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Greetings, News, and Important Registration Information from the Director, Dr. Roberta Maguire

With the start of the new academic year, we extend an enthusiastic "welcome back!" to all of you who are returning to UW Oshkosh after what we hope has been an excellent summer break. And we also extend a special welcome to those of you who this fall are new to our campus and the University Honors Program. In the Honors office this summer we've been busy preparing for your return. Here are the highlights of what we've been working on:

Convocation

We've about finished putting together the fourth annual convocation, which we'd like to see everybody attend. Those of you who know Dr. Marshall Missner, our keynote speaker, also know that a talk of his is not to be missed! We'll be

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gathering at 5 p.m. in the Pollock Alumni House on Thursday, September 21 (see page 2 for additional details). Please come help us start the year off right. Also, come hungry, since in addition to good company we promise lots of good food.

Registration

Class Card days are *history*. Yes, class registration for Honors students is going online this fall! Senior Honors students will be able to begin registering on October 2, juniors on October 3, sophomores on October 4, and freshmen on October 5. That means that registration for all Honors courses will be on a first-come first-served basis. That also means that the UHP office will no longer maintain waiting lists for classes.

Here are a few other details to keep in mind about the new registration procedures:

 Early registration is a privilege that Honors students enjoy largely to allow them to fit Honors classes into their schedules. Therefore, it is optimal to take an Honors class each semester.

- 2. If you have completed all of your Honors requirements—or all requirements but the senior seminar or thesis—you retain your early registration privilege even without registering for an Honors course.
- Some semesters you may not be able to work an Honors course into your schedule. You may still register early provided that you have discussed the situation with a member of the UHP staff prior to your registration date.
- Students who do not comply with these basic registration requirements will lose the privilege to register early

 a situation no one wants to see!

Some courses, like senior seminar (Interdisciplinary Studies 475) and Culture Connection I and II (Interdisciplinary Studies 271 and 272) have credit requirements as prerequisites. In other words, to sign up for Culture Connection II, you must be in the process of completing at least your 75th credit, and to sign up for senior seminar, you must be completing at least your 90th credit. Registration for the senior thesis will not be handled online. That course will

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continue to be built individually through the appropriate academic department.

experience with online registration (aside summer), we want to hear your reactions to the new procedures. Please consider stopping by the Honors office or sending us an e-mail (honors@uwosh.edu) in October to let us know how you fared.

STAR Reports

include UHP requirements, making it far easier to keep track of your progress through the Program.

UHP Staff News

moved on from the UHP. Now working Last but not least, the UHP would like at ADVOCAP in Fond du Lac, Carey to thank Honors student and Fine Arts left a few words for us, which appear on major Michelle Glines for her expert page 3. We wish her the best in her new assistance with our newsletter.

position and trust she won't be a stranger to the Program.

We expect that moving registration Julie Russo, who joined us last October, online will be a nice improvement for is fast becoming an old hand at all things all of us. As this fall will be our first Honors. She has taken over newsletter responsibilities (hence our new look!) from Odyssey registration during the and is working on many other Program improvements that we'll see as the year

We expect by the middle of September to bring on board a new Honors advisor to answer scheduling questions and offer long-term planning advice for all Honors students. In the meantime, feel Come spring, your STAR report will free to seek scheduling advice from Julie

We also welcome back our two dedicated student assistants, Bryce Scherer and Meghan Iverson, who bring their high spirits and creativity After eight years, Carey Molinski has to everything we ask them to do.

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What Secrets? Find out at the University Honors Program's **Fourth Annual Convocation**

Come celebrate a new academic year with the UHP on SEPTEMBER 21! All are invited for food, conversation, and the words of Dr. Marshall Missner, who will present this year's keynote address.

