Calendar:

August 20: University residence halls open at 9 am
August 25: First Day of Class
September 6: Labor Day Holiday
October 15-17: Family Weekend
October 20: Last day an undergraduate student may, with the dean’s approval, drop a class or change a class to pass/fail
October 21: Spring registration advising begins
November 25-28: Thanksgiving break
December 3: Last class day

From the director’s desk:

Recently a father of one of our freshman told me that he was worried that his daughter, a philosophy major, would not be able to find a job. Given the uncertainty of our world, I share his concerns. I also, however, know his daughter. Blessed with intelligence and energy, she, like talented LAH students before her, will graduate with writing and research skills, a broad range of reading, an appetite for inquiry, fluency in a foreign language (Spanish), a mind honed to solve problems, and the habit of sticking with tasks to completion. Atul Gawande in *Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science* writes that “…I thought of surgery as a…fixed body of knowledge and skill which is acquired in training and perfected in practice. There was…a smooth, upward-sloping arc of proficiency at some rarefied set of tasks...The arc would peak at, say, ten or fifteen years, plateau for a long time, and perhaps tail off a little in the final five years before retirement. The reality, however, turns out to be far messier. You do get good at certain things…but no sooner than you do, you find what you know is outmoded. New technologies and operations emerge to supplant the old, and the learning curve starts all over again.” True for surgeons, true for all of us, and it is, I am convinced, a liberal education that will equip our students to succeed in this changing world. This newsletter provides glimpses of students pursuing such an education and doing so with great joy. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions (carver@austin.utexas.edu).

Best wishes,
Congratulations to the LAH Class of 2010!

Post-Graduate Plans

Lauren Conner: I will be doing Teach for America for the next two years in Dallas teaching middle school English as a Second Language.

Kevin Endres: I’m planning to move to Chicago and work for 1-2 years and then spend a year abroad somewhere (possibilities include France, Berlin, Russia, Japan, and Iran if we are still welcome there). Then it’s off to grad school (probably in English).

Katie Hathaway: This summer, I’ll be working at Whole Earth in Austin until mid-July. Then I’ll be going to Managua, Nicaragua to start my year with Manna Project International. :)

Anne Hulsey: I will be raising support to go volunteer for the next two years as an Resident Assistant in the dorms of my old boarding school, Black Forest Academy. I leave for Germany on August 1st.

Saadia Hussain: I’m going to Vanderbilt to get a Masters in Secondary Education.

Kela Kundert: I will be taking a year off between college and law school. During that year, I hope to gain some experience working in a legal office, save some money, and study for the LSAT.

Tamara Marshall: Off to law school (sorry Dr. Carver!).

Matt Morton: I’ll be taking a Government course this summer–my final course at UT to complete that major. Additionally I’ll be spending lots of time in soccer pubs watching the World Cup. I’ll also, as usual, be working at the Recreational Sports Center. (Not as exciting as last summer!) After graduation, I plan to take a year off from school, live in Austin, and work a part-time job while focusing on reading and writing (poetry / fiction) as much as possible. In fall 2010 I will apply to MFA creative writing programs. If accepted, I will begin work toward an MFA in fall 2011.

Garrick Smith: Thank you for the support, the program, and the opportunities. Getting in to LAH off the wait list changed my college career and academic future. It is nice to have a community who cares at a school the size of the University of Texas.

Sarah White: After graduation I will start working for Facebook in their new Austin office. I am excited to stay here and work while planning my next stage in life. Eventually I will return to graduate school, but I’m taking a much needed break first.

Words of Wisdom

I came into college only caring that I get a degree as a stepping stone towards my dream career. I dismissed the possibility that it could be the perfect time and place to simply broaden my horizons. I later realized my mistake and switched from Architecture to both Humanities and Engineering - two seemingly unrelated subjects but that allowed me to develop and pursue all of my varied interests. Such a freedom has been much more fulfilling and enjoyable. - Anne Hulsey

Study abroad and apply for all the scholarship that LAH has to offer. Seriously, what do you have to lose? - Kevin Endres

Talk to your professors. Ask other students about their experiences. Familiarize yourself with the (many) campus resources available to students. Not all advisors are the same, so talk to lots of them from different areas of campus; you’ll find one or some that are much more helpful/friendly than others.

