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Calendar of Events (April 1-August 30, 2003)

April 2, noon, i-House, "Talking About the War", panel discussion about the war with Iraq.

April 3, 10-11 a.m., i-House, SEVIS seminar for international students, call 231-1051 for more information about the seminar.

April 4, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m., i-House, SEVIS seminar for international students.

April 5, 10-11 a.m, i-House, SEVIS seminar for international students.

April 9, noon, i-House, Brown Bag Lecture by Marie-Luce Parker, Professor of French, topic to be announced.

April 11, 7 p.m., Stoffer 103, "Passion of Joan of Arc" (1928, France). This silent film classic, directed by Carl Theodor Dreyer, was lost for a half-century before a copy was recovered in the early 80's. Traces of German expressionist and French avant-garde influences are visible in the design of this epic.

April 12, 2 p.m., Nelson-Atkins Museum, "Art of the Lega: Meaning and Metaphor in Central Africa", exhibit and talk by Congolese-American sculptor Augie N'Kele. Call 816-561-4000 for more information.

April 12, 9-4, i-House, Silent Auction to benefit the Leadership Institute students' China trip. Call 231-1010, x2000 for more information.

April 16, Honors Reception, Modern Languages, call 231-1010, x1714 for more information.

April 23, noon, i-House, Brown Bag Lecture by Lee Boyd, Professor of Biology, topic to be announced.

April 10, 6:00 p.m., Little Theater, Barbara Sonneborn's documentary "Regret to Inform" will be shown; 7:30 p.m, Sonneborn will present on the topic of living with the war.

April 24-26, Alumni Weekend 2003. Call 231-1010, x1641 for a list of activities.

April 30, 6:30 p.m., i-House, International Center of Topeka, Inc. Annual Meeting.

May 2, 7 p.m., Stoffer 103, "Butterfly" (2000, Spain), directed by Jose Luis Cuerda. This is a heartwarming tale of a boy growing up in a small Spanish town on the eve of civil war.

May 18-31, Leadership Institute students' capstone project in China.

May 28, Summer school starts.

August 11, TOEFL for new international students (tentative), call 231-1051 for more information.

August 12, Orientation for new international students (tentative), call 231-1051 for more information.

In Brief

International Faculty Tenured & Promoted

The Washburn University Board of Regents approved a slate of promotions and granted tenure to several faculty members during a meeting March 12. Among

those tenured are: Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas, Spain, Modern Languages; Sam Leung, Hong Kong, Chemistry; and Michael Stoica, Romania, School of Business. Among those promoted are: Reinhild Janzen, Germany, Art, associate professor; Teresita Leyell, Argentina, School of Business, professor; and Michael Stoica, Romania, School of Business, professor. Congratulations!

New Washburn Student Government Elected

Dennis Bohm, Salina, and Brandi Jacobs, Garden City, were recently elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Washburn University Student Government Association. Their term of office will run from April 2003 to April 2004. Twenty-seven senators were elected. Among them is Yuliya Alexeeva, Penza, Russia, who is also president of the International Club.

ICT, Inc. Supports Campus International Programming

International Center of Topeka, Inc (ICT, Inc.) recently became very active in supporting the international programming on campus. It allocated funds to co-sponsor two musicians from China to give a concert using ancient Chinese instruments. It also awarded \$4,500 to the Leadership Institute students to do their international capstone project in China during the summer. ICT, Inc. has been long-time supporter of Washburn students going abroad through raising funds for the study abroad programs.

Leadership Students Going to China

Nine students in the Leadership Institute are busy raising funds and getting ready to go on a trip to China at the end of the semester as the international capstone project. While in China, they will be interacting with their counterparts at WU's two Chinese sister schools, Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, Zhejiang, and Tongji University in Shanghai. They will also tour Beijing. Funding for the trip comes from Leadership Institute scholarships, International Programs study abroad scholarships, International Center of Topeka, and the students' own fund-raising activities. The participating students are: Kati Amos, Jason Divis, Amy Giersch, Jade Kerr, Marshall McGinnis, Jordinn

Nelson, Megan Swink, Jessica Trigg, and Andrea VanBecelaere. Gary Forbach of the Leadership Institute and Baili Zhang of International Programs will be the advisors.

Washburn Faculty Active Internationally

Washburn University faculty has a tradition of getting on the international stage to conduct research and scholarly activities through various funds including the Sweet Sabbatical and International Travel Fund. Recently the following individuals have been awarded financial assistance. Sweet Sabbatical: Bob Beatty to England; Jack Decker to Ireland; James Eck to Central America; Gary Forbach to China; Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas to Brazil; Mark Kaufman to England; Peregrinia Pereiro to Italy and Spain; Thomas Prasch to France and Italy; Michael Stoica to Central and Eastern Europe; and Thomas Wolf to Australia. International Travel Funds: Bob Beatty to Canada; Russell Burton to El Salvador; Shiao-Li Ding to China; Howard Faulkner to Russia; David Freeman to Germany; Mary Alice Hines to Scotland; Reinhild Janzen to Germany; Doug Jones to Canada; Mark Kaufman to London; Judy McConnell to Australia; Mary McCoy to the Amazon Basin; Azya Sharafy to India; Ian Sumner, visiting professor from the Netherlands; Nan Sun to China; Paul Wagner from Australia to New Zealand; Iris Wilkerson to Sweden; and Gene Wunder to China.

Four Awarded Rotary Scholarships

At the February 20 luncheon, Rotary Downtown awarded scholarships to the following four students attending Washburn: Danson Kamunyu, Biology major, Kenya; Brian Mulanda, Computer Information major, Kenya; Natalia Ivchenko, Computer Science major, Kyrgystan; and Young-jin Jeon, Business major, Korea. Congratulations!

