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University Honors Program

From the Director

First of all, a big WELCOME to all new Honors students. We are delighted to have you at WKU and as part of the Honors Program. The Honors faculty, returning students, and I are anxious to get to know you. To all returning students, it's great having you back for another year.

We will try to make every Honors course and colloquium educational and enjoyable. We hope you will begin each course with enthusiasm, an open mind, a strong desire to learn, and an intention to do your best work. You probably have been told many times that the more you put into a course the more you will get out of it. It is still true.

We have selected some of Western's best scholars and teachers for your Honors courses. Your professors all want to help you in any way they can. We are always willing to meet with you, hear your concerns and ideas, discuss our courses or other issues, and share our advice and council whenever you think we can help.

At the beginning of each course, the Honors professor will describe the course and its requirements in a syllabus. When the course ends, you will be asked to evaluate anonymously the course's strengths and weaknesses in a formal Honors evaluation. We want you to give us honest and constructive feedback.

The Honors program is also great for meeting life-long friends. We have so many wonderful students! Enjoy one another and this period of your lives.

I wish you a very successful and exciting year. Please get in touch whenever I can assist you.

Dr. McFarland

Fall Honors Roundtable

WKU will host the Fall 1994 Kentucky Honors Roundtable, September 30-October 1. The theme will be "An Academic Kaleidoscope" and will consist of student panels and research presentations.

In addition, the WKU Jazz Ensemble will perform Friday evening after dinner (around 7 p.m.) in Garrett Conference Center Ballroom.

Volunteers are needed to host visiting students in their residence hall rooms. We will try to provide cots for everyone so no one has to sleep on the floor. Also, students are needed to greet visiting Honors students, run errands, and offer any other help. Please call the Honors Office (745-2081) as soon as possible if you want to volunteer.

Call for papers. Since WKU is hosting the Roundtable, Honors students will have an excellent and convenient opportunity to present original papers.

If you have a paper to present, submit a 100-word abstract/summary to the Honors Office before September 1, 1994. Please specify either 20 or 30 minutes for your presentation.

Student Moderators are also needed to introduce the various sessions of the Roundtable, to ensure that presenters remain within their time limits, and to manage the question-and-answer period which follows. There will be ample opportunity to present a paper of your own and to moderate other sessions if you're interested in doing both. Call the Honors Office (745-2081) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. if you would like to volunteer to moderate, or if you have any questions about the Roundtable.

Shakespeare at Horse Cave Theatre, September 27th

Honors Students are invited to a picnic at 5 p.m. at Covington Woods Park and to attend "Hamlet" at Horse Cave Theatre at 7:30.

We will car pool, so bring your car if you have one. If you want to go, you must notify the Honors office by September 23 so we know how many tickets and sandwiches to buy. Horse Cave Theatre is a highly respected professional repertoire theatre. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! August 1994
New Student Assistant
Senior Honors Student Lena Sweeten begins work Tuesday August 23 as the Honors Program student assistant. Welcome, Lena, and thanks to April Hicks for all her help last year.

Reminder . . .

The Honors Student Society is going to be very active this fall (just check out the Schedule of Events!). Membership for the 1994-95 academic year is $10. Send checks payable to the Honors Student Society giving your name, school address, and phone number to:
Honors Student Society
c/o University Honors Program
Garrett Conference Center 105
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101

You can also drop off this information at the Honors Office (GCC 105). And if you have suggestions for further activities for HSS, there is a suggestion box available in the office as well.

The date of the first meeting will be posted in the Honors Office and on the Honors floors of Rodes Harlin Hall within the first two weeks of classes. If you have any questions, call Kitty Litchfield at (502) 745-4932, or Steve Smith at (502) 842-7487.

Curtis Wins Scholarship
Honors student Ricky Curtis, a junior, has been awarded the h. h. Gregg Scholarship for Management majors.

Fall Break Trip to Holocaust Museum
On October 5-8, the Honors Program is hoping to travel to Washington, D.C. to tour the National Holocaust Museum and various other landmarks. The trip will be well worth the long drive and should be a powerful experience for those who attend. But we are in need of drivers willing to carpool to the Capitol. Anyone who is interested, please notify the Honors Office no later than September 16th.

We will be leaving Wednesday, at 2 p.m. We will get tickets to see the Holocaust Museum together on Thursday, everyone will have Friday free to see the Smithsonian, etc.

The Honors Program has pledged financial support of $330 toward the trip. Accommodations will be inexpensive and provide subway access downtown.

Western’s Academic Honors Societies
Western has chapters in four national academic honors societies for students in all disciplines.

Phi Eta Sigma membership is offered to students who earn a 3.5+ g.p.a. for the freshmen year.

Alpha Psi Omega is open to non-traditional, adult students with 30 semester hours who rank in the top 10% of their class.

Golden Key Honors Society membership requires a 3.5+ g.p.a. on a student’s first 60 hours.

Phi Kappa Phi, the most prestigious, national academic honors society for students in all disciplines, requires a 3.85 g.p.a. on the first 75 semester hours or 3.80 on the first 90 semester hours.

