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A quarterly newsletter for the students and friends of the University of West Florida Honors Program



At the NCHC in Chicago, our home away from home was the luxurious Palmer House Hilton.



Upon returning from Chicago, Heather Newberry, editor, had the honor of presenting President Marx with a plaque recognizing *Infinite Wisdom's* first place achievement.

Although *Infinite Wisdom* is a quarterly newsletter, many of you may have noticed that you only received one newsletter last semester and one this semester. Unfortunately our budget only allowed for two. However, with luck and some good will from the Florida legislature we will be able to print all four next year.

INFINITE WISDOM WINS AT THE 2001 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Infinite Wisdom, the newsletter of the UWF Honors Program, took FIRST PLACE in the Newsletter Contest, Student Publications category, at the 2001 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (NCHC) in Chicago last November. Heather Newberry, a senior music education major, has been the editor and driving force behind *Infinite Wisdom* since Fall 1999, and was officially recognized for her excellence during the annual NCHC Presidential Reception. Dr. Hallie Savage, Chair of the NCHC Publications board, stated that "This newsletter was a real pleasure to see, not only because of its fine production quality, but also because it has demonstrated real improvement. Its reader-friendly content speaks to a primarily student audience, but certainly serves UWF well as an ambassador for recruiting new honors students." Further, Dr. Savage noted the excellence of Heather's newsletter presentation during the NCHC conference, stating "your students provided an excellent presentation at the annual meeting. Your students are to be commended for their performance." This award clearly demonstrates that the UWF Honors Program is at the forefront of the national Honors scene, making important contributions to the enhancement of academic, cultural, and social opportunities for academically talented students. Way to go Heather!!!!

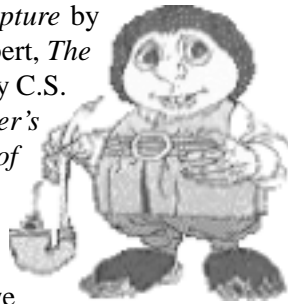
Additionally, Honors students Tyler Merritt, a senior english major, and Maxwell Deutsch, a junior history major, gave a well-attended and spirited account of their 6-week sojourn in Japan during the summer of 2001, titled "Some Boys Wear Kimonos." Wearing the only two Kendo outfits in the general vicinity, Tyler and Max rivaled the best stand-up comedy duo with the cheery narrative that complemented their PowerPoint presentation. Covering everything from cutting-edge computer applications to Japanese Manga (comic books), the pair demonstrated their command of the Japanese language and the benefits derived from the trip. Their presentation clearly demonstrated the place and importance of an international education experience in an Honors program, and the vitality of their presentation will be long remembered.

As always, I was primarily pleased and relieved to just get everybody to Chicago and back again, and Honors Coordinator David Walden, attending his very first Honors conference, was heard to say, "Wow!"

TOLKIEN SEMINAR “ROCKS OUR WORLD”

*One Ring to rule them all. One Ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them*

The Tolkien Seminar, entitled “Tolkien and His Heirs,” is shaking the foundations on which we stand. Once a week, 16 students go to Dr. Lanier’s house to discuss different books we have read. Over the course of the semester, we will read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Silmarillion* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *A Hero of a Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell, *The Secular Scripture* by Northrop Frye, *Dune* by Frank Herbert, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling, and *A Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin.



Amazingly, there is no lecturing during class! The seminar is three hours of open discussion, and we generally fill the three hours quite easily. The 16 students in the class were broken into four different groups and each group was given “Heirs” such as J.K. Rowling, George R.R. Martin, Frank Herbert, or C.S. Lewis. The heir groups read further into the author’s work. So instead of reading just *Dune* by Frank Herbert, the Frank Herbert group will read *Dune*, *Dune Messiah*, and *Children of Dune*. Towards the end of the semester, the different heir groups will make a presentation on their author and his/her books. The members of the heir groups will not only have to include story summarization, but also things such as plot, characterization, and landscapes as they relate to Tolkien.

The seminar involves a large quantity of group work and student interaction. Each student in the seminar will write two papers, one Tolkien paper and one Project paper. The Tolkien paper will be between 7-10 pages and the Project paper will be 15 or more pages long. The topics are open to the students (which makes writing all the more fun). All of the reading and papers might seem like a lot of work, but the work is well worth it because the seminar is fun and interesting.

