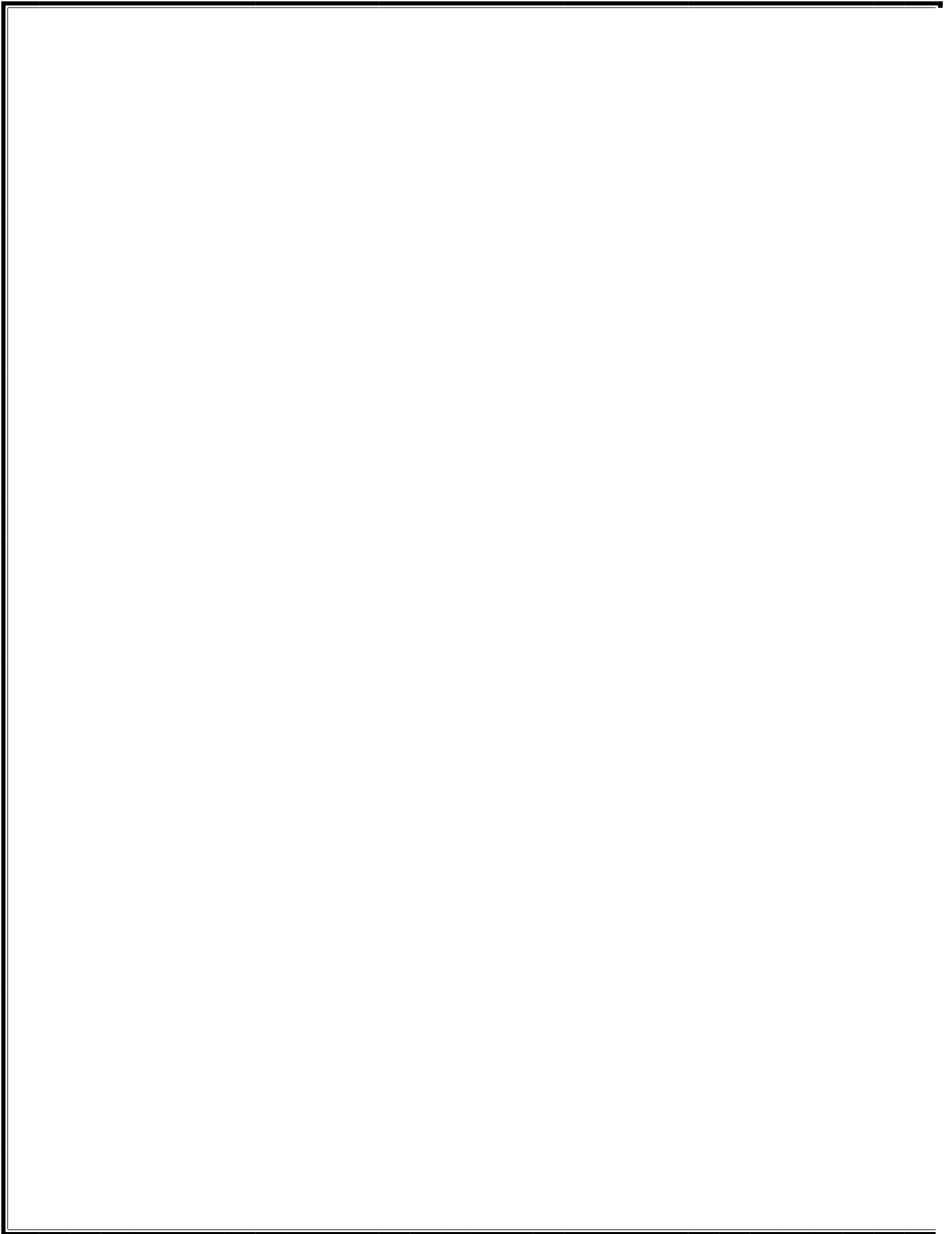


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Senior Thesis Projects

They share a description of their research with you here.

