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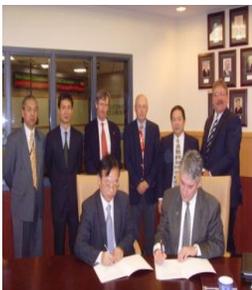


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Essays from Abroad

Dubai, the Meeting Place of the World

Natalie Thibault

Dubai has been deemed the meeting place of the world! I can attest to the fact that Dubai is where seemingly every culture is represented here. Take for instance one morning when I went to get my driver's license: when I left my house to take a taxi to the Road and Transportation Authority (RTA) to get my UAE driver's license, I said "Good morning" to the Polish family across the street. My taxi driver was from Pakistan. When I got to RTA, I visited with a couple that was here for work in the construction industry. The husband was from Germany and his wife was from Spain. There was also a pilot from Britain who had just got a job with Emirates Air. After getting my car, I went back to my office for my internship where my boss is from Canada and the assistant director is from Lebanon!

Not only is Dubai a melting pot of people, it is also a place where architects can be creative and innovative in their structural designs. There are some amazing building concepts over here. For instance, there is the Burj Dubai, which will be the tallest building in the world when it is finished. The Burj Al Arab is a unique



hotel that is in the shape of a sailboat. At the top of the Burj Al Arab is a circular structure where a person can tee-off.

There is also a community of shops being built called The Global Village. The Global Village will have several sections and each section will represent a country. Each "country" will

sell products from that country only.

Dubai is an enormous city that can take up to 3 hours to navigate from one end of town to another in heavy traffic. Luckily, I live somewhat on the edges of Dubai. I am living in a small section of Dubai called Mirdif. Mirdif is outside of heavy traffic and it is very Westernized. There is a mosque very close to our house

where I can hear the prayer call five times a day! Fridays are the holy day of the week for Muslims in the UAE. On Fridays, there is considerably less traffic on the roads because the Muslims are in the mosque praying.

Dubai also is a land of many opportunities. People can come here to study, work, intern, or vacation. I came to Zayed University in order to take a class and to intern. For my internship, I am working for The Center for Business Excellence, which is funded through the School of Business at Zayed University. I get to develop a leadership training program for government officials. My goal for this semester is that I will get the program completely designed and then test run the program for a couple of different groups of people so that we can get feedback and make changes as needed before actually executing the program for the intended audience.

As you can tell, Dubai is all encompassing. It has something for everyone. I certainly have found and settled into my academic and employment niche here. While I have seen and learned much in the short time that I have been in Dubai, I still have much more to see, do, and learn! I am grateful for the opportunity that I have been afforded to immerse myself in the Arab culture of the United Arab Emirates and I hope to use my knowledge and experience gained in my future academic life and career.

The China Deal

Andrew Vogel

Every morning, two exchange teachers/students from Washburn University head down the stairs of their apartment to go to their favorite food stall on the street and eat the most savory of morning snacks, Cai Bao, a delicious vegetable baozi, or steamed bun. They feel the city of 4 million purring along on bicycles, electric scooters, blue taxis and a relatively small number of shiny new cars. There are friendly folks smiling and greeting the Midwesterners in a familiar fashion in every direction they look, with the commonly used and concerned "Ni Hao...?", "You good?" The teachers, Adrienne Hamann (07 German/International Studies) and Andrew Vogel (09 History/Education), always respond with an earnest "Hun Hao" or "Very Good", happy to be off to teach the impressive students of their fresh university, in their new and exiting home.

The teachers are part of a cultural exchange between Washburn University and Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, China. The two schools share a sister school status in the common exchange of university students, teachers and ideas. Each instructor teaches English to a part of the schools 20,000 fulltime students.

“China is right in the middle of undergoing serious developments; there are office buildings and shopping malls going up left and right. This is such an exciting time to be in China and I feel very lucky,” states Adrienne Hamann, who teaches in the School of International Education while Andrew teaches at the Chuyang Honor’s College, both prestigious departments of the University that focus on English communication. The Washburn pair work carefully with the students helping them to better and more clearly convey themselves in English for self-expression and artistic creation, so that they may more easily convey their ideas to the English speaking world. “I find Chinese culture and philosophy to be an essential part of harmonizing the world, and believe China is emerging as a predominant and significant global politico.” states Andrew in regard to China’s social scientific progress with Chinese characteristics and in its opening to the world over the past 30 years. “The students of this University take education very seriously and I must abundantly arrange myself for each class period with interesting and amusing topics to equal the cleverness and wit of my brilliant science scholars” Andrew reflects and muses.

