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**SPRING ROUNDTABLE**

Several of Western’s own presented their research papers at Kentucky Honors Roundtable on January 28-29 at the University of Louisville. Lena Sweeten-Garner’s presentation discussed the establishment of reproductive freedom as a fundamental human right. Amy Steinkamp covered victim’s rights, and Nicole Hodson’s research assessed rape attitudes in the high school environment. Other weighty issues considered were Katherine Litchfield’s paper discussing the influence of Wicca on contemporary American society and Josh Sweatnam’s analysis of variables affecting school achievement for African-American students. Who said honors students couldn’t be a fun bunch?

The focus of the Roundtable was student research, as twenty-four students from five universities presented papers. A wide range of issues was covered, from rainforests, political correctness and the Sixties to love, hate, and happiness.

A great time was had by all. Friday night, students had dinner at the Cafe Kilimanjaro, which serves contemporary ethnic dishes, and then attended a performance by the Imani Dance Company, which brings to America many dance traditions still practiced in contemporary Africa. Saturday was devoted to student presentations of their original research.

"From papers to poker, we had a great weekend," Katherine Litchfield said.

"The passion for freedom of the mind is strong and everlasting, which is fortunate, because so is the passion to squelch it.”

---A M. Rosenthal

**WKU TO HOST FALL ROUNDTABLE**

Interested in attending a Roundtable? You won’t have to go far this fall, when Western will be hosting the Kentucky Honors Roundtable this September 23-24. Once again, we will be focussing on student research, so keep that in mind when you’re working on papers this spring!

Not only that, the Program needs your help! We want to have the best Roundtable ever (and those of you who attended last fall’s at UK know how bad they can get), so if you have any ideas—a concert, a dance, a movie, all of the above—about what we should plan for Friday night, drop a line to the Honors Office, or give a call to Katherine Litchfield (745-5547) or Lena Sweeten-Garner (563-6991).

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Are you doing interesting research for a course or for your thesis this year? If your answer is, "Yes," then you should plan on submitting it for presentation at the Fall Honors Roundtable here at Western next September 23-24.

Presenting your own research is a great opportunity to showcase your work, it’s good experience that you can use in the future whether you’re going to graduate school or into the job market, and it’ll make your mom proud.

Right now, all you have to do is submit a 100-word abstract or summary of your paper to the Honors Office sometime before the end of the semester. A call for papers also will be issued over the summer. Since the Roundtable will be here at Western this fall, this is a chance you definitely shouldn’t let pass by.
HONORS PREREGREISTRATION
DON'T FORGET! Honors
Advanced Registration for the fall semester will be April 11-13 from 1 to 4pm in Garrett 205. Honors students' schedule cards will be available in the Honors office by April 11. The next Honorable Mention will be out by March 25th and will describe all fall Honors courses.

PEER COUNSELING--Honors students who are interested in offering to other students their sage advice on honors courses they've had can leave their name and phone number with the Honors Office, to be listed in the next Honorable Mention.

SUMMER HONORS CLASS
Once again, Junior English, ENG 300 will be offered for Honors credit during the first session of summer school May 31 to July 1. It will be taught by Mr. Walker Rutledge. The class will meet 8:00 to 9:40 each day. Advance registration begins March 7. This would be a great time to fulfill this general education requirement!

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY
Here's an easy exam with rewards for the best answer!

Q: How many honors students does it take to change a lightbulb?

A free foot-long sub from everyone's favorite restaurant, Subway, will be awarded to the author of the best punch line! Please submit your answer with your name, phone number, and address to the Honors Office, 105 Garrett Conference Center. Deadline for entries is Monday, March 7. The winning entry will appear in the next Honorable Mention.

SCHOLARS OF THE YEAR!!!!
Graduating seniors Kelly Brillhart, Julie Davis, Todd Dykes and Eddie Goggans, were named as recipients of the University Honors Program Scholar of the Year Award. The four honors students will be honored during the Western Student Awards ceremony April 10 for their academic achievements and outstanding contributions to the Honors Program.

Congratulations to you all, and best of luck in your new endeavors!

TRUMAN FINALIST
The Honors Program is also pleased to announce that one of our own, Sam Sharburt, was named one of the five finalists for the prestigious Truman Scholarship, for which he remains eligible. Way to go, Sam, we're all really proud of you!

