Student Honors Association News

SHA has been busy this winter. For a service project, members went to Ronald McDonald House and picked up trash and cleaned rooms on Saturday, February 6. They plan to go back on March 13. Last year the club won Ronald's Helping Hand Award. The major spring quarter service project will be participation in the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica on April 24. The goal is to have 20 Honors students complete the ten mile walk that begins and ends at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

For fun, SHA members enjoyed a dinner outing to the local T.G.I.Fridays on February 19. Steve Walls, club web master, represented SHA as a Homecoming King candidate. He didn't win, but a large group (at least they sounded large enough to win a pizza) enjoyed a thrilling last second victory. They are going to sing as a group on Karaoke Night, March 4, and then go bowling the next night at Beaver-Vu.

It's a toss-up which will be the more entertaining.

Officers for 1998-99

President: Gina Wurst
Vice President: Colleen Kopytek
Secretary: Jenna Warman
Historian: Rachel Marchal
Treasurer: Tracie Koesters
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ICC Rep: Jenny Garringer
Honors Committee: Teresa Hensley

We welcome contributions from our students—former and current—our faculty and friends, but reserve the right to edit contributions for space and style. Material should be sent to Mary Kenton, University Honors Program, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435, or e-mailed to mary.kenton@wright.edu.
Going International...

We live in an international community. Not only do many of the goods we purchase every day come from abroad, but all occupations and positions in our society involve interaction with peoples and organizations beyond the borders of the USA as well. Economic and political policies made here affect societies elsewhere in the world, and vice versa. Many issues that face us in this country also confront others societies—environmental degradation, violence and war, loss of natural resources, hunger, poverty, and poor health, among others. Unfortunately, the extent of our international linkages is not matched by our knowledge about the people and cultures of other countries. In today's world, a good education necessarily involves learning about the geographies, histories, cultures and languages of societies around the world.

The traditional path to such knowledge is through university courses and books. WSU and the Honors program have worked diligently to provide these, although there is still much room for improvement in current offerings of modern languages, international studies, anthropology, regional and nonwestern studies. The University Center for International Education fosters interaction between local and international students on our campus. Enrollment of international students at WSU has been growing in recent years, providing the university with a rich resource for formal and informal international education. In collaboration with the Center and Residence Services, the Honors program is planning for special housing in Forest Lane apartments, where two Honors students or modern language majors will be paired with two international students in four-person apartments to engage in international living and learning in a variety of ways.

But there is nothing like living and studying for a time in another country to help students develop an appreciation for the diversity of people, life-styles and worldviews, for recognizing the common goals of societies everywhere, for reflecting on the strengths and weaknesses of their own society, and for building the global connections they will need in the future. Recently the university, well aware of the urgent need, made a commitment to improve international education at WSU and to provide more opportunities for study abroad to give students that invaluable, direct experience with other peoples and cultures. Through University Center for International Education programs, students can participate in summer ambassador programs in Japan and Brazil at reasonable cost. International exchange programs in England, Sweden and France are available at the cost of WSU tuition (students must pay local housing and transportation costs in the countries of their choice). And the University Study Abroad Consortium sponsors semester- or yearlong study opportunities in 15 countries, including Australia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Malta, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain and Thailand.

Scholarships are available from a variety of sources to support international study. The Honors program now offers $5000 in annual scholarships to Honors students participating in study-abroad programs. Honors students interested in these international housing or study programs and scholarship opportunities should contact the Honors office to discuss these options. Honors faculty and alumni are urged to contact us also with ideas and suggestions for enhancing international education in the Honors program and at WSU.

meHa in Ann Arbor

Eight Honors students will attend the annual MidEast Honors Association spring conference in Ann Arbor, March 26-28. This year’s theme is Do You Believe? Fact, Fiction, and the Fantastic. All eight will participate in the quiz bowl and the talent show, says SHA President Gina Wurst, who plans to run for a seat on the executive committee.
Service Learning