Make friends with professors. You never know how useful they can be!

LAHers, friends, and family at the Spring 2010 Graduation Reception
LAH Music Ensemble: The Amorous Paulharmonic

Do you play an instrument or sing? The LAH Music Ensemble is looking for anyone and everyone to join this fall! We are a group of LAH students that meets once a week, working to put on a few shows each year. We’ve played at Honors Day, Explore UT, and we always have a holiday concert. We’ve played pieces from almost every musical genre and we are open to anything that our members want to put together. We always need singers and instruments of all kinds (strings, guitar, woodwinds, horns, percussion, etc.). We are also looking for a conductor! If you are interested in songwriting, composing, or performing, then the ensemble would love to have you! My email is Jklingshirn89@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in joining. Not sure if you want to join? I will be at the LAH luncheon in August to answer any and all questions. See everyone there!

Hook ‘em! - Jenny Klingshirn

LAH Student Council

On behalf of the LAH Student Council, I would like to welcome you to your first year of college and the LAH community. You are about to embark on an exciting journey where you will master an academic field and discover who you are as a person and what role you will play in the world. Over the year as you develop as a student and become integrated into the LAH community through the first year program, the LAH Student Council will do everything it can to add an extra dimension to your experience. Among the many events we will organize this year are reading groups, community service projects, dances, picnics and academic competitions. Ultimately, through the many events we host for the incoming class, we hope to build the formative relationships and experiences that will make your time at UT adventurous and intellectually rewarding. We look forward to meeting you in the fall and we wish you the best of luck as you make your final preparations for college.

- Juan Salem,
LAH Student Council President

LAH Alumni,

Please keep in touch with us by joining the LAH Alumni facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=73017507150
You can also send updates for future newsletters to Linda Mayhew at lmayhew@austin.utexas.edu

We’d love to hear from you!

Foot in the Door Theatre

Foot in the Door Theatre plans two productions this fall: Noises Off, directed by Curren Farnsworth and The Changeling, with Sonia Desai and Brandon Ben-Yair Hernandez as director and vice director. Please check the LAH websites for audition information. Technicians (lights, staging, etc.) are always needed, so please let us know if this interests you.
Studying Abroad in Salamanca
Molly Wahlberg

There is no Starbucks in the city of Salamanca. Not one. I have been forced to sit down and drink my not-so-Grande sized cappuccino outside a café in the Plaza Mayor—a place that has never dreamed of putting coffee in cardboard. Over the rim of my cup as I take my first sip, I watch the morning crowd start to gather. The gypsy man I pass every day on my walk to class strolls by with his harmonica to his lips. Four old women in full-length fur coats greet each other with animated kisses, while a young couple on a bench nearby begins to kiss so aggressively that even the natives, culturally accepting of public displays of affection, do a double-take. Soon, I’ll stop by the market for some vegetables to cook for lunch. Chances are I’ll be hungry before the customary 10 o’clock dinnertime, but I don’t mind—it gives me a reason to meet up with some new friends for tapas. I recently expressed to them my concern about gaining weight if I don’t start running to balance out all of the extra Spanish mealtimes. At the thought of anyone my age exercising, they laughed. “People in Salamanca don’t get fat!” they assured me. And with a kiss on each cheek, we made plans to meet for pastries the next morning. ¡Hasta luego!

Studying abroad has been something I’ve wanted to do since…well, since I first caught the travel bug at 14 while touring the United Kingdom with my high school choir. With the help of scholarships, supportive parents and grandparents, and some old fashioned hard work, I was finally able to accomplish my dream and live as an española this semester. Studying at a university founded in 1218 has been an amazing experience, but it has been the life-lessons I have learned outside of the classroom that I will never forget. And I encourage every student at The University of Texas to take the study-abroad leap and learn for themselves what Euripides meant when he said, “Experience, travel - these are an education in themselves.”

