HONORABLE MENTIONS
Newsletter of the University Honors Program

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National Merit Semifinalist Brad Hughes with Dr. Karl Becker (History), Dr. James Hughes (English), and Betsy Hughes at President's Reception. See page 7.

Scholarships News

Three $250 scholarships are available for spring quarter. One scholarship is reserved for a continuing Honors Program student. The other two will be awarded to African-American students. All applicants must have cumulative gpa's of 3.4 or higher and be willing to register for an Honors course spring quarter. Application forms are available in the Honors Office. The deadline for completed applications is February 19.

Three other scholarships are available for continuing Honors Program students for 1990-91. The Salsburg Memorial Scholarship ($1800) is awarded to an outstanding junior or senior Honors student who is also active in the university and/or the metropolitan community. Two Distinguished Senior Awards ($1500) are made to Honors students who are enrolled in departmental Honors programs.

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Opportunities for Learning

Many of the things I learned "in college" turn out, on reflection, to be things I learned outside the classroom. Cramming late at night in the dorm, talking in the lounge or snack shop, acting in plays, participating in clubs, visiting prof's offices, digging around in the library, traveling to conferences, doing service projects—these are the things that come to mind when I reflect on some of the important things I learned in college. You could probably add to the list.

Because we are convinced of the value of such learning opportunities, the Honors Program continues to seek ways to enhance our students' out-of-class experiences. This is our basic motivation behind the Honors Lounge, where on any given morning you will find 5-10 students studying, talking, thinking together. We also have Honors Roommate referrals: students who would like to room with another Honors student can do so by registering with us. The Student Honors Association is one of the most active groups on campus and is entirely student led. We expect to take 10-20 students to the Mid East Honors Association meeting in the Spring.

We cooperate with other Honors programs in joint study projects, including the Semester at the United Nations. We are currently developing a community service opportunity, which will combine training, service, and cultural enrichment activities.

Another idea we are exploring is Study Abroad, where students could spend a semester or a year in another country. Implementation will depend on the degree of student interest and our ability to raise enough money to make it financially feasible.

We are also exploring various types of learning communities, which attempt to shift the emphasis from individual competition to joint endeavor. One experiment with a type of learning community this Fall involved two linked courses: Western World and English Composition were combined into one seminar. It was not entirely successful, but it provided some experience and a few ideas for future linked courses.

All of which is to say: we are looking for ideas that recognize that much of our learning occurs outside the classroom. Students or faculty who have ideas or who would like to be involved with such activities are urged to let us know.

—dlb

Not Food for Thought

Since the Honors Program is currently sponsoring a seminar on homelessness, it seemed fitting that we use a recipe designed to sustain the hungry rather than tempt the overfed. This recipe comes from Ken Clarkston (MA, 1985) who is chaplain of the Gospel Mission in Dayton. The Gospel Mission routinely feeds hundreds of homeless and hungry people. Chaplain Clarkston devised this recipe to take advantage of the large amount of vegetables that are seasonally donated.

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Cook potatoes—2 equal pots, add 1/8 cup lemon juice to each. Cook approximately 2 hours.
Cook cauliflower—1 pot, add 1/8 cup lemon juice. Cool approximately 30 minutes.
Cook broccoli, add 1/8 cup lemon juice. Cook 30 minutes.
Use 2-5 gallon pots, 1 pot of potatoes to each, divide and add cauliflower. Stir in 1/2 tbsp salt and 1 tbsp pepper and 4 cups buttermilk dressing in each pot. Top with broccoli and zig-zag 1/2 cup dressing on top.

Gospel Mission, 64 Burns Avenue, Dayton, OH 45402
Student Honors Association News
From Bob Hale, President

Enthusiasm and extraordinary effort amongst SHA members rallied the organization to a successful fall quarter. Much credit is due to the many members who organized and planned the events. At October Daze, Activities Chair Jason Moore and his helping hands Marty Hammonds, Kathy Blough, and Kate Sorauf priced and sold items from the University Center Lost and Found. Thanks to Eric Crouch for the idea. Jason also led two teams of Honors students in the annual National College Bowl Contest that was held at WSU. The two teams, "The Barr Buddies" and "The Kenton Klub," were victorious in the early rounds with "The Kenton Klub" (captain, Chip Downs) making it to the semi-finals.

