

# Honorable Mentions

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*The University Honors Program presented a certificate of appreciation to Stephanie and Rex Dickey during the grand opening of the Honors Community Sixth Floor Film Lounge. From left to right: Terree Stevenson, Stephanie Dickey, Rex Dickey, Bobby Rubin, Mary Kenton, and Susan Carrafiello.*

## Thank you Stephanie and Rex!

**Stephanie and Rex Dickey** made the largest-ever single donation to the Honors Program this year. Two of their children, **Kate and Karen**, have participated in the Honors Program. Kate graduates this June as a University Honors Scholar. Karen was one of those 96 hardy souls who moved into the East Wing of the Honors Community before the building was finished. Stephanie is a Lecturer in the English Department and, there-

fore, a colleague of Honors Faculty in Residence **Bobby Rubin**. Bobby loves to introduce students to international films and was having trouble finding a suitable room for his film series. Stephanie and Rex's donation was earmarked to remedy this problem. Their donation purchased a big screen TV and DVD player. Bobby and wife **Dorothy Alvarez** chipped in some framed movie posters and the Honors Community Sixth Floor Honors Film Lounge was created. The Dickeys were honored on January 24 when the lounge was dedicated with a standing-room-only showing of *Il Postino*.

## From the Director

It has been a memorable year for the University Honors Program. We have enjoyed many unique and exciting events, most notably the official opening of the Honors Community on October 4. President **Kim Goldenberg**, Senior Vice-President **Perry Moore**, and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs **Lillie Howard** joined us for this festive occasion. The three previous Directors of the University Honors Program, **Jacob Dorn**, **David Barr**, and **Anna Bellisari**, also shared in this special event. All in attendance were especially impressed with the new Omnitech Computer Classroom.

The Honors Community has proven to be an important living and learning environment for Honors students. Both the pre-med floor and the I-HOP floor enjoyed great support this year. Honors Faculty in Residence **Bobby Rubin** initiated a number of thought-provoking programs and events, including a book club. Students joined Bobby on hiking trips to Yellow Springs and field trips to the Dayton Art Institute, as well. And all of us in the University Honors family celebrated an international Thanksgiving in the commons area of the Honors Community.

Bobby Rubin's newly created film series inspired a generous donation from **Stephanie and Rex Dickey**. Thanks to them, the Community now has a large screen television, with the result that the 6<sup>th</sup> floor television lounge has turned into a popular gathering spot. We cannot thank the Dickey's enough for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration also comprised many memorable programs, most notably our Distinguished Honors Alumni Lecture series. **Michael Solimine**, **Alonzo Patterson**, and **Sally Struthers** each offered a unique and compelling lecture in their areas of expertise, thus affording a unique perspective on life (after Honors) to current Honors students. It was a real treat for all of us to see our accomplished alums share their success with their former WSU professors.

We will of course extend this highly successful Distinguished Honors Alumni Lecture Series into next year. Other initiatives for 2003-04 include the addition of a service-learning floor in the Honors Community. Tied to this will be the expansion of our Honors Dialogue series to include community speakers. We also intend to broaden the Honors Research Colloquium to include Honors students from other regional universities. And we will continue to implement a systematic national scholarships and fellowships advising program. In short, 2002-03 has been both a breathtaking and gratifying year, and we look forward to continuing its creative momentum and academic enrichment into 2003-04.

