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GREIL APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS

New director shall be appointed

By Rhonda Kota

The fall semester of 1985 will include a change in the Alfred University Honors Program. Although Dr. Greil has taken great care to plan next year's seminars and activities, he will no longer serve as the Honors Director. In fact, if someone needs to know of his whereabouts in September, Greil may be found in one of two places. The first location is his usual office in the Science Center, and the second is his new office in Seidlin Hall. Dr. Greil has accepted the initially three-year position of Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Congratulations!

What does this new responsibility mean to the Director? One, Dr. Greil will be overloaded, teaching (8 credit hours) and handling administrative duties (6 credit hours). Two, it turns out, he says, that the disadvantage and advantage of being so busy are about equal. "There will be so many new and different things. On one hand, this can be fun and invigorating; on the other, confusing," he commented. He plans to help balance his overload by keeping two separate offices, with each job in its respective place. He predicts that this may lead to his students having a difficult time in locating him.

Who will be the new director? The Provost, Gene Odle, shall decide this. He has requested that all announcements of interest in the position be made by the end of this week.

What does all of this mean to the Honors students? Each Honors Student must make a personal effort to attain an intellectual and social relationship with the new director similar to that with Dr Greil.

Greil is quick to point out that our program has great room for growth. Students could find a larger niche on the A.U. campus by promoting more programs (for both Honors and non-Honors students) and encouraging involvement. He suggested that a frequent change of directors might be a worthwhile idea. He commented that he thoroughly enjoyed his first year as both Honors teacher and Director. Actively involved, he could get feedback as to what students thought Honors should be. Greil enjoyed "creating" the program in this way. By the second year, he felt a bit removed from the students because he was no longer teaching a seminar. (He did send a lot of memos, though.) Attending several of the seminars did help him stay in contact with the students.

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Once again, congratulations to Dr. Larry Greil on his recent appointment. We thank him for his dedication to the program and certainly will miss him.

Now, will our new director please stand up?

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Honors Chit-Chat

Don't forget to attend the First Annual Honors Banquet. This should be very enjoyable. Dr. Ohara is a delightful speaker, and the food will be much better than that in the dining halls. (Chicken Kiev is on the menu.) If you haven't confirmed your reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. The banquet will be on Thursday, April 18, in Howell Hall at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

It's that time of year again-time to form the incoming freshman Honors class. The Honors Office is busy sending out letters to qualified students.

What do you plan to do on the afternoon of April 13? Two Honors students are needed then to represent the program at the Open House for high school students who have been accepted in to the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Business, and Nursing. If interested, contact the Honors Office (x2212) as soon as possible.

The Alfred University Honors Program was represented at a conference recently. The Eastern Conference was held on the weekend of March 29 in Trenton, New Jersey.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the guidelines for the Honors theses, as they were approved by the Honors Committee. Students, especially current sophomores, are encouraged to examine them closely. A meeting has been called for Monday, April 1, to discuss the projects.

A small group of Honors Students spent a great afternoon in Genesee, Pa. at the Honors Secretary's farm. Mrs. Bell Hopkins, her husband, and her son were very hospitable hosts on the snowy Sunday afternoon of March 24. The Hopkins family is restoring its farmhouse, and from what could be seen, the work is progressing wonderfully. The nanny goats were a bit nervous because their kids had been taken away one day earlier, but they were fun to watch and pet.

TWO NEW SEMINARS ANNOUNCED

By Teri Gluck

Two new seminars are scheduled for the fall semester of 1985. On Wednesday evenings in Room 405 of the Science Center from 7:00 to 8:40 p.m., Dr. J. Robert Pipal will head the seminar entitled "The Dilemma of Nuclear Power." Dr. Paul Strong will present "Symbolic Worlds" on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:10 in Seidlin 008.

Both seminars are open to all Honors students - including those who presently are sophomores. All that they require are interested students with a wide range of interests and backgrounds in order to make the seminars stimulating and the discussions, flavorful.

The "Nuclear Power" seminar will deal with the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear power plants in relation to the scientific, moral, social, political and economic aspects. It is not essential that students in this course have a strong background in science and mathematics. Rather, an interest in the topic is more important. Dr. Pipal works in the Department of Chemistry here at the university.

In his seminar, Dr. Strong, a professor in the Humanities Department, will present knowledge about writers' and artists' lives and times, about the tradition they worked in (or reacted against) and about the manner in which their work developed. These factors will help the student understand the symbolic worlds of painters, poets, and short story writers, ranging from Vincent Van Gogh to Dylan Thomas and J.D. Salinger. A study of novels will not be included in the seminar.