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Good Bye and Good Luck by Julie Russo

While some careers are taking dramatic turns, others are just beginning! This month, the UHP bids good bye and extends thanks and best wishes to the following colleagues and student workers on whom we have depended for many years.

Pam Goode, who has been an invaluable Academic Advisor for the College of Letters and Science for eleven years as well as a devoted UHP Council member and UARC liaison for the past six years, will retire from UW Oshkosh on May 11. She says she will “greatly miss the daily contact she has had with the UHP, its staff, Council members, and students.”

Pam says that while she “loved working with all students and seeing them grow and achieve their goals,” she particularly enjoyed advising UHP students because they are “so bright and so varied in [their] interests.” Whether we are students or colleagues, her wish for each of us is that we enjoy our years at UW Oshkosh as much as she has. Pam and her husband are relocating to Baileys Harbor in Door County where they plan to have frequent visits with their children and grandchildren, volunteer at a local Alzheimer’s unit, and travel.

Meghan Iverson of Bayside, Wisconsin, has been working as a Student Assistant

for the UHP since March 2006 and is graduating this spring with a BA in Spanish. “Reflecting back on these last four years,” Meghan says, “one of the best parts was the UHP. I continued to [be challenged by] the best professors, particularly Dr. Kyburg in the Philosophy Department, and enjoyed getting to know fellow Honors students.” Last semester, Meghan had a dramatic change of heart and changed majors from Secondary Education to Spanish. She also rediscovered her passion for design and decided to learn as much as possible on the subject. “After graduation, I am taking an interim class in Web design. After that, I hope to find a job in the

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Meghan Iverson (l) and Bryce Scherer (r), UHP Student Assistants and UW Oshkosh Graduates May 2007 (Photo courtesy of Julie Russo)

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field, but my main goal in life and my career is just to be happy. I know that I will find my calling in the end.” We had hoped to employ Meghan for at least one more year but are thrilled that she will soon be free to pursue her creative interests full time. We also admire that she had the courage and the confidence to rethink her plans and choose the route that is the most meaningful for her (a vital lesson that some take a lifetime to learn). We will miss Meghan’s sincere nature, her beautiful, artistic concepts for the UHP bulletin board, and her contagiously good spirits. Buena suerte, Meghan!

After thirty-eight years, Dr. Marshall Missner, Professor of Philosophy, is retiring this spring from UW Oshkosh. Dr. Missner is as well known on campus for his dedication to students as he is for his sense of humor, and much of the UHP’s success is associated with Dr. Missner’s contributions to the program: many, many semesters of Philosophy 106: Honors Ethics and Interdisciplinary Studies 175: Honors Seminar; Pizza with Professors talks; and other lectures (most

recently, for example, when he served as the keynote speaker for our fall 2006 convocation). More than anything, the UHP has been fortunate to benefit for many years from the remarkable sense of responsibility and purpose that Dr. Missner demanded of his students and, indeed, of himself: “People are prone to be lazy, to get stuck in ruts,” he stated during last fall’s convocation speech. “They get comfortable doing things in a certain way, and they easily fall into certain habits and ideas. Being comfortable has its place and it isn’t a bad thing in itself, but it is not a state that is conducive to learning, which is what [a university] is supposed to be about.”

Bryce Scherer of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, who is graduating this spring with a BA in Radio/TV/Film and a minor in History, has been working with us since fall 2004, which may be a UHP Student Assistant employment record. She insists that “even after four years of incredibly hard work and sleep deprivation, I’m sad to be leaving. I’ve built many substantial relationships that

have made the whole college experience better. I will look back fondly on my time in the UHP, especially Professor Perlman’s Introduction to Psychology class, and know that all my time and effort was worth it. I’m very proud to graduate from this university as an Honors student and feel that being a member has put me one step farther ahead in achieving my goals.” While Bryce allows that, in her field, the future is never certain, she hopes to land in Los Angeles in the next few years to “work on movies and take in the sun.” Her roles as office assistant and, more often, Webmaster have been enormously helpful to us in the UHP office, but it is Bryce’s intellect and lively demeanor that we know will give her an edge anywhere that life—and the film industry—will take her. So don’t forget the Coppertone®.

The UHP wishes these four who have contributed so much to the program all the best as they embark on these new phases of their lives, and trust that they will stay in touch.

What Are You Doing the Last Week of June? GOAL 2007 Needs You!

Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29, from 8AM to 4PM

GOAL is UW Oshkosh's annual, week-long program that offers diverse educational opportunities to fourth- through seventh-grade students in our community. Each day, the children will gather at the Arts & Communication Center where they will be escorted to and from various activities. The small, custom-designed classes from which they can choose include astronomy, dance, Japanese culture, Web design, and much more!

