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Scholarship News

Spring Competition
The Honors Program will award four $500 scholarships for spring quarter to students who are working on Honors Program degrees. One will go to an adult student and one to an African American student. The other two will be open to any continuing Honors student. Completed applications are due in the Honors Office by Friday, February 8.

To apply:
Sign a transcript release in the Honors Office; have two faculty references mailed to the Honors Office, and submit a two or three page typed essay that discusses your educational and career goals.

Salsburg Memorial Honors Scholarship
At least one $2,500 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior Honors student who is also involved in the university and/or metropolitan community. Apply on the continuing student scholarship application available from the financial aid office. The deadline is April 1.

Distinguished Senior
Two or three $1,500 awards are made to juniors who show promise of outstanding departmental research as seniors. Check the Distinguished Senior line on the continuing student scholarship application. The deadline is April 1.

Presidents Club
One student from each undergraduate college and school is nominated by the dean to the president for consideration. Only those students who are actively pursuing an Honors degree are eligible for nomination. The president selects one or two students to receive $2,500 awards. Both sophomores and juniors are eligible to be nominated.

Ohio Board of Regents Scholarships for Graduate or Professional Study
The Ohio Board of Regents awards about 70 fellowships each year to outstanding students for graduate or professional study in Ohio. The Regents Fellowship awards $3,500 each year for two years. Applications are available from the Graduate Studies Office or from the undergraduate deans. The campus deadline is February 15.

ALD Graduate Fellowships
Alpha Lambda Delta will award $45,000 this year to fifteen Fellows for graduate or professional study. Each Fellowship is valued at $3,000. The application deadline is January 15. Recipients will be notified by April 15. Application forms are available in the Honors Office.
Imagine That

When I teach students about the gospels we always begin with a careful study of any one incident in all four gospels. This is a revealing exercise, for students never fail to be surprised at how different the four accounts are (and it is my hope that this surprise can be nurtured into true learning, but that is a topic for another column). What I have come increasingly to wonder about is why many students are also distressed that the four accounts digress so. Why is our culture so uncomfortable to consider that the gospels may be works of imagination rather than simple reporting? Why is imagination distrusted, or at the least, regarded as inferior to more empirical approaches?

In my own experience quite the reverse is true. The formation of my person has been largely through fictions: novels, poetry, manners, religion, democracy—the list could be extended. But even pragmatic affairs are more indebted to imagination that we usually recognize. I find that my most difficult task as an administrator is not organization, or implementation, or even funding (difficult as these are!), but rather in imagining what it is we want to do and how we might do it.

Our Honors curriculum, for example, is one of the finest implementations of the model of separate Honors courses and special sections in the country. Sure we have problems finding the right professors, getting proposals submitted on time, funding enough sections, but it works. My question has always been not if it is doing a good job, but can we do a better job. Three years ago I could not imagine a significant alternative; today I can. Today I can imagine a more integrated education based on small learning communities. Such a model imagines courses as systems of interacting knowledge, professors as responsible toward disciplines other than their own, and students as a community of scholars, living and studying together.

Implementing this model will be very difficult. Honors housing will have to be negotiated; staff responsibilities will have to be reassigned; funds will have to be raised; faculty will have to be persuaded; students will have to be convinced. And more remains to be imagined: who will do it; what should be integrated with what; what new options will this open? But the hardest work has been done, and also the most important. For the fiction of what we would be is far more important than the facts of what we are. Imagine that.

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Alpha Lambda Delta, Angie Frankenberg, President

Alpha Lambda Delta has gotten off to a great start this year. Over 100 new members were initiated in October. The annual pledge breakfast and initiation ceremony took place the second and third weeks of October. We were pleased so many initiates and members were able to attend. The ALD sweatshirt sale has proven to be a huge success. We should make between $400 and $500. Much thanks to Thom Brex and other officers for their hard work on this project. Thanks also to Teresa Bornhorst for providing candy and snacks daily in the Honors Office at a very competitive price. Stop in for a "pick-me-up" snack and help contribute to our ALD fund.