SOUTHERN REGIONAL HONORS COUNCIL
The annual Southern Regional Honors Council is quickly approaching. This year's will be held at the Galt House in Louisville on April 7-9. Student research will be the focus of the conference. Three of Western's own, Nicole Hodson, Kitty Litchfield and Lena Sweeten-Garner, will be giving a panel presentation entitled "Women's Issues of the '90's: Reproduction, Rape, and Religion."

Honors students wanting to attend the Southern Regional Honors Council should contact the Honors Office by March 11th. The Honors Program will help with student expenses (registration, housing), but the amount of help will depend on the number of students attending.
THE SCHEDULE OF HONORS CLASSES FOR FALL 1994 WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT HONORABLE MENTION TO BE MAILED BY MARCH 25!!!

HOME SWEET HOME
Three cheers for the Housing Office! Next year, when we return to Poland Hall, the Honors Housing will be extended to encompass the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth floors. When you reapply for your rooms this semester, you will have a larger area from which to choose. If you are not now living in Honors housing but would like to do so next year, contact the Honors office by April 8th. We expect honors housing to continue to be a roaring success and to fill up quickly, so make your decisions early!

NEW COLLOQUIA FOR 1994-95
In addition to successful colloquia offered in the past, two new colloquia and one seminar will be offered next year. In the fall, Dr. Saundra Ardrey of Government will offer a colloquium on "What's Happening to us? Contemporary Issues in America." Next spring, Dr. Doug McElroy of Biology will direct a colloquium on "The Creation Science/Evolution Debate," and Dr. Carl Chelf of Government will teach a junior-level seminar on "The Constitution and Public Policy."

SUGGESTIONS ANYONE?
Our professors need our help! They want to offer colloquia and classes on topics that interest you. Therefore, as we always want to help them out (of the classroom so we can leave early) please drop your suggestions for colloquia, seminars, or classes by the Honors Office (GCC 105). Thanks a bunch!

CONGRATULATIONS!
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After this semester ends and the month of May is in full swing, two of our Honors students will be starting a new chapter in their lives! The Honorable Mention is pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Natasha Clark and Steven Smith and wish them both the best of luck in their life together. You both have our love and support.

IN OUR THOUGHTS
As many of you already know, Sam Sharbutt has been dealing with a lot of difficulties lately. If you'd like to let him know that you're thinking of him, you can send him a note or card at Vanderbilt Hospital, Room 11022, VUMC 1211 22nd Ave. So., Nashville TN 37232.

MANY THANKS . . .
to everyone who volunteered their time on Honors Day:
Holly Davis, Eddie Goggans, Julie Davis, Lena Sweeten-Garner, Michelle Browning, Nicole Hodson, Brandon Hayden, Taylor Cousens, Ricky Curtis, Katherine Litchfield, Mark Brown, Danielle Kirtley, Darron Silva, Jason Hays, Bert Jean, Olivia Reed, Larisa Keith, Nellie Walton, Marcello Bruni, Jamie Estill, Natasha Clark, Marc Vanover, John Whetstone, Debye Hassell, Ammia Johnson, Rob Durbin, Keith Payne, Pete Ruiz, Joey Oakes, Tim Cobb, Jenny Miller, Pam Howell, Jennifer Brown, Bunny Litchfield, and Anna Mae Reed
(If we've left out anyone, sincere apologies!)

"Know Thyself."
--Socrates
TWO COMPLETE THESIS

Cindy Lee Underwood and Diane Noll completed the Honors Program and graduated in December. Cindy, an elementary education major, wrote her Honors thesis on Achieving Equal Opportunity in American Schools through Equitable Funding and Multicultural Education. Diane, an art major, wrote on The Leach Tradition in America.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Fantastic study opportunities are available for honors students this year. Interested in a trip to Egypt, spending the fall in New York City, or taking in the sights of Washington D.C.? Read on!

Oklahoma State University has a program in Egyptian Art History, held in Egypt, offered May 24 through June 4. Enrollment deadline is May 9th. Participants can earn three hours of academic credit, in addition to a terrific opportunity to study one of the world’s oldest civilizations.

The National Collegiate Honors Council is offering a New York Honors Semester to run September 7 through December 18. Up to sixteen hours of credit can be earned, covering a wide variety of topics, including art, cultural pluralism, and issues before the United Nations. The deadline for application is March 25th.

Georgetown University hosts The Fund for American Studies’ six week summer programs for undergraduates. Six hours of academic credit in courses such as comparative political and economic systems, ethics and the media, and business and government affairs are available. The summer sessions will be held June 8th to July 23rd. Deadline for applications is March 31st. Scholarship are also available.

