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Tutors urgently needed. Pay is good ($3.95 per hour); hours are flexible. See David Hurwitz in 131 Student Services Wing (872-2841).

Scholarship News

We have money to award for this year. Six new scholarships are available as a result of College Scholarship Campaign donations and students forfeiting scholarships. The awards will be for $600, divided equally between winter and spring. Qualified students are invited to apply in the appropriate category:

- Part time or Adult
- Transfer or Lake Campus
- Bolinga Minority
- Continuing Honors (2)
- Open

Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.4. To apply:

1) sign a transcript release form in the Honors Office or provide a transcript if new to WSU
2) have two letters of reference sent to the Honors Office
3) submit a two-page essay on educational and career goals.

Recipients must take an Honors course winter and spring. This award cannot be combined with any other WSU scholarship.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 4.

Recipients will be notified by November 21.

(For more scholarship news see page 6)
The Arguments . . .

I cannot claim to be perfectly objective. And I suppose my position as Director of the Honors Program makes me somewhat suspect; surely part of my duties is to be an apologist for Honors. I understand that. Nonetheless, some objectivity is possible. Studying religion, especially one's own, calls for discipline. When I chose to specialize Christian origins I knew there would be conflicts between what I would rather think happened and what the discipline of history, theories of literature, and the social sciences would show. I continue to be guided by the rather naive notion that truth will out, that it is better out than not out, that all parties are best served by open and frank discussion.

I would like to start such a discussion about Honors. It seems that some of us here at Wright State are excited about Honors education and others, equally dedicated teachers, have some serious reservations. For starters I only want to restate the arguments as I have heard them. I do not mean to accept these statements as fact, only to report what I have heard. Nor do I intend any relationship between the two columns; one is not meant to refute the other.

Against Honors

1 We have a limited amount of resources to devote the classroom and we would be better off concentrating on those students who may not succeed in college without special help. After all, Honors students will succeed without any extra assistance.

2 Pulling Honors students out of the regular classes and grouping them in special Honors sections has an adverse effect on the level of discussion in the regular classes.

3 To identify a few students as Honors students is an elitist notion that is in some tension with the idea of a publicly funded educational institution.

4 Honors classes are not all that different from other classes, except that the classes have fewer students. Many Honors students are not seeking a more challenging education; many Honors professors are not designing significantly different courses.

For Honors

1 We need to find ways to attract and hold good students, students who are also being courted by other schools in the state. An active Honors Program is one, relatively inexpensive, way to interest these students in coming to Wright State.

2 Every student should be allowed to proceed at the pace most ideal for that student. Thus some classes should be available that will challenge and stimulate the best students. This issue is not whether they can get by, but rather, how far can they go.

3 A university is known by the quality of its graduates so that the extra time, effort, and money we invest in our best students will be well worth it. In addition, we have a responsibility to produce graduates who will assume leadership roles in our society, our city, and the professions. An Honors program is one means to accomplish these ends.

4 An active, progressive Honors program will serve more than the needs of its immediate clientele. The educational experimentation, student development, and academic rigor will influence the rest of the university. Honors classes furnish an opportunity to experiment with new content, new pedagogies, new styles; Honors professors will transfer successful techniques and strategies to their other classes; Honors students learn how to be better students and so contribute more to all their classes.

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SHA Report
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The Student Honors Association (SHA) is back in full force! The first "pizza meeting" was held on October 4. It attracted new and old hungry faces alike. Those in attendance were to gain light on the upcoming events and activities for SHA. Some of the topics discussed included the October Daze booth, the BGSU exchange, priority registration for Honors students, and much, much more. If you missed the first meeting, you didn't "miss out"! To find out more about SHA simply call Eric Crouch at 879-6344 or drop a note in his mailbox. You can also contact the Honors Office in 163 Millett at 873-2660. The Student Honors Association is anticipating an exciting year. Get involved today!

SHA LOGO CONTEST--Design the winning logo and win $20. The deadline for submitting entries is the end of fall quarter.

Alpha Lambda Delta

At its first meeting on October 5, the Wright State University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta elected officers for the year and reappointed Jim Hughes faculty advisor. The freshman honorary society will host the third annual pledge breakfast on Thursday, November 10 from 8:00 until 9:30 in the Faculty Dining Room. Over 75 new pledges will be eligible to participate in the induction ceremony on Thursday evening, November 17 in the University Center.

The treasury is healthy with a beginning balance of over $500. The new officers will decide soon on a schedule of activities and projects for the year. With so many new members, Alpha Lambda Delta is in a position to assume a more active role in campus life.

Students qualify for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta by earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average during two consecutive quarters of full-time study in the first year at Wright State. Those who believe they qualify but who were not invited to join, should contact the Honors Office to discuss their eligibility. As we all know, the computer printout is neither infallible nor even divinely inspired. We'll be happy to correct oversights!

Officers for 1988-89

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5 The Honors program is cut-off from the academic programs of the university and operates as an island unto itself. The colleges, schools, and departments feel little loyalty to, or responsibility for Honors.

For Honors continued from page 2...