A pizza party lunch has been planned for Wednesday, January 9 from 1:00 to 1:00 in the Honors Lounge. We hope to see many of you there. At that time we will discuss future events such as service projects, scavenger hunts, spring break trips, and much more. Please stop in for some pizza, and bring along all your ideas for future projects and social events. See you on the 9th!
African American Honors Caucus, Ericka Hines, Chair

As the newest adjunct of the Student Honors Association, the African American Honors Caucus (AAHC) is a group of African American Honors students who have come together to explore some issues that they face in today's culture. The idea for this group began last spring with a forum designed by Mary Kenton and David Barr to discuss the presence of African Americans on the Wright State campus. Through occasional meetings and the subtle persistence of the Honors directors, the students formed a support group to talk about matters ranging from the reasons for the small percentage of minority students on campus to the pressure African American students face in the Honors Program. The results from this initial experience were positive because ideas and opinions were able to be heard and discussed.

Today, the group with a support structure in place, has expanded its horizons to provide educational and awareness programs. The group plans to sponsor events such as stimulating movies, discussions, and guest speakers and to invite their fellow Honors students to learn more about African American culture. A principal goal is to provoke wider discussion of the issues, problems, and solutions that face African American college students.

The leadership has moved from the hands of the Honors staff to the students. We have elected a chair and appointed committee. In January the AAHC will sponsor a videotape and discussion of the movie A Dry White Season for the entire Honors community. Watch for details.

The New York Honors Semester

The National Collegiate Honors Council in cooperation with Long Island University will again offer the New York/UN Semester September 4 through December 15, 1991. Participants will earn 16 semester credits from such seminars as "Urban Institutions: The Political Economics of Poverty," "Comparative Democratic Theories and Practices," and "Film Images/Street Realities." The cost will be approximately $2,950. Some scholarships are available from NCHC, and Wright State scholarships would be portable. The Honors Program will provide up to $1,000 to a successful applicant. Two WSU Honors students have attended the New York semester in past years, and both considered it a peak experience in their undergraduate education. The deadline for applications is March 15. More information is available in the Honors Office.

Congratulations to Keith Clark, Eric Crouch, Michelle Dayton, Virginia Hartley, Becky Nienaber, Victoria Peagler, and Attakrit (Joe) Piamthipmanus who won Honors scholarships ranging in value from $800 to $2000. The selection committee members—Ann Wendt (chair), Beth Gillen, Ira Fritz, and Patty Wojahn—were especially impressed with the quality of the personal essays.

Student Honors Association
Attakrit "Joe" Piamthipmanus, President

During Fall quarter, SHA members and officers have been busy planning and organizing activities for the rest of the academic year. The project that dominates everything on the agenda is the Tuition Raffle. This project is designed to raise funds for future activities of SHA such as MEHA, the spring trip, the Honors banquet, and conferences. Many members have been helping out with preparations. Thanks to Teresa Bornhorst, Marcella Harshbarger, Rob Johnson, Sonja Ogletree, Cheryl Oliver, Vicki Reed, Cara Butterworth, Wendy McDaniel, Brian Schroeder, Don Allen, Eulalia Renegado, Erica Seaman, Kliya Gray, Traci Griffin, Mary Beth Lengefeld, Ray Fowler, Amy Rang, and Michelle Dayton.

Everybody who helped out had a lot of fun. It is a great environment for anyone with ideas and enthusiasm or stupid jokes. One thing that everyone on the sub-committee can agree on is that it wasn't all work!

But if the Tuition Raffle is to be a success, it can't be all fun and games. Every SHA member needs to help sell tickets during winter quarter. Ticket sellers will not only be helping SHA, they will also be qualifying for fabulous and terrific prizes. If you are interested in selling tickets, please contact an SHA officer or leave your name in the Honors Office.

SHA also fielded an intramural soccer team—the Lounge Lizards—which went three and two. We had a great time, especially afterwards at Flying Pizza. Soccer regulars, besides myself, were Betsy Erd, Rodney and Randy Carlson, Jim Stouffer, Joey Baughn, Jennifer Nozar, Jason Crabtree, Shaun Daugherty, Tracy Consani, Paul Zwart, and Kevin Metz.

