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Help still needed for Honors Day

On Feb. 2, approximately 88 high school seniors will be visiting Western to get an overview of the Honors Program. Honors Day is an all-day annual event to attract some of Kentucky's finest to WKU. Visiting students will receive information about scholarships, housing, the Honors Program, and advisement. The seniors will also have an opportunity to meet with honors students in an informal setting.

Since Honors Day is filled with non-stop action, a great number of student volunteers is needed. Translation: WE NEED YOU TO HELP! If you find any spare time or would like to help between classes, please contact Amy Steinkamp (3103) or the Honors Office (2081).

Students who serve will be rewarded with free lunch Friday in the auxiliary room of DUC at 11:15. Also, Dr. McFarland will be providing pizzas and refreshments for the student volunteers at his home Friday night.

There will be a meeting to plan for Honors Day on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 9:00 p.m. in the Rodes-Harlin lobby. We hope to see you there.

Spring Ky. Honors Roundtable

Eleven WKU honors students will be presenting their work at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable at Kentucky State University on Feb. 9-10.

Four students will present papers on violence written for Honors English 300 (Dr. Pat Carr, teacher). The students and their papers are:

Joe Ellis, "The Howl of the Mob: Adapting to Violence in Somalia."

Kevin Ball, "State Violence and the Individual."

Sarah Marx, "Comic Books: Carnage in Living Color."

Carrie Shaw, "How Schools Can Combat Violence."

Five students from the honors colloquium "Human Rights and the Nature of Justice" (Dr. Sam McFarland, teacher) will also present. They are:

Greg Kunkel, "The Development of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Chris Reiss, "Educational Rights: Discrepancies from Guatemalan Indians to Illegal Immigrants."

Scott Myers, "Culture and Human Rights."

Marybeth Compton, "Homosexual Rights: A Case for Equality."

Greg Sloan, "Do We Have a Right to Bear Arms?"

Other students and their presentations are:

Niki Hodson, "Through the Eyes of a Child: The Legacy of Walt Disney Animated Films."

Anthony 'Jake' Howard, "Tomorrow's Plague: Man, Mutation, and Microbial Evolution."

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers and Sisters of Bowling Green will conduct its second annual College Bowl for Kids' Sake Feb. 6 at the Downing University Center bowling alley. This event provides necessary funds so that this organization can continue to aid the community's children, while participants also have fun.

The Honors Student Society will be forming teams of up to five players who then collect as many donations as possible. The organization that raises the most money will receive a plaque and $100. Team members get free pizza and soft drinks and can win a variety of prizes.

If you are interested in being on a team, please contact Amy Steinkamp at 745-3103 or the honors office at 745-2081 by Feb. 2. Big Brothers and Big Sisters can then prepare a packet of materials for team members to sign up donors and collect donations.

We're back!!

By: Michelle Browning

We're always lurking around corners, hiding in the shadows, waiting to attack vulnerable honors students and make them do fun stuff. That's right, it's Honors Student Society, better known as HSS, and we're out to get you next.

HSS is already off and running with stuff to do; Honors Day for high school seniors eligible for honors is coming up Friday, Feb. 2. HSS needs to plan some events for Thursday night Feb. 1 to get those seniors into the Western spirit.

Also, we're planning a community service day; lots of places in Bowling Green need volunteers like us to help them do the great things they do. And of course, our really big event, the semi-formal dance, is coming up in mid-March; it requires mega-planning, which means we need lots of help and ideas from you creative honors students.

Of course, there's no stopping us there. We've got ideas for a lock-in, a book trade, an old tests archive, and lots more.

So be on the lookout when travelling alone-you may
be the next victim kidnapped by HSS!

For more information, contact Michelle (2103) or Amy (3103).

Honors Students Society Semi-formal
By: Michelle Browning

Did someone say music?...and food? I do believe they did. It's the Honors Student Society Semi-formal!

Sometime in early March, HSS will be hosting its annual dinner and dance at the Convention Center in Bowling Green. We're planning on a choice between Chinese and Italian--savory stir-fry and tantalizing tortellini. Sound great? I thought so.

After all that food, we feel obliged to let you kick off those annoying high heels (I'm addressing the girls here--I hope) and dance like crazy. The dance will have a great DJ with all your favorite music, and when we say dance till you drop, we mean it!

In order to go to the dance, you must fulfill the requirements of HSS: (1) pay your dues of $5 by Feb. 1 to Michelle Browning and (2) do at least two hours of volunteer work with HSS. There are lots of opportunities to do this--Honors Day Feb. 2, Community Service Day, the Public Relations Committee, and Bow for Kids' Sake Feb. 6. Also, you must purchase a ticket, which will be available in early February.

Come get down, get groovy, get crazy and all that stuff! But don't come for a free lecture on mating rituals of the insects of South Africa, 'cause the dance ain't nothing but pure fun! For more information, contact Michelle at 2103.

Music! Music! Music!
The Department of Music is presenting three programs of interest in the near future. All programs are at 8 p.m.

The Symphonic Band and University Choir will perform in concert on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Van Meter Auditorium. Pulitzer Prize-Winning composer Karel Husa will be present and honored.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the faculty voice recital will feature six faculty members performing songs and arias from many composers. The performance will be in the Ivan Wilson Recital Hall.

On Friday, Feb. 16, in the recital hall, a piano/percussion recital will feature pianists Dr. Janet Bass Smith and Denine Leblanc from the University of Louisville and percussionists Dr. Christopher Norton and Marty Sharer of Western.

Dr. McFarland's spring office hours
Dr. McFarland will in the honors office to see students this semester 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Monday through Friday. If you need to meet with him but can't come then, please call 2081 for an appointment.

Spaces in honors housing
A few spaces are available for both men and women in honors housing in Rodes-Harlin. If you are interested in moving there this semester, please come by the honors office to obtain permission.

Pros and cons of affirmative action to be discussed in workshop
Beverly Watts, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, will discuss the pros and cons of affirmative action on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 11:45 a.m. in Garrett Conference Center 100. The meeting is sponsored by the Women's Alliance of WKU.

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