Three hours of discussion is a long time, so the students and Dr. Lanier all take turns bringing food and drinks for everyone. (Just thought I would rub it in!). On a scale of 1-10, I would have to rate the Tolkien Seminar a good 14. There is nothing more exciting than to talk (and argue) about some of the best books ever written. If the opportunity arises again, I would encourage all to take a course such as the Tolkien Seminar...but you are going to have to beat me to it!!!

Calendar of Events

April	
5-6	Honors Alumni Reunion
15	Honors Scholarship Applications due to Honors Office
26	Honors Graduate Banquet
27	University Commencement
May	
6	First day of summer semester
August	
24	Honors Orientation
26	First day of fall semester

A TRIP THROUGH TIME

Throughout the many long weeks of the spring semester, one course has stuck out in my schedule as my most time consuming and most enjoyable class. This class is full of open discussion and interesting topics, but, above all, has a wonderful teacher who is open-minded to the many views of his students. “Passage to India,” the other Honors Seminar being offered this spring, has exceeded all my expectations. In this class, we have been taught about the religion and history of the timeless country of India through the wisdom of guest speakers who have blessed us with an overwhelming amount of information and stories from afar. Dr. Lal Goel, born and raised in India, conducts his class not only with facts, but also with vivid tales of gods and semi-gods. Dr. Goel teaches with such enthusiasm that he makes all of us want to visit India and learn more about its culture. The amount of reading required for his class has been overwhelming but well worth it. Few people have the opportunity to read epics and Holy Scriptures from another country and actually have someone to explain the marvelous, hidden lessons behind them. The morals and history of India are rich and colorful. From the elaborate costumes to the spicy foods, which contain a flavor of their own, India has much to offer to its residents and visitors. When most students signed up for this course, they came in with one objective: to learn more about a distant civilization. This class has definitely done that. I would recommend this course to anyone who is interested in learning about foreign places and their history. It is a great way to see and experience India without ever leaving home.

HONORS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Honors Program has been involved with numerous service activities and events this year. For Make-A-Difference Day, we

BY ROBIN JONES

collaborated with Pensacola's Promise and Escambia Charter School to clean up the Belmont Devilliers area downtown. Two shifts of volunteers worked at four different sites. One group worked on cleaning up the cemetery on 'A' Street: pulling weeds, raking up leaves, and digging up hidden gravestones. Another group helped repaint homes of elderly residents in the area. One apartment complex needed to be prepared for some new play ground equipment, so volunteers spent the morning cleaning up the site where the playground will be built, as well as repainting the white picket fence that surrounds the complex. The last group helped paint an old building downtown. Although not all the work was exciting, we know we made a difference, even if it was just a coat of new paint on an old fence. Pensacola's Promise and



the community appreciated all our hard work.

We also did a Habitat for Humanity project (pictured on the left) last semester. When we arrived at the Habitat for Humanity site, the house was bare. We worked hard and put all the siding on the house. We were

also able to add the shutters to the house, giving it that 'finished' look even though the inside of the house wasn't finished yet. Everyone enjoyed putting on their old clothes and taking a hammer to a few nails to put up the siding. A few of us were even allowed to use the saw - scary huh? All went well, except for a few minor injuries. Just a little error and that hammer lands right on your hand instead of the nail. Ouch!

We also participated in TBI Day at the zoo. Ok if you do not know by now what TBI stands for, we have not done our job. TBI stands for Traumatic Brain Injury. UWF Honors has been represented on the planning committee for TBI Day at the Zoo for two years. October is TBI awareness month, so the event took place on October 20, 2001. Volunteers helped make the event run smoothly: explaining what visitors were supposed to do, passing out maps, collecting surveys, passing out goody bags, explaining Pensacola's Promise, and helping kids make the TBI Promise. Children promised to do things like buckle their seatbelt, wear their helmets, and be safe when swimming.



Some of the TBI Day volunteers pause for a picture with the ever-so-handsome kangaroo.

Pensacola's Promise hosted a "Lock-in To Action" for high school-aged youth. Two volunteers from Honors, Robin Jones and Andrea Hussey, stayed up till the wee hours of the morning with about 300 youth. The event's purpose was to encourage high school stu-

dents to get involved with their community and volunteer. The students spent the night at the RAVE Theater, watched three movies, and learned about Pensacola's Promise and volunteering. Pensacola's Promise, whose focus is providing the Five Promises to youth (caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve), provided each student with a volunteer guide. We were very tired the next day, but were glad to help out.



