Susan Carrafiello named University Honors Director

On September 1, 2001, Susan Carrafiello assumed her new duties as Director of the University Honors Program. She was selected to succeed Anna Bellisari, who will be pursuing research interests while on sabbatical next year. (see story page 12). Dr. Carrafiello comes to Honors after a year as Director of the Master of Humanities Program. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of History specializing in modern European history. Her research and writing have focused on modern Italy, culminating in a monograph published in 1998 titled The Tombs of the Living: Prisons and Prison Reform in Liberal Italy. She is the recipient of several teaching awards at Wright State, including being named Honors Teacher of the Year in 1996. Dr. Carrafiello completed her graduate work at Vanderbilt University and earned her B.A. in history and anthropology at Mississippi State University. She is a member of both Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Kappa Phi.

And now, a word from the director:

It is a real pleasure to assume the duties of Director of the University Honors Program. I look forward to working with my dedicated office staff, including Associate Director Mary Kenton and Senior Secretary Beverly Rowe and student workers Kristen Troup and Valerie Felmet. Most of all, I am delighted to continue and broaden my association with Wright State University’s talented honors students.

The Honors Program enjoyed a very good year in 2000-2001. A record number of students (859) participated in the program. The Student Honors Association, with 134 participants, engaged in numerous community service projects such as the Adopt-a-Highway program. A total of 51 faculty members taught 74 Honors courses, including several service-learning classes. No fewer than 23 Honors students were inducted into the...
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prestigious national honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi, and 70 honors students graduated with an Honors designation, including 24 University Honors Scholars, 16 Departmental Honors Scholars, and 30 General Studies Honors Scholars.

Another important development has been the recent opening of the East Wing of the brand-new Honors Community. I enjoyed helping move students into their new apartments, and I thank the wonderful staff in Residence Services for their courtesy and assistance on moving day. Several other phases of the facility, meanwhile, will open throughout this academic year, with completion of the project set for fall of 2002. Bobby Rubin, the Honors Faculty in Residence, has a number of marvelous programs planned for Honors Residence Hall students this fall. Watch for news about these events in upcoming newsletters and electronic communications.

The new academic year also marks the unveiling of several new initiatives. We have begun planning for a spring 2002 Honors Colloquium. The Colloquium will provide Honors students the opportunity to present their research and creative projects to the university community. In addition, the Honors Program is working to create a formal system for the preparation of student applications for national awards like the Goldwater, Truman, Marshall, and Rhodes Scholarships. An updated Honors website will soon appear featuring an on-line edition of our award-winning newsletter. And preparations are already underway for the 30th anniversary celebration of Honors at Wright State during the 2002-2003 academic year.

The year ahead therefore promises to be both exciting and rewarding for all the faculty, students, staff, and friends of this fine program. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Alumni News

Charles M. Rowland II, JD (UHS PLS ’92) is practicing law in Xenia with the firm Cox and Keller. Charlie lives in Beavercreek with his wife and infant daughter. He is currently a candidate for the Beavercreek School Board. He has also served as a special prosecutor in Greene County.

Ross D. Martin, MD (UHS PLS ’87) wrote in the spring to announce the birth of his son, Taylor J. Martin, who weighed in at nine pounds plus. After a stint on the West Coast, Ross is now in New York City where he is Senior Manager of Business Technology for the Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Group.

LeShawn Jackson’s (UHS ENG ’91) poem how (the angry negro looking for the fix) won the 16th annual Paul Laurence Dunbar Memorial Poetry Contest. LeShawn often reads her poetry around town. Her day job is as a research assistant with the University of Dayton’s Roesch Library.

Marybeth Lengenfeld (GSH PSY ’94) continues to spend much of her life on the soccer field. Captain and MVP of her Wright State team in 1994, she is now a leading scorer for the semi-pro Cincinnati Lady Hawks. She coaches women’s soccer and tennis at Muskingham College where she also teaches.

