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Honors Development Board student representatives

1. In your opinion, what is the best thing about being an HDB student representative?
2. If you could create a holiday, what would it be called and what would it celebrate?
3. What are your summer plans?
4. What would you do for a Klondike bar?



Jeff Sorce
Senior Representative

1. Being able to see “behind the scenes” of the Honors College and to have a hand in the policies that are written.
2. Orange Day! Everyone in the world would be required to wear orange and it would celebrate the gloriousness of the color orange!
3. I will be staying in Bowling Green to finish my thesis.
4. Get married while bungee jumping.



Kevin Smiley
Sophomore Representative

1. Hearing Reagan Gilley’s expert opinions.
2. Reagan Gilley Day; it would celebrate the life and times of Ronald Reagan Gilley.
3. Hang out with Reagan Gilley.
4. Reagan Gilley.



Reagan Gilley
Junior Representative

1. Two things, really: 1.) Almighty power over everything in the known universe; 2.) Please refer to number one.
2. Day Of Fun Day – I think this is really self-explanatory.

3. Possibly going to China, doing some research on fish in Bowling Green, and possibly living in a cardboard box outside of Thompson North with other homeless folk (if I can’t find housing).
4. Anything. Period. (e.g. fighting a grizzly bear)



Lindsey Filiatreau
Freshman Representative

1. Knowing what’s going on behind the scenes at the Honors College and having my opinion voiced directly on important matters.
2. An Actual Day of Rest – sleeping, because I never seem to get a chance to do so.
3. Hopefully march Drum Corps with the Blue Coats.
4. I’m sadly not a big fan of Klondike bars, but for a Dreamsicle I would probably wrestle a really scary crocodile.

Second Annual Honors Formal roaring success

RIA WALLACE

Areté staff writer

The twenties were indeed roaring at the second annual Honors Formal on April 5. Students got dolled up and drove to the historic L&N Train Depot for an evening of music, laughter, and unforgettable dancing.

In keeping with the theme of the 1920s, party favors were black and white plastic twenties-style hats for the men and bead necklaces for the women and sunglasses for both. Students were also supplied with a raffle ticket at the door. A top hat, a feather boa, and a Western sweatshirt blanket were raffled off toward the end of the evening.

Several students arrived in outfits representing the twenties. Some women wore feathers in their hair and imitated flappers. A few men wore pin-striped suits, carried a cane, and wore a top hat.

Music was compiled by Zack Rockrohr and Matt Hodgson, featuring artists such as Daft Punk, Queen, Soulja Boy, Darude and Kanye West, and others. Honors students clearly enjoyed the music selection for the evening by dancing enthusiastically and singing along with their favorite songs.

Formal-goers were invited to delight their taste buds with cake, cheese, and a chocolate fountain accompanied by strawberries, marshmallows, pineapples and pretzels. Certain levels of skill were necessary to handle a marshmallow dripping chocolate without ending up with a chocolate-covered evening gown or tuxedo jacket.

Though slightly smaller than last year's event, it was overall a delightful evening, hopefully to be topped by a bigger and better bash next year.



PHOTOS BY MATT JENKINS

TOP: The Honors Formal drew a large crowd. MIDDLE: Zack Rockrohr dances to Soulja Boy. BOTTOM: Dr. Craig T. Cobane, director of the Honors College, grooves on the dance floor with Nikki Deese and Micah Bennett.



(l to r) Drew Eclov, Kevin Smiley, and Doug Tate enjoying themselves at the Honors Formal.



Honors students see *Rent* at TPAC

LAUREL WILSON

Areté staff writer

On March 28, a group of 55 people from the Honors College went to Nashville to attend the traveling Broadway production of the musical *Rent*.

The group left by charter bus on Friday afternoon and arrived in Nashville by dinnertime, when they stopped to eat at the restaurant Nashville, New York-style delicatessen. They chose from either a grilled cheese, club or Reuben sandwich and had either cheesecake or chocolate mousse pie for dessert.

"I swear, the sandwich was bigger than my head," said freshman Christy Beyke, who had the club sandwich. "I had to rearrange the meat to eat it."

After dinner, the group moved on to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center for the main event.

Rent is a musical about a year in the life of eight friends who are artists struggling to survive in New York's Lower East Side. They must deal with relationships, eviction, death and AIDS. Famous musical numbers from the play include "Seasons of Love," "Light My Candle," and "La Vie Bohème."

Beyke said she had no idea what the play was about before she went, although she had heard it was about AIDS. But when she got there, she read how the author, Jonathan Larson, based it on his real-life experiences. "I read a program and started reading about the author's life, which made it more real and meaningful," she said.

Freshman Meg Tunks was already familiar with the story, having seen the movie several times, although she had never seen the play.

"I liked the play so much better because it made more sense," she said.

Both Beyke and Tunks said they really enjoyed the trip and the performance.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

TOP: (l to r) Ellie Cundiff, Leslie Whitaker, Sarah Becker, Jessica Wilson, Dirk Gaborialt, Jennifer Dooper, and Dunja Zdero posed for a picture before the show. BOTTOM: The group from the Honors College.