Zhejiang Normal University is located on a gorgeous campus of forests and lakes surrounded by picturesque mountains. It is located just to the outside of the city of Jinhua, in China’s southeastern coastal province, Zhejiang. Jinhua is the bustling municipal capital of Zhejiang with a remarkable history dating back 2,000 years. A very interesting article in reference to this province in a recent National Geographic entitled “China’s Boomtowns” can be viewed at: <http://www7.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0706/feature4/>, or, to view the Campus of ZJNU go to www.zjnu.edu.cn.

ZJNU is a university that specializes in teacher education with multiple branches of learning that prepares its students for a life of academia. It has a long and reputed academic legacy in China and produces some outstanding educators. The campus life is impressive, from Provincial events to numerous student activities, associations and competitions. This student

spirit is only rivaled by the awesomeness of the campus design. The arrangement of innovation and uniformity creates a sense of steadiness; the relationship here is a carefully nurtured marvel, creating a calm and intellectual environment. An enormous library and sports stadium are just a couple of the most recent, stimulating projects that have been newly completed. A kind of balance is achieved at the campus; the placid lakes reflect ultramodern superstructures; students look up ancient Chinese text in the new computer lab – it is the newfangled and folk -- that can only be the product of thoughtful intelligent planning.

The pair were presented with the opportunity to teach from Baili Zhang, an alumnus of ZJNU and Director of the International Programs for the Office of International Programs at Washburn University. Current students at Washburn from ZJNU are Hong Miao, Ding Chunjie, Fan Xinyu, Lin Qiuling and Qin Xiaojing, all English majors.



Pictured (from left to right) are the American teachers at ZJNU and the International Exchange Officer enjoying the opening ceremonies at the Provincial Sports Meeting--Andrew Vogel, Adrienne Hamann, Grigsby, and Mao Xilong

On to Toronto, Pronto, Tonto!

Bill Roach, Professor, School of Business

My Sweet Summer Sabbatical involved going to Toronto for a summer of medieval Latin at the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. There are medieval studies centers at many universities. Wikipedia lists eleven of them (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centre_for_Medieval_St

udies) and two of them are in Toronto. I participated in activities at both of the Toronto centers. The Centre for Medieval Studies is part of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto. About 100 University faculty are affiliated with the Centre. They represent a wide variety of disciplines: history, language, gender studies, classics, philosophy, theology, art history, medieval studies, economic history, etc. I was the only business faculty there. Medieval Latin is a hobby for me, but I also have an academic interest in the medieval period. Annuity contracts were available in the medieval period – well before the development of probability theory and the time value of money. Sometimes these contracts were used to avoid the Church prohibitions of usury. I am also an actuary, and I am interested in the pricing of annuity contracts between 200 A.D. and about 1600 A.D.



On the campus of the University of St. Michael's College, U of T. From left: Carr Hall, Teefy Hall, Fisher Hall, More Hall, and the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies

The other medieval studies center is the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies affiliated with the University of Saint Michael's College. (USMC). The Pontifical Institute includes a library and a publishing house. I was able to use the institute library and a purchased a selection of medieval Latin reprints from the institute.

My summer sabbatical started with a train trip to Toronto. Amtrak leaves Lawrence at about 5:50 a.m. Getting to Toronto on the train takes about a day and a half. I was momentarily detained at the United States-Canadian border. When I said I would be in Canada for two months, I was asked to produce a letter from the University of Toronto which indicated that I had been accepted as a student there. It was an accident that I

was carrying the letter with me, but that is what it took to get into Canada.

My activities in Toronto were very mundane. I had a medieval Latin class every day from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There were only 10 students in the class so everyone would be asked to recite every day. One day, I was asked to recite four times. The other students were either MA students or doctoral students at the Centre. The demographics of medieval studies were not what I expected. About 80 percent of the students are women. I was able to hold my own when I was with the MA students for the first 8 weeks. The last two weeks, I was with a class of doctoral students, and I struggled to keep up. It took about 4.5 hours of preparation to get ready for a 1.5 hour class. We read from Saint Augustine, Saint Thomas, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Saint Bede, Virgil, Beatus, etc. This was the first time that I was ever good enough at a language to read major authors. That is a very enjoyable experience.

