From the Associate Dean

Welcome back for the spring 2004 semester at UTSA! I’m pleased to announce that Dr. Ben Olguin from the Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy will be joining the Honors team as Assistant Director for Undergraduate Research. Those of you who are working on your Honors thesis should be hearing from Dr. Olguin soon.

All of you should be aware of several new policies established at the university. Here is a brief synopsis of those new policies:

1. Students who pay for tuition and fees with a credit card will now be charged a surcharge of 1.885%.

2. Students who enroll in the same course for a third (or fourth or fifth, etc.) time will be charged an additional $123 per semester credit hour. This policy applies to courses you dropped and for which you received a "W," but NOT to Independent Study, Honors thesis, or other courses that can be retaken for credit. This means that you get one free second chance at a course. Keep this new policy in mind when you are considering dropping a course!

3. Students who have taken more than 45 hours beyond what is required for their degree will also be charged an additional $123 per semester credit hour.

4. The university will now communicate with students ONLY via their LONESTAR email accounts.

These new policies are all effective immediately. If you have any additional questions about these policies, feel free to ask. And here’s to a terrific spring 2004 semester!

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From the Advisor

I hope you all are rested from your short winter break and are actively engaged in the Spring semester. We have lots of great plans for activities that we hope you all will participate in -- a book club, a trip to the Botanical Gardens, more poetry readings, and a geology tour. If you are interested in any of these activities or others please stop by the Honors College office (HSS 4.02.20) and sign up.

The Honors College is sponsoring the Great Plains Honors Council Conference on March 5-7, 2004, and I am calling on all of you for representation and volunteer activity. We will need students to help with Registration on the 5th and 6th and as hosts to other Honors students throughout the conference. The Great Plains region, which includes Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, will be well represented at the conference. Helping with the conference will give you a chance to meet other Honors students. If you volunteer, you will be able to participate in workshops and presentations. To volunteer, you may sign up in the Honors office.

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### 2004 Dates to Remember

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| **January 2004** | Class Withdrawal Deadline (70% refund)  
26-                  | Census Date                                                           
28-                  | UTSA Honors Day                                                       |
| **February 2004** | Class Withdrawal Deadline (50% refund)  
2-                  | Class Withdrawal Deadline (25% refund)  
9-                  | Spring 2004 Graduation Application Deadline                        |
| **March 2004**   | Last day to drop course or withdraw from all classes and receive a "W"  
12-                  | Spring Break                                                          |
| **April 2004**   | Complete draft of thesis due to committee (Spring 2004 Grads)          |
1-                  | Priority Summer/Fall Registration                                      |
12-                  | Draft of thesis proposal due to committee                             |
15-                  | Spring Break                                                           |
| **May 2004**     | COLFA Summer 2004 Graduation Application Deadline                     |
1-                  | COLFA Summer 2004 Graduation Application Deadline                     |
| **June 2004**    | Summer 2004 Graduation Application Deadline                           |
1-                  | Summer 2004 Graduation Application Deadline                           |
1-                  | Final Examinations                                                    |
6-                  | Signed, bound thesis due to Honors Office (Spring 2004 Grads)         |
7-                  | Honors College Graduation Ceremony                                    |
8-                  | Commencement                                                          |
10-                  | Summer 2004 Mini-mester begins                                        |
11-                  | Census Date - Mini-mester                                             |
14-                  | Class Withdrawal Deadline - Mini-mester (50% refund)                  |
17-                  | COLFA Summer 2004 Graduation Re-Application Deadline                  |
28-                  | Final Exams (Mini-mester)                                             |
31-                  | Memorial Day                                                          |
| **July 2004**    | Summer 2004 Term I Finals                                             |
1-2                  | Year-old "IN" grades convert to "F"                                   |
2-                  | Summer 2004 Term II Begins                                            |
5-                  | Census Date                                                           |
8-                  | Class Withdrawal Deadline                                             |
29-                  | Summer 2004 Term II Finals                                           |
| **August 2004**  | Summer 2004 Term II Finals                                            |
4-6                  | Final Exams (Mini-mester)                                             |

**Important:** Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines end at 5 p.m. on the specified date. When a deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended to the following business day. Dates listed are subject to change.