Students who meet the requirements for membership in these societies automatically receive invitations.

These additional national honors societies are open to students with excellent academic records in specific disciplines.

- Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-medicine)
- Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)
- Alpha Sigma Lambda (Mathematics)
- Alpha Zeta (Agriculture)
- Beta Beta Beta (Biology)
- Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)
- Delta Phi Alpha (German)
- Eta Sigma Delta (Food Services and Dietetics)
- Eta Sigma Gamma (Health and Safety)
- Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
- Kappa Tau Alpha (Journalism)
- Phi Alpha Theta (History)
- Phi Upsilon Omicron (Home Economics)
- Pi Delta Phi (French)
- Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics and Computer Science)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Government)
- Psi Chi (Psychology)
- Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
- Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science)

Honors students, set your sights high! Membership in these societies will confirm your outstanding record and be excellent additions to your resume.
University Honors Committee

The University Honors Committee, which is responsible for the oversight of the Honors Program, consists of two faculty members from each college and four students. The current faculty members are:

- Dr. Erika Brady, Folklore
- Dr. Richard Miller, Psychology
- Dr. Robert Pulsinelli, Economics
- Dr. Bettina Richmond, Mathematics
- Dr. Walker Rutledge, English
- Dr. Brian Sullivan, Management
- Dr. George Vourvopoulos, Physics

The student members for 1994-1995 are:

- Dana Albro, Freshman
- Michelle Browning, Sophomore
- Lena Sweeten, Senior
- Brian Grace and Kitty Litchfield are now in an election for Junior representative.

The Honors Committee meets monthly, so please get in touch with your representative whenever you have recommendations or concerns about the Honors Program.

Did you know . . . . ?

1. Big Red is
   a) Grimace's evil twin brother
   b) A conglomeration of posies and tulips against a blood red sky
   c) Binky of "Binky and the Brain"
   d) The WKU Mascot
2. Honors Housing is located at
   a) Rivendell Psychiatric
   b) FAC
   c) Galt House, Louisville
   d) Rodes Harlin Hall
3. April's missing. Where did she go?
   a) Studying abroad
   b) Jupiter for the comet crash
   c) Back-to-school sales at the mall
   d) An off-campus job

--Graciously submitted by Cory Hollon

National Undergraduate Research Conference

The ninth annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR IX) will be held at Union College in Schenectady, New York on April 20-22, 1995. More than 1,400 undergraduates from all disciplines will present their research or creative activities. Students now doing Senior Honors Theses or other research who are interested in attending NCUR IX should contact the Honors office for details by October 15. The deadline sending proposals to NCUR is December 2. The Honors Program will help fund and find funding for students whose presentations are accepted.

HSS Overview

This semester, the Honors Student Society is expanding its list of activities. Aside from the informal get-togethers scheduled throughout the semester (see calendar), two events in particular are rather exciting additions. In the past, the Honors Program has attended plays and cultural events outside the city of Bowling Green. The HSS, though, will be attending two events--"Anything Goes" on October 12 and a Glenn Miller Concert on November 18--at area theatres. As reservations must be made, we'll need to know who will attend prior to the performances. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Honors Office and Rodes Harlin. These are not exclusively for HSS members since numbers will get a reduction on the ticket price for both events (another reason to join).

Honors Faculty Reception

The Honors Program will host our annual reception for favorite professors from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on November 3 in the Executive Room of Garrett Conference Center. If you would like to invite one or more of your best teachers, just return the form below to the Honors office by October 24 or call the office (745-2081) by that date. These Honors receptions are informal and fun, a nice way to get to know your favorite teacher out-of-class. Be sure you attend if we invite a professor for you.

Please invite Professor ____________________________

__________________________ from the ____________________________

Department to the Honors Reception.

Your
Name: ____________________________
Spring Honors Graduates

Following commencement on May 8, Honors graduates were presented Honors Graduation Certificates at a reception hosted by the Honors Program. The following students were among those attending.

Islamshah begins graduate study in engineering at Notre Dame University this fall. Julie, a champion debater, will be working on a Masters Degree in Communication at Western. Keri, a math major who received a National Physical Science Consortium Fellowship, will begin graduate study at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Todd was planning to travel and after that he had "no idea" what he was going to do. Kelly is now a full-time homemaker.

Diane Noll
Diane majored in art. Her daughter, Clare, was born in March.

Lori Burton, Tricia Drury, Cindy Underwood

Lori, an accounting major, began work June 1 as an accountant for the State of Tennessee. Tricia, a psychology major who plans on a career in pastoral counseling, will start seminary training this fall. Cindy will teach preschoolers for the Nelson County School System and work on her Masters in elementary education.