Honors Committee Members 2001-02

Faculty: Carol Cico, Lake Campus; Donna Curry, Chair, COHN; Guozhu Dong, CS; Cheryl Meyer, SOPP; Phyllis Pacifico, BIO; Doug Roby, CEHS; Bobby Rubin, ENG; Larry Weinstein, EC
Students: Ryan Hemmert; Stephanie Long; Amber Summers; Sarah Scheckelhoff
Move In Honors Hall

On Sunday, September 9, over 100 brave Honors students occupied the East Wing of the new Honors Residence Hall. Although rain was predicted, it held off until everyone was comfortably settled into their spiffy quarters. Students and parents seemed universally pleased. Lots of volunteers, including Honors Director Susan Carrafiello, were on hand to help carry boxes, lamps, computers, TVs, even couches. President Kim Goldenberg and Provost Perry Moore (pictured below) did a walk-through tour of the building at noon, greeting parents and students. Associate Provost Lillie Howard along with scores of other staff and faculty volunteers, spent her morning driving a golf cart and loading and unloading student possessions. Thunderous rounds of applause go to Shaun Zickafoose, Dan Bertsos, all the AM Management workers and Residence Services workers who put in untold hours to make this opening possible. The West Wing is scheduled to open for winter quarter. With any luck at all, Honors students living in Laurel Hall fall quarter will be able to move their things to the West Wing before they leave for Christmas break. Faculty in Residence Bobby Rubin is settled into his temporary apartment in The Village and will move to the Center Spine when his new apartment is ready. Grand Opening ceremonies for the entire complex will take place next fall as the Honors Program celebrates its 30th anniversary.

The East Wing opened September, 2001. Plans are for the West Wing, Commons, Students Services Wings and pedestrian path to the bridge to open January, 2002; the North Wing and parking for 130+ upperclass students are slated to open Fall, 2002. The Student Service Wings will hold shops and offices.
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.

William S. Irwin
Major: Anthropology
Project: Lithic Source Analysis of Pollock Rockshelter #1
Advisor: Robert Riordan

Katie L. Marriott
Major: Nursing
Project: A Written Birth Plan to Support Women in the Birthing Process
Advisor: Judy Boris

Justin Moore
Major: Chemistry Minor: Mathematics
Project: Stochastic Cellular Automata Simulations of Bimolecular Elementary Reactions
Advisor: Paul Seybold

Christine N. Trimble
Major: Secondary Social Studies Education
Project: Block Scheduling
Advisor: Donna Cole

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.

Jennifer Lucille Bebout
Major: Biological Sciences Minor: Spanish
Project: Responses of Reservoir Zooplankton Communities to Nutrient Perturbation
Advisor: Maria Gonzalez

Angela Digel
Major: Nursing
Project: Nursing Interventions to Prevent Complications of Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
Advisor: Jane Hutcheson

Ruth Davidson Hey
Major: Nursing
Project: An Examination of Barriers Preventing Eligible Families from Enrolling in the Children’s Health Insurance Program
Advisor: Donna Miles Curry

Lisa Smithers
Major: Nursing
Project: Skin to Skin Contact: Newborn Thermoregulation
Advisor: Donna Miles Curry

Matthew Brian Sunday
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Project: Design of the Combustor Simulator for the Turbin Research Facility
Advisor: Mitch Wolff

December Honors graduates were recognized at a luncheon on December 30 where they were presented with an Honors Medallion to wear at graduation, and a certificate acknowledging their academic accomplishments.
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General Studies Honors Scholars

have earned A’s or B’s in eight Honors courses and seminars and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4.