> Thursday, September 21, 5PM-7PM Pollock House 765 Algoma Boulevard (just south of Radford Hall)

> > **Professor Marshall Missner** Philosophy Department "The Secret Life of Honors Classes"

Spring 2007 Honors Courses

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:00-9:30		ENGLISH 110 TBIS Dr. Hostetler		ENGLISH 110 TBIS Dr. Hostetler
9:40-11:10		GEOLOGY 110 Lecture Dr. Mode		GEOLOGY 110 Lecture Dr. Mode
		INTRDSCP 175 Freshman Seminar "Death" Dr. McFadden		INTRDSCP 175 Freshman Seminar "Death" Dr. McFadden
1:20-2:50		ENGLISH 229 African American Lit. Dr. Maguire		ENGLISH 229 African American Lit. Dr. Maguire
		PHILOSOPHY 110 Intro to Philosophy Dr. Kyburg		PHILOSOPHY 110 Intro to Philosophy Dr. Kyburg
1:50-:3:20	PSYCH 302 Abnormal Psychology Dr. Perlman		PSYCH 302 Abnormal Psychology Dr. Perlman	
3:00-4:00				GEOLOGY 110 Discussion Dr. Mode
3:00-5:10		GEOLOGY 110 Lab Dr. Mode		
5:00-8:00		INTRDSCP 475 Senior Seminar - "Terror" Dr. Dingledine		

Answering Keys Questions: Where Are They and Why Aren't They in the Door?



by Carey Molinski

For those of you who have been they are lost in my apartment at the removed from the door. My reply theft). I challenged the odds, and for position as Education and Training regret it. eight years my keys remained in my Specialist for the Fresh Start Program possession. And they still do (actually, at ADVOCAP in Fond du Lac.

and asked me if I would like my keys not in the door of Polk 10 anymore.

I will miss you all for you made around a while, you know exactly moment as I thought it wise not to my job a great joy. I'll especially miss what this title means. Countless challenge the odds of leaving them in those advising sessions and, if you people have come into my office my entry door); it's just that they're don't mind, I'd like to be your adviser one last time. Enjoy the smaller UHP Life has its way of throwing classes, engage in the discussions, was always a no of some sort because curves into our paths and I decided and make the most of your time as an that was how I didn't lose them (yes, to see what is on the other side of the undergraduate. And one last piece of despite the grand opportunity for bend. This has taken me to my new advice: complete a thesis! You won't

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UHSA: 2006-2007 and an Invitation to Get Involved

I am delighted to introduce myself as the University Honors Student Association (UHSA) president for the 2006-2007 academic year. I am originally from Mequon, Wisconsin, and graduated from Marquette University High School. I am beginning my senior year here at Oshkosh, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, and expect to graduate this spring. I aspire to become a physician and am currently battling the rigors of the application process to medical school.

Now that I'm finished boring you about who I am, let me tell you where I see the UHSA going this year. With the help of the Executive Board, my goals include planning campus-wide events and

Hello! My name is Andrew Zane and activities—for example, charity events to with, why not give the UHP a try? You are help our local and global communities—in which Honors students can participate in the logistical planning and/or execution. I also propose that the UHSA coordinate one large activity that distinguishes the UHP on campus and in the surrounding community. In addition to the above goals, I see the UHSA continuing to implement and help bring beneficial changes to the Honors Program, including the development of a possible scholarship award available to Honors students. However ambitious these goals may seem, they are attainable with the help of the collective spirit and participation of Honors students.

> If you are having trouble deciding which campus organization to get involved

welcome to attend and participate in our meetings. If you're interested in a position on the Executive Board, a few spots are still available. Our first meeting will be in early September; details will soon be available on the UHP Web site: http://www. uwosh.edu/honors/. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the UHSA, its events and how to participate in or plan them, or if you are interested in one of the Board positions, feel free to e-mail me at zanea76@uwosh.edu. I thank all those UHSA members who have participated in the past, and look forward to seeing you along with other new faces this year!

Campus and Community Events: What to Do Around Oshkosh

Professor), Paintings, G.F. Steinhilber Art Gallery, weekdays admission. 10AM-4PM and weekends 12PM-5PM, Reeve Memorial Union (Third Floor).

PM and each Wednesday thereafter at The Crescent Café, Reeve collection of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century lamps; Memorial Union. Menu varies each week! \$6.

September 21: Leo Kottke (Acoustic Guitar Master and Disciple of John Fahey), 7:30 PM, Grand Opera House (www.grandoperahouse.org), 100 High Avenue, Oshkosh. Treat yourself to an evening with six- and twelve-string virtuoso Leo Kottke in the intimate setting of the beautiful, pitch-perfect Grand Opera House. Kottke's expert musicianship is matched with an exceptional gift for storytelling that is informed by wit, politics, the classics, and the everyday. Tickets—get yours October 7: Art Walk, from 6PM to 9PM on the first Saturday NOW-are \$26.50.

