

# THE UNIVERSITY HONORS NEWSLETTER

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Editors' note: *The Laxative*, the publication that many of you may have received under your doors, is in no way affiliated with the honors program or the honors newsletter. In the future, we would suggest that the publishers of this literature refrain from denoting any references to honors activities and the honors program in general.

Elections for the offices of president-elect, secretary, historian, and treasurer are in April. A general meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on April 2 for nominations. On April 9 at 6 p.m. there will be a meeting for candidate debates. Voting will take place April 13- 17. In order to vote for an officer, you must first vote on the constitution.

The talent show is scheduled for April 25 in After Hours. Michelle Stowe needs a few more acts. Some people have already signed up , but we need your talent (prof's too)to make the night complete. Sign up now!

Science, Technology and Human Values (HONR 3701), with an enrollment of ten students, was team-taught by Dr. Steve Reiber and Dr. Dale Grote. Dr. Reiber was with our Civil Engineering Department and Dr. Grote is in the Philosophy and Foreign Language Departments. Two papers with oral presentations were the basis of the grades; attendance, although not given an "official" percentage, was also essential since discussion was integral to the course structure.

A summary of the controversy surrounding HONR 3701 is that some of the students were not satisfied with their grades and tried to get them raised; formal charges were filed against Dr. Grote and Dr. Reiber. When approached about the problem, Dr. Bush suggested they do supplemental work, perhaps even re-do some work. This option was refused and the request that the grade be improved was again made. The argument made was that the assignment was unclear, the class was mishandled and one professor was late in returning the first paper; no grade was seen by the students until report cards came out. The formal request was reviewed but denied.

Those who filed charges had the right to do so, please don't think I am saying otherwise. I myself talked with Dr. Grote and Dr. Bush about the class and my grade due to my own dissatisfaction. When I reviewed the two papers I had written considering the quality and amount of work that I put into them and the class, I realized that a "C" was what I had earned. I was disappointed with myself and my work, and had tried to ease that feeling by looking at someone other than who was really to blame: me.

The entire situation is disheartening not only to the students, but to the professors as well. It was a shared responsibility between professors and students to make the class a success. I hope no harsh feelings still exist.

-Michelle Stowe