Susan

## Honors learning communities

This fall the Honors Program will offer a record number of Learning Communities. The Honors Program pioneered learning communities at Wright State in the early 90s and have offered them regularly since. From the beginning, students loved the experience of being in the same three classes with the same 20 students. Some of the friendships made in the first learning community endure to this day. For the first time, last fall, we offered a new twist to the living/learning community. Not only did students take the same three classes together but they also lived together on the same floor in the North Wing. The Pre-Med floor was a rousing success, so it is back for Fall 2003 along with a Service Living/Learning floor. **Tracey Steele**, **Debbie Bertsch** and **Terree Stevenson** are already planning service projects for that one. The eventual goal is to have the entire North Wing consist of Living/Learning communities. The innovation for fall, though, is a web-based learning community. Students in *History's Reach* will take ENG 101 online with **Jane Blakelock** and HST 101 online with **Susan Carrafiello**. Honors student **Valerie Felmet** will be their peer facilitator in UVC 101. That class will meet in person twice a week, and both other instructors will be regular attendees. The final two learning communities are reprisals of successful ones from last year. **Bobby Rubin** and **Punam Bush** are teaching *Culture, Identity and Film* and **Cathy** and **Jim Sayer** are offering *The Power of Language*.

## Honors community residence hall dedicated

The grand opening of the new Honors Community was held on October 4, with **President Goldenberg** presiding and members of the Board of Trustees in attendance. All three former Honors Directors—**Jacob H. Dorn**, **David L. Barr**, and **Anna W. Bellisari** as well as current Honors Director **Susan B. Carrafiello** were recognized. The opening represented the culmination of two years of successful collaboration between the Honors Program, Residence Services and AM Management, during which the Provost's Office and the Vice President for Student Affairs provided invaluable support. This was the opening event in a year-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Honors Program.

## Spring dialogues

All three spring dialogues were thought provoking and well attended. Thanks to: **Frank Dobson**, Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center: *Writing Race, Reading Race: Color Lines in the New Millennium*; **Mary White**, Community Health: *Bioterrorism: Ethical Issues in the Pursuit of National Security*; the Political Science panel of **Liam Anderson**, **Jeffrey Dixon**, **Charles Funderburk**, **Donna Schlagheck** and **Mark Sirkin** and from the *Guardian*, **Mohamed Al-Hamdani**: *Iraq: What Next?*



*President Goldenberg presides over the Honors Community dedication.*

## Honors SOAR on April 28

Again this year, incoming Honors students were the first to register for fall. On April 28 over 125 Honors students attended the first SOAR—Summer On-campus Advising and Registration—session. The second Honors SOAR will be held on June 17. Honors students like to do everything early and the April sessions have been popular for the last two years. Now they have summers free for jobs or travel. The advantage to the Honors Program is that once students are registered, they are less likely to change their minds and go somewhere else. It also gives us time to make the necessary adjustments for maximum fall enrollments. It's well worth the extra effort to stage the April session.

## Honors overnight

**Trish Renner**, Associate Director of Admissions, wanted to do something special for Honors students in conjunction with the Fall Wright From the Start Saturday program. The result was the first overnight program in the new residence hall. Prospective Honors students from around the state were invited to spend the night with a current Honors student. Approximately 30 students (most with parents) participated. They arrived armed with sleeping bags and other paraphernalia on the Plaza Level around 6:00 pm. Each guest had an official Wright State Honors student host and everyone participated in the activities. First, was a pizza dinner, followed by some wild getting-to-know-you activities directed by Trish. A scavenger hunt ended up in Millett lobby, where **Jim Sayer** delivered one of his patented Honors Dialogues on the state of the media. The group looked a little bleary eyed at breakfast, but participated in the day's activities. Many of those same students were on hand for the April SOAR session and they plan to live in the Honors Community.

## Sophomore certificates

Forty-seven sophomores have completed the first phase of requirements for graduate as University Honors Scholars. They were recognized with a reception on May 22 and presented with certificates of completion.



## Student Honors Association

The Student Honors Association has been busy this spring, with activities, volunteer service, and a multi-state conference. Visiting paternity testing labs, tutoring local elementary students, and a fun trip to Cleveland for the Mid-East Honors Association Conference have made these past few months a whirlwind of activity. Conference happenings included: A presentation on the I-HOP program at Wright State, a ispanî award for the corniest act at the talent show, and the opportunity to explore a icity as your textbook.î SHA is always looking for new members to bring a different perspective, so contact **Valerie Felmet** at [president@wsu-sha.com](mailto:president@wsu-sha.com) for more information.