The Honors Program staff have long been interested in the concept of service learning. Our mission statement calls for us to produce graduates who are socially aware and ready to assume leadership roles in the community. Our first effort in service learning was supported by a grant from the Portz Fund of the National Collegiate Honors Council in 1989. Mary Kenton developed and taught a course called Service First that required students to volunteer and to participate in group service projects and cultural events. A few years later Debbie Bertsch in the English Department designed a very successful Honors course called Writing as Community Service which was also funded by a grant from the Alumni Foundation. In fall's Learning Community, Cathy Sayer incorporated service learning into her English composition course. This year, with grant support from the WSU Foundation, we are introducing service learning into all of the UH 200 courses. Mary Clark, a service learning specialist with the Center for Teaching and Learning, has worked with Honors faculty and staff to design three courses that will fully integrate classroom work and community service. Jim Hughes is finishing up the service learning version of UH 201 (Humanities) in winter and Norma Wilcox and Tim Wood will offer UH 202 (Social Sciences) and UH 203 (Natural Sciences) respectively in the spring. All three courses filled. If this experiment works as well as we hope, we will discuss making service learning a required part of the Honors curriculum.

Nuns Fret Not at Their Convent’s Narrow Room

Nuns fret not at their convent’s narrow room;
And hermits are contented with their cells;
And students with their pensive citadels;
Maids at the wheel, the weaver at his loom,
Sit blithe and happy; bees that soar for bloom,
High as the highest Peak of Furness-fells,
Will murmur by the hour in foxglove bells:
In truth the prison, unto which we doom
Ourselves, no prison is: and hence for me,
In sundry moods, ‘twas pastime to be bound
Within the Sonnet’s scanty plot of ground;
Pleased if some Souls (for such there needs must be)
Who have felt the weight of too much liberty,
Should find brief solace there, as I have found.

William Wordsworth, 1806
Scholar Athletes

Many athletes over the years have also been active participants in the Honors Program. Usually, we have a couple of soccer players, some swimmers and divers, and always a cross-country runner or two. Wright State student athletes posted their highest collective GPA ever fall quarter, an absolutely outstanding 2.912. Close to one out of two athletes is eligible for the Honors Program. Pretty impressive. The following members of the Honors Program were recognized at half-time of the January 30 basketball game as athletes who have at least a 3.0 GPA.

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Four Students Nominated for Goldwater Scholarships

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships were established by Congress to honor the late senator from Arizona. Goldwater Scholarships are awarded to undergraduates who plan careers in science or engineering. Last year Wright State biology major Michael Woeste was one of 13 Ohio students to be awarded. The 1998-99 campus selection committee (Richard Mercer, Dan Krane, and James Menart) nominated four students: Deborah Maken (Psychology), Eric Pooler (Engineering), Jennifer Bebout (Biology), and Rachel Smith (Chemistry). All four nominees are active participants in the Honors Program.

Homecoming Event

The Honors Advisory Council hosted a reception at Homecoming on February 20 during the men's basketball game with UW-Milwaukee at the Nutter Center. Athletic Director Mike Cusack generously donated an Athletic Department Corporate Box for the occasion. Those who dropped by enjoyed refreshments and renewing old ties. D'Ann Henderson Stekli shared baby pictures and news of her current position as lab manager for 35 doctors with a staff of four medical technologists working under her. Visitors were also eligible for drawings to win the much coveted Raider baby. Thanks to Dot Cusack, Catherine Queener, and Charles Rowland, who did all the work that made this possible.

1999 Portz Scholars Competition

The Honors Program may nominate one undergraduate student paper for the annual Portz Competition sponsored by the National Collegiate Honors Council. Papers should not exceed 30 pages. Entries will be judged in the following categories: Creative Arts and Humanities, Science and Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Science, and Interdisciplinary. The winners will receive a $250 stipend plus registration expenses for the annual conference to be held in Orlando this fall. The three winning papers will be presented at a plenary session. The Wright State Honors Program will cover transportation expenses. Contact the Honors Office for further information. The postmark deadline is June 4, 1999.

Mark Your Calendars

The annual Honors Reception held to recognize graduating seniors and scholarship recipients is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, from 3:00 to 4:30 in E156 Student Union. All Honors family and friends are invited to attend.
Merit or Privilege?

Merit-based scholarships seldom make a big difference for poor students, since most such awards are heavily based on test scores, which correlate almost perfectly (year in and year out) with family income.