Applause also goes to Anne Strothman who spent countless hours digging through the Lost and Found box at Parking Services for items to be sold by SHA. With partner Mellissa Crabtree, Anne led an unprecedented fund raising campaign.

SHA's annual Halloween Party raised a few hairs thanks to Kathy Blough, Christine Sears, and Mellissa Crabtree.

Be sure to check your mailbox for information concerning SHA's meeting dates and events. Get involved and find out what SHA plans to do for this quarter. So far, Vice President Marty Hammonds has made arrangements for a pizza sale on February 16 from 9:30 until 3:00 in Allyn Hall, and Joe Piamthipmanus is eagerly organizing a shirt sale. Spring Trip Committee Chair Christine Sears is checking into Toronto, Chicago, and Indianapolis. If you have any suggestions or just want to plan your own activity, please attend one of SHA's meetings this quarter or put a note in mailbox S310.

SHA Members of the Month

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Alpha Lambda Delta
Chad Richart, President

Alpha Lambda Delta had a busy fall quarter. The Pledge Breakfast was held on Wednesday, September 27 in the Faculty Dining Room. The Induction Ceremony followed one week later. More than 40 of the 65 new members participated in the candlelight ceremony as proud parents and honorary members President Mulhollan and Vice President Hathaway looked on.

Vice President Marty Hammonds represented the chapter at a National ALD workshop in late October in San Antonio. He brought back lots of good ideas to share. The chapter concluded the quarter with a final exam week pizza rescue party in the Honors Office on December 1. Watch your mailbox and the ALD bulletin board for winter events.

Winter Challenge

A $10 bookstore gift certificate awaits the first (faculty, staff, student, or graduate) to identify the source of the following quotation.

Quote Language is courage: the ability to conceive a thought, to speak it, and by doing so to make it true. Unquote
News and Gossip

Kate Sorauf was recently named to the WSU Board of Trustees as a student member. She is the first Honors Program student to serve as a Trustee.

Tim Ballard (UHS 1986) married Lorrie Byrd on December 29. Robin Frye (UHS 1986) married Lon Fox last year. They are living in Columbus. Mike Stadler (UHS 1985) accepted a tenure-track position at Louisiana State University in a "young and growing program in Cognitive Science." Jim North (UHS 1982) is getting married in May and has joined a busy family practice group in Toledo. Marty Hammonds was nominated for a Truman Scholarship. He won't hear anything for a couple of months.

Kim (UHS 1980) and Keith Perrine added a second child to their family this fall, Monique Renee.

Todd Funderburg was a key player at the 15th Annual Association for Computing Machinery East Central Region Programming Contest held at Wright State University on November 3 and 4. WSU placed 10th in a field of 63 teams drawn from six states and Canada. Case Western won and Purdue placed second. Todd ported the contest system software; in other words, he ran the software that ran the contest.

Registration for Spring

Heavy demand for Honors courses and priority registration have forced us to rethink the enrollment process for Honors courses. Beginning spring quarter, the following procedures will be in effect. We hope they will produce a smoother, more equitable, and more easily administered process.

1. At 8:30 on Monday, February 5 we will sign registration forms for those who are on the list for priority registration. No phone or proxy reservations will be accepted. These students must register for their Honors classes by February 16 or lose their seats. If you are unsure of your status, check with the Honors Office before the 5th.

2. Beginning Monday, February 19 we will register on a space available basis all other Honors students. These students must register for their Honors classes by the 23rd or lose their seats.

3. After the 23rd of February, we will enroll any qualified student for an Honors class on a space available basis.

4. We will not keep waiting lists. It will be the students’ responsibility to check for vacancies.

5. The Honors Program Office—and not individual instructors—is the final arbiter of closed class slips.

6. A signature no longer guarantees admission to an Honors class. Students must register promptly to ensure their enrollment. Seats will not be held indefinitely as they have been in the past.