David Cico
Major: Economics

Jeffrey Daniel
Major: Accountancy

Amy Dietz
Major: Management Information Systems

Amanda Kearns
Major: Accountancy

Rachel Marie Phlipot
Major: Early Childhood/Elementary Education

Andrew Charles Rice
Major: Computer Science

Trista Lynn Cathcart
Major: Psychology
Project: The Link Between Adolescent Substance Use and Peer, Academic, and Family Dynamics
Advisor: Larry Kurdek

Miranda Ciccone
Major: Anthropology
Project: Your Avatar: Imagery, Breakability and Representation
Advisor: Punam Bush

Kelly A. Couper
Major: Anthropology
Project: Analysis of the Skeletal Remains from Ridge, 33 GR 1098
Advisor: Robert Riordan

Gretchen Eischen
Majors: French/International Studies
Project: A Study of Diplomacy: Foreign Policy in Action
Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

Rebecca R. Green
Major: Financial Services
Project: Is Personal Financial Education Critical for College Students?
Advisor: David Block

University Honors Scholars

Susan K. Bibby
Major: Environmental Science
Project: Purification of the PMCA Protein in Procambarus clarkii
Advisor: Maria Gonzalez

Amy Renae Bierce
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Project: Developing a Method of Detecting Low Bone Density from Dental X-rays
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Justin L. Henderson
Major: Chemistry
Project: Electronic to Vibrational Energy Transfer from Cl* (3P2) to SF6
Advisor: David Dolson

Kelly M. Kevern
Major: Management Information Systems
Project: Infoman Mainframe Class Workbook
Advisor: Li Xu
Tracie M. Koesters  
Major: Financial Services  
Project: *Is Personal Finance Education Critical for College Students?*  
Advisor: David Block

Marlene E. Wolter  
Major: Psychology  
Project: *Intelligibility of Moving Sources in a Cocktail Party Scenario*  
Advisor: Robert Gilkey

Stephanie Lynn Long  
Major: Chemistry  
Project: *Montmorillonite Catalyzed Friedel-Crafts Acylations of 1-(phenylsulfonyl) pyrrole*  
Advisor: Daniel Ketcha

Jason A. Wright  
Major: Computer Engineering  
Project: *Designing an Interpretive Language and Compiler for ASM Charts*  
Advisor: Travis Doom

Michael R. Peterson  
Major: Computer Engineering  
Project: *Suzuki Coupling Reactions with Brominated Arylsydrones*  
Advisor: Kenneth Turnbull

Logen C. Zimmerman  
Major: Motion Picture History, Theory & Criticism  
Project: *Independent Study & Presentation on the Films of Russ Meyer*  
Advisor: William Lafferty

Tonya René Saylor  
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Project: *The Effect of Background Color on the Reversal of Search Asymmetries*  
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Departmental Honors Scholars

Christopher M. Armstrong  
Major: Psychology  
Project: *Stress and Feedback in Organizations: A Proposed Model*  
Advisor: Debra Steele-Johnson

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Alpha Lambda Delta faculty advisor David Barr congratulates Andrew Weisner, University Honors Scholar, on maintaining the ALD graduation gpa requirement of 3.5 or better.
Honorable Mentions

**Jesse L. Hawke**  
Major: Psychology  
Project: *Social Influences on Stress Hormones and Behavior in Adulthood in an Animal Model*  
Advisor: Michael Hennessy

**Ruth A. Jewell**  
Major: Geological Sciences  
Project: *Mineralogic Investigation of Meteoric Diagenesis of the Freshwater Lens Near Well Fields of North Andros Island, Bahamas*  
Advisor: Cindy Carney

**Michael B. Lore**  
Major: Biological Sciences  
Project: *Taxonomic Interpretation of the 18S Region of rDNA in Freshwater Bryozoans*  
Advisor: Timothy Wood

**Shonagh K. O’Leary**  
Major: Psychology  
Project: *Social Influences on Stress Hormones and Behavior in Adolescence in an Animal Model*  
Advisor: Michael Hennessy

**Tracy Lyn Potter**  
Major: Education  
Project: *Music Method to Teach Reading?*  
Advisor: Steven Hansell

**Sarah Ann Stewart**  
Major: Nursing  
Project: *Wright Dose, A Computerized Medication Scheduling Software*  
Advisor: Jane Doorley