Make-A-Difference Day volunteers scrape and repaint the white picket fence.

On December 1st, Honors students brought holiday cheer

to the local Ronald McDonald House. The House is a home away from home for families who have children sick in the hospital. Music filled the room as we wrapped presents, baked cookies, and created Christmas countdowns and ornaments for each of the seven families staying at the House. Some of the more creative volunteers, Jennifer Melcher and Dee Major, painted wooden ornaments, while Deanna Boyer did her magic in the kitchen. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent their Saturday bringing the Christmas spirit to the Ronald McDonald House. On December 6th, the residents of Azalea Trace, Baptist Manor, and The Health Center of Pensacola also received a special treat from some cheerful volunteers. We sang Christmas carols such as "Jingle Bells," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to the residents. They were delighted to have visitors and truly enjoyed our singing.

In February, many Honors student supported Junior Achievement through the annual Mardi Gras Bowl-a-Thon. Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that educates high-schoolers about the importance of free enterprise. Jennifer Phillips, a participant in this event said, "As an avid bowler, I jumped at the chance to be able to spend time with my friends and bowl in a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Moon pies being chunked at your head, beads flying through the air, and the occasional strike made for a great evening."

Ever heard of Adopt-A-Highway? Well, now you have. Honors has adopted the stretch of Nine Mile Road between the two entrances of the University. We cleaned the road for the first time on Saturday, March 30th. We also participated in the first Up 'til Dawn event on Saturday, April 6th from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am! There was free food, entertainment and prizes!!! The final event was a celebration for everyone who helped raise money this year for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Finally, on Saturday, April 13, we will be having our last service event of the year: a Beach Clean-up. There is nothing more fun than picking up some trash, eating some lunch, and playing a little beach volleyball, so come out and help keep our beaches beautiful! Anyone interested in volunteering at the final event can contact weirdrobin@hotmail.com. Please come out and have a great time and show your support!

Thanks for all the hard work you all have put into the community this year! We have really made a difference!

FLORIDA COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL CONFERENCE IN A NUTSHELL

And we're off! One van, twelve honors students (four males, eight females-you do the math), two honors faculty, and an eight-hour drive to Sarasota, Florida in the rain. Too much luggage, not enough room. Too much noise, and not enough testosterone to negate the amount of estrogen present in the vehicle. Yes, it was interesting. Yes, it was fun. And yes, I would do it all over again.

BY ANDREA HUSSEY

Getting there (and back) really was half the fun. Imagine not being able to stop for lunch without hours of deliberation. So, maybe I'm guilty of a little exaggeration, but not a single person wanted to eat the same thing. Unfortunately, there are no Chinese restaurants that sell hamburgers and offer a dessert-only menu in Tallahassee or the surrounding area. With a round of musical chairs, we split into two groups and ate at two separate restaurants. Problem solved.



Later that evening, we arrived at Springhill Suites by Marriot. David Walden proved his superb taste in choosing overnight accommodations for college students. Each room came equipped with two televisions, a sofa, and minifridge. Additionally, there was a heated swimming pool and a jacuzzi. Swank!

Dinner that night consisted of a delicious meal at Carraba's Italian Restaurant—if you happened to be lucky enough to be the first to order. Otherwise, you ate what was left in the kitchen, but you ate it for free. Day one of the FCHC experience ended as exhausted Honors students retreated to their respective hotel rooms and rested up for the following day.

Eight o'clock came too early the next morning. Two hun-

dred Honors students from across the entire state met, ate, and gave presentations on various topics spanning from "Love in the Middle Ages" to "Marine Mammal Cognition Research." It was both interesting and amusing to learn about what happens in other Honors Programs outside of Pensacola. It was also neat to share what happens at UWF with other people. We all learned from each other, supporting the "Students As Scholars" theme.



The afternoon visit to the Ringling Museum of Art was educating and fun. Those of you who have taken Great Books might recall the story of Gyges and Candaules. Imagine an artist's interpretation of that story painted on a very large piece of canvas, hanging on a wall - very enlightening, to say the least.

Robin Jones and Andrea Hussey take big sighs of relief after their presentation.