Please consider assisting teachers and students during GOAL 2007—it will be a fun and productive way to spend the last week of June and will also be a great addition to your resume!

**To apply or to request additional information, please contact Chris Deiliis by
Monday, May 7, at the Office of Continuing Education and
Extension: (920) 424-1129 or (800) 633-1442.**



IN THE NEWS

Many Honors students received scholarships, honors, and awards this spring. Here's a small sampling of the special recognitions they received.

At the Award Presentation/End of Year Reception on April 26 at the Pollock Alumni House, **Laura Beilfuss** received an award from the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures for excellence in Russian language. Laura, who just last semester joined the UHP, has been studying Russian for about a year and is pursuing a major in Social Work and a minor in Psychology.

Erin VanDeLaarschot was honored at the same event for excellence in Arabic. There she read two poems—one in Arabic and another in English. This is Erin's first year studying Arabic and she will continue to take it next year. "The funny thing is," she says, "I have taken Spanish for six years and have not learned as much about that language as I have learned about Arabic." A UHP participant since spring 2006, Erin is majoring in International Studies with an African Emphasis and is minoring in Linguistics.

Cole Edwards was the recipient of a Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant for 2007. Cole and his advisor, Dr. Eric Hiatt, received the grant last year to continue conducting research from 2005; they are trying to determine whether bacteria are preserved in the oldest known phosphate deposits near Marquette, Michigan. "We spent a week last June collecting drill core samples and have used the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) to look at surface textures of phosphate grains to search for preserved bacteria fossils," Cole explains. "We used the SEM housed here in the Biology Department and I spent a week in January at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, using their SEM facility." The results were presented at the Celebration of Scholarship in April. Cole has been a UHP participant since Fall 2004 and is working towards two BS degrees—one in Hydrogeology and the other in Professional Geology.

Celebration of Scholarship Awards

Bryce Scherer and **Alexander Zinoviev** received Undergraduate Awards on April 26 for their presentations during the Fourteenth Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Event, also known as Celebration of Scholarship. Bryce presented "Radio-TV-Film Scene Readings II" with two other students and Alex presented his yearlong Honors thesis project, "Use of Screen Real Estate on University Homepages."

Chancellor's Award for Excellence

These universitywide scholarships were awarded to May 2007 graduates **Margaret La Borde**, **Bryce Scherer**, and **Margaret Voit** at the Honors and Awards Ceremony in the Music Hall on April 27.



UHP Student Assistant Applications Due June 15

The UHP has an opening for a student worker who is able to work six to ten hours per week during the academic year. We are seeking a reliable, creative, and motivated office assistant whose duties will include promoting the UHP (creating fliers, posting news and events on our bulletin board, updating the UHP Web site), collecting materials for our ongoing book drive, and performing general office duties such as filing and light typing. This individual must also be a current member of the UHP.

Projected start date: September 10, 2007

Web and creative skills are pluses! Please submit a letter of interest and as well as your work history to

***Dr. Roberta Maguire, Director, University Honors Program,
800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI 54901, by Friday, June 15.***

What's Going on: Campus and Community Events in and around Oshkosh

Saturday, May 5, 6PM to 9PM: Art Walk, Main Street, Oshkosh. On the first Saturday of each month (June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1), galleries and businesses extend their hours, provide refreshments, and display local artists' creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, tour our downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in the community, the Art Walk has become an Oshkosh tradition. Check out the Art Walk's Web site and see which shops and galleries will be participating this month, print maps to plan your evening, and more: www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com.

Through Saturday, May 12 (Tuesday through Friday 10:30AM to 3PM; Monday through Thursday 7PM to 9PM; and weekends 1PM to 4PM): Fine Arts Senior Exhibition, Priebe Art Gallery, Arts and Communications Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh. For more information, call Susan Coghill at (920) 424-2235.

Saturday, May 12: Mother's Day Sale at Apple Blossom Books, 513 North Main Street, Oshkosh. This is a "One Day Only" sale! Whether you're a mother yourself or searching for a gift for a mom in your life, save 15% on any one title. <http://www.appleblossombooks.com/index.htm>.

From May 12 through September 30 (Tuesdays through Sundays 11AM to 4PM): Fashion in Film: Period Costumes for the Screen, The Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. Tickets for students are \$5 with ID. The Paine will showcase dozens of magnificently detailed costumes that added brilliance and gave authenticity to such period pieces as *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Elizabeth*, *The Portrait of a Lady*, and *Pride and Prejudice*. For information regarding this and other events at The Paine, visit www.thepaine.org.

Tuesday, May 22, at 11:10AM: Honors Convocation with journalist and author Susan Faludi, Lawrence University, Lawrence Memorial Chapel, 510 East College Avenue, Appleton. This event is FREE and open to the public. Faludi has been on staff of some of the most notable newspapers in the United States and won a Pulitzer Prize in 1991 while writing for *The Wall Street Journal*. She is the author of several books including *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against Women*, which was a best-seller, and *Stifled: The Betrayal of the American Man*. For more information, call (920) 832-6749 or visit <http://www.lawrence.edu/visitors/index.shtml>.