LAH Study Abroad Scholarships

Applications will be due Monday, November 1, 2010 at 5 pm for students planning to study abroad in the Spring 2011 semester. Students must plan on studying a foreign language while abroad in order to be eligible for funding.

Apply online: http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/globalassist.WBX
**University of Würzburg Student Exchange Program**  
**William Hausle**

The first couple of weeks were stressful. Upon arrival I was greeted with a daunting list of things to do (most of them involving filling out forms): register at the town hall, apply for a visa, open a bank account, enroll at the university, get a bus pass, furnish my room and buy groceries. Doing all these things in German meant that sometimes even the simplest tasks became complicated. Fortunately there were people there to help me, and before long I grew familiar and comfortable with my surroundings. Imersion really has no equal when it comes to language acquisition. After two months of living here, German is now a constant part of my life, filling my head during the day and even sometimes after going to sleep.

Besides getting acquainted with German language and culture, studying here has also been a great opportunity to meet people from around the world, learn about where they come from and what is important to them. Shared dinners have proven to be great forums for discussion and I’ve had my fair share of home-cooked Nigerian, Swedish, Korean, and Spanish meals. It’s also surprisingly easy to get around Germany (easier than Texas), so travel fills my weekends and holidays.

So far, I’ve had a great experience, though the bulk of my semester still awaits me. I’m looking forward to attending classes, traveling more, making new friends, and of course taking my exams which should finish up just in time for the beginning of the fall 2010 semester at UT!

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**Life in Valencia**  
**Josh Williams**

Qué tal, LAH? Most of you are either finished or finishing with your semester, so this may either be decent summer reading material or something to help procrastinate. I have one more month of classes here in Valencia, Spain. It’s been quite an experience, to say the least. First, as my stomach directs most of my thoughts, I wanted to tell you about my “Spanish seven,” or the weight I’ve gained from a combination of delicious food and a lack of self-control. Google paella, napolitanas de chocolate, patatas bravas, tapas, and tortilla española, and you will have some idea of what I’m talking about.

As for the educational aspect (which is why I’m here, right?), the studies are quite different. I’ve found myself complaining quite a lot about the system, but honestly it’s been a great vacation for me—yes, vacation. Compared to, say, Dr. Carver’s Rhetoric of Great Speeches class, I’m back in high school. The workload is light, and most classes have the final exam as the only grade. Don’t worry though, I have had my fair share of learning: a vastly different culture, a philosophy course taught in Spanish, a few experiences in roommate dispute resolution, and much time for introspection. My growth here couldn’t have been taught in a classroom.

Valencia is a lively city, decorated with many parks, and bordered by the Mediterranean. I’ve had the best seafood here, and I have to daily fight the urge to ditch class and head to the beach. There are no backyards, so the parks and playgrounds are always teeming with people; and by always, I mean 24-7. There is a little plaza below my window, and my neighbors sometimes keep me from my dreams with their botellóning or late-night soccer games. Speaking of botellón, I can’t pass up that key cultural aspect. It’s when Valencians gather in the streets with friends to drink and wander until the sun rises.

Well, I don’t think I’ve actually told you anything of real use, so I’ll get back to my work. Study hard, go to Barton Springs, drink a Dr. Pepper, and eat at P. Terry’s for me. Catch you on the flip side.

For more stories, check out Josh’s blog:  
http://joshisinspain.blogspot.com/

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**Words of Wisdom**

Be daring and take advantage of opportunities to do anything and everything. The things you can do and accomplish while in college are often once-in-a-lifetime experiences!

— Lauren Conner
Where in the world are LAHers? Summer 2010 Plans

Lauren Ayers (LAH 2011): This summer, I will divide my time between working at Environment Texas and watching movies for Professor Michael Webber. At Environment Texas, I will act as a research intern, evaluating solar energy prospects in Texas. As a research assistant for Dr. Webber, I will analyze the changing portrayal of energy in American film since the 1940s.

Devon Beavers (LAH 2011): I’m spending my summer (end of June to mid-August) in Paris studying French at the Sorbonne. The program I’m going with is AIFS. I’ll be sure to send LAH a postcard!