Sadly, my brief summary of our trip to FCHC in Sarasota, Florida, ends there. Maybe it's because I work under strictly imposed deadlines, or maybe it's because I choose to leave some details for those of us who were lucky enough to go on this trip. Ah, sweet memories. Whatever the reason, I definitely recommend that you take advantage of the opportunity to go to any Honors Conference that you can. Sign up early!

Congratulations to Dr. Lanier for being nominated to serve as Vice President of the FCHC Executive Board for 2002-2003. Props also go to Cindy Kawasaki and Tyler Merritt for winning in the FCHC Writing Competition.

Overall, our group made a strong showing at FCHC and cemented the fact that UWF's Honors Program is the best in the state of Florida. And, when we make the journey to NCHC next fall, we'll show it to the whole country!

Congratulations Spring and Summer Honors Graduates!

Emma Andem
Jennifer Benz
Angela Crawford
Disraelly Cruz
Mary Lee Cunill

Jennifer Evans
Joshua Flick
Renita Gunton
Cindy Kawasaki
Garth Kelly

Melani Lainhart
Alexander LiVanos
Cristin Quigly
Leslie Richardson
Angela Schrift

COMMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS FROM DEANNA BOYER

Fall 2001

Have you noticed that everywhere you go, you cannot help but see some form of patriotism on display? Whether it's a waving American flag, the sale of patriotic t-shirts, or even the use of car paint on windows, patriotism is everywhere you look. While I can say that I am very proud of America's new found patriotism, I cannot help but wonder why it took a savage attack on the people of the United States for us to suddenly unite.

I can say from the perspective of a military veteran that I am personally appalled and saddened by the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the hijacked flight that crashed in Pennsylvania. But my patriotism did not suddenly surge on September 11, 2001. I have always been patriotic. Maybe I am just a little sensitive to the things that affect the country that I affectionately call my home. Maybe deep down in their hearts the people of the United States have always been patriots. Maybe the horrible tragedy of all of the lost lives has just made me realize how precious life really is. But I just hope, that in a year, in ten years, that Americans still feel, and show, the same amount of patriotism and pride that we are so diligently showing in this time of deep national sorrow.

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About once a week, on my slow, cold morning drives to UWF, I pass another vehicle whose rear end proudly displays a message that reads "Stop Immigration, 9-11-01, Protect Americans." Does that driver not realize that he is the descendant of immigrants? Unless you are of Native American descent, you are the descendant of immigrants. The white man as we know him today is not the natural inhabitant of North America. While I am just as saddened and angered as the rest of America about the tragedies of 9-11-01, I am at least mature enough and educated enough to realize where I came from. While I am proud to say that I am an American, I am equally as proud that I am a descendant of French, German, Irish, and Italian immigrants. The greatness of this country is owed in part, if not exclusively, to the productivity, creativity, and hard work of the many immigrants that came, and continue to come, to this country. If you are that angry about the tragedies of 9-11-01, then be productive with your anger and enlist in the military and go fight terrorists where they live. Make the world a safer place to be. If you are not willing to make that great of a sacrifice, donate your time or money to a worthy cause such as the American Red Cross or the Peace Corps. Go and donate blood at the Northwest Florida Blood Center because blood is needed locally and worldwide. Better yet, voice your opinion in a constructive manner, such as writing an article in your local paper or engaging in an on-line debate. Do anything but display your ignorance for the world to see. At least educate yourself about your opinion before you show it to the free world.

COMMENTS ON POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: I AM NOT A RUG, DAMN IT!

Oriental. Hearing this word conjures up images of oriental rugs, oriental food, and, unfortunately, oriental people. I'm here to set the record straight. **BY JENNIFER PHILLIPS** Since I am an Asian-American, it makes my blood boil to hear people refer to me or to any other Asian as Oriental. We are not inanimate objects, despite what some people might think. We are human beings - we have feelings and emotions that contrast the stereotypical image of the quiet, stoic Oriental. The word oriental refers to things, not people. Call us Asian. Or better yet, call us by our names.

Top 5 stereotypes of Asians:

5. Asians only eat rice.
4. Asians are computer nerds.
3. All Asians know martial arts.
2. Asians don't speak English.

The number one, most hated stereotype.....

1. ALL ASIANS LOOK ALIKE!

If you would like to submit your political perspective on any issue, e-mail your submission to Kris Thoma at knt1@students.uwf.edu

The opinions expressed in "Political Perspectives" are not necessarily the opinions of the University of West Florida Honors Program or the Honors Council.

