Each new year at WSU has brought me new pleasures and new challenges, but the 1994-95 year promises to deliver even more than my usual share. I am delighted with my new role as Director of the University Honors Program. It is indeed a challenge to build upon the fine tradition established by my predecessor David Barr, whose work I have greatly appreciated and admired for a number of years. And it is a pleasure to work with Associate Director Mary Kenton and Secretary Beverly Rowe, who bring many years of experience, impressive dedication and energy, and a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to their jobs in support of the program. Student workers Shawn Ruble and Virginia Harley round out the office staff this year and are definitely among the most cheerful and capable workers I have ever known.

Why Honors? What makes this program so important to those of us who are deeply involved in its conception and implementation? I suspect that there are many answers to this question, but as I see it, the primary benefits are the unique opportunities for self-development and the important connections we can develop as members of this program. The undergraduate experience is a rare, once-in-a-lifetime, critical period for focusing on personal growth and progress. It is a time of intense change, a time for sampling courses and testing ideas, a time for developing personal styles and goals. Honors courses and activities are designed to enhance these opportunities for students whose special talents include excellent study skills and a willingness to test their abilities in special classes, scholarship applications, and independent research. Notice that I did not mention the attribute of greater intellect. I am not convinced that Honors students have any more native ability than others do. Rather, I believe that they have worked hard to develop their superior learning skills and are therefore better equipped to take on the challenges associated with the Honors Program. To take maximum advantage of opportunities in Honors, student must be willing to accept responsibilities, to take new risks, to open their minds to novel ideas, to become intensely engaged in a subject through thesis research.

For teachers the Honors Program also offers opportunities for new growth. We have the chance to develop and test new ways of teaching, to challenge willing and able students, and to support their efforts to stretch their talents to the limit. Of course, this is a serious responsibility involving a certain amount of additional work, but it is also an intensely rewarding experience. The satisfaction of seeing a student succeed in one way or another is hard to beat! As with Honors students, I am convinced that successful Honors faculty are not so much endowed with special intellect as with the willingness to go beyond ordinary efforts in the classroom, to take risks and make sacrifices, and to open themselves to new challenges.

To my mind, Honors scholars are connected in a system that fosters unique learning experiences and opportunities. At WSU this system already includes course offerings that bridge disciplinary boundaries as well as classes that link students and faculty of diverse backgrounds in the exploration of academic topics that connect our part of the world with other regions of

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Awards

Jeffrey M. Warman, a junior communications major, was named the Frank I. Salsburg Memorial Honors Scholar for 1994-95 at the Honors Dinner last May. He was selected on the basis of his grades, his commitment to the Wright State metropolitan community and to the values embodied in an Honors education. A published poet, Writing Center tutor, WWSU disc jockey, last summer Jeff was also an intern for Cincinnati’s top news station, WCPO Channel 9. His hand was often seen holding a microphone up to some interviewee’s face. Jeff was accepted for the National Collegiate Honors Council Semester in New York city on the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University. The Salsburg Scholarship helped finance his tuition. Jeff reports from New York that he met Spike Lee (who hangs out on campus) and saw James Brown (of “I Feel Good” fame) at the Apollo. A group also went to the Letterman show. His classes are great and he’s reading more than he ever has. He hopes to begin an internship with the Discovery Channel that will make him even busier. He’ll be on email soon. Watch for an address.

Shauna Weyrauch and Terrence Lau were named Distinguished Seniors. The committee selects students with the potential to make an original contribution to their field to receive these $1500 awards. Political Science major Terrence Lau chaired the Student Budget Board and captained the Mock Trial Team. He is in his third year of service as a Community Advisor. His Honors research project will examine either the development of litigation for gays in the military or the development of speech codes on college campuses. Shauna Weyrauch is fascinated with biology and plans to continue her studies through the doctoral level. Her special areas of interest are population ecology and wildlife biology. In preparation for her career as a university professor, she has participated in the Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship program in the College of Science and Mathematics. Shauna’s Honors project will be a two-part investigation of amphibian life in the Beavercreek wetlands. She will catalog the amphibian species currently living in the wetlands and study factors in that environment that are harmful to their embryo development. Her advisor, James P. Amon, says: “Her Honors work will be of great value!”

New Honors Scholarship Students for Fall

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Congratulations to all these fine students.
Brown Bag Lunches

On Wednesdays, bring your lunch to the Honors Office, get a can of pop and settle in for some nice conversation and orderly debate on the topics of the day. Can OJ get a fair trial? When are we getting out of Haiti? Should we be in Bosnia? Should teenage killers be tried as adults? Do watching lots violent movies and listening to anti-social music make you a better person? Why doesn’t Wright State have a football team? What should be done about General Education?

