





## A WISE INVESTMENT

I suspect it was inevitable. Like the prediction in the movie, *Field of Dreams*, when Kevin Costner's character, Ray Kinsella, is mysteriously told to build a baseball diamond in the middle of his Iowa cornfield, we've seen an AU version of this scenario play out. "If you build it," the voice says, "they will come."

No, a ball field has not been cut into our lovely university farm. Instead, we've learned here at AU that "if we reward them, they will come."

And have they ever come!

I'm talking about our freshman class. It's not just that enrollment is up, which it is—an obvious enough payoff; it's that our freshman class, as a group, is one of the most academically accomplished in recent years.

The proof is statistical and anecdotal. This year's freshman class essentially doubled the number of freshman honors students in the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program, from just over forty to eighty—unbelievably, more than a quarter of the entire freshman class is in honors. Eligibility for the program is based on high-school grade-point average and performance on standardized tests (a minimum composite of 26 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT). This year's freshmen have clearly done their homework!

I also happen to teach two sections of freshman writing, one a remedial course for underprepared students, and the other a regular section of *English Comp I*. In the remedial course, I discovered that fewer students than expected were qualifying for the additional semester of preparatory work, so fewer students than in years past have

had to enroll. And in the "regular" section of freshman writing, I've encountered more students who are thoughtful, competent writers, intent on producing meaningful and effective essays than I have in the past.

These developments are not coincidental. This year marks the first year of the Andrews Partnership Scholarship, an approach to student financial aid that rewards academic excellence. The results have been immediate. We are seeing better students and these students are receiving more scholarship money. It is a development that has pleased not only students, but university faculty and administrators as well.



FALL IS HERE! *New intern and editorial assistant, Marjorie Susens, and I, leafing our way through something other than a magazine.*

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One of our feature articles in this issue of FOCUS highlights the effects of the Andrews Partnership Scholarship and how the university's new philosophy for the distribution of financial aid has

impacted students. You'll also see how the program has raised and rewarded academic excellence on our campus.

Speaking of excellence, our other feature article profiles one of the most loved and dynamic professors on campus, Dr. April Summit. April brings a unique and engaging approach to teaching history, and she excels with general education students and history majors alike.

In our Student Spotlight, Sophomore Byron Graves writes about his experiences in the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program, and proves that honors students do not spend their entire college careers studying textbooks.

In addition to these features, you will

want to check out our expanded edition of Class Notes, which highlights the honored classes from last spring's Homecoming—the classes of '52, '62, '72, '77, and '92.

And we have more good news. Writing our feature on the Andrews Partnership Scholarship, and compiling many of your Class Notes, is the latest addition to our FOCUS family, Marjorie Susens. Marjorie has written articles appearing in the last two issues ("I Love a Parade," Spring 2002, and "Oh! Canada?" Summer 2002). With this issue, Marjorie begins her official tenure as a student intern and editorial assistant with FOCUS. We welcome Marjorie and look forward to her work in coming issues!

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