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## University Honors Program

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### ROOM IN HONORS HOUSING

We have a few vacancies in honors housing. Any student who wishes to move there for the spring must contact Honors and the Housing Office before December 16, 1994. A Housing Agreement must be filed with Housing by this date in order for students to be assigned over the Christmas break.

### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Honors students are reminded that they must complete 6 hours of honors credit each academic year in order to remain enrolled in the honors program. A waiver can be obtained for failure to complete these hours, but only upon personal approval of the Honors Director.

If you are not planning to complete six hours of honors credit by the end of the spring semester, you should seriously consider adding an honors course to your schedule now. Almost all honors classes have room for further enrollments. You can add classes in the Honors Office, without charge, up to December 14.

Also, if you are planning to go to summer school, English 300 will be offered as an honors class.

### QUICK RECALL TEAM

The following students have expressed an interest in starting a quick-recall team:

Joel D. Ford	5155
George Meador	(502) 586-7252
Shana Restall	4622
Keith Persons	5634
Robin Huddleston	842-6227
Darla Blankenship	3864

Other interested students need to contact one or more of the above to begin organizing the team. The Quick-Recall League Rules and an enrollment form are available in the Honors Office. There is still plenty of time to participate in the spring tournaments!

### HONORS DAY

The Honors Program will be hosting the annual Honors Day on Friday, February 10, 1995. Prospective WKU students will begin arriving Thursday evening. A social gathering is planned for Thursday evening.

Friday, visiting students will attend sessions about life at Western, sit in on various classes, and take tours of the campus, including honors housing.

As always, VOLUNTEERS are needed to make this day a success. Volunteers will be needed to lead tours, welcome students on Thursday evening, organize social events and special sessions, and anything else that comes up! Input from students who have attended Honors Day in the past would be very welcome to keep us from repeating past mistakes. One and all are encouraged to participate in this important day. Contact the Honors Office (2081) for further details.

### UPDATE--HONORS CLASSES

This summer, Dr. Wanella Huddleston will be teaching English 300 as an honors level class. English 300 is required of all students, so those who are short on honors credits should consider adding this class to their summer schedules.

### FACULTY RECEPTION

About 30 honors students invited favorite professors to the reception held November 3. This yearly event is one way the Honors Program shows appreciation to both Honors Program Faculty and other professors with student participation.

### PREREGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

Wow! What help, what workers--none other than Ammia Johnson, Niki Hodson, Danielle Kirtley, Lena Sweeten, Bert Jean, Jake Howard, Kitty Litchfield, and Nellie Walton. THANK YOU!

## PROFESSOR PROFILE

Cassandra L. Pinnick:

Before coming to WKU in Fall 1992, Dr. Pinnick lived for ten years in Hawaii, where she received her Ph.D. in Logic and Philosophy of Science from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She and her family are adjusting to life on the "mainland," although she says she wishes Bowling Green "had a beach."



Dr. Pinnick looks forward to teaching the honors section of Introduction to Logic, PHIL 115, this spring; she says studying logic prepares honors students for advance placement exams such as the GRE, LSAT, and GMAT.

In addition to her research and teaching on campus, Dr. Pinnick enjoys the Preston Center facilities and keeping up with films through the DUC film program. She appreciates the village atmosphere in the university district and likes to frequent local spots on Fountain Square, and Bread & Bagels and Cafe Voltaire on Broadway. She does, however, miss live performances of her favorite kinds of music: blues and opera.

Dr. Pinnick and her husband, who is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, have two children who attend Bowling Green City schools.

## NCHC

The 1994 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference took place October 26-30 in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Sam McFarland, Lena Sweeten, and Julie Davis attended the Conference.

Dr. McFarland presented research on "Homosexuality and Homophobia." Julie Davis, a graduate student, presented a paper taken from her senior honor thesis, "Prelude to the Great Society." Lena Sweeten, a senior, presented a paper titled "Reproductive Freedom as a Fundamental Human Right."

In addition to attending paper presentations, Dr. McFarland, Julie, and Lena visited various historic sites around San Antonio--the Alamo, Lyndon B. Johnson's Ranch, and Fredericksburg.

## HONORS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Once again, the Honors Committee has been hard at work revising, discussing, and debating the possibilities of an Honors College at Western. The most recent discussions have involved intercalating the ideas and suggestions of Dr. Wittig, Dean of the Honors College at Ball State, into the draft proposal for an Honors College.

The proposed Honors College, with the participation of students, faculty, and WKU in general, could bring a distinctive educational opportunity unique in Kentucky. An Honors College would provide Western an identity for its gifted and most talented students. The college would also provide a tremendous amount of prestige, distinguished alumni, and fund-raising opportunities. For example, the University of Montana Honors College has raised over one million dollars and Portland State University's Honors College has been visited by Nobel Prize winners for speaking engagements.

The draft of the Honors College proposal has been approved by the committee and forwarded to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Haynes, and Assistant Vice-President Jacqueline Addington. Both raised several concerns, but were supportive overall.