Walking for a cure

AMANDA LOVIZA

Areté staff writer

This year the HonorsToppers teamed up with the rest of WKU's Honors community to participate in the Relay for Life. Led by team captain Blaire Lillybridge with Kevin Smiley assisting, the Honors College formed a team of more than 20 students, one of the largest teams that participated in WKU's 2008 Relay.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Up to 24 hours in length, Relay is a national event that brings together cancer survivors, those still fighting cancer, and members of the community in order to inspire each other and raise money to find a cure for cancer. At WKU, different campus organizations, such as sororities, fraternities, academic clubs, and church groups formed the teams that gathered the night of Friday, April 4, to walk the track. The goal of each team at Relay for

Life is to keep at least one member walking the track throughout the whole night. The atmosphere is kept lively with live music performances, speeches, face painting, concessions, a volleyball tournament, and a "Ms. Relay" competition.

In the weeks leading up to the big event, Relay teams put together other activities to help them meet their fundraising goals. The Honors Relay team organized a very successful bake sale and also partnered with Fazoli's to receive a portion of the restaurant's profits as a donation.

Relay for Life was one of the first big campus-wide events the HonorsToppers participated in, and Lillybridge is very proud of the Honors College's involvement. "It was a really great opportunity... It was a really positive thing for Honors to get involved in and it was a great way for the HonorsToppers to get together with the whole Honors community," said Lillybridge.

The Honors Relay team certainly

showed its spirit Friday night with their enthusiasm for their Relay theme. The overall theme of the 2008 Relay for Life was the Hollywood-inspired "Light, Camera, Cure," and individual teams were able to choose more specific themes to reflect in their booths and costumes.

The Honors team chose "Wish Upon A Cure," to put a Disney spin on their decorations. Honors students arrived at Relay dressed as various Disney characters, ranging from the contemporary Kim Possible to classic Minnie Mouse. While they may have looked outlandish, the Honors team was one of the very few teams to show enough spirit to dress up.

As a university, WKU raised over \$33,000, with the Honors team contributing more than \$1,300. This exceeded the Honors team's personal goal of \$1,000, and WKU more than doubled the funds it raised last year.



l to r: Jennifer Dooper (dressed as Hercules), Kevin Smiley (dressed in drag), Dave Vickery (as Gepetto), and Amanda Loviza (as Tinkerbell) all dressed up in costume for Relay for Life.



l to r: Amanda Loviza, Jennifer Dooper, and Blaire Lillybridge (as Lilo).

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Honors students win Goldwater scholarship

SARAH HOOD

Arété staff writer

Two WKU Honors students were recently recognized by the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. In addition, Western received two honorable mentions for the award, both to Honors students as well.

Jacob Vervynckt, a junior chemistry and mathematic double major, and Rachel Wigginton, a junior biology major, are among this year's 321 nationwide and six statewide recipients of the scholarship.

The honorable mentions are Reagan Gilley, a junior chemistry, biology, and history triple major;

and Joseph Marquardt, a sophomore recombinant genetics major and chemistry minor.

The scholarship, which recognizes students who intend to pursue careers in science, mathematics, and engineering, awards up to \$7,500 per year for educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, and fees.

It involves a rigorous application process. The applicant must name his or her research experiences, professional aspirations and motivation for a career in the sciences, and provide other information such as GPA and an essay discussing a significant issue or problem in the field of study, current research in the

field, and his or her own ideas in the field

"I did my essay on the research I am doing for my Honors thesis," Vervynckt said.

This research project included doing organic synthesis research in the hopes of synthesizing molecules to be used for the treatment of brain cancer.

Vervynckt worked on his project for four months with his Honors thesis research advisor, Dr. Hasan Palandoken, an organic chemistry professor at WKU. "I was very surprised and pleased to find out that I had won," Vervynckt said, "It is such a great honor."

Rachel Wigginton could not be reached for comment.

Congratulations

On Saturday, April 12, WKU students participated in the annual Student Research Conference held at the Carol Knicely Conference Center. Many of these participants were Honors students, and several of them received recognitions for their work.

Two Honors students, junior Reagan Gilley and senior Sara Miller, students received "Outstanding" marks for their work. Gilley's research was on hearing loss in fish while Miller's research was on childhood obesity. In addition, Chad Phillips of the Gatton Academy received an "Outstanding" for his research on 1,2-Diacylcyclopentadiene Synthesis.

The Honors students who received Honorable mentions are David Dahl, Erin Goad, Megan Kelley, Patrick Stewart, and Jacob Vervynckt. Alyssa Mavi of the Gatton Academy also received an Honorable mention.

Spring/Summer 2008 Graduates

Amber Adams
Meg Blair
Mattea Carver
Holly Coover
Leah Craig
Alex Hargrove
Morgan Jones
Megan Kelley
Sara Miller
Meredith Moore
Laurie Owen
Brian Rogers
Stephen Russell
Mark Sandefur
Brooke Shafar
Saurin Shah
Samantha Slaughter
Kathy Smallwood
Jeff Sorce

On Wednesday, April 9, WKU learned it had won the first ONE Campus Challenge, a national campus challenge for college students to help the ONE Campaign and help "Make Poverty History."