7. The Honors Program reserves the right to manage enrollment in Honors classes so that graduating seniors and scholarship students can meet their requirements.

Todd Funderburg at work on the Computing Machinery
Scholarship News

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These awards recognize the potential for outstanding research. The Presidents Club rewards a sophomore Honors student who is working toward graduation as a University Honors Scholar with a $2500 scholarship. Each college nominates one candidate and President Mulhollan makes the final selection. Applications for the Salsburg and Distinguished Senior Scholarships are made through the Financial Aid Office on the Continuing Student Scholarship Application.

The deadline is April 1.

Honors Travel

On October 26 Honors Director David Barr and Associate Director Mary Kenton took flight to New Orleans for the 24th annual National Collegiate Honors Council Conference. "Lagniappe: The Honors Experience" was the theme. Lagniappe is a Cajun word meaning "something more." The conference made good use of local resources. Two highlights were talks by locals Andrei Codrescu, essayist and commentator on National Public Radio, and novelist Shelby Foote.

The conference included informative sessions on "The Voices of Black Women," "Funding Honors Abroad," and "Honors and Community Service." These are a small sampling of 107 options offered to the approximately 800 conference participants. There were sessions for new directors and old directors, big college programs and small college programs, sessions on study abroad and community based learning, theoretical sessions and practical sessions, sessions with a scholarly flavor and sessions that only a pop-culture nut could love. In short, there was more than enough for everyone to go away as full with new ideas as they were with New Orleans food.

Not everything went so well, however. A trip to the Storyville dance hall was cut short when the police cleared the establishment for a liquor license violation. The scheduled Sunday morning Fun Run was also threatened by the police and became the unscheduled Un-Run. But the conference was more than run-ins with the police. Ms. Kenton had a run-in with the pier and left, not a piece of her heart, but rather bits of teeth and skin in New Orleans. Repair work should be completed before the annual Mid East Honors Association Conference in Columbus March 30 to April 1.

The theme for the regional conference this year is "Honors and Technology: Pros and Cons." Honors faculty and students are encouraged not only to attend but also to present workshops on any variation of the theme. Even vaguely interested parties should contact the Honors Office soon. This is a fun, student centered, yet serious Honors happening. MEHA has evolved one of the most successful regional conferences in the national organization. Join the fun.

Food for Thought

"We are absolutely hooked, in this country, on a system that assumes everyone will go to college. This is a major conflict of interest, because we are comforted into thinking that there is this other place where students will get the rest of their education. This downgrades and paralyzes what goes on in high school. Until the high school degree can be really considered a worthwhile terminal diploma that qualifies students to work at most jobs and to vote intelligently, we go nowhere. Everything is going to wait until it comes to college, and college is too late. Lower education will improve when we reduce, not expand, higher education."

Roger Shattuck, author of a National Book Award winning study of Marcel Proust in 1975, teaches at Boston University. His contribution to the cultural literacy debate is a pamphlet entitled "Perplexing Dreams: Is There a Core Tradition in the Humanities?" These comments were made in the context of a Harper's Magazine forum in the September 1989 issue.
Research Funds Available

The Honors Program has a small fund ($1500) to assist students with expenses connected with completing an Honors project. Any student who is officially enrolled in a department, school, or college Honors program may apply for a grant. The intent of the fund is to protect students from excessive out-of-pocket expenses for lab supplies, postage, duplication, and the like. Funds may be requested to cover expenses for all of the 1989-90 school year. Application forms are available from the Honors Office. Completed applications are due in the Honors Office by February 5.

NCR to Award Computers for Honors Projects

The College of Engineering and Computer Science has been named an NCR-University Stakeholder Partner. The corporation will present awards for innovations in electrical engineering and computer science to faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates. The undergraduate award of a computer and $500 worth of software will go to the outstanding Departmental Honors Project. Both the Honors student and the faculty advisor for the project will receive awards. For more information contact the appropriate department chair. The deadline for consideration is April 1, 1990.