2003-04 Honors Committee Members:

**Scott Bauer, Pam Daley, Christina Hitchcock and Andrew Maley**



Officers: **Molly Livingston**, Treasurer, **Christina Hitchcock**, Activities Coordinator, **Andrew Maley**, Secretary, **Lucy Leaverton**, Historian, **Hiloni Bhavsar**, Vice President, **Valerie Felmet**, President



## Phi Kappa Phi

The induction ceremony for new members is Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 in the Student Union Multipurpose Room with Chapter President **Mary Beth Pringle** presiding. Graduating senior **Brandie Tackett** will be recognized for receiving an Award of Excellence in the national fellowship competition.

## Scholarship awards

Three \$2500 awards were made to continuing students already admitted to the Honors Program and making progress toward graduation with Honors.

**Lori Flagg**, Major: International Studies  
**Andrew Thornbury**, Major: Psychology  
**Randi True**, Major: Marketing



**ALPHA  
LAMBDA  
DELTA**

On January 14, the Wright State Chapter of the freshman honorary society Alpha Lambda Delta held its 16<sup>th</sup> annual induction ceremony in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union. Over 100 guests watched as the 60 participants filed in, repeated the ALD pledge, signed the membership role and received their certificate and key. Officers were also installed. The newly installed president gave a brief address and then everyone enjoyed refreshments.



Officers: **Heather Sexton**, President, **Sara Stevens**, Vice President, **Amy Woods**, Treasurer, **Jessi Fewlass**, Historian, **Norah Alaraifi**, Community Planning **Frank Lee**, ICC Representative **Trueshonda Carmicle**, Jr Advisor.

## Thirtieth anniversary alumni lecture series

To commemorate thirty years of excellence, the Honors Program sponsored a Distinguished Honors Alumni Lecture Series with a speaker in fall, winter and spring. The first lecturer was **Michael E. Solimine, J.D.**, Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati. Mike graduated as a University Honors Scholar in 1978 and went on to law school at Northwestern University where he served on the Law Review. Following graduation he clerked for Federal District Court Judge Walter H. Rice. After a brief stint in private practice, Mike joined the faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1986. His interests are broad and he has published widely, often with Political Science Professor Emeritus James Walker. The topic of his talk was *Reforming Ohio's Judicial Election Process*.

The winter speaker was **Alonzo Patterson III, M.D.** Alonzo maintains a very busy private medical practice while also serving as Assistant Dean for Minority Affairs and Assistant Professor in the Wright State University School of Medicine. He came to Wright State on a four-year Honors Scholarship and graduated as a University



*Alonzo Patterson makes a point about health care.*

Honors Scholar with a degree in Biomedical Engineering in 1985. He completed his medical studies at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Patterson's talk, which wove together experiences from his childhood, his education and his private practice, was entitled *Health Care Disparities: Varied Causes At What Cost?*

The final lecture in the series took place on May 13, when **Sally Struthers, Ph.D.** discussed *Donatello's David: The Putti Speak*. This talk was a shorter version of a paper she presented last year at the Barnard College Medieval and Renaissance Conference. Sally graduated in 1981 as a University Honors Scholar with a double major in art history and classics. She earned her Ph.D. in History of Art from The Ohio State University in 1992. Her major field of study was Italian Renaissance Art. Sally joined the faculty at Sinclair Community College in 1991. She served as Chair of the Department of Art from 1996 to 2002. She is currently Professor and Dean of the Fine and Performing Arts Division. Sally regularly shows her own work in juried shows around the state.

## Millett Reconnects

The University Honors Program joined the College of Liberal Arts to celebrate the renovation of Millett Hall with a reunion for all graduates. Building resident Air Force ROTC presented the colors, local news anchor and alumnus, **Jim Baldrige**, served as master of ceremonies, and **President Goldenberg** delivered welcoming remarks. Guests were entertained with live musical performances,

departmental demonstrations, and games. Food was available on every floor.