I spent a great deal of time training for a walk to raise money for breast cancer research, the 3-day walk for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. I participated in the Chicago walk, August 10-12, 2007. I took a 2.5 hour walk in the morning and another 2.5 hour walk in the afternoon. About half way through the summer, I substituted an hour of Tai Chi for part of my morning walk. There were several Tai Chi groups that met in Queen's Park. I picked the oldest group in the park. I was accepted into the group even though I did not speak Chinese and no one in the group spoke English. The Tai Chi group would do the same 6 exercises every morning. Three of the routines involved just our bodies. Three of the routines involved using an exercise sword. I used a stick for a while, but eventually, I bought an exercise sword in Toronto's Chinatown. An exercise sword looks like a sword and weighs as much as a sword, but the "blade" has no edge and it is completely collapsible. The group was very friendly to me. Some other Caucasians drifted in and out of the group. I believe that they were not accepted because they were not respectful of their fellow group members or Tai Chi.

I attended a variety of cultural events in Toronto: art galleries, ethnic festivals, plays, etc. I joined a study group of medieval Latin students. There were three of us that were older and we studied together. That was important for me. I did not have appropriate study skills for medieval Latin, and I picked up appropriate skills much more quickly by joining a study group. One

of my group members, Stephie, was Canadian; the other, Cynthia, was a graduate student at Oklahoma State University. Both of them were affiliated with high church Anglican parishes in Toronto. I occasionally attended church with them and had the full ‘smells and bells’ treatment. My taste in liturgy runs in that direction so I enjoyed this very much. I was in Toronto for 62 days. I started the trek back to Kansas in early August. I continued training for my fundraising walk and I flew back to Chicago for the walk. Chicago in August is very hot and humid. I completed over 20 miles on Friday and another 20 on Saturday, but on Sunday, I could not walk. I got on the bus at the start of the day. The heat index that day was over 100 so I was happy to be on the bus. I continue to study medieval Latin. Spring semester I will be reading the Prosligion of Saint Anselm in an Internet class. I will also be training for another 3-day walk to raise money for breast cancer research.

Notable Achievements

Ten deserving international students from nine nations received \$500.00 scholarships fall, 2007. What a wonderful way to encourage the intellectual and cultural input from all over the world! Thank you to all donors.

David Thurston Fund:
Sandy Kusuma, Indonesia

Strum/Workman Fund:
Juan Rodriguez, Colombia

Clothier Fund:
Vijay Uppalapati, India

International Center of Topeka Fund:
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Rotary Scholarships:
Wing-Shan Chu, Hong Kong
Ezgi Gulec, Turkey
Hiu Lam Lau, Hong Kong
Manuel Tabora, Honduras
Shan-Shan Wu, Taiwan

Florea Awarded Rotary University Teacher Grant

Last year, Rotary International gave one Rotary

University Teacher Grant to Liviu Florea, an Assistant Professor from Washburn University. Following a grant proposal and selection interview, he is sponsored for this Grant by South Topeka Rotary Club and North-East Kansas District Rotary Foundation. The Grant will allow Liviu Florea to teach Management courses to Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu, Romania for a period of 3-5 months, in the Spring-Summer of 2009. He will also serve as an ambassador of goodwill, speaking at different functions, civic organizations and other forums. Rotary Grant for University Teachers Program builds international understanding and establishes ties between higher-education institutions, leading to exchange of ideas and information. Rotary International awards about 20 grants each year.

International Student Won Second Place in the Speak Off Contest.

Xiaojing Qin of China won 2nd place in the competition which is a high honor. She was only 2 points short of first place! As a non-native English speaker, I am especially proud. Qin was one of 6 students that advanced to the final round from 18 speakers. She then won second place overall. She gave a 6 minute informative speech on the one-child policy in China. Qin is an exchange student from China and this is her first semester at Washburn. I've attached a picture of her receiving her award.

Two International Students LeaderShaped



Miao Hong (left) and Xi Cheng (right) with Gary Forbach, Director of Leadership Institute. Hong and Cheng, both from China, were among the 50 selected to participate in the LeaderShaped Camp sponsored by the Leadership Institute.