Although many of WKU's students participate in ONE, Honors students are especially active in the campaign.

The instrumental people who lead WKU to victory in the challenge were Honors freshmen Matt Vaughan, Charlie Harris, Doug Tate, Joey Coe, and Lindsey Filiatreau.

Congratulations to these individuals and the many other Honors students who helped WKU to victory.

Congratulations to Award-Winning Honors Students!

From the Potter College of Arts and Letters:

Art

Megan Kelley, Ruth Hines Temple Award
Emily Wilcox, Ruth Hines Temple Scholarship

Communications

Amanda Daniel, Outstanding Corporate and Organizational Communication Major

English

Bobby Deignan of Louisville, Earl A. Moore Scholarship

Folk Studies and Anthropology

Jessica Bonneau, Cam Collins Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Folklore

History

Meg Blair, Richard L. Troutman Award
Mattea Carver, Gwyneth B. Davis Pre-law Scholarship and Crowe-Crocker-Carraco Award in Kentucky History

Michelle Reynolds, Arndt M. Stickles Scholarship

Mitchell Miller, Arndt M. Stickles Memorial Scholarship

Leah Craig, A.M. Stickles Award

Journalism and Broadcasting

Kat Wilson, News/Editorial Journalism Outstanding Senior

Meredith Moore, Broadcast News Outstanding Senior and Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar

Regina Durkin, Charles M. Anderson Scholarship in Communication & Technology

Modern Languages

Brooke Shafar, Outstanding Senior German Student

Music

Erin Goad, Edward J. Pease Memorial Scholarship

Philosophy and Religion

Leah Craig, Excellence in Scholarship-Religious Studies

Political Science

Ena Viteskic, Outstanding Senior in Political Science

Sociology

Jamie Tulenko, Jennie B. and N.O. Taff Scholarship

Theatre and Dance

Holly Yokley, Russell H. Miller Scholarship
Sean Taylor, D. Whitney Combs Scholarship

Kaitlen Osburn, Russell H. Miller Scholarship

From the Ogden College of Science and Engineering:

Biology

Mark Sandefur, Outstanding Biology Student

Joseph Chavarria-Smith, Outstanding Biotechnology Center Student

Chemistry

Mark Sandefur, Outstanding Graduating Senior in Chemistry

Jacob Vervynckt, Organic Chemistry Award

Jessica Wilson, American Chemical Society's Analytical Division Award

Johnathan Brantley, 2006 CRC Press Freshman Achievement in Chemistry

Rebekkah Lively, C.P. McNally Undergraduate Award

Edward Doran, Glenn Dooley Undergraduate Scholarship Award

Computer Science

Ian Burchett, Outstanding Sophomore in Computer Science

Mathematics

Jacob Turner, Hugh F. and Katherine A. Johnson Award in Mathematics

Nathan Salazar, Pi Mu Epsilon Award

From the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences:

Crystal Kaya, Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology

Samantha Slaughter, Outstanding Undergraduate Elementary Education

From the Gordon Ford College of Business:

Jared Atwood, Delta Sigma Pi Golden Key Award, Senior Accounting Award, Robert W. Jefferson Outstanding Graduating Senior, Gordon Ford Scholarship, James R. Meany & Associates Scholarship

Ron Ryne, SIFE Leadership Award, Senior Information Systems Award, and Mildred B. Rhoads Scholarship

Jordan Carr, Alliance Corporation-Business Scholarship

William Pennington, 08-09 N.O. Taff Scholarship

Branka Tunjic, National City Scholarship

Nicole Whittington, Charles B. and Anita Hardin McDole Scholarship

From the College of Health and Human Services:

Sara Miller, Outstanding Academic Achievement

Congratulations to Award-Winning Honors Professors!

Ms. Margaret Crowder, Geography and Geology, Public Service Award

Dr. Ted Hovet, English, Teaching Award

Dr. Tom Hunley, English, Research/Creativity Award

Dr. Heather Johnson, Biology, Teaching Award

Dr. Lester Pesterfield, Chemistry, Student Advisement Award

Dr. Julia Roberts, Curriculum and Instruction, Public Service Award

Mr. Krist Schell, Management, Student Advisement Award

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May Calendar

6 - Honors End-of-the-Year Party in McLean's backyard

9 - Last day of Finals

10 - 2008 Spring Commencement for the following undergraduate students:

* 10 a.m. Ogden College of Science and Engineering, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Health and Human Services at E. A. Diddle Arena

* 1 p.m. Gatton Academy at the Colonnades

* 3 p.m. Potter College of Arts and Letters, Gordon Ford College of Business, University College, Community College at E. A. Diddle Arena

11 - Last day to move out of the dorms

12 - May term begins

26 - University closed for Memorial Day



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