Honors alum, **Charles Rowland, II, J.D.**, (University Honors Scholar, PLS, '92) chats with Honors Director **Susan Carrafiello** at Reconnect. Charlie is a busy trial lawyer, a Beavercreek School board member and the proud father of two.



# University Honors Program Graduates 2002-03

Three degree designations are available to Honors students at graduation: University Honors Scholar, General Studies Honors Scholars, and Departmental Honors Scholar. University Honors Scholars have completed at least eight Honors courses and seminars according to a prescribed distribution as well as the Departmental Honors Program in their majors. Departmental Honors Scholars have completed significant independent work in their disciplines, ranging from laboratory and library research to creative projects. In many cases, these projects entail more than a year's work. General Studies Honors Scholars have earned Ais or Bis in eight Honors courses and seminars and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4

## August/December Graduates

The annual luncheon to recognize these graduates was held in the Student Union on December 5, 2002. Honors Project advisors, **Marjorie Baker**, **Steve Hansell** and **Cynthia Gibbons** were on hand to say a few words about their proteges. Associate Provost **Lillie Howard** joined in the festivities.

### University Honors Scholars

Amanda M. Ayers  
Major: Early Childhood Education  
Project: *Establishing Criteria for the Evaluation of a Children's Literature Collection*  
Advisor: Steve Hansell

Tarin L. Mink  
Major: Social Work  
Project: *The Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*  
Advisor: Marjorie Baker



Lissa Denielle Stapleton  
Major: Social Work  
Minor: African and African-American Studies  
Project: *AIDS from a Subtropical Perspective*  
Advisor: Carl Brun

### Departmental Honors Scholars

Toma Beverly  
Major: Nursing  
Project: *Pediatric Organ Donation Clinical Pathway*  
Advisor: Jane Doorley

Kimberly Davis  
Major: Nursing  
Project: *Smoking Cessation Among Low Income Pregnant Women*  
Advisor: Cynthia Gibbons

Christina E. Specker  
Majors: Chemistry and Biological Sciences  
Project: *Designing Air and Water Stable n-Dopable Model Compounds and Polymers: Calculation of Relative Oxidative Stability*  
Advisor: Daniel Bombick

### General Studies Honors Scholars

Jaime K. Lee  
Major: Biological Sciences

Erin Colleen Miller  
Major: Psychology

*Susan Carrafiello and Marjorie Baker congratulate Lissa Stapleton.*

# March and June Honors Graduates

The reception to recognize graduates participating in June Commencement will be held on Thursday June 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Union. Students will be presented with the medallions that they wear at commencement.

## University Honors Scholars

Jason P. Archer

Major: English

Project: *Damaging Theories: A Study of Hard Times and Crime and Punishment*

Advisor: Joe Law

Anthony Cook

Majors: Political Science and Economics

Project: *Incumbency in the United States House of Representatives*

Advisor: Evan Osborne

Katie J. Dickey

Major: Music-Vocal Performance

Project: *A Lass for Love and Duty, or Addicted to Heroines*

Advisor: Kimberly Warrick

Neal W. Duiker

Major: Political Science

Project: *National Model UN Seminars*

Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

David W. Johnson

Majors: Computer Science and Mathematics

Project: *Cryptography in the Linux Operating System/Secure Socket Layer and its Application in E-commerce*

Advisor: Bin Wang

Lisa Eleanor Kelly

Major: Biological Sciences

Project: *Expression of PMCA-2 in Freshwater Crayfish Tissue*

Advisor: Michele Wheatly

Erin Kister

Major: Mass Communication

Minor: Marketing

Project: *Analysis of Marketing Efforts in the Wright State University Athletic Department*