*“ too many of us not sure what we want
so that we try to feed a habit for everything
until the ego puppets the militaries
mirror our own warring face*

too little peace”

---From *Peace* by Desmond Egan

Visa-Student Enrollment Down, Community International Enrollment Up

Due to tighter immigration regulations and fewer F-1 (student) visas being issued abroad, Washburn, like many other U.S. universities, is experiencing a decrease in the number of international students enrolled this semester. However, overall enrollment remains steady as a result of more foreign-born immigrants from the community (those who are not on F-1 visas) attending Washburn. In addition to the approximately 160 students who are enrolled this semester, 17 international student graduates are currently doing practical training to gain experience in their field of study. Fifty countries are represented on our campus, with the "top 4" being: Kenya, South Korea, China/Hong Kong, and Mexico.

Despite Cold Weather, Fukuoka Students Enjoy Time at W.U.

The weather may have been snowy and cold during their stay between February 22 and March 14, but the 21 Fukuoka students, their faculty advisor and his wife brought along their own warmth in the form of bright smiles, kind appreciation and warm friendliness. Highlights of the Fukuoka delegation's stay were: the welcome potluck and program of Japanese culture, sponsored by ICT, Inc.; a lively and fun-filled multicultural talent expo sponsored by the International Club; a homestay weekend which gave the students a chance to become part of an American family; and a quick trip to St. Louis to see the Arch. Washburn is very privileged to have the opportunity to host such a wonderful group of students each year, this year being the 23rd, and we all look forward to next year!

50 Students Set to Go Abroad During Summer and Fall

While the international student enrollment took a dip this semester, applications from domestic students to go overseas this summer and next fall are strong. The Office of International Programs and the Department of Modern Languages are reporting over 50 students to go overseas to a dozen locations despite the current adverse international climate of war and terrorism. The strength of the summer/fall program is contributed to, in part, by the following departmental

programs/courses: Italian Renaissance Art History, Animal Behavior in South Africa, the Law School's London Law Program, Modern Languages' overseas programs, Leadership Institute's program in China, and Cambridge University's summer program.

F.Y.I.

SEVIS Training Sessions Set

To prepare international students for the conversion from the current I-20 to SEVIS I-20, and to update them on the new immigration requirements and regulations concerning maintaining F-1 student status, the Office of International Programs is requiring all international students on F-1 visas to attend ONE of the following SEVIS seminars at the International House:

Thursday, April 3rd: 10-11 a.m.

Friday, April 4th: 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 5th: 10-11 a.m.

Attendance is mandatory before students can enroll for summer and fall. Please contact Heidi Kraus at ext. 2087 or by e-mail at heidi.kraus@washburn.edu if you have any questions.

Goodbye INS, Hello BCIS

On March 1st, INS ceased to exist. Its services and benefits functions will be taken over by BCIS - the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). With former INS functions now being scattered all over the new DHS, there are a host of new acronyms to remember such as the following:

BCBP - Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

BICE - Bureau of Immigration&Customs Enforcement

BCIS - Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services

Washburn Adds Two New Affiliations

Washburn is always looking for opportunities to allow as many students as possible to study abroad. The latest two affiliations will do just that:

AIFS, the American Institute for Foreign Studies, based in Stamford, Connecticut, will provide study and internship opportunities in Australia, Austria, Czech Republic, England, Poland, China, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, and Spain.

CONAHEC, the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration, based at the University of Arizona, provides direct student exchanges among 5 Canadian, 25 Mexican, and 45 American schools. For more information about the two new programs, contact the International Programs Office at 231-1051.

Important Immigration Change: More Than One Practical Training Possible

There is a new immigration rule in place to allow an F-1 student to do one year of practical training every time he/she gets a degree that is higher than the previous one. For example, if you get a bachelor's and do one year of practical training. Later, you get a master's and you can do another year of practical training. A Ph.D. would permit you to do yet another year of practical training. Under the old rule, each student was only entitled to one year no matter how many degrees were earned. For more information, please contact the Office of International Programs.

Modern Languages to Recognize Excellence

The Department of Modern Languages will honor students at a reception to be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, in the Washburn Ballroom of the Memorial Union. Students taking classes in French, German, Spanish and Chinese will be recognized for outstanding work at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels.

In addition, the following foreign language majors will receive scholarship awards to study abroad; Samantha Bracken, Quebec (summer school); Josh Cathey, Austria (academic year 2003-2004); Albert Glassburn, Spain (fall semester); Mark Satterfield, Austria and Germany (academic year 2003-2004); and Kristin Willis, France (summer).

Phi Beta Delta: New Members Inducted, New Leaders Elected

On Feb. 26, 2003, the following five individuals were inducted into the Beta Phi Chapter (Washburn's designation) of Phi Beta Delta, national honor society for international scholars:

Bobbie Anderson, Lecturer of Intensive English, International Programs, Bob Beatty, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Cynthia Hornberger, Dean, School of Nursing; Mark Kaufman, Assistant Professor, Social Work; and Heidi Kraus, Student Activities Coordinator, International Programs.



From left: Bobbie Anderson, Cynthia Hornberger, Heidi Kraus, Bob Beatty, Mark Kaufman
Photo/CW

The following officers were also elected/re-elected: Ron Griffin, Professor of Law, President; Jim Eck, Professor of Business, Vice President /President Elect; Donna Love, Professor Emeritus, Secretary; and Judy McConnell, Assistant Professor, Education, Treasurer.

Phi Beta Delta is expected to have an active year under the new leadership. Congratulations, new inductees and officers!

Worth Quoting?

"Our world is so chaotic not because too little has been done but often because too much has been done."

---Taoist Teaching

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