2007 Study Abroad PhotoEssay Contest Winners

Congratulations to Jared Doke (first place), Courtney Stuckey (second place), Alicia Phillips (third place), Gloria Starkey and Tammy Schlingmann (honorable mention), who are winner of the Second Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest!

Jared Doke's PhotoEssay entitled "Have a Go" was awarded First Place Jared, a senior Criminal Justice major, participated in the AustraLearn program at James Cook University during the spring semester of 2007. Jared will receive cash prize of \$100.

The PhotoEssays has been on display in the Office of International Programs . The Study Abroad PhotoEssay Contest was established to recognize the importance of WU students' international experiences and promote study abroad to other WU students and the community. For more information about study abroad and the PhotoEssay contest visit:
www.washburn.edu/iip.

Reports from Deans, Directors and Faculty

From the School of Nursing

Cynthia Hornberger, dean

The School of Nursing sent four students to Mikkel University of Applied Sciences in Savonlinna, Finland this fall to study community/public health nursing. Beth Sheely, Candi Oller, Ember Perry and Teresa Bowden participated in the International Community Health module with students from several other countries during September and October.

The School participated this August in the 4th International Global Health Consortium in Savonlinna, Finland. Six current and emeritus nursing faculty including Dr. Cynthia Hornberger, Annie Collins, Dr. Ellen Carson, Dr. Betsy Campbell, Marilyn Masterson, and Dr. Alice Young traveled with two of our MSN students, Jennifer Corpstein and Britt Short. A nursing colleague, Mary Kopp, also attended the three day conference. Highlights of the trip included poster and paper presentations by all Washburn attendees, a tour of the Olavinlinna castle, and a post-trip excursion to St.

Petersburg, Russia.

Five students have been selected to study abroad this spring. Melissa Boetig, Krista Vinduska, and Michelle Truitt will study in Finland and Amanda Banister and Elizabeth Hall will complete a clinical practicum in mental health nursing at Queen's University in Belfast Northern Ireland in March.

The Dean and faculty hosted Dr. Song Shizhen, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Wuhan University of Science and Technology, during his visit in December. The faculty and Dean Song discussed future collaborations between the two programs, to include faculty and student exchanges.

From School of Business

Dean's Office

Fall 2007 was a big semester for international activity in the School of Business.

The on-going program of cooperation with the School of Management at the Wuhan University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China was affirmed and formalized with the signing of a school-to-school agreement of cooperation on December 14, 2007 with the visit of Vice President Yang Jie and Dean Pan Kailing to Washburn as part of the visit of a larger delegation. The agreement anticipates the coordination of a dual-degree program for undergraduate business students, the exchange of faculty members, the exchange of professional and administrative staff, the exchange of students, and joint academic projects and conference. Productive meetings were held on the dual-degree program, which is a program where students could earn degrees at both schools based on the transfer of credit between schools. Professor Bob Boncella will return to Wuhan for three weeks in May to teach a course on global information systems and give a series of lectures on business data mining. Professor Michael Stoica will return to Shanghai, Wuhan, and Hong Kong in May with a group of students in BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience.

Individual faculty members have been internationally active. Professor Michael Stoica and Lecturer David Price presented papers at the 2007 Conference of the



Dean Pan (left) and Dean Solars signing agreement

Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC), December 3-5, 2007, in Dunedin, New Zealand, and visited Griffith University in Queensland, Australia, to explore the possibilities for future exchanges and for transformational experience (WTE) opportunities for Washburn students. Professor Bob Boncella presented two papers at the 2007 International Association of Computer Information Systems Conference, October 3-6, 2007, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Associate Dean Russ Smith presented papers at the XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA2007), September 5-8, 2007, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and at Tenth National Meeting of the Brazilian Association of Labor Studies (ABET), November 11-14, 2007, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. Assistant Professor Susie Pryor traveled to Aberdeen, Scotland, in January 2008 to develop a collaborative research project with scholars at the Scottish Centre of Tourism at the Aberdeen Business School on Scotland's success in establishing whisky as an important agricultural industry which supports dozen of globally recognized brands.

