Jennifer to get her through some difficult sections of her philosophy class. Her persistence paid dividends, and Jennifer was able to successfully complete the semester and earn her A.A. degree. She was overjoyed when the TRiO office notified her of the good news!

Congratulations, Jennifer! You serve as an inspiration to all of us to never give up and persist in making dreams come true. In spite of her illness, Jennifer is making plans to transfer to Upper Iowa University, Waterloo Center and get that dream job of helping young people! Somehow, we know she will make it.



Ruben Carrion, TRiO
Director and Jennifer Burt

Complete your TRIO Requirements!

TRIO Students are required to attend two (2) workshops OR one (1) workshop and (1) cultural activity. Below are two lists containing cultural events and workshops offered through Hawkeye Community College in February. If the dates and times do not fit in your schedule, please see John or Carla for alternative times.

Color Me Human Events for February 2006 (meets TRIO cultural requirement)

“Crash” - Wednesday, February 1

A seemingly simple car accident in Los Angeles brings together a very diverse group of people. As their lives collide the issue of racism and racial profiling is explored as each of these people work through their own fears and inherent prejudices. This film is an example of the interconnectedness of life in the melting pot.

The film will be shown in Tama Hall auditorium from 9:00-11:00 a.m. It will be followed by a discussion lead by Lisa Munoz and Quentin Hart

LGBTQ Panel

Wednesday, February 8 from 11:00-11:50 a.m. in Black Hawk Hall Room 214

Sex Signals – Dating and Sexual Assault Awareness

Blending a unique combination of improvisational comedy, education and audience participation, "Sex Signals" provides a provocative, in-your-face look at issues surrounding dating, sex and date rape on college campuses. This will take place in Tama Hall auditorium on Tuesday, February 14 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

“A Killing in Choctaw” by Carl Raye

This is a documentary that will be shown in Tama Hall Auditorium on Thursday, February 16 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Within the film Mr. Raye tells how he saw his father murdered in front of him by a white man because Carl didn't call him "sir" when he spoke to him. The film is about an hour long and will be followed by a Q & A and discussion period with Mr. Raye.