I SAW ELVIS IN THE HONORS LOUNGE

That's right, and I shook hands with him. Heather and David brought the inside of what looks like a well-developed rabbit burrow to room

BY TYLER MERRITT

221. Not by itself however, the simple elegance of an earlier decade wouldn't do, they had to modernize it with high-speed internet access provided through a sleek, black Dell terminal and call it Honors. The new Honors Lounge provides a comfortable ambiance for sore eyes and a comfortable stop for your sore bum. The atmosphere shrieks hot java and smooth jazz prancing through the background. Despite the absence of an espresso machine, the absence of a regular coffee machine at all, there's something hip about the blue, plush chair and matching couch, and the little "coffee haus" lamps standing on end tables acquired for 9.99 a pair at our local Super Walmart. All that's left to add is Lanier in a fake afro with a Green Peace bandana and some Levi bell bottom jeans. We'll stand him in the corner hold-



ing up Nat King Cole's entire LP collection and call him Mr. Mardi Gras. Or maybe just Gras for short. So if it looks like a speakeasy in New Orleans, what does it have to do with Elvis? Well other than the fact that Elvis is the King of Rock and Roll and probably the most well-known coffee haus-goer of the 1990s--absolutely nothing. Maybe it's the way the light comes through the awkward floor-to-ceiling window that's only as wide as my pinky, or maybe it's the darling rug with the cute little patches made up of things that look like everything and nothing in particular, I'm not really sure what it is, but I know this: one morning I was dozing during a particularly quiet hour that my Advanced Critical Writing class was taking place, and I swear to the Vincent van Gogh painting on the wall that I heard Elvis strumming on his guitar and humming the tune of Pink's "Get this Party Started." If I've learned anything in college it's that you don't question the King when he's taking artistic license.

Congratulations to the new
Honors Council Executive Board

Robin Jones, President

Allison Meshell, Vice President

Andrea Hussey, Secretary

Aaron Wade, Treasurer

Good luck to each of you!

HONORS COUNCIL

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Honors Council is pleased to announce the addition of seven new members for the Spring 2002 term. Rachel Baker and Jessica

BY RACHEL TAKALO

Coleman, both from Gulf Breeze, are assisting on the Service Committee, while Matt Asbell, also from Gulf Breeze, is contributing his services to the Social Committee. Michelle Johnson, from Pensacola, Shannon Hanna, from St. Petersburg, and Emily Rendek, from Orlando, are collaborating their effort on the Fundraising Committee. Andrea Hussey, from Crestview, is lending her abilities to the Public Relations Committee. Congratulations to all the new Honors Council Members!

The Fund-raising committee has hit the ground running this semester. I stepped in as chair of the committee at the beginning of the term

BY LUKE CRITCHFIELD

along with Shannon Hanna as my assistant. Our committee, including Jon Cook, Michelle Johnson, Emily Rendek and Kevin Scott, has already completed several projects. A car wash in late January showed promise as to what Honors students are capable of. With reckless abandon, we charged out to the local Texaco on Davis Highway for the good of the Program and managed to raise \$175. Also, the successful carnation sale on Valentine's Day helped boost our bank account even further. We also accepted donations for refreshments during the Center for Fine and Performing Art's presentation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.



Currently, several fund-raising endeavors are being carried out. We are selling Honors t-shirts that boast the Program's unofficial slogan: "UWF Honors students do it longer, harder, and need less sleep in between." If you are interested in purchasing one of these shirts, please contact me at blc6@students.uwf.edu. We are also wrapping up our FundTees fundraiser and held one last car wash on Saturday, March 30th.



In short, the fundraising committee set forth with a major challenge to conquer - and we have definitely succeeded.

SECOND ANNUAL HONORS FORMAL: A SMASHING GOOD TIME

For those of you who could not make it out to the Honors Formal, you really missed out on a great time. Coming from the viewpoint of **BY KRISTHOMA** someone who, until recently, has not even been remotely involved with Honors, I thought the Formal was definitely an exciting event and an excellent way to cap off the spring semester. This year's formal, which was the second in Honors history, was held on Saturday, March 23rd in the conference center.

I must admit that I had to talk myself into going. I really didn't think that I was going to have very much fun, and I didn't have a date. But in the end, I threw on a dress and some high heels and walked the 100 feet from my room to the conference center.