No format, no rules except those required by civility, no holds barred. The wild rumpus will begin at noon and continue until everyone leaves or the room is scheduled for another activity.

SHA Report

President—Amy C. Howe
Vice President—Winston Christmas
Treasurer—Greg Bothe
Recording Secretary—Kevin Smith
Corresponding Secretary—Heather Redman
ICC Rep.—Lori Franklin
Historian—Heather Wessel
Honors Committee—Stephanie Rojano, Tim Rogers, and Regina Crawford

Dues for one year are $10 (pay any officer or come to the Honors Office) and entitle members to discounts to SHA activities, including the Honors Banquet in May. Only paid members are allowed to vote.

President Amy Howe has restocked the refrigerator with soda in the hopes of inspiring someone else to take over the job of being pop person. The pop person shops, stocks, and keeps track of the money involved in purchases and sales. Since there is no remuneration involved, the pop person earns major brownie points from fellow SHA members and the Honors staff. A couple of free Honors Banquet tickets will be thrown in to sweeten the pot. Interested parties should leave messages in the Honors Office labeled “POP-PERSON.” For October Daze, SHA plans to accept donations for the Children’s Medical Center. During May Daze SHA collected about $100. Volunteer to spend some time in the booth. The SHAalloween tradition will continue this year in the Forest Gump (no, that’s Lane) Community Center. Find out more by checking your e-mail and coming to meetings. Notice of meetings will be via e-mail and the SHA bulletin board outside the Honors Office and in Maple Hall.

Appalachian Culture Semester

The National Collegiate Honors Council announces the 1995 semester—Appalachia: Regional Cultures in Transition which will be held at Western Carolina University from January 23 to May 12. Participants will examine Contemporary Cherokee Culture, Southern Appalachian Literature and Language, Southern Appalachian History, and Appalachian Ecosystems. Several extended field trips to such places as the John C. Campbell Folk School and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian are planned. Hiking in the mountains and white water rafting will round out the experience. Students earn 16 semester hours to transfer back to Wright State. The total cost is $3,200 which includes tuition, housing, and field trips. The Honors Program will help interested students arrange financing. The application deadline is October 15.

Winter Registration

All Honors students with priority status will register on October 29 and 30. If you have any questions about your status, come to the Honors Office.

Information about winter Honors will be placed in your mailbox in Allyn Hall prior to registration.

Honors Students Play Around

Go to the Wright State University theatre this fall and see Honors students in action. Rob White will appear in Born Yesterday which runs from October 13 to 23. She Loves Me is loaded with Honors students: Katy Hoover, Caleb McEwen, Matt Gunnels, and Chad Stiles have major parts in this musical comedy. Erin Swank is also featured. This brilliant cast is directed by frequent Honors teacher Robert Heatherington. She Loves Me runs November 10-27.
News and Gossip

Charlie Rowland (PLS 92) is having a great time at Ohio Northern Law School. He’s moved up to 25th in his class and serves on the Moot Court Executive Board. He was a Tax Moot Court finalist in Florida. He has been appointed Associate Justice.

LeShawn Jackson (ENG 91) has been reading her poetry around town, most recently at the Santa Clara Street Fair. She has a poem forthcoming in *The Heartland Today* for which she is being paid, a first.

Steve Cico (BIO 93) prevailed over his first year of medical school at the University of Cincinnati where his lab group (composed entirely of WSU people) won the Golden Scalpel Award in gross anatomy. He interned during the summer at the Barrett Cancer Center and served a stint as a recruiter for new first-year students.

Steve Shotts (BSBE 90) will begin a Surgery Residency at the University of Kentucky now that he has completed his medical studies at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine in your editors favorite small city, Nashville.

Marty Hammonds (BIO 92) is still down in Elvis country in Memphis. He’s halfway through an MBA. He and Crystal have built a house and acquired two big dogs. Life is good with vacations to Cancun and a new riding mower to cut that acre of grass.

Mike Solimine (PLS 78), a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, just published his fourth article with Jim Walker of the WSU Political Science Department which appeared in *Constitutional Commentary*, a faculty-edited journal published at the University of Minnesota Law School. Mike also lectured to Jim’s Civil Liberties II class on the topic of “Congressional Enforcement of Civil Rights.”

Richard Blake (ENG 93) is deep into it at Athens. He thanks the teachers who helped him most prepare for surviving graduate school: David Barr, Iain Miller, Marty Maner, and Dave Orenstein. He is reading Kenneth Bruffee, Richard Rorty, and Patricia Bizzell. He thinks Blake (little lambs and tygers bright Blake) helps him understand all this stuff. Ah, the mysteries of graduate school.