Students Invited to Celebrate Albert Schweitzer

On August 23 and 24 an international colloquium will celebrate "The Relevance of Albert Schweitzer at the Dawn of the 21st Century." Students are invited to submit original pieces of work--essays, painting, sculpture, musical composition, video, etc--on the theme. Two students will be selected from each state to attend the conference and to have their work displayed at the United Nations. The colloquium will feature a celebrated group of speakers including world leaders and Nobel Prize winners. Contact the Honors Office for additional information.

Leadership America Applications Available

Contact Joanne Risacher, Director of Student Development, if you are interested in attending this leadership development program this summer. Only 50 students nationwide are selected. Most of the expenses are covered for those who are accepted. Students travel to North Carolina, the Rocky Mountains, Dallas, and Washington D.C. The campus application deadline is January 26.

Honors Field Geology Program

The University of Georgia sponsors a summer field experience in geology for Honors students of all majors. Only 20 participants will be accepted. In addition to travelling in the West, they will earn 15 quarter hours of science credits. The total cost should not exceed $2625. Some scholarship aid is available through the University of Georgia. Contact the Honors Office for more information.

National Security Institute

A three-week summer institute will be held on the campus of Northern Arizona University from June 9 to June 29. The topic is "Seeking National Security in an Insecure World." Applicants must have sophomore status and a minimum GPA of 3.5. All expenses except transportation and $225 in tuition will be covered by the Arizona Honors Academy. Completed applications must be postmarked by February 15.
Books of the Quarter

Honorable Mentions editor Mary Kenton recently finished Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan's rich first novel about mothers and daughters, continuity and change, love and ingratitude, and other mysteries and found it as impressive as most of its reviews suggested. She's already moved on to E. L. Doctorow's Billy Bathgate, so far a portrait of the gangster as a young man.

Registrar Lou Falkner just finished A More Perfect Union: The Making of the United States Constitution by William Peters. He tells the story of how fifty-five lawyers, farmers, planters, merchants, and state office holders met in Philadelphia in the hot summer of 1787 by order of twelve states to make amendments to the Articles of Confederation. Instead, they ended up replacing the Articles with the Constitution of the United States. Early on, Lou says, one can recognize by James Madison's notes a distrust of the small states toward the larger, but as the summer came to an end, the unrest was shifted to a north/south rivalry. The clouds of the Civil War were already forming. Lou recommends this as an easily read book on the birth of the Constitution. He wonders: Could the states of the Union again call for a Convention to make amendments and instead replace the Constitution?

National Achievement/Merit Reception

On Sunday, December 3, President and Mrs. Mulhollan hosted a reception at Rockafiel House for the area National Merit and Achievement Scholars and their parents. Over 20 families attended and each was matched with a member of the Wright State faculty who shares the student's academic interests. This is the seventeenth year that the president of WSU has hosted this event. Among the guests this year were Jim and Betsy Hughes and son Brad, a National Merit Semifinalist at the Miami Valley School. The Hughes family was hosted by Carl Becker, Professor of History.
Free Card Linked to Status

Those of you who fall into the Honors Alumni category will find a detachable post card in your newsletter. We ask that you take a couple of minutes to fill it out and drop it in the mail. We will use the information you provide for "news and gossip" items and to keep our files updated. If you want to tell us something but don't want it shared with everyone, just say so and we won't. We need you to help us keep the Newsletter interesting. Thanks for your help. Now, wasn't that easy?

Learn about Love

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 9, from 7:00 until 9:30 pm for the Honors Program Valentine's Symposium and Party. The invitations will go out soon. If you want to help with food or other arrangements let us know right away. This promises to be a great event if the right people show up!

Dates to Note

[Details found in this Newsletter]

January 26  Leadership America Deadline
February 5  Research Proposals Due
            Priority Honors Registration
February 9  Honors Valentine's Party
February 19 Scholarship Applications Due
            General Honors Registration
February 23 Open Honors Registration
April 1  Salsburg, Distinguished Senior, & Presidents Club Scholarship Applications Due.

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