Students wanting more information should contact the Honors office.

HONORS DAY

Eighty-nine high school seniors from as far away as Wisconsin and Florida attended Honors Day on February 4th. This number was up from fifty last year. Honors Day has become an important recruiting activity for Honors and we are already planning next year’s. Call Kitty Litchfield (745-5547) or Lena Sweeten Garner (563-6991) if you have suggestions for improvement.

HONORS OFFICE STAFF

The Honors Program added a full-time secretary to the staff in November. Carol Calamaio has already become indispensable to the efficient operation of the Program. If you have any questions, she’s one to call for help. Carol and her student assistant, April Hicks, keep the Program on an even keel. We don’t know where we’d be without them! The Honors Office hours are now 8:00 to 4:30; in the summer, 8:00 to 4:00.

HONORS COMMITTEE

The Honors Committee has wrestled with a number of weighty issues this year, including changes in the Senior Thesis, participation and distribution requirements, and the minimum number of hours needed to complete the program. No change will be retroactive, and students will be notified of any changes as they are made.

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments, contact your student representative: freshman Michelle Browning (745-5155); sophomore Ricky Curtis (745-3555); junior Steve Smith (842-7487); senior Lena Sweeten-Garner (563-6991).

New student representatives will be elected over the summer, so if you’re interested in taking part, be on the lookout for the mailing sometime in July.
SEMINAR ON SENIOR THESIS

A Senior Honors Thesis seminar will be held at 4pm on Tuesday, March 8th in Garrett Conference Center 100. Sophomore and junior Honors students are strongly encouraged to attend. Mr. Walker Rutledge, two or three current Honors students, and Dr. McFarland will try to answer all your questions and reduce your anxieties about writing the Honors thesis.

Beginning the senior thesis is the hardest part! How do you select a topic? How do you get started? How do you work with your thesis director? How do you know if you are making good progress? How important is the thesis, anyway? These and all other questions will be discussed at this important and helpful meeting.

SENIOR THESES IN PROGRESS

The following are a few of the Senior Honors Theses underway this year.

Marcello Brunni is writing on Cultural Identity in the European Union under the direction of Dr. Steven Biolard.

Dr. Boilard is also directing Joseph Hines thesis on Sovereign Rights: Nicaragua vs. the United States.

Kari Kelton is writing in Mathematics on Retiling a Colored Hexagonal Plane through Translations under Dr. Thomas Richmond’s direction.

Islamshah Amlani is investigating Cryogenic Studies in Solid State Physics, directed by Dr. Douglas Harper of the Physics Department.

The Narrative Technique of Ernest Hemingway—A World Class Author is the title of Kelly Brillhart’s thesis directed by the English Department’s John Spurlock.

Todd Dykes is writing on The Female Character in F. Scott Fitzgerald's Major Novels and Short Stories under Walker Rutledge’s direction.

Bert Blevins is trying to answer the question, Does Attorney Advertising Compromise the Respectability and Contribute to the Public Disrespect for Lawyers?. He is under the direction of Dr. Jo-Ann Albers from Journalism.

Lori Burton is writing on Environmental Auditing: An Exploratory Study of the Auditor's Role and Responsibilities. She is under Dr. Jack Hall’s direction in Economics.

Julie Davis is studying The Prelude to the Great Society: Cultural Change in Postwar America under History Professor Charles Bussey.

Eddie Goggans is writing on The Use of Team Choice for Windows as a Group Decision Support System. He is directed by Dr. Linda Johnson of Finance and Computer Information Systems.

Cheryl Poe is investigating Property Rights: The Theories, the Laws, and the Struggle for Human Dignity and Freedom under Dr. Joerg Seitz’s direction from the Government department.

Tricia Drury is writing on The Role of Religion and the Psychology of Coping with Traumatic Life Events under Dr. Sam McFarland’s direction.

ANGEL IS MISSING!

Amnesty International and United Student Activists will sponsor the film Angel is Missing focusing on the worldwide problem of "disappearances," the kidnapping and murder of citizens by their own governments. The film will be shown Tuesday, March 8, at 7pm in the Garrett Conference Auditorium.
Upcoming Honors Events: 

- Seminar on Senior Thesis, March 8
- Angel is Missing film, March 8
- Honors Housing Deadline, April 8
- Southern Regional Honors Council, April 7-9
- University Awards Ceremony, April 10
- Honors Preregistration, April 11-14

See articles inside for details.

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