Longish letters came in from Adrienne McEvoy Rixroad (MBA 83) and Ross Martin (PLS 87). Adrienne finished her MS in Economics along with an MBA with a concentration in Management Science in the spring of 1983. Her son, Ian Robert, was born in 1986. Other highlights include a promotion to branch chief of the materials management analysis office in 1989. After a time in Massachusetts, she returned to the Dayton area in 93 to be close to her son (divorced in 88) who was living with his father. Professionally, she is a task manager over data administration and business process modeling documentation efforts. She lives in Yellow Springs where she is active in the Presbyterian Church. She also stays busy with the Air Force Communications and Electronics Association.

Ross is now Ross D. Martin, MD, having finished his medical studies at Cincinnati. He has decided to go back to school (nice scholarship) to earn a masters in hospital administration from Xavier. This degree will allow him to get into administration and policy making (Remember, he was a political science major). Aside from work as a house physician, Ross has been busy writing a screenplay that is a sequel to Disney’s *Tall Tale*. Could it be that Ross will join the long line of physicians turned writers—worse fates could be his. While he was still a medical student, Ross directed a program called the Urban Health Project which placed medical students in social service agencies over the summer. He published an article in *OHIO Medicine* about the program entitled “The Medically Needy and the Next Generation.” It’s clear that Ross is still Ross—busy, eager, enthused about life and making a difference.

Ellen Horton (ED 94) got a full-time teaching position at Northridge High School in Spanish and English. Laura Horton has been smoke free for 5 months. Jay Horton is on a Rocky Mountain high in Boulder, where he is attending graduate school.

Becky Nienaber (ED 93) is teaching first grade at the Miami Valley School this year. She thinks she’s going to love it.

Thom Brex (ACC 94) stopped by after a grueling day at WSU’s Career Fair recruiting prospects for Ernst and Young accounting firm. He’s almost ready for the CPA exam (from hell) the first week in November. He has a massage scheduled (in Oakwood, of all places) immediately following. Then it’s on to the bars. In December he’s traveling to Vero Beach, Florida for tax training. You too could have this future if you graduate summa cum laude and get good haircuts.

Randy and Rodney Carlson made a surprise visit to the Honors Office late in September. Randy had been working for the Ottawa Senators Hockey Team, but he’s headed back to Agriculture Canada where he does computer stuff. Rodney was accepted at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine but changed his mind and decided to sit out a year, rethink his future, and earn some money. Things are great back in maple leaf land. The kitchen is almost done.
Do you see yourself or anyone you know in these pictures? Bring us up to date. The first one to identify everyone in the group scholarship recipient shot and tell what at least one of them is doing currently wins two free honors banquet tickets.

Books--Musings and Movings

Ask any liberal-artsy academic type who relocates: What is your biggest moving problem? The answer is usually "books." Suggesting that perhaps many of the books will never be consulted again and might reasonably be donated to Planned Parenthood doesn't seem to help. Books are like friends—Get new books, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold (and may be out of print). Though I deshelved, carried out, transported, carried in, and reshelved more boxes of books than I want to remember during the last few months, I still bought new (and used) books. Several were gifts, but some were to add to the collection. It's a sickness, surely, but fortunately a relatively minor malady. In addition to moving books, I found some time for some summer reading.

First came John Updike's Memories of the Ford Administration, which of course has next to nothing to do with the Ford Administration and everything to do with the marital woes and sexual adventures of an aging historian. Kingsley Amis followed Updike with The Russian Girl, the story of what happens to a British academic when a young (truly awful) Russian poet turns his upper middle class life around. After these two social novels dealing with marital denouements, I decided to go back to a primary source of social fiction on both sides of the Atlantic and read Henry James' The Awkward Age for the first time. Written after Portrait, this time the independent-minded young woman does not marry and one suspects that her life (while maybe not fuller) will be lived with fewer regrets than Isabel Archer's. (What happened to the proposed film of Portrait to star Demi Moore in the title role? Or was that The Scarlet Letter?) Finally, at the tail (tale) end of summer, I read John Barth's latest novel, Once Upon a Time, wherein I learned the true originator of the term "post-modern" and not much else that is certain.

As always with Barth, the reader gets an unreliable narrator (in this case, a semi-retired academic), lots of good digressions, in-depth discussions of esoteric subjects, a new appreciation of time, and wonderful prose. Barth says he's wrapping up several narrative themes that he has worked and reworked in the last three novels. The next one should be fresh as the Chesapeake before the storms hit.
**STUFFED MAINE PUMPKIN**

Submitted by Anna Bellisari

This is a favorite old recipe from the *New York Times* which has always been popular with my family and friends. Don't wait until after Halloween to make this or you may have trouble finding a pumpkin.