The proposal centers around several topics very important not only to the livelihood of the Honors College, but also to the university. Several ideas incorporated into the proposal include a telephone survey of Honors-quality students, procedures for recruiting and retainment of top students, fund-raising plans and successes, and minor changes to the Honors College program of study.

On behalf of the Honors Committee, I would like to extend an invitation to all Honors students to attend any of our meetings. Please contact your Honors Committee student representative about this significant proposal. Student representatives are:

Senior: Lena Sweeten, 2081

Junior: Brian Grace, 4916

Sophomore: Michelle Browning, 2103

Freshman: Dana Albro, 3880.

Presently only 24 honors colleges exist in the United States, but with your support, encouragement, and input Western could be the next. Just remember, Honors students, if you want to leave footprints in the sands of time, wear work shoes.

--Submitted by Brian Grace

## EDUCATING BOSNIAN CHILDREN

On Friday, November 4th, I experienced one of the most enjoyable days of my life.

As a Christian, I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Muslims. The fact that many were originally from places like Jerusalem, Jericho, Egypt and Iraq only made the meeting more interesting. Although that meeting was the intended purpose of the trip, I found the trip up to Louisville to be educational as well.

One of the travellers in the van I was riding in had just returned to Bowling Green recently. He was returning from Bosnia. (I would mention his name, but I did not know I would be writing this at the time so I didn't ask if he wanted his name in print.) In January, he is planning to go back, and it is the reason he is returning that captured my interest.

He told us tales of burned down villages, beautiful landscapes, and the tragedies of war. He told us about his tour guide, how that tour guide was beaten in a concentration camp, and about children.

There is one camp that is either all or predominantly children whose parents were killed or are in concentration camps. These children have nothing to do, but the man we met is going back to try and do something about it.

He is planning to start a school within the camp, but he needs help. He needs pencils, papers, books, and other school supplies. He has even made arrangements to transport old computers.

As college students, and more specifically honors students, I think it is safe to say we feel there is great value in having an education. Try to imagine how different you would be if you had not received an education. For me, it is almost impossible to imagine.

That is why I am appealing to you, the honors students. I hope to gather donations within my dorm and also when I return home for Christmas break.

I believe you will want to help in some small way. If you want to help, call me at 745-5628 or leave a message in my mailbox (#918) in Rodes-Harlin Hall.

I would like to thank Michelle Browning for her help.

--Submitted by Stephen Lega  
Print Journalism Major  
Louisville, KY

## STUDENTS FOR AN EQUAL SOCIETY

Feminism. This word alone can dredge up many brutal images. Women who do not shave their legs. Women who are more masculine than Sly Stallone. Women who idolize Lorena Bobbitt. Women who hate men. And of course, who could forget the colorful term, femi-nazi, which was masterminded by Rush Limbaugh? It is time for us to put an end to such stereotypes.

Currently, a group is being organized and founded on campus to deal with women's issues and equality. Students for an Equal Society (SES) will be both a politically and socially active organization in Bowling Green as well as at WKU. It is an association which will give women a voice and bring the concerns of women to the forefront. This is NOT a male bashing group!

In a world filled with inequalities and hate, we must help our brothers and sisters to overcome any obstacles which threaten their success.

If anyone is interested, please contact the founder, Amy Steinkamp, at 745-3103, or contact Kitty Litchfield at 745-4932 or Lena Sweeten at 745-2081. SES is in the process of being formed so watch for fliers, notices, etc. on campus.

--Submitted by Amy Steinkamp

## PATTERSON COMPLETES THESIS

Dana Patterson has completed her senior honors thesis. Her project is entitled **Home Schooling and KERA: Comparison of Themes and Development**. Interested students who are planning their thesis project can look at a copy of her paper and other honors theses on file in the Honors Office.

## HONORS STUDENT SOCIETY UPDATE

The Honors Student Society held its second annual winter semi-formal on November 11 in Owensboro. Once again the dance was a success and brought in many new members. The final event of the semester is the "Coffee Cram Night" at Cafe Voltaire on Thursday, December 8, at 9 p.m. (This event is not funded by HSS)

Next semester's events will be determined by fundraisers that members are currently working to organize. Suggestions will be greatly appreciated. HSS will also participate in Student Government Association's Council on Organizational Affairs (COA), which will give us some insight into the activities and fundraisers of other organizations on campus.

## ATTENTION PRE-LAW STUDENTS

American Legal History (HIST 446) will be offered this spring at 9:15 (MWF). Dr. Patricia Minter, who specializes in American legal history, will be teaching the class. If you're planning to go to law school, this is the course to take!

## STUDENT RECRUITMENT PHONATHON

Honors students are needed to VOLUNTEER for the Student Recruitment Phonathon, to talk with potential honors students who have expressed an interest in attending Western.

The Phonathon will be held Sunday, January 22 through Wednesday, January 25. Calling will begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. A volunteer may choose any two-hour block of time to participate. It is necessary that all volunteers participate in an orientation session, either on Tuesday, January 17 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in DUC 305.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Honors Office (2081) as soon as possible.

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