### College Admissions Test Scores By Family Income

**High School Class of 1997**

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*Source: ACT Assessment 1997 Results: Summary Report, ACT*

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*Source: 1997 Profile of College-Bound Seniors, College Board, as reprinted in FairTest EXAMINER, Spring 1998.*

### The Skyrocketing Costs of a College Education

*After huge increases in the high-inflation period of the 1970s, tuition costs at both public and private four-year universities have continued to rise by more than 100 percent since 1980. These increases, which hold even when inflation is factored into the calculations, are more than eight times the rise in median family income. Increases in financial aid have not come close to keeping pace with increases in tuition costs.*

### Federal Financial Aid for Poor Students Is Not Keeping Up With Escalating College Costs

A new study cosponsored by the Boston-based Educational Resources Institute and the Washington D.C.-based Institute for Higher Educational Policy demonstrates that federal student aid programs for needy students have not kept up with inflation and the widely escalating costs of a higher education. According to the report, in the mid-1970s, the average Pell Grant award covered 19 percent of the annual costs at a private four-year institution of higher learning and 39 percent of the cost at a state-operated college or university. But now, despite a recent increase in the Pell Grant awards, the grant covers only 9 percent of the average costs at a private four-year institution and 22 percent of the average costs at public institutions of higher learning.

The report criticized the higher education lobby in Washington for concentrating its efforts on reducing the interest rate on student loans, a program that primarily benefits the middle class while ignoring the increasing need of poor students for financial aid.

Steamed Salmon Cantonese Style

This recipe was selected by Dayton Daily News food editor Ann Heller as one of her favorites for 1998. It sounds more complicated than it is. Meijer's has the Chinese rice wine Mirin and Dorothy Lane Market has the best salmon.

½ inch length of ginger root
8 to 12 ounces salmon fillets
2 tablespoons Thai fish sauce or soy sauce
2 teaspoons peanut oil
1 large clove of garlic, halved
2 green onions, thinly sliced
cilantro for garnish

Place water in a steaming pan with a rack; cover and bring to a boil. (I used a deep 10" saute pan with 3 canning jar rings as the rack)

Slice the ginger into paper-thin slices. Place the salmon skin side down on a glass pie plate slightly smaller than the pan. Cover with the ginger slices. Combine the rice wine and fish sauce, then pour over the fish.

When the water is boiling, place the plate of salmon on the steaming rack. Cover and cook 7 to 8 minutes, until the salmon is opaque.

Two minutes before the salmon is done, heat the oil in a small skillet and brown the garlic. Discard the garlic but keep the oil hot.

Transfer the salmon to individual plates. Sprinkle green onions over the salmon and pour the hot oil over the top. Garnish with cilantro.

It's really good with a Thai-style ginger garlic rice and a crisp white wine.

Per 4-ounce serving: 266 calories, 10.9 grams of fat, 61 mg cholesterol, 102 mg sodium.

Scholarships Available for 1999-2000

International Study—A fund of $5000 has been established to assist Honors students who study outside the United States. Students who were admitted to the Honors Program by March 1, 1999 are eligible to apply for support. Consult the Honors Office for application details.

Continuing Students—Three $1500 scholarships are available for students admitted to the Honors Program by March 1, 1999 for 1999-2000. These non-renewable awards are open only to those students who currently have no other scholarship support from Wright State University. Applications are available in the Honors Office and are due by April 30.

Service Learning—One junior or senior Honors student will be selected to receive the first annual Service Learning Scholarship. This $500 recognition award will go to the student who has best been able to combine service, scholarship, and leadership. Letters of nomination from faculty, staff, and fellow students are due in the Honors Office by Monday, May 3. The recipient will be announced at the reception on June 9.

National Scholarships—Students interested in applying for such national scholarships as the Goldwater, Truman, Marshall, or Rhodes should attend an information session on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, in the Honors Office.