Every Saturday morning beginning June 2, 8:30AM to 12:30PM: Oshkosh Farmers Market, 215 Church Avenue (located in the City Hall parking 1/2 block east of Jackson Street), Oshkosh. The market gets bigger and better each year! Visit with local farmers, artisans, and neighbors—remember to make the Market part of your weekend plans. Highlights include fresh produce, breads, plants and cut flowers, free-range eggs and poultry, honey, and—this *is* Wisconsin, after all—cheese! Contact Mary Ruppenthal at (920) 235-4528 for more information.

Sunday, July 15, 10AM to 4PM: Sunday in the Park Arts Festival, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 N. Park Avenue, Neenah. This is the thirty-third Annual Sunday in the Park Arts Festival in Neenah's beautiful Riverside Park. Please call (920) 751-4658 for more info!

Monday, July 23, through Sunday, July 29 (gates open at 8AM each day): EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007, 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh. Did you know that for one week out of the year, Oshkosh occupies the world's busiest control tower? In fact, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is a mecca for aviation enthusiasts worldwide. With the assistance of hundreds of staff and volunteers, the event displays more than 10,000 aircraft, accommodates miles of exhibitors and vendors, and hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors from more than seventy countries. Daily air shows, aircraft building and restoring forums, and numerous special events and lectures are part of the draw too. EAA's tagline—The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration—is no exaggeration; this year's fly-in is its fifty-fifth. For more information, visit www.eaa.org or call (920) 426-4800.



UHP Spring Trip to Chicago - April 28, 2007 (Photo courtesy of Adam BellCorelli)

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A Great Way to End the Semester!

For just \$15 per person, UHP students and their guests spent a beautiful spring day in Chicago experiencing some of what makes it such a vibrant city. The day began at the Museum of Science & Industry with Body Worlds 2 and other interesting exhibits. Then came a restful break in sunny Millenium Park and a lovely Italian dinner at Rosebud. The group even had time to wander a few blocks to the Daley Civic Center for a group photo by a Picasso sculpture before it was time to head over to the famous Goodman Theatre for *Oedipus Complex*, a retelling of the ancient Greek tragedy *Oedipus Rex*.

Each spring, the UHP works with the UHSA to make arrangements for approximately twenty-four Honors students to spend a day in Chicago or Milwaukee. If you have suggestions for future UHP trips, please stop by Polk 8 to let us know your ideas. Whether you enjoy museums, theater, dance, music, or city tours (such as The Chicago River Architecture Tour), we would like to hear from you (honors@uwosh.edu or call 424-1303). As UHP members, this is *your trip*; it is never too early to start planning for the next one! In the meantime, we hope each of you will have a great summer!

The UHP Staff

CONGRATULATIONS, SPRING 2007 GRADUATES!:

Katrina Bell - BS in Psychology; minor in French

Marisa Cuellar - BS in Journalism; minor in History

Heather Freund - BSE in History and BSE in Social Science; minor in English (Secondary Education)

Louisa Guenther - BSN

Michelle Glines - BFA in Graphic Communications

Meghan Iverson - BA in Spanish

Andrew Jungwirth - BS in Computer Science; minor in Mathematics

Margaret La Borde - BA in Environmental Studies, BA in International Studies (Latin American Studies), and BA in Spanish

Christie Logan - BS in Medical Technology; minors in Chemistry and Microbiology

Katie Miskowiak - BA in English and BA in History; minor in Spanish

Rachel Moore - BBA in Accounting (Legal Studies); minor in Sociology

Heath Mynsberge - BA in Political Science; minor in History

Megan Nelson - BS in Biology (Cell/Molecular)

Kristina Pagel - BS in Psychology; minors in Biology, Chemistry, and Neuroscience

Laura Roemaat - BA in Spanish and BSW

Bryce Scherer - BA in Radio/TV/Film; minor in History

Constance Schumacher - BS in Biology and BS in Medical Technology; minors in Chemistry and Microbiology

Ellie Svien - ESL (K-12); minors in History (Secondary Education) and Linguistics

Jeremiah David Slinde - BA in International Studies (African Studies); minor in Mathematics

Margaret Voit - BS in Physics (Secondary Education); minor in Mathematics (Secondary Education)

Nathalia Wagner - BA in Philosophy and BA in Political Science (Legal Studies)

Melissa Whalen - BA in Journalism (Advertising/PR); minor in English

Andrew Zane - BS in Biology (Medicine Preparation); minor in Chemistry

Alexander Zinoviev - BBA in Marketing