From the College of Arts and Sciences

Gordon McQuere, dean

During the fall semester in the College of Arts and Sciences, activities with an international connection do not typically include the flurry of group travel that takes place in the summer. However, that does not mean that nothing is happening! For example a number of students majoring in modern languages are studying abroad, in Spain, Paraguay, France, Germany and Austria. A Political Science major is serving an

internship in the Houses of Parliament in London, and a new exchange site has been negotiated in Osnabrück in Germany. Here on campus, interest in language study continues to grow. This fall we are offering a second year of Arabic for the first time. Total enrollment in Arabic is 22, up from just 10 last year. We also have a small number of students enrolled for a third year of Japanese.

From the Mulvane Art Museum

Reinhild Janzen, interim director

In the past year the Mulvane Art Museum exhibited a visible international dimension through exhibitions, acquisitions or donations, discussions, and travel. The following four exhibitions allowed the public to become acquainted with various regions and cultures of China – Western and Eastern, with life and art in Eastern Cuba, and with the largest country in Africa, the Sudan: “Ancient Threads, Newly Woven: Recent Art from China’s Silk Road,” a traveling exhibition of contemporary art from Western China, organized by Meridian International in Washington, D.C. “Cuba Oriente”, contemporary paintings from Eastern Cuba, from Meridian International “Made in China: A Kansas Initiative, from the University of Kansas Spencer Museum of Art “Sudan: The Land and the People”, photography by Michael Freeman, from Meridian International

International art acquisitions and donations include the painting “Stone City” by the Ughur artist Nijat Hushur, a visiting artist on campus, a Mandarin Chinese porcelain table service, a large collection of Meissen porcelain figurines (Germany), and a color woodcut by Hiroshi Yoshida

The Mulvane Art Museum collaborated with the Art Department to promote Professor Edward Navone’s study tour to Italy in May 2007, and it is doing the same for a study abroad class in Greece, for the early summer of 2008. I traveled to Paraguay as guest of the Comite Paraguay-Kansas in preparation for an upcoming exhibition of Paraguayan art before going to Greece and Greek islands to plan a study-abroad class on Greek art history, history and archeology, to be team taught with professors Tom Prashch and Margaret Wood. I then went to Germany to see the International avant-garde art exhibition DOCUMENTA in Kassel, and on to Poland to attend an international conference on

Mennonite-Polish relations, and to attend the opening of a first-ever exhibition of 400 years of Mennonite history in the Vistula Delta.

Last leg my travel took me on a summer Sweet Sabbatical to Vancouver, where I studied the collections of Northwest Coast arts in the Museum of Anthropology, arts in healthcare facilities, and exhibitions of the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The talks that were organized in conjunction with the exhibits attracted record attendance from campus and the community.

From the Faculty

Linda D. Elrod, the Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, attended Hague Conference on Private International Law Diplomatic Session as an official observer for the International Society of Family Law. The Conference was held at the Peace Palace at the Hague, Netherlands from November 5 - 23, 2007. Delegates from over 80 countries participated in the drafting and approving a new Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. The Convention



establishes a comprehensive system of cooperation among child support authorities which should result in more expedient enforcement of child support across country lines. The United States signed the Convention on November 23, 2007.

Bob Boncella, Nan Sun, and Cecil Schmidt attended the IACIS 2007 conference October 3rd to October 7th, 2007 held in Vancouver, Canada. They presented the following papers, “Transnational Higher Education: Issues Effecting Joint Degree Programs Among Us and

Chinese Schools” by Prof. Wenying Sun and Dr. Robert J. Boncella and “An Online Learning Engine for Ethics Education: A Proof of Concept Using Business Ethics” by Drs. Cecil Schmidt and Robert J. Boncella. These papers were well received.

From the Desk of

Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator of International Student Services

In October, I represented Washburn at three IIE (Institute of International Education) education fairs in Jakarta, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China and Tokyo, Japan. These fairs were an excellent opportunity to share about the benefits of studying at Washburn with potential students from these countries. In total, we received approximately 40 requests for further information, which our office is following up on. We’re very pleased to report that one of the students I met with in Hong Kong will be joining this spring to begin her studies! We hope to continue to attend at least one education fair each year in order to continue to spread Washburn’s name and reputation abroad and encourage more international students to attend Washburn.

While in Asia, I also had the opportunity to re-connect with some W.U. alumni in Bangkok, Thailand and Tokyo, Japan. I’d like to express many thanks to Panwilard “Wan” Garudanga for arranging for a W.U. alumni dinner reception on the evening of October 11. Seven alumni (some with family members) were able to attend the reception, and it was good to catch up on what they’ve been doing since graduating from Washburn. In Tokyo, I was able to meet with four of our alumni. My thanks to Akiko Motegi, a recent W.U. graduate, for assisting me at the Washburn booth at the Tokyo fair – her translation skills and enthusiasm in sharing about Washburn were invaluable!