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 lb lean ground pork
- 3 large potatoes, cooked, peeled and diced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp crushed savory
- 1 medium pumpkin (about 6-inch diameter)
- 1 cup water

In a large skillet brown beef and pork. Just as it starts to brown, add potatoes, onion, salt, pepper and savory. Cook until onion is tender, but not browned, and meat is cooked.

Cut lid from pumpkin and remove seeds and stringy material from inside. (An ice cream scoop works well.) Salt inside of pumpkin. Place in shallow baking pan and fill with meat mixture, discarding excess fat. Cover with pumpkin lid.

Pour water around pumpkin and bake in preheated 350-degree oven about 1 3/4 hours or until pumpkin is tender.

To serve, remove some of the filling and scrape off some of the pumpkin to go along with it, or cut wedges of pumpkin and fill with stuffing. Makes about 6 servings.

(Diced chicken could be substituted for beef and pork. I sometimes add a little crushed red pepper, other spices, and/or parsley).

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**Spring and Fall:**

to a young child

Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1880

Margaret, are you grieving
Over Goldengrove unleaving?
Leaves, like the things of man, you
With your fresh thoughts care for, can you?
Ah! as the heart grows older
It will come to such sights colder
By and By, nor spare a sigh
Though worlds of wanwood leafmould lie,
And yet you will weep and know why.
Now no matter, child, the name:
Sorrow's springs are the same.
Nor mouth had, nor no mind, expressed
What heart heard of, ghost guessed:
It is the blight man was born for,
It is Margaret you mourn for.

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Scholarships Available for 94-95

The Honors Program announces three new scholarships. Students who were admitted to the Honors Program by September 1 are eligible to apply. The selection committee will favor students who have little or no existing scholarship support from Wright State. One $8,000 four-year scholarship will be awarded to an incoming first-year student. Two awards in the amount of $2,000 per year will go to continuing students. The total amount of the scholarships will depend on how many quarters the recipients have until graduation, up to a maximum of nine quarters or $6,000. There are no additional grade point requirements or hours restrictions. Application forms are available in the Honors Office, 179 Millett Hall. The application deadline is Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m.

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the globe. One of my goals is to build upon these linkages and to integrate the Honors Program into the larger campus community through a variety of social and academic events.

You have an important role in develop the future direction of the WSU Honors Program. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions, and extend to you this open invitation to stop by the Honors Office. Please feel free to introduce yourself and to share your experiences and ideas. All the best for the coming year!

Anna
Teacher of the Year

Paul Lockhart, an assistant professor in the History Department, was named Honors Teacher of the Year at the Honors Banquet last May. Students have nominated Paul in each of the last three years. They find his lectures fascinating, his tests fair, and his humor enlivening. We’ll all look forward to his remarks at the dinner this spring. I’m sure he won’t mention the Thirty Years War, even though he’s lately written a book on the subject.

Celebrations

All Honorable people are welcome to come to the Honors Office on Tuesday November 22 for an end-of-quarter party. We’ll have food, music, and conversation. We’ll start around 2:00 and carry on all afternoon.

The Honors Program will host a luncheon for December Honors graduates and their advisors on December 1 in the Student Union. Graduates will be presented with their gold Honor cords to be worn at commencement.
The summer of 1994 was one of the most successful box-office seasons in recent years. With studio executives and film makers concentrating on the proven audience appeal of family oriented movies and action adventure fare, it seemed almost impossible for them to go wrong. However, in a season of so much competition due to the number of movies being released, it was imperative that the films do well on their opening weekend to insure a long running time at the major theatre chains where they were most accessible to consumers. Those movies that were not instant successes grossing the most money were gone before many of us were able to see them. Not to worry though. This fall promises to be a home video renter's delight. Those box-office smash hits like Forrest Gump, True Lies, and Speed, as well as the lesser hits like The Shadow and Blown Away will soon be available at local video stores. Perhaps this fall's most anxiously awaited release may be by that movie-making mogul Mr. Spielberg. His theatrical success with Jurassic Park has many video renters in a frenzy that should escalate even more so within the next two weeks as its video release date quickly approaches. So for those of us who missed out on some of this summer's greatest movie offerings, here are a few of the anticipated video release dates for the fall of 1994-the season of home video.

When a Man Loves a Woman
The Paper
Jurassic Park
The Cowboy Way
With Honors
Above the Rim
Monkey Trouble
No Escape
Cops and Robbersons
The Inkwell
Clean Slate
China Moon
Hudsucker Proxy
Being Human
Backbeat
Jimmy Hollywood
Widow's Peak
Clifford
Wyatt Earp
Crooklyn
The Wedding Banquet
Sirens
Even Cowgirls Get the Blues
Brainscan

By Winston Christmas

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