April Clark

Through textual analysis and philosophical study, I explore the themes of morality and justice in the seminal graphic novel *Watchmen*. Incorporating the thought of Mill, Kant, and Nietzsche, I examine the limitations of moral philosophies and

Oliver Crook

My thesis is about one of Rousseau's works, *Emile*, and his teaching of love in it. The thesis examines Rousseau's understanding of romantic love and its role in the social and political realm. It will also examine Rousseau's genealogy, so to speak, of love and how this passion was born into the human heart. Rousseau stresses

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Nick Hara, continued

outside Reno's current city limits shows the ingrained nature of unsustainable practice in the region. The addition of transit oriented developments into the regional plan shows how some sustainable practices are making their way into the mainstream consciousness.

Through a series of interviews and extensive research the thesis looks at what works, what doesn't, and what remains relegated to the literature. It is a test to see how the tragedy of the commons plays out in the real world, and if anything can be done to prevent it.

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DJ Guthrie, a third year West Point cadet, referring to the freshman cadets who are blocked from leaving campus at night and must be in their rooms by 12 PM. A couple of cadets were approaching us, dressed in matching grey Army shirts, tight shorts, and running shoes. Their faces were red and their

greeted by two cadets in matching elegant grey Army issue dr3(e)-324MCID

stopped walking and straightened up im-

know what you do for fun on Friday

he had been mulling the answer over in his mind long before we asked the ques-

other college freshman are doing for fun,

Joining the Military Academy, I thought, is truly a selfless sacrifice.

This exchange took place during the 62nd annual Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. The conference spanned four days of in depth policy discussions, policy addresses, panel discussions, and

Europe, Admiral James G. Stavridis. The overarching goal of SCUSA was the production of a two page policy memo regarding

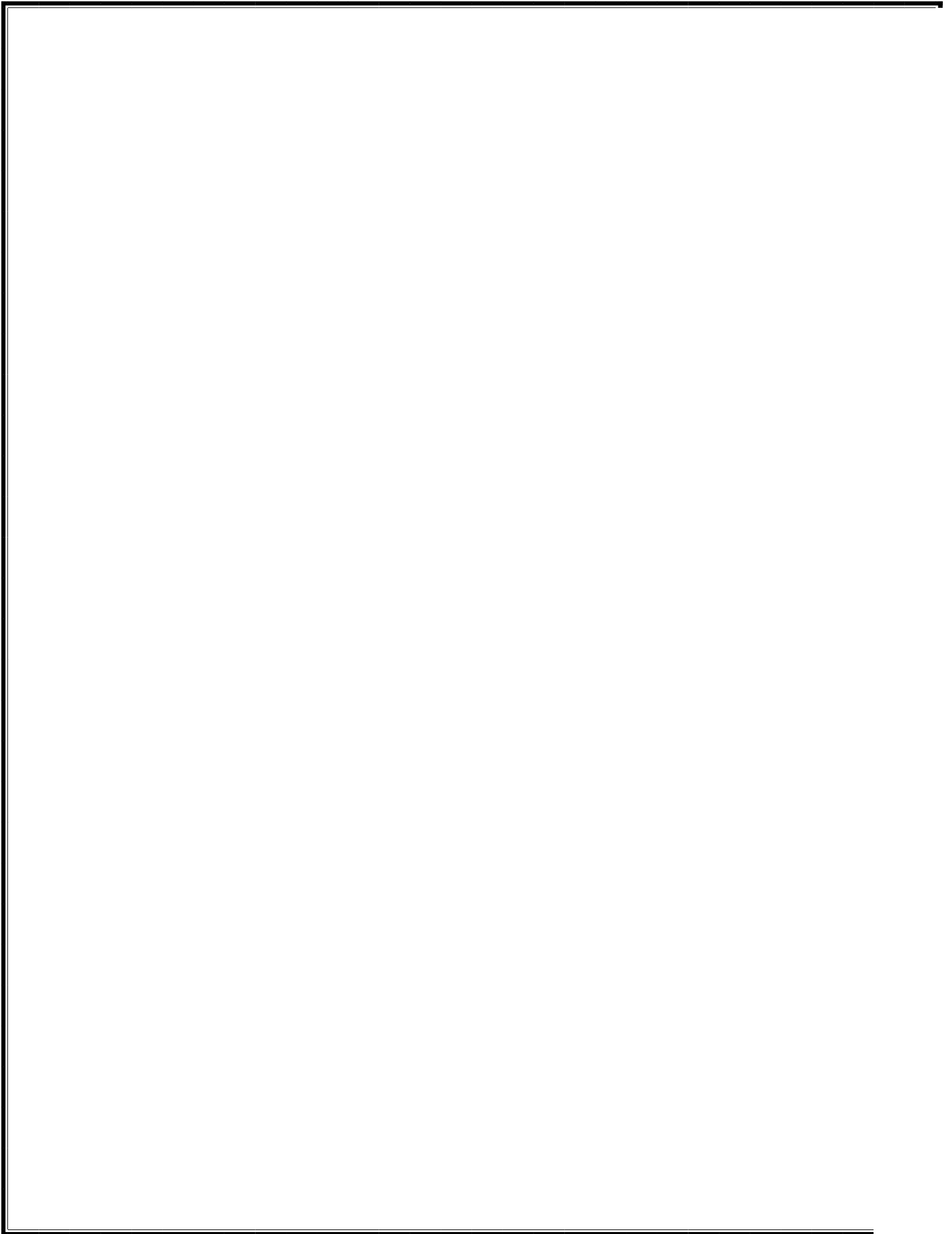
My days at West Point were spent immersed in provocative policy discussions with fellow delegates from dozens of different countries and scores of universities. I learned more than I could ever have imagined in such a short amount of time. The conference