Membership is at an all-time high; close to 130 people have paid dues. We try to schedule lots of different activities so that there will be something for everyone. On December 1 we wrapped Christmas presents at the Dayton Mall with the March of Dimes and went to Wright State's first basketball game in the Nutter Center that night. We do a SHA Buffet (an affordable pig out) at a different restaurant each month. We are planning a spring break trip (New York City??) for a few days between March 17 and 24. And, of course, there's MEHA April 5-7. Don't be left out of any of this fun. Watch your mailbox and the bulletin boards in and outside of the Honors Office for news of SHA events.
Food For Thought

The Argentine film maker Edgardo Cozarinsky tells the story of visiting, in the company of a Colombian friend, the port of Palos, from which Columbus sailed. As they stared west, Cozarinsky found himself strangely moved. "Here," said this Jew from the pampas, "began our salvation." He found himself fixed by a hard stare and a copper-hued grimace. "Here," the Colombian retorted acidly, "began our enslavement." For Cozarinsky, the notion of America as a haven, an escape route for his ancestors from the Europe of inquisitors and pogroms, was so deeply ingrained that it never occurred to him that his Colombian friend would see the same event in a diametrically opposing light. To see it through his mestizo friend's brown eyes rather than through his own steel-blue ones was like entering another world. And once Cozarinsky had looked from this vantage point, the world was, he reports, unalterably changed for him.

From "Telling Foreign Truths," by David Rieff, in the November issue of Harper's magazine.

Regional Honors Conference — MEHA

The next big Honors event will be held in Toledo April 5 through 7—the annual Mid East Honors Association Conference. The theme is global awareness. Student volunteers are needed to lead breakout discussion sessions after the plenary address. Talent (real and imagined) is needed for the Saturday night talent show which will actually be on a stage this year. The usual Friday mixer will be turned into an unusual Caribbean Festival around the pool. Weird costumes (shirts or shorts with big flowers or big birds) are rumored to be required. The emphasis is on meeting and interacting with people from other schools. Bowling Green is getting the DJ, so there will be dancing as well as swimming. Sunday morning will feature an international quiz bowl competition. Plan to attend. Both SHA and the Honors Program will help with expenses. Mark your calendar and watch for details.

Joke of the Quarter

A man and his wife were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The wife was a marine biologist with a specialty in anemones. Every year on their anniversary, her husband bought her one anemone for each year they had been married. He ordered them from the same pet store every year. He went there on the day of their 25th, but the store had not received the anemone shipment. He really didn't know what to do. He went down the street to the florist to get some conciliatory roses, but the shop was out of roses. Instead of flowers it was crammed full of Boston ferns. He asked the owner what had happened. The owner explained, "We inadvertently ordered 30 ferns instead of the three we intended, and now we don't know what to do with them." The husband got an idea. He bought 25 of the ferns for half price. He took them home to his wife and explained what had happened. She smiled and said, "Honey, it's okay. With fronds like these, who needs anemones?"

Winter Honors Calendar

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Research Funds

A limited fund is available to assist students with expenses connected with their Honors projects. The maximum grant is $400. Applications are available from the Honors Office. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, February 1.

Contributed by Bill Giffen
Trim the Tree Party

Honors students celebrated the end of the quarter by decorating the Honors Office on Thursday, November 29. Betsy Erli contributed the tree, SHA bought some lights, and everyone brought an ornament or two. After the hand strung popcorn garland was draped, all that was missing was a star for the top. Dan Blevins engineered one from cardboard and aluminum foil and hoisted Joey Baughn so that she could put it in its place. With the tree completed, everyone's attention turned to cookies, fudge, and punch. Becky Niemayer's entrance was greeted with a rousing Happy Birthday chorus in honor of her fortieth birthday on November 30. People were still having a good time when we cleared the office and locked the doors at 6:00. The next big all-Honors social event is the Valentine's Day Party on the 14th (when else?) of February.

