

Spring 2004 Colloquia

Religion 944 "Jesus at the Movies"
2:00-3:20 TH with film lab at 3:30-4:50 on H

Music 940 "Popular Music" 11:00-12:20 TH
Why do we listen to what we do? Why are large groups of people drawn to the same types of music? We will explore the idea of popular music and develop a means to compare music of many types from various points in history.



Freshman Honors students pose for a picture at Dr. Louise Taylor's retirement party. The students planned a surprise party to say goodbye to one of their favorite Honors professors.

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Focus on
Excellence
Closing Event
April 7, 2003
at 6:00 P.M.
Math & Science
Building

Dr. Janice Swab,
professor of
Biology, will
provide a timely
and informative
session.

Honorable Mention

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Honors Students inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Kappa Nu Sigma

Twenty-three Honors students were inducted in March into Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman honor society for those who have accomplished a GPA of 3.5 or higher during their first semester or cumulative freshman year. Congratulations to the following



Excited Honors Freshmen celebrate induction into Honors society.

freshman Honors students: Holly Broadbent, Jessica Conicelli, Heidi Damasiewicz, Michelle Dillman, Dee Edwards, Charlotte Fetterman, Rose Hartfield, Amanda Huerta, Sara Lynn Joyner, Tara Licciardello, Joanna Long, Catherine Markijohn, Kayla Mathis, Anna

McFadyen, Jennifer Noel, Kendall Overcash, Lee Ann Sanderlin, Michelle Scott, Megan Shore, Amanda Smith, Kelly Beth Smith, Amanda Stephens, and Elizabeth Yaros.

Twelve Honors students were inducted at the end of March into Kappa Nu Sigma, a junior and senior honor society. Congratulations to the following Honors students: Jennifer Carter, Cristy DeWees, Kristen Horton, Katherine Jarman, Rachel Jordon, Paige Kemmerer, Sarah Olson, Natasha Reid, Kristen Siha, Paula Stewart, Mary Heather Swink and Amy Varley. Job well done!!



KNE officers Kristen Smith and Allison Lowrey welcome new members.

Honors students travel to Chapel Hill for *Uncle Vanya*

On February 26, Honors students and Teaching Fellows travelled to the Paul Green Theater in Chapel Hill to see Anton Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* performed by Playmakers Repertory Company.

The play is set in the early twentieth century in the backwoods of Russia and centers on a dysfunctional and withering family, the Petrovichs. It is, at heart, a tale about mid-life crises and learning to endure life.

Uncle Vanya has no happy ending and no underlying sense of hope, but it is a great example of what Chekhov thought was real life. The play starred company favorites Kenneth Strong and Ray Dooley, whom many of us saw perform in last year's *Playboy of the Western World*.

Despite the play's depressing themes, it was a wonderful production. The actors felt like real people, and the set, following in Playmakers' tradition, was stunning. In a few scenes, it actually rained on stage!

It was a great evening and proved just why Playmakers makes it onto the Focus on Excellence schedule so often.

Roxanne Stockdale, '05

Drs. Nancy and Jerry Jaax, keynote speakers at Meredith's Founder's Day Celebration, toured the new Math and Science building with Dr. Liz Wolfinger, Melanie Hoskins, Honors junior, and Natasha Matheny.



From Biltmore to Black Mountain -- Honors students and faculty share two weekends of adventure and research



Early on Friday morning, 7 February, 34 Honors students and faculty took to the hills. After a long van ride and a quick lunch, the group enjoyed an afternoon behind-the-scenes tour of the Biltmore House. Then they explored downtown Asheville to find the perfect place for a great dinner.



Following breakfast on Sunday, the students headed outside to frolic in the snow in front of Lee Hall, the center of the old Black Mountain College campus, before heading home.



On Saturday the students and faculty split into four study groups: Herbal and Environmental Study, led by Prof. Janice Swab; Black Mountain Music and Dance, Profs. Alyson Colwell-Waber and Jack Roller; Sacred Space, Prof. Carol Hayes; and Telling Your Own Story, Prof. Suzanne Britt. Saturday afternoon the groups explored the Black Mountain and Asheville area, traveling to a stringed instrument shop, to the site of the original Black Mountain College on Lake Eden, and to the historic Grove Park Inn.

A month later the Honors students on the trip re-created their weekend's adventures for the entire Meredith community. The music/dance group shared an original composition in the style of Cage and Cunningham, while the writing group gathered brief personal compositions from all.



After a rousing two-hour square dance, the group returned to their art projects and spent half the night perfecting their personal clay tiles.



The workers in clay presented their striking creation, featuring a tile from each participant, and the plant/ecology group taught us about the Earthaven Eco-Village. Special guests included some of next year's Honors freshmen, who learned how exciting the Meredith Honors program can be.