When I walked in at 8:10 there were only about five people there! But soon enough, people started to drift in and the party finally got started. Still, believing that I was not going to have any fun, I stayed behind my camera for most of the night, trying to catch as much of the action as I could. Between the Macarena, swing dancing, slow dancing, line dancing and booty dancing, I managed to snap shots of just about everyone having a great time.



Then, I suddenly ran out of film! Abandoning my plan to leave as soon as I stopped taking pictures, I decided to stay for a little while, just to watch everyone dance and act crazy. It's not that I don't like to dance (actually, I've been known to really break loose on some very rare occasions), I just need a lot of persuasion before I will drag myself onto the dance floor.

After several people attempted to plant me in the middle of the floor, I decided to just go with it. I mean, it really isn't that hard

and no one else really knows what they are doing either.

So while the d.j.'s spun all sorts of music, David Klein, Deanna Boyer, Ted Cothran, Brett Janos, Emily Rendek, Stacy Gallegher, Weston Cramer, Tricia Saenz, and even Luke Crutchfield (Gasp!) and me, among many others, danced the night away. Lowell Baudouin kept everyone amused as he ran around in a cowboy hat, waving glow sticks and throwing beach balls everywhere. Finally, what party would be complete without... Limbo! Congratulations to Rebecca Carruth and Jennifer Phillips, who both kicked some major butt in the limbo contest.



The social committee, headed by Alaina Millan, did an excellent job of incorporating the theme of the evening, "Under the Sea," into the décor of the conference center. Cardboard cutouts of mermaids and fish, shiny palm trees and, of course, beach balls, surrounded the dance floor. The drink of choice for the evening was Hawaiian punch (what else?), and snacks included pretzels, cheese, and fresh fruit.

At 11:45 someone stood behind the microphone and said, "Hey guys, we need to be out of here by midnight and this place has to be spotless!" The music finally died down and we all pitched in to clean the room in record-breaking time. Thank you very much to Aaron Wade and everyone else who cleverly managed to get the balloons down from the ceiling. Way to think like a true Honors student!

Despite all my doubts, I actually had a terrific time! And out of about 100 pictures, there is only one of me!!! Come by the Honors office and check out all of the pictures and feel free to take any that you want to keep. And by the way, I'm glad I went.

FROLICKING FUN IN THE FOREST

Met with much anticipation, the Honors Leadership Retreat finally arrived on the second weekend of November last semester. **W**ere

BY MICHELLE JOHNSON all prepared for a weekend of leadership activities and recreation to bond the Honors Council and other students from the Honors Program.

The weekend began quite well with our forty-five minute car rides to Adventure's Unlimited in Milton, FL. Naturally, the weekend began with me bursting my own bubble. I ran my brand new 2002 Saturn into a 2 foot stump that I had parked in front of because it was so low to the ground I couldn't see it. Luckily, the weekend improved from there. **W** spent our evening building towers out of marshmallows and toothpicks, playing silent trivial pursuit, sacrificing our homecoming float in our huge bonfire and playing some intense games of capture-the-flag. Cap-



ture-the-flag was definitely the most anticipated event of the weekend. Lasting several hours in quite cold weather, slowly we began to drop out of the game as we fell into the freezing river or got chilled to the bone from the frosty air. We eventually escaped into the cabin in search of a cup of hot cocoa and a warm blanket.

Sunday ushered in the low ropes course and the wall of terror. We had to conquer each group activity before we met back up and began our individual ascents over the 12-foot wooden wall. Amazingly, everyone that wanted to get over that wall did!

The activities of the weekend really did strengthen the bonds that we had formed and all in all, it was a wonderfully enriching experience that left everyone with memories and some battle scars to prove that if they can make it through a weekend in the woods with Honors people, they can do anything!

Blast From the Past!

Look Out For That Car!!

By Carrie Nigolian

From *Infinite Wisdom* April 1993

If, after Spring Break, you happen to notice a red 1990 GEO PRISM in the resident's parking lot, don't think there's a new kid on the block. It's only just a certain dorm dweller's new car; someone very near and dear to your heart, who's "SASSY" articles you read approximately once a month. Yep, you guessed it folks. . . the stuck-on-campus reporter has finally gotten herself a car. So, what do you think? Great, eh? I mean, I just had to let all of you know. You readers know all about my boring existence living in the dorms, and the extremes to which I've had to resort in order to stay sane (remember: midnight running, shaving cream fights, etc). I even told you about my rainy day escapes the first week back from Christmas break. Gosh, I couldn't possibly have kept this wonderful news from you!