Wendy Wasserstein. Show times: September 27-30 at 7:30PM and October 1 at 2:30PM, Fredric March Theatre (corner of Algoma Boulevard & Woodlawn Avenue), UW Oshkosh. Tickets are \$3 with student ID.

September 28: Fall Job Fair from 3PM to 7PM, Kolf Sports Center, UW Oshkosh, 785 High Avenue. From internships to introduce yourself to dozens of local employers and become block east of Jackson Street). familiar with prominent industries in our community. Bring

September 11 through October 5: Li Hu (UW Oshkosh Art lots of resumes (copy service is not available at the fair). FREE

Through October 6: Electric Tiffany, The Paine Art Center and Gardens, Tuesday through Sunday, 11AM to 4PM, 1410 September 13: Taste of Nations Luncheon, 11:30AM to 1:30 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. Electric Tiffany is a magnificent whether your taste is contemporary, traditional, or somewhere in between, everyone recognizes the craftsmanship and spectacular palette that are synonymous with the designs of Louis Comfort Tiffany Studios. Don't miss your chance to see fifty examples of this uniquely American, extraordinarily beautiful form of functional art. Tickets are \$5 with student ID. For information regarding this and other events at The Paine, visit www.thepaine.org.

of each month, Main Street in Oshkosh. Stores and galleries extend their hours, provide snacks, and display local artists' September 27 through October 1: The Heidi Chronicles by creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, wander around downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in your community, the Art Walk has become an Oshkosh tradition.

Saturday Mornings Through October 28: Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8AM to 12:30PM, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh. Visit with local farmers, artisans, and neighbors—make the Market part of your weekend plans! The Oshkosh Farmers Market is full-time positions, this bi-annual fair is an exceptional way to located in the City Hall parking lot at 215 Church Avenue (1/2

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Mandatory for Freshmen: Mark Your Calendars for Orientation!

This introductory meeting will provide valuable guidance to incoming Honors students. It will also give you the opportunity to meet Dr. Roberta Maguire, Director of the UHP.

All meetings will be in the Honors Lounge (Polk 17), which is just down the hall from the UHP offices on the lower level of Polk Library. Please stop by for a brief informational session at one of the following times:

Monday, September 18

1:50-2:50 or 3:00-4:00

Tuesday, September 19

3:30-4:30

Wednesday, September 20

11:30-12:30 or

12:40-1:40

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact the UHP: honors@uwosh.edu

UHP Alumni—Where Are They Now?

Michelle Baur (BS Mathematics, Spring 2006) is a Commercial Lines Underwriter for ACUITY Insurance in Sheboygan, WI. She has passed her first Actuarial exam and is working toward the necessary credentials to receive the Associate designation for Underwriting.

Brandon Delrow (BBA, Accounting & Finance, Spring 2006) is the Business Manager for The Exclusive Company here in Oshkosh.

Jessica Drecktrah (BA in Political Science, Spring 2006) is a Loan Originator and Mortgage Consultant for Lending Hand Mortgage, Inc., in Appleton, WI.

Mary Kleist (BS in English [Secondary Education], Spring 2006) is working with developmentally delayed adults at a local group home. In September, Mary will be going into ministry and will begin working as a Prayer Minister for Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida.

Steven Schob (BA Music, Summer 2006) is pursuing a Master's of Music Performance at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Steven also received a graduate assistantship where he will accompany dance classes with hand drums.

Honors Thesis Meetings

If you're completing your Honors Thesis this fall, planning one for the spring, or considering the thesis option for the future, it is CRUCIAL that you attend these respective meetings:

> Fall 2006 Thesis Completers: Tuesday, September 12, at 4PM

Spring 2007 Thesis Planning and for Thesis Info Gathering: Wednesday, September 13, at 3PM

Both meetings will be conducted by Dr. Roberta Maguire, UHP Director, in the Honors Lounge (Polk 17). See you then!

If you are completing or planning a thesis project and are unable to attend this important meeting, please contact the UHP: honors@uwosh.edu



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Are You Graduating in December? We Need to Know!

Please remember to complete a Graduation Information Form as soon as possible. You can do so by stopping by Polk 8, Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM, or by e-mailing the UHP (honors@uwosh.edu) with your name and address so we can send one to you.It is

important that we receive your form by **Friday, October 20**, so that we can forward your details to the Commencement coordinators and to the Graduation Awards for Excellence committee. Thank you!

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