Afro-Brazilian Capoeira

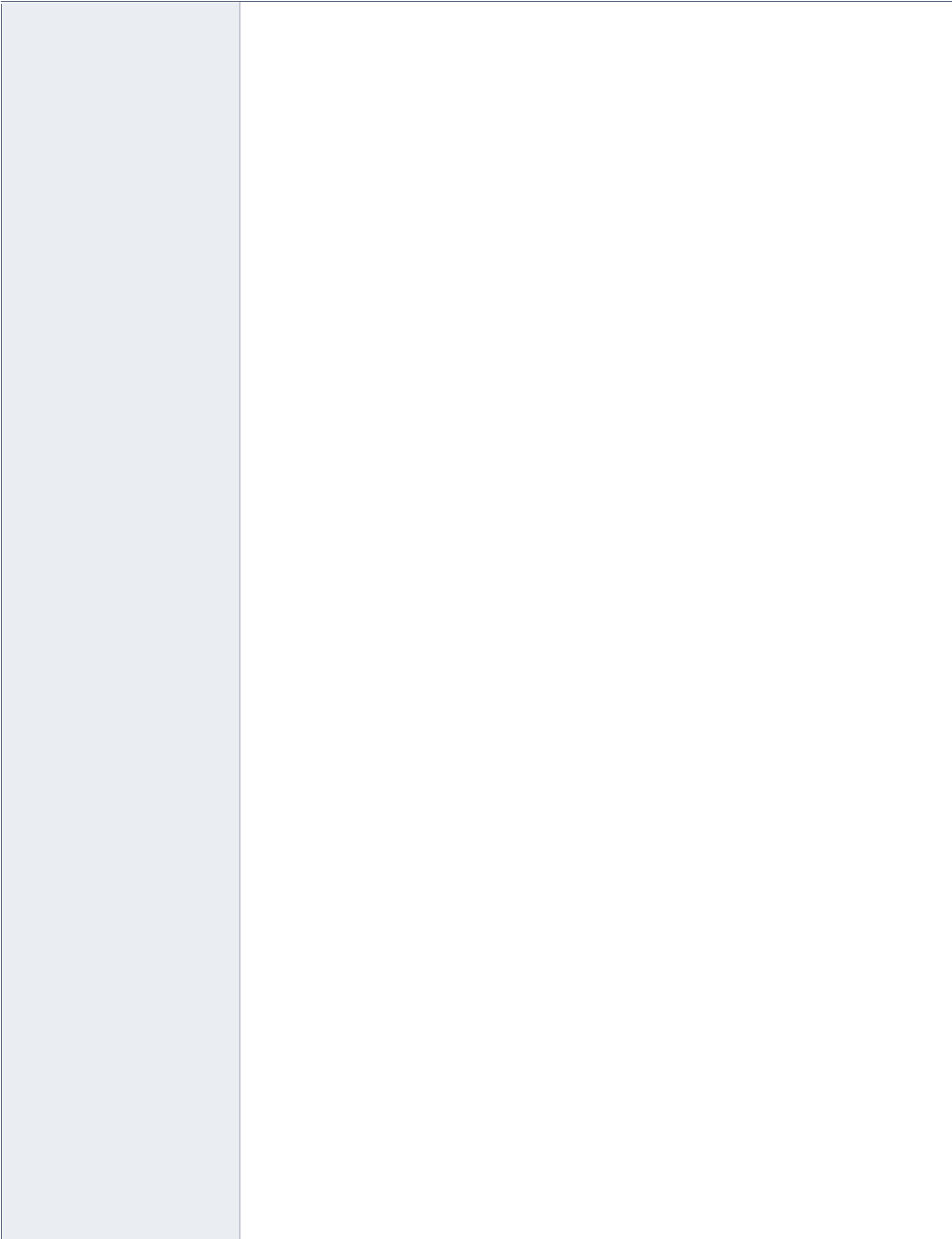
The local Capoeira Club will perform and talk about the Afro-Brazilian dance/martial arts form called capoeira on Monday, February 20th at 1:00 and 2:00 in Tama Hall auditorium. Seen often in music videos and similar to break dancing, capoeira was developed by former Africans who were slaves in Brazil as a form of resistance. While primarily a form of fighting, they disguised it as a dance to preserve it as part of their culture.

Ethnic Food Fest

Stop by the cafeteria on Tuesday, February 21 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Enjoy free samples of food from all over the world along with music from the local group Grupo Illusion.

Gender Representations in Anime

Dr. Joyce Boss from Wartburg College will be speaking about the Japanese cartoon style called Anime on Tuesday, March 7th, from 9:30-11:00 in Tama 107B. Her focus will be on how gender gets represented within Anime.



**Student Success Workshops for February 2006
(meets trio workshop requirement)**

Date	Day	Workshop
1	Wed.	PowerPoint Basics 2:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
2	Thurs.	Careerwise 1:00-4:00pm Student Services
6	Mon.	Effective Textbook Reading 1:00-1:50pm Academic Support Center
7	Tues.	Non-traditional workshop 1:00-3:00pm Student Services
7	Tues.	Advanced Paper Formatting 2:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
8	Wed.	Drunk Driving Simulator 9:00am-3:00pm Hawkeye Center Cafeteria
8	Wed.	Effective Note-Taking Skills 1:00-1:50pm Academic Support Center
9	Thurs.	Power Tools for Learning 1:00-1:50pm Academic Support Center
13	Mon.	Deciding a Major/Transfer workshop 10:00am-12:00pm Student Services
14	Tues.	Careerwise 9:00am-12:00pm Student Services
15	Wed.	Searching for Scholarships 12:30-1:00pm Student Services
20	Mon.	SOAR 2:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
21	Tues.	SOAR 2:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
22	Wed.	Power Tools for Learning 1:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
22	Wed.	SOAR 2:00-2:50pm Academic Support Center
23	Thurs.	Improving Test-Taking Skills 1:00-1:50pm Academic Support Center