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Fall Honors Roundtable

The Kentucky Honors Roundtable will be hosted by the University of Kentucky on Friday and Saturday, September 24 - 25. Historic Lexington is the theme, with walking tours of historic buildings and current restorations. A tour of nearby horse farms is also planned. Roundtables are fun, often educational, and they offer great opportunities to meet Honors students from other Kentucky colleges and universities. Transportation will be provided by van; UK will furnish free food and lodging.

We will leave at 3 pm on Friday the 24th and arrive back in Bowling Green about 7 pm on Saturday the 25th. Students wanting to attend must notify the Honors office by phone by noon on Monday, September 20th. If you wonder whether Roundtables are worth attending, ask those students who went last year!

Present Your Work at an Honors Convention

If you will be working on interesting research, senior thesis, or class project this year, now is the time to consider submitting it for an Honors conference for next spring. The Kentucky Honors Roundtable meeting each spring is devoted to presentations of student research and papers; it will be held at the University of Louisville in February. The annual Southern Regional Honors Council meeting will be in Louisville next March. About 500 Honors students from 12 southern states will attend this meeting.

Expenses will be paid for any Western student whose proposal is accepted for either meeting. See Dr. McFarland for details.

Shakespeare at Horse Cave Theater, September 30th

Honors Students are invited to a picnic at 5 pm at Covington Woods Park and to attend Julius Caesar at Horse Cave Theater 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 27th so we know how many tickets and sandwiches to buy. Our annual trips to Horse Cave are great fun!

Welcome!

Welcome, fellow Honors Students! It's time to get back in the swing of college life here at WKU! We hope that everyone has had a good break and is ready to get back to the joys of academics. We have some new and exciting things going on in the University Honors Program, and we hope that everyone will get involved to make this year even better than last year.

Two of the new additions to the Program are a social organization and a tutoring program. The tutoring program should be very helpful for everyone involved. The Honors Student Society (the social organization) is being organized by me (Stephen Smith), and will provide an enjoyable addition to the already exciting Honors Program. Let me encourage everyone to get involved with both of these programs, they should both be a lot of fun.

As you are getting settled in, please feel free to call the Honors office with any questions you may have about the Program, or about any other part of life here at Western. If you have any questions that you would rather ask of a student, you may call me at 843-8781, Kitty Litchfield at 745-5547, or Todd Bowman at 745-5689. From which teachers to choose to what there is to do in Bowling Green on a Friday night, there should be few questions that one of us cannot answer.

If you have any concerns regarding the way that the Program is run, or what activities are planned, please feel free to seek out the representative for your class. The results from that election should be available by the third day of classes.

We are looking forward to another truly exciting year here at WKU, and we hope that you will join us in squeezing every drop out of both the academic and social life that Western has to offer.

Steve Smith

Honors Enrollment

This fall 452 Western students in over 50 majors are enrolled in the Honors Program. One hundred and fifty-one are entering freshmen.

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A Note from the Director

Dear Honors student:

First of all, a big WELCOME! to all new Honors students. We are thrilled to have you at WKU and as a 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.

Your Honors professors all want to help you in any way we 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 feel we can help.

We strive to make all your Honors courses and colloquia 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.

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 its strengths and weaknesses in a formal Honors evaluation. We hope you will 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 life!

We wish you a very successful and exciting year. Please get in touch if I can aid you in any way.

Dr. McFarland

Honors Classes and Enrollment

About 15 to 18 Honors courses and about three or four colloquia are offered each semester. These courses change from semester to semester. At least two or three courses each term will be Category G (Honors Studies) courses. This fall, many of our Honors classes were filled by June 6AR, so two new classes were added at that time:

- Dr. Joe Bilotta, Western’s “Teacher of the Year” for 1992-1993, will be teaching Introduction to Psychology at 11:45 on Tuesday-Thursdays.
- Dr. James Baker will be teaching his ever-popular Western Civilization since 1648 at 9:15 on Monday-Wednesdays.

To those who want more science Honors courses, we are working with the Ogden College to get more.

Honors Tutoring?

Honors tutoring labs and services are a common feature of Honors programs, but Western has none. In most cases, Honors students who participate volunteer for two hours a week to assist students who are having difficulties in their classes. Usually a tutoring lab is staffed in the evenings, but some programs also match Honors tutors one-on-one with those who need tutoring.

An Honors tutoring program would be a great service we could provide at Western. It could make a real difference in whether many students succeed or fail in college.

What’s in it for the tutors? First, many tutors discover that they learn class material most thoroughly by teaching it to another student. Second, there is the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped a fellow student succeed. And finally, honors tutoring is a great entry on a resume when applying for work or graduate school.

A few students are needed who would like to help organize an Honors Tutoring Program. Any volunteers? If you are interested in helping get a program started, contact Dr. McFarland at the Honors office.

Honorable Mention Staff Needed

The Honorable Mention needs a new editor and several writers and photographers. If you would like to edit, write, or shoot pictures for The Honorable Mention, see Dr. McFarland asap. A second issue will appear in late October.

Honors Faculty Reception

The Honors Program will host our annual reception for favorite professors from 3:30 to 5 pm on Tuesday, October 12th 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 2nd 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.

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Please invite Professor ____________________________ from the ____________________________ department to the Honors Reception.

Your Name: ____________________________
Summer **Sizzlers**

ELONA SABO, our Honors secretary, randomly surveyed Honors students and faculty regarding their summer escapades.

STEPHEN SMITH portrayed RIP VAN WINKLE after working "All Nighters" at Kinkos. Steve edited our Summer Honors Newsletter and checked on Honors office business during vacation.

RICKY CURTIS sang and danced in the cast of *The Stephen Foster Story* at Bardstown.