Now, I know you are all worried about my trusty bicycle, Big Red. Just because I have a car (I'll have to think of a name), doesn't mean I'll retire him. You'll still see big Red and I going to class and my on-campus job together. However, there are still some places that he simply cannot go. With a car, I can go grocery shopping whenever I want (No more Rat food!), I can go to the beach without relying on others, and I can go home some weekends. I mean, can you possibly see me bicycling my way to Montgomery, Alabama?? I don't think so. Anyway, I'm ecstatically happy. If you see me driving around, honk or wave or whatever, but my friends have told me to warn you. . . look both ways when crossing the sidewalk!!



Honorable first appeared as the Honors mascot in the June 1991 issue of *Infinite Wisdom*.

Honors Student Arrested for Streaking

By Jessie Pitman

From *Infinite Wisdom* April 1996

That is unbelievable, right? Of course it is, but I have your undivided attention now, do I not? Ok, what I really have to say is very important (well, maybe just important), so please listen carefully.

Honors needs books and class notes. No, Honorable is not going for a political science degree. Honors is putting together a small library for all Honors to have reference books, old textbooks, and any other nonfiction books that could be useful to the average egghead. Also planned is a library of students' old class notes that would be available for reference.

If you have any books or notes you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Honors office in building 65, any time between 8:00 and 12:00, Monday through Friday. You may also donate books on a temporary basis; we will record which books you donate and when you wish to retrieve them. Call Jessie Pitman if you have any questions.

So drop by and drop off some literature! (Oh, and please come clothed.)



The Honors mascot, Honorable, was declared dead in the February 1993 issue of *Infinite Wisdom*.

R.I.P. Honorable

Poor old Honorable, the Honors mascot, has passed away. Though he will surely be missed by everyone in the Honors Program, we must find a new mascot to represent us.

The above excerpts are from the humble beginnings of the Honors Newsletter. Through the years the newsletter has changed names from *Honors Stuff* to *Infinite Wisdom* and has changed formats many times. The changing technology of the last decade played a large role in this publication's development. Thanks for taking a look back with us.

Honors Program Course Offerings

Summer 2002

<u>Ref#</u>	<u>Course#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
5917	IDH3945	Sem: Washington Center	N/A	N/A	TBA
5921	IDH3946	Intern: Wash Center	N/A	N/A	TBA
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TWO STUDENTS HONORED BY SELECTION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM AT FSU

The Florida State University Physics Department has accepted two UWF Honors Program physics majors to its summer research program. Aaron Wade and I, Jonathan Cook, will each work on one research project during twelve weeks spent at FSU. Projects include development and use of a microwave microscope, development of molecular scale electronic devices, optical microscopy of fast moving organisms, and installation and testing of a pump laser in the polarized alkali ion source in the FSU accelerator laboratory. I hope to work with the microwave microscope or accelerator pump laser, and Aaron hopes to work with molecular electronics or the accelerator pump laser. Additionally, we will have an opportunity to attend a class on scientific computing and weekly seminars on various topics. The program provides free housing, some meals, and excellent pay.

BY JON COOK



Jon Cook



Aaron Wade

ate school and employment.

The FSU physics research program should be very enjoyable while imparting valuable knowledge and skills on those involved. Most importantly, the research program rates far above most summer jobs available, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

CARNATION DELIVERIES WARM HEARTS

A large part of being in the Honors Program at UWF is being focused on service. This past Valentine's Day was no different as Honors students spread the spirit of Valentine's Day to those whose day may not have been the happiest. In groups of two, we delivered bouquets of carnations to some of the elderly in the Pensacola community. Every house we visited met us with surprise and great love. It was a wonderful experience to touch the lives of those who may not have had special people to share their day with.

Delivering the carnations was such a small act, but there was so much love behind it. When all our bouquets were delivered and we looked back on our Valentine's Day, we concluded that it will always be one to remember because of the faces that answered the doors and received carnations from the Honors Program. We were grateful to have the opportunity to spread a little love on Valentine's Day, and pleased to receive the heartfelt appreciation and hugs of those that we touched that day. We hope your Valentine's Day was just as memorable.

BY MICHELLE JOHNSON

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Where are They Now?