Lila Blum (LAH 2013): I’m working with the Monarch School in Houston. It’s a school for the learning disabled, and I found it on accessUT :)

Cynthia Brzostowski (LAH 2013): I will be attending the Oxford Summer Program this summer and taking the Shakespeare course!

Jeremy Burchard (LAH 2011): I’ll be interning with a record label and a studio out in Los Angeles. Should be fun!

Shelby Carvalho (Humanities) will be teaching English in Costa Rica this summer with WorldTeach, a nonprofit run by Harvard’s International Development Center. She will also be doing thesis research on Education Policy and development while she’s there.

Kate Clabby (LAH 2011): I will be doing an apprenticeship at the Fingerlakes Permaculture Institute in Cayutaville, New York.

Nicole Craigen (LAH 2011): This summer I will be doing the Beijing Maymester (study abroad) and then interning at Houston law firm Baker Botts.

Anna Crockett (LAH 2012): My fall semester in Córdoba, Argentina begins in July!

Jenny Dietz (LAH 2013): I will be a camp counselor at Lone Tree Ranch in New Mexico. I will spend my summer playing with kids and teaching them about God!

Becky Dobyns (LAH 2011): I will have a public relations internship with the Baptist Student Ministry at UT, recruiting incoming freshmen and internationals and developing a plan for alumni communication and donations. I’m also going to be a mentor at Honors Colloquium and a counselor at a youth camp called Super Summer.

Matt Drews (LAH 2013): I will have two full time internships, consecutive (not overlapping) internships. The first will be at Stahl, Bernall, and Davies L.L.P., working on tax and wind law. The second will be at the law offices of Shanon K. McClendon, working on utility law.

Caitlin Edwards (LAH 2011): I will be studying abroad in Córdoba, Argentina July 7-August 20.

Victoria Elliott (LAH 2012): I’m doing the Würzburg study abroad program this summer for 10 weeks. I’ll be gone most of the summer, and I’m going to visit Berlin, Rothenburg, Nürnberg, Bamberg, & Rothenfels. That is, if I don’t travel to other places, too. :)

Katie Erwin (LAH 2013): On May 10th I’ll be flying to southern France to visit my parents for a month. When I get back to the states, I’ll take part in Casa Manaña’s Apprentice Program in Fort Worth. I’ll be the lead assistant stage manager for their production of Les Misérables.

Madison Estes (LAH 2013): This summer I will be leaving on May 31 to study abroad for the first summer session in Rome with the Rome Study Program and will come back to the US on the 7th of July.

Katy Eyberg (LAH 2013): This summer, I’m going to be working in a fellowship or an internship for Bill White campaign in El Paso. I’m also going to be running a service-based youth group at a church for middle and high school students.

Charlie Fraser (LAH 2011): I will be doing Cardiac surgery research for a surgeon at Johns Hopkins Medical School this summer in Baltimore! I am very excited!

Spencer Miller playing frisbee golf with LAHSC.
Alana Harrison (LAH 2013): I’m actually going to Japan for about 10 days! I’m so excited about it. It’s not a study abroad program, but it is a means of getting my feet wet and making sure that I absolutely want to study abroad in Japan later on. Otherwise, I’ll be working as a tennis coach.

Maggie Hutson (LAH 2012): This summer I will be attending the Plan II Maymester Program to Costa Rica. This is going to count towards my Geography Degree after petitioning to count the class as such. I am also going to be interning this summer at ACI-Consulting. This is a geological internship where I will get to go spelunking and other environmental assessment jobs.

Kim Jennings (LAH 2013): I’m going to be spending a month in England this summer as part of the Music Maymester in Cambridge and London. After I get back I will attend the Summer School for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology program, which is a week long workshop at Emory University followed by attendance at the annual Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology conference in Toronto, Canada. After that I’ll be working on running my Psychology Departmental Honors Thesis in Dr. Delville’s lab. I’m really excited!

Bethany Johnsen (LAH 2012): I am studying with the Lyon Summer Program in France for the summer I session and the Oxford English Program for the summer II session.