Parents Day Honors Luncheon
We hope your parents will attend Parents Day, September 17. If they do (or even if they don’t), please join us at noon for an Honors luncheon. Get your food as usual at the Marquis Club, and then join us in the Auxiliary Dining Room at the back of the main dining area. Students who let the Honors Office know they are coming by September 15 will eat free; parents will pay regular price.
Culture and Sports on Campus

All Semester
Kentucky Museum, on campus (745-2592)
Tuesdays-Saturdays 9:30-4,
Sundays 1:30-4
Houchens Gallery & Capitol Arts Center (782-2787 for further details)

September
1 WKU All Nite Long, concert, Garrett Ballroom, 9 p.m.
1 Football v. EKU, 7 p.m.
2-5 National Corvette Museum Grand Opening (concert, tours, etc.)
6-30 “Daydreams,” art exhibition, Houchens Gallery, Capitol Arts Center
9 Soccer v. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
13 Soccer v. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
17 Football v. Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
21 Soccer v. Louisville, 7 p.m.
23 1994 Hangar Party (concert), Bowling Green/Warren County Airport, 7 p.m.
23-25 WKU Women’s Studies Conference, Garrett Conference Center
23-25 WKU Soccer Classic
24-25 Volleyball, Hilltopper Invitational
29 Fountain Square Evening (concert & food), Fountain Square Park, 5 p.m.

October
1 Bowling Green 10K Run/Walk Classic
1-2 Volleyball, Big Red Invitational
3 “Anything Goes” by Cole Porter, 8 p.m., Russell Miller Theater, FAC. Also Oct. 4, 10-15.
7-30 All Kentucky Juried Fine Art Exhibition, Houchens Gallery, Capitol Arts Center
8 Football v. Portland State, 4 p.m.
8 1994 International Festival, Fountain Square Park, 9 a.m. - dusk.
9-11/20 “Aqueous ’94,” Kentucky Watercolor Society’s 17th annual juried show, Kentucky Museum
21 Big Red’s Roar, Diddle Arena (Homecoming)
22 Football v. Southern Illinois (Homecoming), 5 p.m.
22 Moscow Dance Theatre, 8 p.m., Capitol Arts Center
27-30 “Hello Dolly,” Fountain Square Players, Capitol Arts Center

October continued:
28 Soccer v. Ky. Wesleyan, 7 p.m.
29 Football v. Troy State, 5 p.m.

November
4-30 “Women They Left Behind,” photo exhibition, Houchens Gallery, Capitol Arts Center
5 Football v. Indiana State, 1 p.m.
12 Star Search at the Capitol (concert & dance performance), Capitol Arts Center
15 “The Sea Gull” by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m., Russell Miller Theater, FAC. Also Nov. 16-19, and 20 (3 p.m.)
18 Glenn Miller Orchestra, Capitol Arts Center, 8 p.m.
27 “Babes in Toyland,” 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Capitol Arts Center

December
1 “Big Red: You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby,” Kentucky Museum
5-31 “First Night” Bowling Green 1995, various events, Capitol Arts Center

Classified
As a free service for Honors students, The Honorable Mention, published monthly, will publish your announcements and classified ads if space is available. Bring announcements and ads to the Honors office in Garrett 105.

Used Zenith cable-ready 20-inch color TV, no remote, works perfectly. $60. 745-2081.
Fall Honors Program Events
August
21--Informal Pizza Party, 7:30 pm, Rodes Harlin Rec Room (Sponsored by HSS)
23--Honors Orientation and Picnic
September
2-5--HSS King’s Island Trip
17--Parent’s Day, Honors Luncheon
27--Honors Picnic and “Hamlet” at Horse Cave Theater, 7:30 pm
30-Oct. 1--Honors Roundtable at WKU
October
12--“Anything Goes” by Cole Porter at Russell Miller Theater, 8:00 pm (Hosted by HSS)
30--HSS Costume Bonfire at Bert Jean’s house
November
3--Honors Faculty Reception, 3:30-5 p.m., GCC Executive Room
11--HSS Winter Formal at the Executive Inn in Owensboro, KY
18--Glenn Miller Orchestra, Capitol Arts Theatre, 8 p.m. (Hosted by HSS)
December
8--“Coffee Cram Night” at Cafe Voltaire, 10:00 pm (Hosted by HSS)

For a Fun Weekend...
Go whitewater rafting on the gorgeous Big South Fork River. Located near Jamestown, TN, it’s just three hours from Bowling Green. Full-day, half-day, and overnight trips available. For details call Cumberland Rapid Transit, (615) 879-4818.

Meet Dr. Joseph Bilotta
Dr. Joe Bilotta teaches Honors Psychology each term. Born in Niagara Falls, NY, Dr. Bilotta majored in psychology at State University of New York at Buffalo and earned his Ph. D. in psychology at City University of New York. There he married fellow graduate student Elizabeth Lemerise, who also teaches in Western’s Psychology Department. Dr. Bilotta does research on the physiology of vision. He says, “I have always been interested in visual system and visual neurons work.” Regarding teaching, Joe says, “When I was a student, there were certain professors who really made everything click. You sat there in awe. My goal is to try to get our students to have that same feeling. If I can do that I have done my job.” Dr. Bilotta received the University Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1993.

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