Good Finish in College Bowl

An all-male team of Honors students placed second in the WSU 1990 College Bowl Tournament which took place on November 7 and 8 in the Upper Hearth Lounge. The Laughing Lizards were Tony Arnett, Doug Brungart, Jason Crabtree, and Kevin Metz. After winning the first match 270 to 10, the Lizards lost in the next round. Rallying to the battle cry of "Go Bundys!" the Lizards stormed back to win the next three matches and make it into the championship round. Answering questions on Shakespeare, Twin Peaks, and astrology, the Lizards lost a heart-breaker in the championship round to the same team that beat them in the second match. The tournament champions, plus alternates from other teams, will go on to the sectional tournament at Toledo in the spring.

Not Food For Thought

This recipe comes from Emilie Cannon who teaches Spanish and also cooks a bit. These crisp, sugar or syrup glazed pastries are eaten in Mexico as an afternoon sweet, probably with a good cup of Colombian.

Bunuelos (or Fried Sweet Puffs to Anglos)

4 cups regular all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup butter
2 eggs
1 cup milk
salad oil for deep frying
sugar coating

Sift flour, measure, then sift again with salt, baking powder, and sugar into a bowl. Add butter and rub into flour with your fingertips until mixture is like coarse meal. Beat eggs lightly with milk, then pour into flour mixture and stir until dough forms a solid mass. Turn dough out onto board, and knead lightly for 2 minutes or until smooth. Cut dough into balls the size of marbles and let stand 15 minutes.

Roll each ball on a lightly floured board into a very thin pancake 4 inches in diameter. Cut a hole in center with a thimble. After you roll out the circles of dough, place them in a single layer on waxed paper until you are ready to cook.

Fry in hot deep fat (375°) until puffed and golden brown, about 30 seconds on each side. Drain on paper towels. Makes 6 dozen—enough for two, maybe three hungry Honors students.

Coating: Mix 1 cup granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon in a paper bag. Reheat Bunuelos in a 250° oven for 5 minutes; then shake gently, one at a time, in a bag to coat.

This recipe was adapted from one that appeared in the 1975 edition of the Sunset Mexican Cook Book.
Email Anyone?

We are trying to make arrangements for Honors students who would like to be on the electronic mail system to have appropriate accounts. Not only would this help us stay in touch with you, but it would enable you to stay in touch with each other and with anyone with a similar account anywhere in the world. If you are interested, please see Dr. Barr.

Blume and Barlage Honored at Presidents Club Dinner Dance

Robin Blume and Doug Barlage were selected by President Mulhollan to receive $2500 Presidents Club Scholarships for 1990-91. They were invited to attend the annual club dinner dance. Here is Robin's description of the night.

This year's Halloween will be a night that I will always remember. As recipients of the Presidents Club Scholarship, Doug Barlage and I were invited to a Black Tie Dinner Dance at the Nutter Center so that we could be presented to the members. This was to be an opportunity for them to meet us and for us to thank them for our scholarships.

The evening was special from the moment we drove up and the valet parked our car. We entered the Nutter Center on a red carpet. Everything was so elegant. Live music was playing as people mingled in tuxedos and beautiful evening gowns. A photographer was at the door taking pictures which were later presented to the guests as a memento of the evening. I will admit that I was intimidated by all this elegant manner and style, but my mother and I were readily put at ease by President Mulhollan. As the evening progressed, I met so many interesting people. I was extremely honored to meet and talk to Mr. Nutter, who took the time to congratulate me. I will always remember the excitement of the evening and warmth of the members of the Presidents Club. I will be forever grateful for being chosen one of the Presidents Club Scholarship recipients.

Congratulations December Honors Graduates

Michael S. Arnett
General Studies Honors Scholar

Nancy J. Baker
Honors in Art History

Judith A. Boris
Honors in Nursing

Patricia A. Combs
Honors in Nursing

Julia F. Frasure
Honors in Anthropology

Edward A. Gulbransen
University Honors Scholar
Honors in Computer Science

Robin L. Hubbuch
Honors in Nursing

Bridget C. Irwin
Honors in Nursing

Anne W. Kallas
University Honors Scholar
Honors in English

Steven W. McCann
Honors in Physics

Jeannette L. Mohr
General Studies Honors Scholar

John R. Vance
General Studies Honors Scholar
New Kid on the Block

Joey Baughn joined the Honors staff on September 10 as a student assistant. Joey is a sophomore (almost a junior), majoring in Geology (this week). Joey says she loves the atmosphere of the Honors Office. She has made a lot of new friends. In addition to working in the office, she played fullback on the Lounge Lizards soccer team. Welcome Joey!