5 Honors courses are among the more rewarding educational opportunities available at Wright State--for both students and faculty.

These are the things I have heard, stated as cogently as I can. I apologize if the right hand list seems a little longer. I welcome your response: can you state an objection or a sanction more cogently? Do you see other issues? Would you care to refute one or more of the above? I welcome all responses--written and verbal. You can bet you have not heard the last of this from me.
The first annual dinner was well attended. Some people offered lame excuses for staying away; Debbie Anderson got married that night and brother Tom (UHS 1982) wanted to attend; Debra Bishop attended her commencement at Ohio State to receive her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree; Cathy Queener was relaxing at a secluded Canadian cottage with husband Dave Nolin; Ray Caldwell is still in Europe. We hope to see them and those others of you with even lamer excuses next year.

President and Mrs. Mulhollan were able to meet most of those who attended before the pressures of a WSU event-filled weekend pushed them on to another dinner.

James M. Hughes was named Honors Teacher of the Year and James L. North received the Alumni Service Award. They will serve as co-chairs of the awards committee for next year.

Following an ok meal (we'll do better next year), Marty Maner and the Blues Doctors entertained us royally. Clan Seiger was out in force. Leslie (UHS 1984), recently married, came from Washington D.C. (farther than anyone else) to share also in sister Karen's (UHS 1988) graduation. Professor and Mrs, beamed on their daughters. Aunt Gertrude Kriger travelled from Maine for the festivities. Karen has taken up residence in Bologna with five other students. They went by train to Venice ($9.00 round trip) for the Labor Day gondola regatta and jousting tournament. Ah, the tough life of the graduate student.

Mike Solimine was not the oldest graduate there, but he was the earliest--UHS 1978. He attended with his fiancee, Patricia Zink who also graduated from WSU in 1978. Mike maintains his WSU connection by continuing to collaborate on articles about the law and social sciences with Jim Walker.

The old Honors photo albums were passed around, and Lisa Wainscott showed off the terrific Student Honors Association scrapbook she put together. The old photos, newsletters, and invitations set off a wave of nostalgia and everyone got a giggle out of former director Jacob Dorn's changing hairstyles.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. The conversation flowed. Hugs, handshakes, and "Let's get together for lunches" were exchanged freely. We're already making plans for next spring. If you want to be in on the planning, let us know. Just be sure you don't miss the fun two years in a row.

WRIGHT PRINCIPLES

If you study your notes, the test is over the book.
If you reread the book, the test is over the lectures.
If you memorize both, the test is cancelled and rescheduled only when you have totally forgotten everything.

SUMMER SCHOLARS REPORT

For the fourth year area high school students earned college credit at Wright State over the summer. Over 45 rising juniors and seniors enrolled in everything from trigonometry to comparative non-western religions. As a group they performed very well. Over 75 percent earned A's or B's. Most go back to their high schools with positive memories about Wright State and an enhanced sense of their ability to do college work. Virtually all of the participants were supported by scholarship aid. Information about next summer's program will be available in March. Sons and daughters and younger sisters and brothers of Wright State faculty and students are particularly encouraged to attend.
Recognition Dinner in Pictures

Mike Stadler chats with Mary Kenton

James L. North Alumni Service Award

James M. Hughes Honors Teacher of the Year

President and Mrs. Mulholland with David Barr
OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS and FELLOWSHIPS

The Honors Office has an impressive collection of information on various national and international scholarship opportunities. While specific standards for selection vary, every scholarship program seeks to award outstanding students. The Honors Program staff will review your academic record with you and help determine first whether, then which of these awards you would be most competitive for. Then we will help you decide on the best course of action to produce the strongest possible application. If you need a faculty mentor, we’ll help you find one. If there are gaps in your education (both formal and informal), we’ll help you fill them. If you just need some advice on how to select references, we can help there too. Wright State’s best students don’t always win the recognition they deserve. We would like to play a role in turning that situation around.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS for graduate study at Oxford University in England are extremely competitive. Fewer than 50 are awarded nationwide. Winning one is a very high honor indeed. Students generally apply in the fall quarter of the senior year, but the sophomore year is not too soon to start getting ready to apply. To be competitive you need outstanding grades (3.75+), strong leadership potential, an unblemished character, good writing skills, U.S. citizenship, and a well-defined reason for wanting to study in England. The application deadline is in October.

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS are also for graduate study in Britain, but at any British university. Requirements and selection criteria are similar to those for the Rhodes. Students often apply for both simultaneously.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIPS are awarded to college sophomores (U.S. citizens) who intend to pursue a career in government or public service, broadly defined. At least one is awarded to an Ohio student each year. Truman Scholarships cover up to four years of study. The campus application deadline is early in November.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS and GRADUATE MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS are intended for U.S. citizens in the early stages of graduate study in the sciences. They generally fund three years of graduate study. The application deadline is in November.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the HUMANITIES YOUNGER SCHOLARS AWARDS fund summer research projects in the humanities for undergraduates. The application date is in November.

NATIONAL ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA awards 15 $3,000 fellowships for graduate study each year. Applicants must be Alpha Lambda Delta members. The application deadline is in January.