Travis Knoll (LAH 2013): I will spend 40 hours a week working with the Texas Civil Rights Project.

James Lamon (LAH 2012): I’m spending the first summer semester in Austin taking Ethical Theories with Professor Bonevac, volunteering as an LAH orientation advisor, and attending to my much neglected personal reading list and hobbies. I will be spending the second summer semester studying Shakespeare and Jane Austen in Oxford, England through the Oxford Summer Program of the English Department. I’m spending an additional 4 days in London after the program ends to see my Winedale brethren, who will be on tour in England after their summer season ends, perform at Stratford. And finally, I will return to Austin in time to attend the LAH mentor luncheon, which, to my dismay, I missed last year.

Hayden Lawson (LAH 2012): I have an internship with Vincen and Elkins Law Firm in Dallas!

Claire Logan (LAH 2011): I am studying abroad in Cordoba, Argentina from May until August! Yay!

Sarah Magnelia (LAH 2011): For the first eight weeks of the summer, I’ll be in Tanzania doing HIV/AIDS outreach and education with the non-profit Support for International Change. In late July, I’ll be serving as a facilitator for Oxfam America’s CHANGE program (I participated as a trainee last summer).

Kevin Martin (Humanities, LAH 2011): I will be researching with Global Youth Connect, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that focuses on social justice and reconciliation projects in post-conflict areas. I will work with them from the end of June until the middle of July in Bosnia-Herzegovina. GYC is concerned with two fundamental questions: How do neighbors formerly at war coexist after conflict ends? What role do children play, many of whom orphaned by war? GYC employs conflict resolution techniques in the context of global human rights to form practical solutions to real problems. While there, I will work in conjunction with local Bosnian NGOs and with the Bosnian youth, who are the future leaders of the recovering country. Also, I will be there at the height of an election season in Bosnia, so I should have intimate experience with the Bosnian political process. Furthermore, I will be attending the 15th commemoration of the Srebrenica massacre, which is the single deadliest event on European soil since WWII.

Merrit Martin (LAH 2011): I will be interning with Global Action for Children, a non-profit that advocates for children’s health and education, in Washington, D.C.

Janette Martinez (LAH 2012): I’ll be an Orientation Advisor, if that’s interesting!

Ariel Maxie (LAH 2012): My summer plans are studying abroad in Ghana for a Maymester for the class Ghana: Community and Social Development and then returning to Austin for the second session of summer school.

Mollie Moore (LAH 2013): I will be working at Kids Across America.
Lauren Moore (LAH 2013): I plan to work at an unpaid internship at the Abraham Project in Villas de Ayarco, Costa Rica. As an intern I will coordinate volunteer groups with the construction projects and work in the daycare and foster homes. I will be staying with a Costa Rican host family for the month of June.

Nadia Nadesan (LAH 2012): This summer I will NOT be an RA which is awesome because then I can: - Get an internship with diverseculturearts writing a history on black education in Austin. - Work at the performing arts center. - Live in my own place. - Cook as much food as i want - Learn to play the acoustic guitar. - Volunteer at the refugee center. - Train for fall rugby.

Justine Pak (LAH 2011): I’ll be in Seoul, South Korea this summer doing research on Korean nationalism film for my senior thesis. I’m hoping to study how Korean nationalism employed a kind of ‘family dynamic,’ where strong nationalist women were encouraged to embody certain characteristics and personality traits considered ‘important’ to uphold the nation... or something of that sort. Hopefully it will make more sense once I get there and start working!

Reuben Perez (LAH 2013): This summer I will be an orientation advisor so I will get to see all the incoming freshmen.

Mary Perkins (LAH 2013): I’m pretty much doing nothing exciting, except possibly a family vacation to the mountains to go hiking. Otherwise than that, I will be taking a couple of summer courses at my hometown community college and working at a local pet clinic! And of course I will be swimming, hanging out with friends, and all that good stuff. It’ll be pretty much a nice, chill summer for me before I come back to a new, exciting semester back at UT!

Jackie Plummer (LAH 2011): This summer I will be studying abroad in Cordoba, Argentina for 6 weeks!