**Grace Marie Williams**  
Major: Music Education  
Project: *Gospel Music: It’s Road*  
Advisors: Brenda Ellis and Charles Larkowski

**Travis L. Young**  
Majors: Psychology  
Project: *Changing Patterns of Social Interactions in the Developing Guinea Pig*  
Advisor: Michael Hennessy

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**General Studies Honors Scholars**

**Corey Michael Amann**  
Majors: Biological Sciences and Chemistry

**Jena Kathlyn Aukerman**  
Major: English Secondary Education

**Anne M. Barlage**  
Major: International Business

**Joyce Marie Bevington**  
Major: Biomedical Engineering

**Tammy Theresa Brausch**  
Major: Social Work

**Matthew Wade Bush**  
Major: Accountancy

**Carrie Anne Drake**  
Major: Biological Sciences

**Robert Joseph Gillen**  
Major: Electrical Engineering

**Aaron E. Haslam**  
Major: Psychology

**Stephanie L. Jones**  
Major: Mass Communication

**Shandra R. Kalter**  
Major: Biological Sciences

**Jodi Lynn Kennel**  
Major: Marketing

**John Andrew Miller**  
Major: Biological Sciences

Anna Bellisari presents the Honors Medallion to General Studies Honors Scholar Stephanie Jones.
Robin Murphy  
Major: Computer Engineering

Leslie Anne Prichard  
Major: Accountancy

Jason M. Puglise  
Major: Biological Sciences

Jessica L. Rice  
Major: Management Information Systems

Dalson Seibert  
Major: Biological Sciences

Jason Terry Sweney  
Major: Management Information Systems

Cassandra M. Taylor  
Major: Medical Technology

Elizabeth A. Thiel  
Major: Psychology

Stephanie Tschanz  
Major: Psychology

Heather M. Turner  
Majors: Accountancy and Finance

Laura D. Ulmer  
Major: Chemistry

Gretchen Alyssa Vanhorn  
Major: Mass Communication

Jill M. Whitmarsh  
Major: Biological Sciences

Alpha Lambda Delta

The Honors Society of Alpha Lambda Delta will induct new members and officers on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union. Inductees are encouraged to bring guests and to arrive by 6:50 PM to line up for the processional. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

The new officers are: President: Trueshonda Carmicle, Vice President: Tianna Moore, Secretary: Francine Howell, Treasurer: Andrea Thompson, Historian: Cliff Bullmaster, House Rep: Hoshua Fehrman, Public Relations: Kristina Weaver, Volunteer Coordinator: Chioma Mbagwu.

Scholarship Recipients

Patrick Jay Delaney  
Erin L. Runtz  
Salsburg Memorial Scholarships

Kristy L. Bowling  
Virginia Gimenez  
(pictured left with Bobby Rubin)  
Heritage Society Scholarships

Anthony D. Cook  
Beth A. Wirick  
Distinguished Senior Awards
University Honors
Program Teacher of the Year 2000-2001

John Morrisette, an adjunct instructor for the Department of Political Science and the Honors Program, was announced as the Honors Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001 at the annual Honors Recognition and Award celebration on June 6. He began teaching in the Honors Program in 1997. Since then, he has taught sections of PLS 200, UH 202, and UH 400, always to rave reviews by his students. One student was succinct: “Morrisette, no question is the best Honors teacher I have had. His ability to start discussions and to make his students think makes him one of the best.” Another student calls him “fantastic” and says he challenges his students to see all sides of every issue. Yet another, completing a third course with Morrisette, says his teaching methods are entirely different than those of all other teachers and concludes: “I’ve never been so challenged or so enriched by any class in my life. I thoroughly recommend this professor for teacher of the year.” From an administrative point of view, working with Dr. Morrisette is always a pleasure. He meets all deadlines and is totally reliable. He is as popular with the office staff as he is the students. He has made an impact in the Honors Program and we look forward to his continuing involvement.