maintain its global superpower status in the 21st century. It depressed me, and yet gave me hope for the future. But more strikingly, it profoundly altered my views of the US military and tomor-



Warren Bianchi, continued

courses included studies of EU foreign policy, transitions of post-Soviet countries to market economies, EU relations with the Muslim world, and, of course, the



Hey Government Majors,

environmental conference in the nation; it takes place from April 15-18 in Washington, D.C. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend this year.

led our Power Shift group Skid Shift. We are collaborating with the members of the Energy Action Coalition, who run Power Shift, and the three of us have been working together since the start of the semester to recruit students to attend the conference. So far we have registered 90 students and are fast approaching 100. Skidmore is sending twice as many students to Power Shift 2011 as it did in 2009. Currently, Skidmore is sending the largest student delegation in the state.

We were originally aiming to send 60 people to the conference, but since we have surpassed that goal, we are now working on finding the funding for and figuring out the logistics of getting nearly 100 students to D.C. We have applied for and received funding from SGA, the Responsible Citizenship Task Force, and Student Opportunity Funds. Various clubs, notably the Environmental Action Club, are also providing financial support. We are currently seeking sponsorship and donations from various academic departments, the Sierra Club, relatives, and local businesses to make th

is a Political Programs Fellow at the Women's Campaign Forum, a political non-profit in DC that tries to get more pro-choice women elected to office. Laura tells us "I manage a chunk of our endorsement program and planned and executed an overhaul of a major program, among other things in an ever-growing to-do list. In addition, I do lots of writing, research on how the decennial redistricting will affect women, and have become somewhat of a website management guru."

Since August, has been working on the Subcommittee on Aviation for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. She writes, "My job on Capital Hill is challenging and varied, and I am constantly learning the ins and outs of the legislative process. Primary aspects of my job include public outreach and background research for the subcommittee. I have been fortunate to be involved in some policy issues, compiling the background information so that the committee can make informed decisions. Less than two years ago I would never have imagined the privilege of working on the Hill, enjoying every minute, but after interning for the Committee I was fortunate enough to be hired. Now every day is filled with new challenges and learning opportunities. I LOVE my job!"

and recently responded to a series of questions, we share a sampling of their responses here, please see the Alumni Profiles bulletin board for more information.

What does your job entail?

I am the Media Relations Coordinator for the Washington bureau and, specifically, Publicist for Christiane Amanpour at ABC News. Basically, I manage publicity (interviews, meet and greets, dinners, keynote speeches, etc) for all of the correspondents in the Washington bureau. I also manage publicity for "This Week with Christiane Amanpour." In this capacity, I write press releases and show announcements, field calls and requests from reporters, and monitor all news

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