Mclean Rabb (LAH 2013): I’m taking two summer classes from 9:30-11:30 in the mornings, working at a children’s day camp from 11:30 to 6:00, and working at an ice cream shop from 7:00-10:30 Monday-Friday, all in San Antonio. Not super awesome, but I’ll be busy. I’m also going camping and climbing the largest mountain in Texas a couple of days after finals.

Sharanya Rajan (LAH 2012): This summer I will be in Poland (if I can get my visa) as part of the WorldTeach program. I will be teaching Polish students English for 7 weeks, along with other college students from the U.S.

Dietrich Riepen (LAH 2013): My plans are to shadow a neurosurgeon in Dallas, take a chem lab in Austin, and hopefully work at a carwash in Dallas.

Raanan Robertson (LAH 2012): Here are a few things I plan to do over the summer: - continue working at the Walter Geology Library (where I have been working for the past 2 years) during the first summer semester - volunteer at the Harry Ransom Center in the hopes of getting a fall work study position there - possibly take classes during the first semester The biggie: - Oxford English Program 2010, Jul. 10-Aug. 15!! I am very excited about this one! I will be taking Jane Austen with Prof. Barchas and Shakespeare with Prof. Bruster in Wadham college at Oxford.

Hillary Rodriguez (LAH 2011): I am writing my thesis in the History Dept. on the 1976 Guatemalan Earthquake, and the research on this project will take me to Antigua, Guatemala for a month. After my research, I have made arrangements to work with an NGO called CasaSito in a rural Guatemalan village for 5 weeks. I will be helping with a nursery and preschool as well as helping with the village cooperative bakery.

Juan Salem (LAH 2011): I’ll be working in a quasi internship/real job this summer as the Director of Operations at 512 Realty.

Lindsey Smith (LAH 2012): I’ll be doing intensive summer Arabic here with the flagship program, finishing up a report on Texas prison health care for the Texas Civil Rights Project (to be published in a book on human rights next year), and doing a summer reading group on Democracy in America with the Jefferson Center at UT.
Michael Sierra-Arevalo (LAH 2012): I will be Peru for the month of June with a University of Texas Health Science Center – San Antonio nursing elective. I will be both serving as a translator and helping to teach emergency medicine to first responders (fire departments, etc.) in several small, poor towns outside of Lima.

Alya Sulaiman (LAH 2011): I will be working in the Marketing Department of Waste Management this summer, in Houston, TX.

Cameron Reeves Templeton (LAH 2013): I am working a paid accounting internship for Smith Dairy Queen in Bryan, Texas this summer.

Zuleikha Tyebjee (LAH 2012): I will be doing summer school for O chem lab and regular chem lab. I’ll also be doctor shadowing, and probably doing some volunteering at the animal shelter.

Alexandra Young (LAH 2012): This summer I am interning at the Austin Children’s Museum downtown and conducting research in the Psychology department with Dr. Woolley on Children’s Fantasy/Reality Distinction. Later in the summer I will also be an Honors Colloquium Mentor for the second year.

Molly Wahlberg (LAH 2011): I will be taking classes at school (finishing the final requirements for my Spanish degree before tackling my thesis year for English Honors) as well as studying for and taking the GRE (ahh, graduate school applications!), working as the copy-editing intern at The Austin Chronicle, and starting to develop my thesis. Hopefully I’ll be able to get another internship as well.

Carolyn Wedd (LAH 2012): I am studying abroad in London with the IES - UK Today program. I’m actually leaving right after finals and traveling around Europe for 4 weeks, I can’t wait!

Lauren Williams (LAH 2012): This summer I will be attending the American Councils’ Arabic Overseas Flagship Program at the University of Alexandria in Alexandria, Egypt. Everyone going is part of the Arabic Flagship, sponsored by the State Department, and received substantial scholarships. We’ll be taking Arabic Language classes and learning how to function in Arab society.

Lauren Winchester (LAH 2011): I start my term as Daily Texan editor on June 1, so I’ll be here working on the paper.

