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**AHSA Updates:**

- There will be several new officer positions open, please attend AHSA meetings if you're interested in filling one of them.
- AHSA meetings have been moved to the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm.
- Don't forget to check out our Facebook group, Academic Honors Student Association.

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# Honors News

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## MSU's Honors Roundtable

By Cortney Paris

Standing in front of the room a student gestures as they talk about their presentation. In one room, a marimba is played, in another, philosophy is discussed. In the hallway, informational posters wait to be read. This is the Honors Roundtable.

Morehead State University hosted an Honors Roundtable conference February 19th and 20th.

Congregated were students not only from MSU, but also Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University and the University of Kentucky.

Friday night was the banquet dinner where participants got to get to know each other over a meal and received a schedule for the following day.

The other schools and their advisors then went to the Kentucky Folk Art Center before attending the separate faculty and student parties.

The student party was a great success due to the friendly atmosphere and also in part to Heather Flynn's efforts with the refreshments.

The next day was full of excitement as people made presentations on everything from literature to philosophy to rap music to ancient curse tablets.

Lunch was served to all in the Cramer room where a group from the freshman



Age of Faith class entertained Roundtable participants with a parody of Marie de France's *Bisclavret*.

Overall, the Roundtable was a success with students from different schools collaborating to express their ideas and see how things are done differently at each school.

## Professor of the Month: Dr. Caric

By Kyle Hager

Dr. Caric has been employed by Morehead State University since 1990, and teaches political theory in the government department.

He has been involved in the Honors Program in some form or fashion for a few years now, teaching Age of Faith and

seminars such as 20<sup>th</sup> Century Political Thought.

In addition, he has been leading a weekly co-

curricular entitled *Caric Forum*, which deals with discussing and debating recent events in the world of politics and popular culture.

Dr. Caric is a wonderful asset to our Honors Program and we are appreciative of his continued involvement in our activities.



# On the Road

By Daniel Mattox

This semester there will be weekly meetings Wednesday at 6 pm to critically discuss the book *On The Road* by Jack Kerouac.

The book that defined a generation and helped launch the beatnik movement in America, the birth of the American hipster, and the ancestor to a great many paths of consciousness.

We will not only discuss the literary elements of the book but the philosophy the author incorporates and the societal impact the book has had.



# Redesigning Honors

By Heather Flynn

If you have been in the Honors House during the last few weeks of the past two semesters, you may have noticed many high school students floating around. This is due to changes to the program that are being made by the redesign committee, composed of the Honors Director, Dr. Krummrich, several past Honors professors, some of the administrative faculty, and a student representative. This committee has been looking at ways to improve the Honors Program as they redesign it to meet the new general education requirements of MSU. One of the results of these attempts has been the new Honors Scholarship which will replace the former Presidential Scholarship.

This scholarship will be presented to 40 students as they enter the program this fall. To apply for the scholarship, the high school students must go through a rigorous application, written essay, and interview process.

What all does this mean to current Honors students? The program shall remain the same for us, but we should anticipate great changes to the Honors Program in the form of a new Honors scholarship and changes in the courses for future Honors students. The major consensus is that it will be treated as a program with the goal of providing students the means to do their own undergraduate research and regional engagement as well as other opportunities. It will be

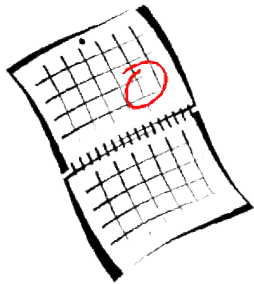
extended into a four year program to focus on interdisciplinary studies similar to the main courses of the current program. Honors sections of mandatory general education courses are also possible. However, all of this is still in the planning stages and will not be fully administered until this coming fall.

The committee is always willing to hear your input on the changes as well as to voice suggestions for the new design of the Honors Program. Nothing has been put into effect aside from the Honors Scholarship as of yet. Make any suggestions known to your student representative, Heather Flynn at [hmflynn01@morehead-st.edu](mailto:hmflynn01@morehead-st.edu).

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- About the changes

# Upcoming Events



## Nominating new AHSA officers:

Next Monday, April 5, we will hold an AHSA meeting at 7:30 p.m. The main order of business will be to nominate officers for next semester. If

you are interested in nominating an Honors student for an office, then you should come and participate. There will be a ballot box in Brenda Porter's office in the Honors House after next Monday and elections will be finalized April 19.

## Community Service Lockegee Cleanup:

Sunday, April 11, Honors students are encouraged to meet at the Honors House at 1 p.m. in order to carpool to Lockegee. We plan to clean up

trash around the area and recycle whatever we can. The more volunteers we have, the better.



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# Honors in Action



## By Morgan Mullins

Honors isn't just something to put down on a résumé—even if it looks good when you do. The Honors program at any university is partly about bringing Honors students from all over the country and the world together to exchange ideas, cre-

ate connections, and share their research and input in a meaningful way.

Without these channels, Honors wouldn't mean nearly as much—but, it's up to the students involved to take advantage of the opportunities provided by their programs, directors, and universities. That's why all of us who have participated in an Honors

Roundtable would like to encourage you to try it yourself.

If you have presentations, posters, or papers for class, you can present them at one of these conferences. There are also opportunities to participate in panels; we strongly urge you to jump in with us and not only have fun, but also seize the chance to show off your own projects and engage in genuine intellectual discourse with professors and fellow Honors students from around the state.

And remember—we've had great presentations that went all the way from state roundtable to nationals, so if you're interested, apply for everything. The worst that can happen is your proposal may be put off until next year—and the best can only get better.

# March 2010

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| 7                               | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                              | 12  | 13  |
|                                 |     |     |     | Night of the Hunter             |     |     |
| 14                              | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                              | 19  | 20  |
| <b>&lt;- Spring Break -&gt;</b> |     |     |     |                                 |     |     |
| 21                              | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                              | 26  | 27  |
|                                 |     |     |     | One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest |     |     |
| 28                              | 29  | 30  | 31  |                                 |     |     |

Don't miss the new Monday night  
**Rock Music and Criticism**  
co-curricular, run by Dr. Neepser!

## Weekly Activities

**Monday**  
4:00 pm - Rock Music and Criticism  
6:30 pm - Monday Night Magic  
7:30 pm - AHSA Meeting

**Tuesday**  
5:00 pm - Soap Box

**Wednesday**  
6:00 pm - On the Road with Pam Ryan  
9:00 pm - Coffee House

**Thursday**  
9:00 pm - Movie Night



## A Love of Languages

By Heather Flynn

For anyone who knows me, you know one of my greatest passions is studying languages. Thus, for a fun little factoid, I thought I would briefly indulge you with some fun facts about languages.

- There are over 2,700 spoken languages recorded as in use at the moment

- More than 1,000 different languages are

spoken in Africa.

- The youngest language known is Afrikaans which is spoken by South Africans through the influence of Dutch, German, and others who occupied the Cape of Good Hope.

- Many languages still do not have a written form of their language or are in the development of one.

- Some linguists

consider "text-speak" and "e-speak" as a developing and/or evolving language form.

- Mandarin, not English, is the most spoken language in the world.

There are many more fun facts about language to learn. For more interesting facts about language you can always talk to me. Until then, Sayonara, Adios, Ciao, Shalom, Antio, Adieu...