Advisor: Jeffrey John

Rhya C. Lund

Major: Biological Sciences

Project: *Measuring Intra-Abdominal Fat Using MRI*

Advisor: Ellen Demerath

Courtney Jannine McElroy

Major: Psychology

Minor: African/African American Studies

Project: *Goal Orientation Effects on Cognitive Appraisals Moderated by Task Demand*

Advisor: Debra Steele-Johnson

Mardi C. Sammons

Major: Communication

Project: *Problems Encountered and Techniques Used in Creating a Training Module for a Nonprofit Organization*

Advisor: Henry Ruminski

Margi C. Sammons

Major: Communication

Project: *Analysis of Programming Strategies for Dayton Market Television Stations*

Advisor: Henry Ruminski

Lindsay Marie Schoen

Major: Marketing Minor: Management

Project: *Development and Implementation of a Marketing Plan for WSU Student Government*

Advisor: Kay Wick

Julie M. Shore

Major: Nursing

Project: *Gifts of Life, Gifts of Love*

Advisor: Jane Doorley

Elizabeth K. Stevens

Major: Psychology

Project: *The Multiple Roles of Worry in the Persuasion Process*

Advisor: Tamera Schneider

Brittany Lee Stewart

Major: Political Science

Project: *Model United Nations*

Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

Heather Renee Stewart  
 Major: Psychology  
 Project: *Does Testosterone Mediate the Social Suppression of Sexual Behavior?*  
 Advisor: Michael Hennessy

Jillian Kaye Swartz  
 Major: Nursing  
 Project: *Helping Nurses and Parents Understand Kangaroo Care through the Development of a Brochure*  
 Advisor: Cynthia Gibbons

Tiffany Vassalle  
 Major: Psychology  
 Minor: Biological Sciences  
 Project: *Hippocampal Lesion Effects on Trace Eyeblick Conditioning*  
 Advisor: Dragana Clafin

Kristina Lynn Weaver  
 Major: Chemistry  
 Project: *Synthesis of a Benzothiazole Substituted Tolane*  
 Advisor: William Feld

Maria Renee Williams  
 Major: Psychology  
 Project: *Emotional Intelligence and Visceral Self-Perception*  
 Advisor: Tamera Schneider

#### Departmental Honors Scholars

Vera I. Bardarska  
 Majors: International Studies and Political Science  
 Project: *International Diplomacy within the United Nations*  
 Advisor: December Green

Heather Jean Bentley  
 Major: Chemistry  
 Project: *Structure Property Relationships for Polymer-carbon Nanotube Composites*  
 Advisor: Daniel Bombick

Ian Bock  
 Major: Psychology  
 Project: *Web Based Spatial Navigation: Knowledge Obtained from Alternative Shopping Mall Layouts*  
 Advisor: Herb Colle

Michelle L. Buffington  
 Major: Psychology  
 Project: *Effects of Unpaired CS and US Pre-exposure on Development of Trace and Delay Eyeblick Conditioning in Infant Rats*  
 Advisor: Dragana Clafin

Alison M. Havlin  
 Major: Psychology  
 Project: *The Relation Between Sex of Play Partner, Type A Characteristics, and Competition in Preschool Children*  
 Advisor: Larry Kurdek

Troy Barrett Jones  
 Major: Physics  
 Project: *Effect of an Electrostatic Field on the Surface of a Liquid Dielectric*  
 Advisor: Gust Bambakidis

Anthony S. Marcum  
 Major: Political Science  
 Project: *From Democracy to Communism: Comparative Diplomacy in the Realm of International Security*  
 Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

Matthew John O'Malley  
 Major: Chemistry  
 Project: *QSAR and Cellular Automata Studies of Chemical Phenomena*  
 Advisor: Paul Seybold

James L. Shepard  
 Majors: Accountancy and Finance  
 Minor: Management Information Systems  
 Project: *Key Financial Ratios and Use of Special Purpose Entities*  
 Advisor: Ken Brackney

Fan Wang  
 Major: Nursing  
 Minor: Psychology  
 Project: *Using Hope to Cope with Life-threatening Illnesses*  
 Advisor: Jane Doorely