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**Rousseau Reading Groups**

Join one of the reading groups below, facilitated by an upper-class LAHer. The reading group will meet early in the fall semester - times to be announced.

- **Anthem** by Ayn Rand. Led by Matthew Levinton.
- **The Forever War** by Dexter Filkins. Led by Laura Kandle.
- **The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order** by Samuel P. Huntington. Led by Juan Salem.
- **Telephone Ringing in the Labyrinth** by Adrienne Cecil Rich. Led by Lauren Winchester.
- **The Omnivore’s Dilemma** by Michael Pollan. Led by Katy Eyberg.

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**Words of Wisdom**

Make sure that you take advantage of all the opportunities that the Liberal Arts Honors program has to offer. I would recommend that you get involved in one of its many programs, and take some of the classes that are unique to the upper-division honors program. They are some of the best classes that I have taken as an undergraduate student at the University of Texas.

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” - Howard Thurman

Take school one semester at a time. Everyone has an off semester; don’t let that ruin the rest of your time at UT. And don’t forget to have fun. Austin is a great city, with so many wonderful and awesome things to experience and explore. So while yes, study hard, don’t forget to also take care of yourself and enjoy some much needed downtime. I have found that, in particular, shooting ten-year-olds in a good, old-fashioned game of laser tag to be quite therapeutic. – Tamara Marshall

Take advantage of as much as you can. The courses I took through Liberal Arts Honors were some of my favorite classes because of the small environment and involvement in the lessons. I felt as though I learned more how to think about issues from different sides and how to dig deeper to find meaning. These LAH courses are what encouraged me to pursue a career in Law. Thank you for everything!
**Echo**

Dear Liberal Arts Honors colleagues,

Looking for an opportunity to publish your prose, poetry, or photography? Echo will soon be soliciting original material for its 2010-2011 issue, and we would love to consider your work. Send anything and everything our way at echolitmag@gmail.com. Feel free to encourage fellow students in your English and Rhetoric classes to do the same.

Additionally, we are always looking for more staff members to help review submissions and work on design and layout. If you would like to be a part of Echo, please email us at the aforementioned address and we will happily add you to our staff mailing list.

Yours sincerely,  
Echo staff

**LAH Pre-Med Society**

The LAH Pre-Med Society is a student-run organization focused on combining the world of Liberal Arts and medicine. Our goal is to provide avenues of resources that will ultimately benefit students who are pursuing a career in the healthcare field but are currently majoring or focusing on a degree in the Liberal Arts arena. Some of the things we have to offer are links to internships around the Austin area, volunteer opportunities at local hospitals and clinics, access to Kaplan and Princeton Review’s MCAT preparation classes, and guest speakers who have gone through the process of balancing Pre-Med with liberal arts that can give us insight into how they worked it all together. However, it’s not all academic and work. We have social outings and get-togethers so we can vent and let off some steam. After all, it’s not easy being a Pre-Med student! For more information, contact Nazia Hussain at naz_338@yahoo.com.

**Alumni Updates**

**Merrick Garb:** I am writing with the happy news that in October 2009 I started work at Stateside Associates in Arlington, VA! I have joined the firm as a Legislative Associate working as part of the State Issues Team. I will be monitoring and analyzing legislation and politics in 12 states relating to technology, privacy, and financial services issues for corporate and trade association clients. I’m very pleased to be joining this dynamic group and to be living in the D.C. area. I will be sure to keep you updated.

**Jeff Russell:** I am currently deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. I enlisted in the Army after graduation, and am serving a five year contract. I will be getting married in December.

**Jesse Cordes Selbin:** I currently work in the Director’s Office of the Harry Ransom Center (as an assistant) and have worked here since I graduated last May. This fall I will be moving to California to start the English PhD program at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Carolyn Patterson:** I joined Teach For America and I am a part of the Rio Grande Valley region. I am happily working at a charter school in San Benito, TX teaching 8th and 9th grade English. Some of my students came in on a 4th grade reading level but 98% of them passed the TAKs test this year! I am planning on moving up with my students, so I will be teaching 9th and 10th grade next year.

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