Honors Teacher of the Year

Nominations for Honors Teacher of the Year are due in the Honors Office by May 3. This year, for the first time, the winner will receive a prize of $500. All those—tenure-track, adjuncts, lecturers, and instructors—who have taught an Honors class during 1998-99 are eligible for consideration. Any Honors student may nominate a candidate for consideration. Letters of nomination should include specific information about what made the nominee an outstanding Honors teacher. Letters must be signed. Students may collaborate on nominations. The final selection will be made by a committee of Honors students, faculty, and staff. The presentation of the check and plaque will be made at the Honors Reception on June 9.
Prolific novelist Philip Roth won all the major American literary awards in the 1990s, culminating in 1998 with the Pulitzer Prize for *American Pastoral*. His current work, *I Married a Communist*, probably won't win any official prizes, but it does take a big chunk of the hutzpah cake. The story takes place during the McCarthy years, but is recounted and ruminated in the Clinton era. Roth does many things in this novel. It carries on the long-running literary battle between him and his former wife, Clair Bloom, who surely has met her Waterloo in this devastating portrait of Eve Frame and her daughter Sylphid. In the process of creating and destroying Eve Frame, Roth includes a fascinating analysis of what it means to be a Jew, particularly a secular Jew, in America. Roth looks at McCarthyism with a novelist’s eye. What he sees is a complex blending of personal, cultural, and historical forces that for a time dominated public life and ruined many Americans both directly and indirectly. But while McCarthy may have been personally defeated, those who rode on his coattails remained in power and their legacy lives in the present. He buries part of it with a withering dissection of Nixon’s funeral, but it is clear that even Nixon’s death gives him no real peace or assurance. For that he has to look to the stars. The conclusion:

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On the night Murray left I recalled how, as a small child, I’d been told—as a small child unable to sleep because his grandfather had died and he insisted on understanding where the dead man had gone—that Grandpa had been turned into a star. My mother took me out of bed and down into the driveway beside the house and together we looked straight up at the night sky while she explained that one of those stars was my grandfather. Another was my grandmother, and so on. What happens when people die, my mother explained, is that they go up to the sky and live on forever as gleaming stars. I searched the sky and said, “Is he that one?” and she said yes, and we went back inside and I fell asleep.

That explanation made sense then and, of all things, it made sense again on the night when, wide awake from the stimulus of all that narrative engorgement, I lay out of doors till dawn, thinking that Ira was dead, that Eve was dead . . . . There are no longer mistakes for Eve or Ira to make. There is no betrayal. There is no idealism. There are no falsehoods. There is neither conscience nor its absence. There are no mothers and daughters, no fathers and stepfathers. There are no actors. There is no class struggle. There is no discrimination or lynching or Jim Crow, nor has there ever been. There is no injustice, nor is there justice. . . . There is just the furnace of Ira and the furnace of Eve burning at twenty million degrees. . . . There is the furnace of Karl Marx and of Joseph Stalin and of Leon Trotsky and of Paul Robeson and of Johnny O’Day. There is the furnace of Tailgunner Joe McCarthy. What you see didly clear as that night Murray left me for good—for the very best of loyal brothers, the ace of English teachers, died in Phoenix two months later—is that universe into which error does not obtrude. You see the inconceivable: the colossal spectacle of no antagonism. You see with you own eyes the vast brain of time, a galaxy of fire set by no human hand.

The stars are indispensable.

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For a more scholarly examination of some of the issues Roth raises about Jewish identity in America, see *The Jewish Search for a Usable Past*, by David G. Roskies, or *Fighting to Become Americans: Jews, Gender, and the Anxiety of Assimilation*, by Riv-Ellen Prell.

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Honors Faculty Author

Frank Dobson of the English Department published his first novel, *The Race Is Not Given*, this winter. The first 30 pages are terrific, promise of an excellent reading experience. Frank will teach a UH 400 seminar in fall ‘99 titled "Reading and Writing Fiction." His book is available at local bookstores and through Amazon.com. Buy it.
Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all who joined the Honors Advisory Council or otherwise contributed to the Honors Program. Your generosity will help fund six Honors students' attendance at the MidEast Honors Association Conference in Ann Arbor this spring. It will also help two Honors anthropology students get to Costa Rico this summer. We try to promote the notion that no good deed goes unrecognized, so, unless you asked us not to, here's your public thanks!

On April 19, President and Mrs. Goldenberg will host a reception for charter members of the Honors Advisory Council at their campus home, Rockafield House. We appreciate their interest and support.

$250 Life Achievement
Anna Bellisari
Mark Mazurik
Timothy Rogers
Charles Rowland

$100 Endowment
Debra Anderson
John Brownlee
Mary Kenton
James North
Lori Scheckelhoff
Michael Solimine
Michael Stadler
Todd Walborn
Maureen Woltermann

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David Brackman
Melissa Critchfield
Dot & Mike Cusack
Angela Anderson Dittman

$25 Commitment
Virginia Harley
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Dorothy Patterson McCarty
Richard Mercer
Charles Powers
Catherine Queener
Sally Struthers
John Taylor III
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Judith Janicki
John Kirk
Deborah Leffler
Todd Locher
Stephen Maloon
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