### New COLFA Deadlines for Undergraduate Graduation Application

Starting with Spring 2004 graduation, new, internal COLFA deadlines for graduation applications will be implemented.

A copy of the student’s application must be presented to the Advising Center and a request for degree audit needs to be on file at the COLFA Advising Center by the following dates:

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Poetry Reading
Kalling all Krazy Kats! Read your own poetry or sit back and enjoy others reading theirs. Contact the Honors College Office (HSS 4.02.20) or student leader Chelsea Kindred for details.

Blanco River Geology Tour
Like the outdoors? Want to try something different?? Join Dr. Birnbaum in the great outdoors (and see dinosaur footprints!)

Book Club (student leader: Lydia Fletcher)
Jazz Band (student leader: Patric Hernández)

Stop by the Honors College Office (HSS 4.02.20) today to sign up!

Botanical Gardens
Date/Time: late March/early April (specific information TBA)
You may stop by the Honors College Office (M-F, 8AM-5PM) to sign up.

NOTE: There is a waiting list for friends and family who are not Honors College students, if space is available. Stop by the Honors College Office (HSS 4.02.20) and sign them up to join you!

GPHC: Volunteers wanted!!
Would you like the incredible learning experience of participating at the conference we are hosting here in San Antonio March 5-7, 2004?

Stop by the Honors College office (HSS 4.02.20) today to sign-up.
Congratulations, Fall 2003 Honors Graduates! Thank You

**Tier I Honors Graduates**

Stacy Fowler  
B.A. in English *cum laude*

Amy Louise Melin  
B.S. in Architecture *summa cum laude*

**Tier II Honors Graduates**

John Julius Andrichak  
B.S. in Computer Science *summa cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Kwek  
“C-Bag: Learning from Heterogeneous Data Sources”

Lee Elizabeth Beeler  
B.A. in Criminal Justice with minors in History and Legal Studies *summa cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Gambitta  
“A Case Analysis of U.S. v. Lopez”

Celine Michelle Benavides  
B.B.A. in Management  
Advisor: Dr. Consuelo Ramirez  
“Leadership: Art or Science”

Laura Cristina Figueroa  
B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Spanish *magna cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Raymond Baird  
“Test of a Process Account of the Encoding Specificity Effect”

Sally Jean Howington  
B.B.A. in Marketing *cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Joel Saegert  
“A Study of Responses to Advertising as a Function of Respondent Demographic and Motivational Factors”

Miles Francis Kilroy  
B.S. in Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Valerie Sponsel  
“The Isolation of Mutants Containing the DR5:GUS Reporter Gene and Their Use for Investigating the Interaction of Gibberellins and Auxins”

Maria Guadalupe Lozano  
B.B.A. in Accounting  
Advisor: Dr. Elaine Sanders  
“The Effect of Culture on Business Decision-Making: Mexico and the United States”

**Susan Elizabeth Martinez**  
B.S. in Mathematics  
Advisor: Dr. Walter Richardson  
“A Comparison of Upwinding Discretization Strategies for the Shallow Water Equations”

**Erika Marie Peña**  
B.A. in Communication *magna cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Margaret Batschelet  
“Designing an Effective Web Site: From Theory to Design and Application”

**Martin P. Wasiewicz**  
B.S. in Electrical Engineering *cum laude*  
Advisor: Dr. Parimal Patel  
“Implementation of Multichannel Modulation”

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**Thank You!!**

Thank you to the following students who helped with the Honors College Fall 2003 Commencement Ceremony. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Maushumi Assad  
Marcus Gilmore  
Stephanie Juarez  
Pearl Kurian
Welcome; Student Accolades; Opportunities

Please help us to welcome our newest Honors College students. Congratulations!!