## General Studies Honors Scholars

Erin Albright  
Major: Religion

Brandi Nicole Alexander  
Major: Psychology

Amanda Y. Bennett  
Major: Mass Communication

Jennifer Lynn Brown  
Major: English

Katherine Buchman  
Major: Economics

Anne E. Burkholder  
Major: Psychology

Jill Channing  
Major: English Minor: Spanish

Sherri Derringer  
Major: Music History and Literature

Marian C. Dickey  
Major: Chemistry

Christopher A. Drake  
Major: Management Information Systems

Danielle E. Drieling  
Major: Psychology Minor: Sociology

Robert L. Feldmann, III  
Major: Sociology

Ryan T. Flynn  
Major: Computer Science

Renee Gentry  
Major: MIS Minor: Spanish

Stephen P. Graham  
Majors: Marketing and Psychology  
Minor: Economics

Lori Beth Healey  
Major: Biological Sciences Minor: Psychology

Shannon M. Henry  
Major: Modern Languages

Brian Scott Jenks  
Major: Biological Sciences

Stacey Erin Kammer  
Major: HR Management Minor: Management

Amber Jo Long  
Major: Management

Elizabeth Renee McCall  
Major: Psychology

Amanda Nichole McConnell  
Major: Biological Sciences

Linsey E. Milillo  
Majors: English and Classics

Joy Lisa Monaghan  
Major: Psychology

Adam Pellman  
Major: Motion Picture History, Theory and Criticism

Rachel L. Potter  
Major: Marketing

Janette Rivera  
Major: Biological Sciences

Sara Scheckelhoff  
Major: Biological Sciences Minor: Religion

Angela M. Shaffer  
Major: English Minor: Classical Humanities

Lisa Kathleen Stricker  
Major: Early Childhood Education

Anna Elisabeth Stryker  
Major: Exercise Biology

Andrea Swartzbaugh  
Majors: Accountancy, Finance and MIS

Erin M. Tewksbury  
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Bridget M. Vaughan  
Majors: Finance and Accountancy

Chad Steven Warnimont  
Major: Middle Childhood Education

Mary Beth Witten  
Major: Nursing

Jessica L. Woolum  
Major: Psychology

Amy L. Ziegenbusch  
Major: Biological Sciences

## Mid East Honors Association meeting

The annual meeting of the Mid East Honors Association was held in Cleveland on the weekend of April 11 through 13. **Susan Carrafiello, Mary Kenton, and Bobby Rubin** all made the trip along with SHA President **Valerie Felmet**, Vice President **Hiloni Bhavsar** and SHA rank and filers:



**Megan Cronenwett, Pamela Daley, Micah Fuerst, Christina Hitchcock, Jim Knapp, Lucy Leaverton, Molly Livingston, Andrew Maley, Brittany Stout and Benjamin Towe.** Valerie and Hiloni presented a workshop on the Honors Faculty in Residence Program. All Honors conferences feature a City as

Text option on Saturday afternoons. Local attractions included the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the art museum, the



zoo and the museum of science. The Wright State delegation (the largest at the conference) carried off the Spam Award at the Talent Show Saturday night. Despite a tire blowout on the return trip, everyone made it home safely. Next year's conference will be in Indianapolis.

## Incoming Honors students scholarships

Over 300 incoming students applied for Honors scholarships. Two students received full-ride Trustees Scholarships. Other awards ranging from \$2500 per quarter to \$5000 per quarter were made to the students listed below.