Fall Challenge

Tony Arnett was the first to identify Joanie Caucus from Doonesbury as the source of the "...I lost my job because my boss had the courage to act on her remarkable sense of honor. I can live with that" quotation. No word yet on what he bought with his ten dollars.

Winter Challenge

A $10 bookstore gift certificate goes to the first person to identify the source of the following quotation.

Let us honour if we can
The vertical man,
Though we value none
But the horizontal one.

Book of the Quarter

Charles Berry, Professor of History, recommends The General in His Labyrinth by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. He has this to say about it.

Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author Garcia Marquez's latest book to be translated into English concerns the last days of General Simon Bolivar. The Liberator, as Bolivar is called throughout Latin America, is too little known in the United States. The Venezuelan aristocratic planter devoted his talents and his fortune to freeing northern South America from Spain. In the matter of building the new Latin American republics, he envisioned a single nation, "from Mexico to Cape Horn." His success on the battlefield and in the bedroom is followed by his failure in achieving his dream. As the novel opens, he is sick—probably with tuberculosis—and is rejected by the people he liberated. He is en route to his exile and death, and in Garcia's novel, this provides the occasion for a life review as the general wanders in and out of fantasy and fever. Garcia Marquez mixes his fiction and fact to create intriguing portraits of Bolivar and his circle of mistresses, politicians, and militarists.

The General in His Labyrinth was translated into English by Edith Grossman. Published by Knopf in 1990, it should be available in hardcover at any bookstore for $19.95. You can also find it in the Dayton Public Library (Fiction, Level A).
Service First—Looking for a Good Cause?

More than 15 students have volunteered to participate in Service First this year, even though it is without funding at present. At their first meeting the students decided to explore several service projects. After the initial research, the group settled on two major projects. First, they have decided to participate in the Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals (SICSA) pet visitation project. After some initial training, Service First volunteers will take pets for visits at area nursing homes, schools for the mentally impaired, and other similar places. Studies show that pets help people to interact and that people who are exposed to pets fare better both emotionally and physically. The second project involves working at the Salvation Army's shelter for homeless women and children. Service First volunteers will babysit children in the shelter so that their mothers can go to parenting classes and craft classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. We expect both of these projects to run the rest of the year.

Unfortunately, there is no money for the kind of enrichment activities we would like to do for the children—a trip to Winter Fest, for example—or for cultural enrichment for our students—another trip to Playhouse in the Park, let's say. The Honors Program has applied for grant funding, but the situation doesn't look promising for the rest of this year. If you are looking for a good cause, this may be it. Currently, the Honors Program is able to offer a comprehensive array of scholarships to our students. Where we need money is in a development fund. Contributions designated "Service First" would help pay for the kinds of programming that make our students more complete people and contribute to making our community a more wholesome place to live. Make your checks payable to Honors Program Development Fund and mail them to the University Honors Program, 179 Millett Hall, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio 45435. Your generosity will be appreciated and acknowledged.

News and Gossip

Mickey Arnett is off to serve in the Peace Corps before he begins graduate school. He's still negotiating where he'll be sent. Steve Hansell is working with a consortium of the Virginia Department of Education, the University of Richmond, and local school districts to develop a first grade reading intervention program for at risk students. Paul Zwart is teaching a fourth grade Sunday School class and is assistant scout master to Troop 42. Paul is himself an Eagle Scout. Danyese Lichty visited over Thanksgiving from Southwestern Baptist University in Missouri where she is majoring in physical therapy. Although she misses her friends at Wright State, she loves her new school. Charlie Rowland and Sonia Gupta were nominated for Truman Scholarships. Steve Cico will be travelling to Prague for a study abroad experience. We have no alumni news this quarter because no one has sent us any. Ray Caldwell, who stopped by with his new bride late in November, mentioned something about Tim and Lorrie Ballard having a baby, but that's all we've heard, and it's just hearsay. Help us out!