New Freshmen
Jennifer Lewis (English)
Sergio Montelongo (Biology)
Shazia Rehman (Communication)

New Transfers
Frank Bertone (So., Philosophy)
Barbara Bunch (Jr., Psychology)
Nicholas Evans (So., Philosophy)
Jeannie Hahl (Jr., Interdisciplinary Studies)
Joanna Nichols (Sr., History)
Clinton Portis (So., Political Science)
Michael Rasoulian (So., Undeclared Science)

Editor's Note:
Sincerest apologies go out to Jennifer Smallbone (sophomore, Art History), who was admitted to the Honors College in Summer 2003. Belated congratulations, Jennifer!

Dinah Elias (senior, communication) and Guillermo Martinez III (junior, mathematics) submitted entries to the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest.
Dinah's essay title: "The Ethical and Legal Aspects of Animal Testing"
Guillermo's essay title: "Finding Ourselves: Hiding Behind a Paper Mask"
Dinah and Guillermo will receive a scholarship of $100 and credit for HON 3021. Winners will be announced in April 2004. Best of luck, Dinah and Guillermo!!

Jason West (senior, civil engineering) is the recipient of a Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship to support his undergraduate studies at UTSA. The fellowship provides him with tuition and fees for the academic year, $1,500 for travel to the 83rd Annual Transportation Research Board Meeting, and a stipend of $1,175. Congratulations, Jason!!

Congratulations to Christina De Leon (freshman, biology/Pre-Dental), who was recently admitted to the Dental Early Admission Program DEAP program. Great job, Christina!!

Summer Internship Opportunities:
Stop by the Honors College office (HSS 4.02.20) Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM and read short summaries about summer research opportunities available throughout the nation.

4th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference
Friday, April 16, 2004
Present your paper, poster, artwork, creative writing, or musical performance.
Applications are available in the COLFA Dean's office (HSS 4.01.23)
or online at http://colfa.utsa.edu/colfa/students.htm.
Submissions are due by Friday, March 19, 2004. Apply now!
Cash awards for first, second, and third place winners in each category.
For more information, contact Jennifer Borrego: HSS 4.01.23 or call 458-4479.
The Hispanic College Fund application is now open!
The Hispanic College Fund, Inc. (HCF) is a private non-profit organization founded in 1993 to develop the
next generation of Hispanic business leaders in America by awarding scholarships to deserving Hispanic
students. HCF accomplishes its mission by securing the funds needed to award financial assistance to stu-
dents seeking to afford a higher education in academic disciplines leading to careers in business.
• Apply online at www.hispanicfund.org and click on Scholarships - Apply Now.
• You must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of no less than a 3.00.
• You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
Some scholarship programs have additional eligibility criteria. See Web site for details. **Deadline: April 15, 2004.**

Hispanic College Fund
1717 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 460
Washington, DC 20006
202-296-5400 1-800-644-4223 (Fax) 202-296-3774
HCF-Info@hispanicfund.org

People to People Eisenhower Scholar Programs
People to People was founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower during his presidency to promote world peace and
understanding. The Eisenhower Scholar Programs take that mission one step further by providing out-
standing academic students the opportunity to interact with their international peers and learn more about a
specific field of study. These programs are available during spring and summer so that students can have
the study abroad experience without leaving for an entire semester or year. See the Web site for more de-
tails: www.eisenhowerscholar.org

UTSA Department Scholarships
1) Texas Psychological Foundation:
   Costello Family Memorial Scholarship
To qualify, you must:
   - Major in Psychology
   - Currently be enrolled in 12+ hours
   - Have completed 90 semester hours
   - Have 3.0+ GPA.
-$400 award.
**Deadline: February 1, 2004.**
-Application available in Psychology Department:
  HSS 4.04.54 & 4.04.56

2) Dr. James M. Day Scholarship in the Social Sciences
To qualify, you must:
   - Major in Psychology or Sociology
   - Currently be enrolled in 12+ hours
   - Be a community college transfer entering UTSA with 60+ hours
   - Have 2.75+ GPA
   - Agree to 10+ hours of volunteer work
-$2,500 award.
**Deadline: February 15, 2004.**
-Application available in Psychology Department:
  HSS 4.04.56