### Trustees Scholarships

James Boss	Port Clinton	BIO
Lori Lero	Defiance Sr High	NUR

### Other awards

Garrett Auckerman	Briggs Sr. High	BIO
Kurt Ballinger	Blanchester	UND
Eusondia Barto	Fairborn	BIO
Carol Borchers	New Bremen	ED
Dylan Borchers	Yellow Springs	PLS
Melanie Bruner	Tri-Village	BME
Jamie Chambers	Marysville	UND
Danielle Clifton	Fairborn	IS
Kelli Craig	Xenia	CJ
Kelly Demyan	Walsh Jesuit	UND
Christine Deppen	Carlisle	UND
Adare Ghist	Blanchester	UND
Gerirose Givan	Wheelersburg	BIO
Christopher Hancock	Carroll	CEG
Ashley Hesterman	Liberty Center	UND
Mindy Kahlig	Fort Recovery	UND
Krystal Karshner	Union Scioto	ENG
Katherene Larue	North Union	ED
Georg Lastoskie	Butler	ME
Brian Lawrence	Lehman	ACC
Bardley Martin	North Olmsted	EE
Nicole Muhlenkamp	Coldwater	NUR
Kimberly Platfoot	Botkins Local	EDE
Hannah Pressnell	Kett Fairmont	SW
Matthew Riley	Anthony Wayne	EP
Julie Seger	Fort Loramie	ACC
Jamie Stacey	Centerville	GER
Shannon Tessmer	Lebanon	EDE
James Uphaus III	Carroll	CS
Cynthia Williamson	Brookville	UND
Marianne Wuebker	Marion Local	BIO
Cara Ziegler	Bishop Verot	BIO

# December in paradise!

This past December, fourteen Honors students joined Honors Faculty-in-Residence **Robert Rubin** and Spanish Instructor **Dorothy Alvarez** for the first-ever Honors December Seminar in Costa Rica. Before embarking on the three-week journey, the students took a UH 201 seminar during the Fall quarter. This seminar, an overview of Latin



American culture, prepared the group for their experiences in Costa Rica, which included living with host families.

The host family experience is just part of this comprehensive immersion in Costa Rican and Latin American cultures. Field trips to museums, volcanoes, villages, rainforests, and beaches are all part of the learning experience. Professor Alvarez offered

optional Spanish courses, with credit arranged through the Department of Modern Languages.

Students who participated in the 2002 Costa Rica program are **Paula Ackerman, Lindsay Baldrige, Jenn Brubaker, Karen Dickey, Brandy Duncan, Katie Dysinger, Nikki Elson, Leslie Hammaker, Amanda Hardy, Rachel Howell, Sarah Ross, Caroline Schnader, Carisa Trapp and Lisa Wierzbicki.**

The Honors December Seminar is offered every two years. Applications for the December 2004 program will be accepted beginning in January of 2004. For more information about the program, please contact Honors Faculty-in-Residence Robert Rubin at [robert.rubin@wright.edu](mailto:robert.rubin@wright.edu). Consider joining us in 2004 and spend your December in paradise!

## Support the University Honors Program

- ① Donate to the University Honors Program Development Fund to support extracurricular activities for Honors students.
- ② Designate your College Scholarship Campaign contribution for UHP to support traditional scholarships for Honors students

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the University Honors Program Development Fund.

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## Gypsy Camp Coffee House to stay

Honors students rallied to keep Gypsy Camp Coffee House open in the Honors Community. Hundreds signed petitions to implore the administration to allow students to use Wright One cards at the facility. **Vice President Matthew**

**Filipic** met with the students for two hours one cold winter evening, with Student Affairs **Vice President Dan Abrahamowicz** also in attendance. Everyone contributed a little and a compromise satisfactory to everyone was reached. The

Honors Community government is so pleased with the results of being proactive, they are now thinking of working on getting a satellite fitness center!

## Mark your calendars

Psychology Honors Day	May 30	3:00-5:00	156 SU
Phi Kappa Phi Induction	June 4	5:30	SU Multipurpose Room
Research Colloquium	June 5	10:00-4:00	E156 SU
Biology Spring Sing	June 10	9:00-4:00	145 RC
Graduates Reception	June 12	3:00-5:00	SU Multipurpose Room
Commencement	June 14	10:00	Nutter Center