1992

Cynthia Kleback, BA political science, now lives in Glencoe, Maryland and serves as the Head Librarian at the Oldfields School.

1993

Mark Carter, BA english, now lives in San Francisco, California and is a Senior Consultant at Citrix Systems.

1997

Amy Adams, BA psychology, is currently working in the business office of Dr. Claude Strickland in Pensacola, Florida.

Cameron Dudley-Sexton, BA interdisciplinary humanities, married UWF alum Dan Sexton in January 1999 and currently oversees the women's ministry at Calvary Chapel in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Dawn Jones, BA psychology, is currently working as a Family Support Worker at Healthy Families Escambia. She resides in Pensacola, Florida.

Sandi Frank Taylor, BA psychology, received her MA from Regent University in Community Counseling and Guidance Counseling in 2001 and now serves as the Foundation House Clinician at First Home Care in Portsmouth, Virginia

Alicia Westhoff, BA english, is now working as an Associate at Holland and Knight Attorneys in Jacksonville, Florida.

1998

David Kilduff, BS biology, is currently working towards his graduate degree at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

George Ordway, BA interdisciplinary humanities, is now serving as the Director of Planetaria at Pensacola Christian College

1999

Heather Chipman, BA english education, is currently pursuing her law degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Sara Groh, BS biology, received her master's in Curriculum and Instruction from UWF in 2001 and is currently teaching science at Tate High School in Cantonment, Florida.

James Hosman, BSBA marketing, received his MBA from UWF in 2001 and is currently working as a Business Analyst at the UWF Small Business Development Center.

Aundrea Hudson, BA english, is currently working in the State of Florida Guardian ad litem program as a Case Coordinator. She resides in Pensacola, Florida.

Jennifer Paul, BSBA economics, currently serves at the Coordinator of Accounting in Academic Affairs at UWF.

2000

Tiffany Taylor, BA psychology, is currently pursuing her master's in urban planning at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

2001

Amber Burkhardt, BA psychology, is currently pursuing a graduate degree in family counseling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lisa Clapsaddle, BA social work, is currently working towards her law degree at Capital University. She now resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Michele Jones, BA international studies, is currently working towards her master's in journalism at the University of Florida.

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Creative Corner

I dream,
My heart sends up one fervent plea.
One hope, A single wish.
To soar above the seas,
To reach, brush, swim with the stars.
Tumbling in oneness with the rising Sun.

My heart aches, my being breaks.
It sorrows over loves
That have yet to come true.
Bursting in an agony
Birthed of unsatiated desires.
I live to try to quench the fires
Of pure, unslaked want to which I aspire.

It seems that nothing shall ever accomplish
To fill the void left by my ambition.
I try, but have trouble with prolonged motivation.
How is it that I cannot hold onto my vision
For very long?
It is so strong. Yet, even in strength it does bend,
Wholly noncommittal at times, but in the end,
Resolve.

I sigh, I try
To find the energy needed to sustain
Myself and this latent, hidden yearning.
It comes unexpected, unbidden.
And then, as if a thief stole my heart's song,
My liveliness is hid again.

~Amy Brosnan, junior

Alone

I sit all alone
darkness overwhelming me
eyes that cannot see

Darkness falls at night
lit only by moonlight's glare
shining upon me

Desperations call
life grows futile before us
all seems lost again

Eyes glance hopelessly
love's chance bounds away once more
so lonely, so cold

Shackles bind me back
holding me from the final truth
voices call in hope

Lonely in waiting
lost in endless emotions
love stepping away

Dark Cold and lonely
in waiting of fates cruel choice
looking out in vain

~Matthew Asbell, freshman

When I'm here in your arms
you're perfection impassioned
A touch of sheer bliss like
the light before dawn
You're closer to heaven than all
that I've fashioned
You're close to a purity
I'd believed gone

When I'm here in your arms
it's a touch of sheer quiet
A warmth so inviting
I'll never break free
I'd fallen so fast that
I could not deny it
The piece of pure heaven
you bring out in me

When I was in your arms,
then I thought it was heaven
It was all that I'd asked for
and all that I'd dreamed
But I knew as I know
that my senses were deadened
That love's never truly
as good as it seemed

When I was in your arms
I thought you'd never leave me
I thought all of the things
that you said could be true
You've hurt me more
than you will ever see
I thought it could mean something
when I loved you

~Alaina Millan, junior

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