SACUPA Scholarship
The San Antonio College and Universities Placement Association (SACUPA) is offering a $500 scholarship.
Qualifications: 1) any major, 2) GPA of 3.0 or above, 3) must have attended UTSA for at least one year.
You Must Submit:
1. Résumé
2. One-page essay describing how you plan to utilize Career Services in achieving your career goals.
3. One letter of recommendation
4. Transcripts
**Deadline: February 16, 2004.**
You may pick up an application at Career Services (BV 1.304) at the Downtown UTSA campus (501 W. Du-
rango). (210) 458-2914. www.jobbank.utsa.edu
Credit Card Fees
Section 54.5011 of the Texas Education Code has been amended to allow universities to recover administrative fees resulting from credit card payments. During this time of increased expenditures coupled with decreased financial support from the State, UTSA has been forced to pass this expense on to individuals who pay UTSA via credit card. Effective **November 10, 2003**, UTSA began assessing a charge of 1.855% for tuition bills paid with credit or debit cards. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Business Manager, Gary Lott, at 458-4221.

UTSA Student E-Mail Addresses
As you should already be aware, UTSA has created e-mail accounts for all students. These e-mail accounts (ending in @lonestar.utsa.edu) are now the default e-mails sent to you from the university. All e-mails (e.g. from Financial Aid) will go to your new Web mail address. You should have received a notice in the mail from UTSA about accessing your new e-mail. You may learn more about accessing your new account by logging on to Banner ASAP. If you prefer to change the default to a different e-mail account, you may do so by logging in to your new Lonestar account, and choosing to have all messages forwarded automatically. Remember that you will need to log into Lonestar again to change the forwarding address each time you change e-mail addresses!

Has Your Address or Phone Number Changed???
When you change your street address, e-mail address, or phone number, you **must** inform both the Honors Office and Admissions. Just because you change your information with one office does not mean that information is shared with the other office.... Please use the form printed below to change your information with us and the University (you will need one copy for us and one for the University.)

** Address changes can be made on ASAP at www.utsa.edu **

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Office of the Registrar

ADDRESS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Current Name: _________________________________________________________________
Last                                      First                                      Middle
Current Student ID Number

Previous Name: _________________________________________________________________
Last                                      First                                      Middle
Previous Student ID Number

e-mail address: _________________________________________________________________

*** If there is a change of name or ID number, proper documentation must accompany this form. ***

Permanent Address:
Street                                      Apt#                                City                      State                    Zip          Area Code           Telephone

Mailing Address:
Street                                      Apt#                                City                      State                    Zip          Area Code           Telephone

Emergency contact information:
Name                                      Area Code           Telephone                                      Relationship

If you are graduating this semester and want your diploma sent to an address above, please check the appropriate address box.

Student’s Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

University Honors Student Association

Becoming involved on campus can be very beneficial to your academic success at UTSA... then why not join the organization made especially for honors students by honors students?

Come discover the fun and benefits of UHSA:

- Have a network of honors students to contact for help, advice, and support.
- Get on the inside track to the Honors Program and learn about choice courses and professors in your discipline.
- Meet new people with similar goals to yourself.
- Get involved.
- Come join our socials, lectures, and service projects and make the most of your college experience!

2003-2004 Officers: Pearl Kurian, President; Stephanie Juarez, Vice President; Jason García-Treviño, Treasurer; Ema Ekene, Secretary; Dinah Elias, Operations Chair; Christine LeBlanc, Civic & Social Chair; & Jason Bratton, Membership Chair.

Please mail the following application to:
University Honors Student Association
Student Leadership & Activities Office
6900 North Loop 1604 West Box 82
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Please make any checks payable to University Honors Student Association.

Application for Admission to the
University Honors Student Association

Name:_______________________________________
Address:_____________________________________
Phone:(_____)__________________  E-mail:_______________________________
Major:________________-________  Classification:_________________________

If you are interested in helping on a committee, please circle the area in which you are interested in helping.

Vice President  Treasurer  Secretary  Operations  Programs

Semester Dues: $15.00
Total Enclosed:____________
Contact Pearl Kurian, President, UHSA, for information about upcoming meetings of the University Honors Student Association (UHSA).

You may contact Pearl by e-mail at: utsa_uhsa@yahoo.com