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS in BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES--The application deadline is November 14.

FORD FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL and DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS for MINORITIES--For any field of study. The application deadline is November 14.

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM--At least one Wright State student who is a U.S. citizen will win one of these awards for graduate study in Ohio. The application deadline is February 1.

HONORS TRIVIA

The first one to identify the author and the source of the quotation will receive a gift certificate for lunch at one of WSU’s gourmet eateries.

"And ye take mine honour from me if ye take away the sea!"
Program Notes...

THE HONORS PARTY CIRCUIT

No one jetted in for the occasion, but some came from as far away as Brehm Lab. The annual fall Honors reception was well attended despite an embarrassing memo that mixed everyone up about the date. When queried about her role in November Brunch Fiasco, Mary Kenton would only say, "Mistakes were made." Those hard to confuse Honors students who made it to the Hearth Lounge on October 6 heard about pre-professional advising, the Model U.N. Team, and plans for the Honors Program for the year. Vice-President Howard drew the door prize winners: Matt Dewald and Phuong Truong. Most of the food was eaten. The students mixed quite well and some even observed students and faculty chatting together over carrot sticks. The Honors Program staff will host more and more of these mingling of the minds events when they have their own party room in Millett Hall.

PHI BETA KAPPA

As this Newsletter goes to press, the application to Phi Beta Kappa is undergoing its final typing. We have collected an extraordinary amount of data about Wright State (though it is surprising that they did not ask for some other data--like faculty publications).

Sue Cummings (Chemistry Chairer and a regular Honors teacher) deserves high praise for writing the final document.

Comparing our current data with that generated for the 1979 report is quite interesting: there have been major, measurable improvements in a number of areas, including ACT scores, faculty teaching loads and salaries, number and amount of scholarships, and library resources. We can only hope it is enough to impress PBK!

WRIGHT WRIDDLE

Three travelers needing a place to stay for the night rent a hotel room that costs $30, so each pays $10. The hotel management, upon realizing that the men should have been charged only $25, sends a bellhop to the travelers’ room with $5. Since $5 cannot be split evenly three ways, the three travelers agree to each take $1 and give the bellhop $2 as a tip.

Now, each traveler has paid $9 ($10 less the $1 refund), for a total of $27. The bellhop has $2, bringing the total to $29. Where’s the last dollar?

Be the first to solve the riddle and win a free lunch.

Submitted by D. Brackman
GUEST COLUMN

Lisa Waniscott

This summer I was a Governor's Honors Intern in the law section of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Despite the dullness implied in this assignment, my eight-week experience was interesting and fun. My supervisor, Larry Rhodebeck, is a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy and my project involved research into this area as it applies to the BWC. I learned a great deal about legal research and the investigation of case law.

In addition to traveling to the Ohio Supreme Court Library to compile my memorandum, I also attended several seminars. Among the people the other interns and I met were Governor Celeste, Dagmar Celeste, Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, Attorney General Anthony Celebreeze, Secretary of State Sherrod Brown, and Ohio Speaker of the House Vern Riffe. Topics of discussion included the role of the media in politics, political campaign tactics, the adjudication process at the Ohio Supreme Court, and Congressional lobbying at the state level. In general, all of the seminars were enlightening. Our meeting with Vern Riffe was perhaps the best because of the Speaker's candidness, friendliness, and grandfatherly charm.

WRIGHT WIT

While seeking employment, a church organist was asked if he could play a complicated piece of music like the "Messiah." "No problem," he replied, "I can Händel it."

Why did the chicken cross the road? To prove to the possum that it could be done.

(Submitted by two separate Honors students, both of whom wished to remain anonymous.)

[It is perhaps evident that the editors are in desperate need of original humor. We can keep it anonymous if necessary.]

While living at Ohio State University, I went to the usual High Street hangouts. The Flying Tomato Pizza in a Pan had great food but the Park Alley (a college bar) was little more than a meat market. The Northland Mall was practically a clone of the Dayton Mall, I'm happy to say. Overall, I had a wonderful time in Columbus this summer.

Toward the end of the eight weeks, Wright State's History and Political Science Departments helped me win a scholarship from the Student Loan Funding Corporation of Ohio to attend the National Governors' Association Conference in Cincinnati. This marked the first time a group of college students was chosen to attend an NGA annual meeting. We participated in a wide variety of events, some sponsored by the NGA and others by the SLFC. Among the NGA events worth noting were: a breakfast meeting with Governor Celeste and New Hampshire Governor Sununu; several conferences involving such issues as interstate and international trade, federalism, volunteerism, and the new, more powerful role of state governors; President Reagan's speech concerning states' increased power during his administration; the picnic and laser show at Sawyer Point; and Dick Clark's Rock-n-Roll Show. The most memorable SLFC event was an address by a Japanese delegation from the liberal democratic party of Japan's Diet. Two personal highlights for me were meeting Governor Michael Dukakis during the closing plenary session and Governor Rose Mofford just before President Reagan's speech. All in all, my summer internship and my attendance at the NGA's meeting in Cincinnati in particular made this summer exciting and memorable.