In mid-September, the U.S. Department of State approved our office’s application to become a program sponsor for direct exchange students and short-term scholars under the J visa category. We’ll be welcoming our first five J-1 exchange students from Austria, Mexico and France as well as our first J-1 short-term scholar from China this spring semester.

Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator

The Office of International Programs is pleased to announce that over \$15,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 21 students participating in spring 2008 study abroad programs. This spring Washburn University students will participate in programs in the following countries: Australia, Austria, India, Jamaica, Germany, Finland, N. Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates.

During winter break students greeted the New Year with a transformational learning experience in Jamaica. Judy McConnell-Farmer, Professor of Education led a group of education students to Mandeville, Jamaica. Over Spring Break Barbara De Santo, Professor and Department Chair of Mass Media will lead a group of students to Germany to participate in an International Media Seminar. A group of students will travel to Puebla, Mexico to participate in the World Model UN Conference. During the spring semester individual students will participate in programs in Finland, N. Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates. Programs will feature studies in Border Relations, Business, Nursing, Political Science, Psychology and World Languages. Best Wishes and Safe Travels to all participants.

Some upcoming Programs for the summer of 2008 include: Animal Behavior in South Africa and Botswana, The International Summer School at the University of Cambridge in England, Discover the Dominican Republic, International Summer School in Finland, Sacred Sites and Magical Isles of Greece, The WU Orchestra's Concert Tour of Honduras, Transformational Education in Jamaica, Japanese Culture at the University of Fukuoka, Service Learning in Nicaragua, Comparative Justice in Scotland, International Social Work in Mexico, and Comparative/International Politics in Vietnam and Cambodia, among others. To find out more about summer Study Abroad options contact the Office of International Programs 670-2095. Please note the deadline to apply for study abroad scholarship for **Summer and Fall programs is March 1st**.

Don Anderson, President of ICT, Inc.

As is the case with many universities in this country, Washburn has developed a sister-to-sister relationship with some other universities around the world. This kind of relationship is important because it promotes

understanding and a healthy respect for the cultures and traditions of other peoples. And, with the growing inter-connectedness of our various countries and their policies, it is all the more vital that we learn to live together in a peaceful and cooperative manner. We are all part of a growing global system that will shape our future.

One of the sister-to-sister relations that Washburn has enjoyed over the years is with Fukuoka University in Japan. Each year in February we have a number of their students come over to our campus to improve their English skills and to become acquainted with us and our ways. And then in the summer we send some Washburn students to Fukuoka to learn about Japanese history, culture and traditions. It is a relationship that has benefited both Universities and has given their students an experience of the wider world.

In June of this past year it was my very good fortune to accompany the Washburn students as they spent about two weeks at Fukuoka University. It was an impressive and enjoyable experience and gave me a whole new understanding of Japanese art, music, religion and creativity. For me, the highlights were the two home visits (where we spent time in the homes of families) and the visits to temples and shrines (which carry much of the spirit and traditions of the Japanese people). It was an experience that I will never forget and one that has enriched my own life.

FYI: I.C.T. PLANS TRIP TO CHINA

The International Center of Topeka is organizing a trip to China that will be from May 30 to June 9 of this year visiting the cities of Shanghai, Beijing and Xi'an. For more information, call 670-1051 or visit <http://www.washburn.edu/iip/DiscoverChina>



Phi Beta Delta, honor society for intl' scholars, and international faculty members, enjoying great fellowship and Lebanese food prepared by Bassima Schbley

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Vice President Robin Bowen visiting with Ulrich Bauer (center) and Katia Roussanova of Fachhochschule Osnabrück,, Washburn's sister school in Germany. photo/bz



Jonathan Panqueva (left) and Ivan Monroy proudly display artifacts from their native Colombia at the International Week. photo/bz



President Farley visiting with Ainura Alakaeva (center), student from Kyrgyzstan, and Olga Mashtakova, Fulbright scholar from Russia. Since arriving on campus in 1997, President Farley and Mrs. Farley host an annual reception in honor of international students and to welcome them to Washburn. photo/bz