Seven WSU faculty will share some of their interests, expertise and latest research findings in a series of dialogues.

Each presentation will be about half an hour with another 30 minutes allowed for discussion.

**All incoming students are REQUIRED to attend at least one Dialogue. Those who do not will lose Priority Registration for at least one quarter.**

Dialogues are scheduled for 3:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Topics and locations will be posted to your WSU email account at least a week in advance.

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**Fall Honors Dialogues**

Wednesday, October 17, room 163 Rike
Donna Schlagheck, *International Terrorism*

Thursday, November 1, room 240 Allyn
David Barr, *What the Bible Really Says about Sex*

Friday, November 16, room 056 UH
Robert Rubin, *Study in Paradise: Costa Rica*

All Dialogues are scheduled for 3:00 PM.
Spend December in paradise and earn Honors credit!

The University Honors Program is proud to announce an exciting new study abroad opportunity for Honors students. The December Seminar in Costa Rica is a three-week immersion in Costa Rican and Latin American cultures. Join Honors Faculty in Residence Robert Rubin for three weeks of stimulating coursework, magnificent scenery, and adventures at every corner. Students will explore museums, quaint villages, rainforests, volcanoes, beaches, city centers, and other cultural sites.

All students will stay with host families in Escazu, an eclectic, international village just on the outskirts of the capital city, San Jose.

Students will enroll in either UH 201 or UH 400, depending on class standing. All students complete an individual research project on some aspect of Costa Rican and/or Latin American culture(s).

A unique feature of the program is how students register for coursework. Although the majority of the coursework is completed in December while in Costa Rica, students will register for 4 credit hours in the Winter quarter. Thus, the cost of tuition is folded into the

normal Winter scheduling.

This exciting new program will begin in December of 2002. Applications and program deposits will be due April 1, 2002. The approximate program cost is $1800. Final costs will be announced well before the April 1 application and deposit due date.

For more information, contact Robert Rubin at 775-4287, or visit the Honors Program Office, where photos and brochures are available. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore a new culture and earn 4 Honors Seminar credits in the process!
Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi sponsored a visit to campus by Representative Tony Hall on Friday, May 11 in the Student Union. Following an introduction by President Kim Goldenberg, Rep. Hall spoke movingly of his work to alleviate hunger from the Dayton area to North Korea. He stayed until the last question was answered. Special thanks to staffer Jim VanGove who worked with chapter president May Kenton to arrange the visit.

The annual induction ceremony was held on June 5 in the Multipurpose Room. Medical School Dean Howard Part was the featured speaker. He was inducted into the chapter as an honorary member.

Support Honors students

Contribute to the Honors Program Development Fund. To ensure proper tax credit and to receive an acknowledgment of your contribution, return the attached form to: Wright State University Honors Program, 3430 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435-0001. Make your check payable to the University Honors Program Development Fund. Please bring us up to date with what has been happening in your life and other Honors alums you know.

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip ___________________________________________________

I would ____ would not ____ like to see my name listed as a contributor in the next Honorable Mentions.
It’s not goodbye

After seven years as Director of the Honors Program, Anna Bellisari decided to return to research and teaching full time. She will be on sabbatical leave during the current academic year working on a book-length project at her office in Research Park. During Dr. Bellisari’s tenure, the number of Honors students and course offerings continued to grow. She was a moving force behind the establishment of the IHOP (International Honors On-campus Program) that pairs Honors students with international students in Forest Lane Campus Apartments. She was also actively involved in planning for the new Honors residence hall and the living/learning communities that will be housed there. Generous and warm hearted, she was by instinct student-centered. While we will miss her daily presence, we look forward to next summer when we will all be neighbors in the newly renovated Millett Hall and expect her to continue involvement with Honors by teaching Honors courses and advising Honors students as she so capably did before becoming director.