DR. HARRY ALLEN moved his graduate, cheerleader daughter and wife to Bowling Green from Lakeland Florida. Two summer sessions in editorial and feature writing at Western were next--be sure to ask Harry about the "Titanic baby survivor."

LORI SPEAR was a busy Staff Assistant for Gifted Studies sponsoring camps for academically gifted students. She squeezed in two Washington DC trips for the National Phi Beta Lambda Business Society writing their Newsletter and Training for State Officers. Lori won 2nd in Job Interviews.

JEREMY GRAVEN had a great time attending the National Thespian Society at Ball State in Indiana where people from all over the world gathered-Australia and Japan, including Miss Teen Hawaii of 91! Jeremy is "recuperating" in Florida with cousins.

TARA NIEMEIER was a supervisor in Guest Services at Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville. She said it is a super place.

NELLIE WALTON, an incoming freshman, said this was her last summer to "goof off." She did!

JULI McCAY attended summer classes in June then enjoyed swimming and doing family things with 3-year-old Matthew and Chelsea, 2.

JENNY HEIDBRINK visited her grandparents in Memphis and worked in their accounting office. Jenny is presently an assistant in the Chemistry Lab at Western. Her fine work in Honors will be missed.

APRIL HICKS is Honors' new assistant Secretary. Welcome!

BERT BLEVINS added to his public relations experience, composing a Dental Lab Service Guide and News Bulletins for his mother's, (Sandy) Newburgh Indiana lab. He attended the Delta Tau Delta National Leadership Convention in Indianapolis.

DANA BLANKENSHIP PATTERSON married her minister April 24 and moved to Scottsville August 4. They honeymooned at a National Ministerial Conference!

NATASHA CLARK "slaved away" at Disk Jockey in Greenwood Mall and will continue through the year.

TODD BOWMAN worked in Western's Computer Lab and attended a computer class.

SAM SHARBUTT continued his rehabilitation walking, reading, visiting the Napoleon Exhibit in Memphis, the Aquarium in Chattanooga and relatives in Michigan. We all look forward to Sam's return to Western this fall.

LESLEY WOLFGANG worked at a pet store in Danville to save money to study in Europe next summer.

DIANA WERKMAN spent ten days in Panama City studying marine life and snorkling. She got to hand- feed dolphins in the open water on a snorkling trip.

JAMES HURM worked for Texas Gas in Owensboro.

DR. JOE BILOTTA, an Honors psychology professor, has been developing his physiology lab for teaching Physiological Psychology and for his research on the neural properties of the visual system.

AMY DELORENZO, a freshman from Cochran Georgia, has been running more than five miles a day. Amy was a top high school cross-country runner in her region.

AMANDA MOORE, a Benton KY freshman, ran the miniature golf course Kentucky Dam Village State Park, often babysitting while parents played.

JOE HINES spent a week in Washington D.C., met with the International Monetary Fund, then spent two months walking and hitchhiking through Peru and Bolivia.

DR. CASSANDRA PINNICK, who received her doctorate from the University of Hawaii, taught there this summer.

MARCHIELLO BRUNI returned to his home in Taranto, Italy for a visit.

SALLY EATON worked as a photographer and part-time reporter for *Southwest Newsweek*, a Louisville regional newspaper.

RACHAEL CANNON, a freshman, worked at her dad's law office in Litchfield.
## Culture and Sports on Campus

### ALL SEMESTER
- **Kentucky Museum, on campus**
  - Tuesdays - Saturdays 9:30 - 4
  - Sundays 1:30 - 4.

### AUGUST
- **30**
  - Works by Bates Fisher & Kent Johnson
  - Art Gallery, Fine Arts Center
  - Continues through September 17.

### SEPTEMBER
- **11**
  - Big Band led by Lester Lanin
  - Capital Arts Theater
- **19**
  - Allison Krauss & Union Station
  - Capital Arts Theater
- **21**
  - Lost River Chamber Players
  - Ivan Wilson Recital Hall, 8 pm
- **24**
  - Ceramics by Michelle Coakes (Honors Professor)
  - Art Gallery, through October 15.
- **25**
  - Football vs. Alabama-Birmingham
  - Smith Stadium, 7 pm
- **27**
  - American Conservatory String Quartet
  - Recital Hall, 8 pm
- **28**
  - Honors Student Spontaneous Poetry Contest, Fine Arts Fountain, midnight

### OCTOBER
- **2**
  - Football vs. Jacksonville State, 5 pm
- **3**
  - University Choir/Chamber Singers
  - Van Meter Auditorium, 3 pm
- **4**
  - *What the Butler Saw* by Joe Orton
  - Russell H. Miller Theater, 8 pm
  - Also October 5, 12 through 16
- **5**
  - WKU Chamber Band Concert
  - Van Meter, 8 pm

### NOVEMBER
- **2**
  - WKU Vocal Jazz, Garrett Ballroom
  - 8 pm
- **13**
  - Football vs. Eastern Illinois, 1 pm
- **18**
  - *Kiss Me Kate* by Cole Porter
  - Van Meter Auditorium, 8 pm
  - Also November 19, 20, 21(2:00 pm)
- **20**
  - Football vs. Murray State, 1 pm
- **20**
  - Country singer Holly Dunn
  - Capital Arts Theater

### DECEMBER
- **3**
  - Bowling Green-Western Choral Society
  - Van Meter, 8 pm
- **5**
  - WKU Chamber Band, Van Meter
  - 8 pm
- **7**
  - Christmas Voices and Brass
  - Van Meter, 8 pm
- **10**
  - Bowling Green-Western Symphony Orchestra, Van Meter, 8 pm