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PRIMATES NEED OUR HELP TOO

KEVIN MORRISON, SERVICE CHAIR/HISTORIAN

This fall, members from ECU Golden Key International Honor Society, in conjunction with The Anthropology Club, donated food and supplies to The Primate Rescue Center (PRC) in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Each organization purchased about \$50 worth of dry goods from a local food store and delivered them to the PRC in person. This was a great opportunity for both organizations, because we were given a tour of the center and were able to learn many of the primates' stories.

When I first proposed the idea for a service project involved in helping primates, I received mixed messages from my colleagues in ECU Golden Key. Most people were genuinely interested and wanted to become more involved. However, some people immediately looked at me in confusion, staring hard into my face looking for some sort of purpose behind the idea. They could not imagine why we would invest our time and money into non-humans.

In general, society has a way of ranking the importance of animals and people where people always end up on top, but I think that it's selfish and irrational. I think that animals are in as much, if not more, need than humans, so we should not exclude them from charitable donations, volunteer work, and other forms of social service. The thing that makes this primate service project so special is that every primate that we helped out has suffered in the past because of humans. I believe that it is not only a charitable gesture, but also our obligation, to help these primates.

Please see 'Primates, page 2.



"Petey came to the Center next to death because his owner seriously neglected him. The folks at the Center have nursed him back to health, but he is still not swinging from the trees. Petey is a spider monkey from South America."

Picture and info courtesy the Anthropology Club, who sponsored the trip to the Primate Rescue Center.

[Http://www.anthropology.eku.edu/anthropology/primate_carmean.htm](http://www.anthropology.eku.edu/anthropology/primate_carmean.htm)

POSITION OPENING

Due to an overwhelming schedule, Casey Lovett has decided to resign her position as treasurer for our Chapter. She intends to remain an active member, but feels she doesn't have the amount of time needed to

invest in this position.

We would like to open this position up to all of the general members. This is a required position for all chapters, so it is crucial that we fill it as soon as possible. If you are interested, or would

like more information, please contact our Chapter President Millicent Wells at mwells@chpl.net, or attend our next general meeting on Tuesday, November 18 in Conference room F of the Powell Building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings:
 November 4—
 Conference Room F,
 Powell Building, 9 pm
 November 18—
 Conference Room F,
 Powell Building, 9 pm

No guarantees on which conference room we actually get, but they're all right there, so look for an open door and peek in to see if it's us! We'll be sure to have a sign up.

Officer Meetings:
 November 11

Due to Thanksgiving break, we will not be having an officer meeting on November 25.

Other Dates:

November 21—Article publication deadline. Email any articles and/or ideas for articles to Courtney at drma-queen1@hotmail.com before 11 pm on the 21st.

November 26-30—Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your holiday and be safe.

November 30—Transitions publication deadline.

Note: I'm running a little behind due to a large volume of homework (I'm sure you all can relate), so please be patient with me. I'm trying to get caught up on these deadlines.

GRADUATION STOLES

Are you a member?
 Are you graduating this year?

Graduation stoles are here! Please contact Patrick Nnoromele, Advisor, in the Meditation Chapel to make sure

you get one. Supplies are limited until we get enough interest to warrant ordering more, so the sooner you ask for one, the more likely you are to get one.

For pricing information,

or to reserve your stole, please call Patrick at 622-1723, or email him at: Patrick.Nnoromele@eku.edu

CALL FOR IDEAS

If you have an idea for a project we can do as a chapter, at the next meeting, please contact:
 Kevin Morrison, Service Chair
 Lubrina Burton, Social Chair
 Millicent Wells, Presi-

dent
 Courtney Lantz,
 Vice-President.

If you have any ideas for article topics, or would like to see your name published in this newsletter, please contact



Courtney Lantz, Vice-President/Newsletter Editor at the next meeting.

Interesting Fact:

It is illegal in Atlanta, Georgia to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole or street lamp.

PRIMATES

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Many of the monkeys at the PRC were once pets that outgrew their owners. A lot of people still think that primates would be great pets because they exhibit human-like qualities, but the truth is that they make terrible pets for that same reason. It would be a bad idea to have a pet human for obvious reasons, but the issue of pet monkeys is still problematic for many. People usually acquire a pet monkey while it is still an infant, but as a pet primate grows stronger and goes through puberty, the relationship between the owner and the pet changes. In many cases, a pet monkey or ape will become aggressive and violent to the point that they cause physical harm to their owners. Some try to combat these changes by removing canine teeth and caging the animal, while others simply neglect them or get rid of

them. Hopefully, former primate pets will end up in a shelter or rescue center like the PRC, but this is not always the case. The bottom line is that people should not get a primate or other exotic animals as pets

Some zoos and science labs also contribute a significant portion of the primates living at the PRC. Several of the primates belonged to zoos that closed their primate exhibits, while others are the remnants of science experiments. I wondered why the PRC could not just set their animals free in countries they originated from; but I was sad to learn that they would never be able to function in the wild since many of them grew up around humans. So, once a monkey or ape is adopted by the PRC they will remain there until they pass on or a better shelter offers to adopt them

Life at the PRC doesn't seem all that grim though. Our visit revealed a full staff of employees and volunteers working to better the lives of every monkey and ape at the PRC. I had the opportunity to visit the center several times; every time I return, I see primates looking more healthy and lively than before. Also, there are a few other corporations that donate food and supplies to the PRC, so they do not go without help. Our guide told us that the amount of food that we donated would feed the 70+ primates there for about a month, so I cannot wait for another opportunity to donate again.

Overall, I think this was a great experience for Golden Key and I hope that we can continue supporting each semester.

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

~Albert Einstein

TRICK OR TREAT!

COURTNEY LANTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Make a Difference Day is an annual project, in which all Golden Key International Honour Society Chapters participate. This year, with Make a Difference Day being so close to Halloween (October 25), our chapter decided to go trick-or-treating for canned goods to donate to a local charity. Millicent Wells, President, went as a prisoner; Kevin Morrison, Service Chair and Historian, went as a cow,

complete with udders; and Jennifer Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, went as a butterfly.

We collected around 74 cans of food and donated them to the Kentucky River Foothills Foundation, a statewide organization that provides



food for the needy families in our local area. Our activity even made the front page of the Richmond Register! We dropped the canned goods off at the Foundation and were greeted with so much gratitude. It was a worthwhile investment, and a great time as a chapter as well.