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From the Editor

The horrific events of 9/11 changed the world. However, our resilient world has seen and survived worse tragedies. We must once again embrace life with courage and grace in order to create a new world.

International education, like any other field, will face major challenges. But there is only one direction to go: forward. No institution of higher learning can claim excellence without a strong international education program.

It is assuring that President Farley and Vice President Wasserstein have consistently indicated and demonstrated strong commitment to international education. Let us all remember that our country benefits much from being the destination of choice for over half of a million international students and scholars. Let's tell the 183 international students on our campus that they are welcome in the Washburn family and our community.

Sweet Sabbatical Funds Promote International Travel

Gary Baker, Fred Besthorn, Lee Boyd, Kevin Charlwood, Amy Fleury, Reinhild Janzen, Glenda Taylor, Thomas Prash, and Azyz Sharafy were this year's recipients of the

Mary B. Sweet Sabbatical Funds, which were established in 1955 to give Washburn faculty and administrators an opportunity to advance their education by traveling abroad during the summer. Many of those who traveled this year are giving brown bag talks about what they saw, experienced and learned. Check the calendar section for the next two talks.

Calendar of Events (November 7-December 21)

Nov. 7, French Day, Contact Dr. Parker at extension 1714 about activities.

Nov. 9, 6-10 p.m., Veterans Pow Wow, Bradbury Thompson Center. There will be food and crafts to buy and opportunity to dance with the Northern Cherokee and people of other tribes. This is free and open to everyone.

Nov. 12, Noon, Garvey Art Center, Rm. 118, Azyz Sharafy, Assistant Professor in Computer Art and Design, will share "High Tech Art Around the World" findings from his Sweet Sabbatical that included stops in Australia, Belize, and India.

Nov. 12-16 International Education Week

-Nov. 12-15, 7 p.m., Foreign Language Film Series, International House, Film titles to be announced.

-Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., International

Student's display of cultural items, Foyer of the Student Union.

-Nov. 12-16, Union Food Service features international food all week.

-Nov. 14, 11a.m.-1 p.m., Study Abroad Fair, Student Union.

Nov. 21-23, Thanksgiving Break (no classes these days)

Dec. 10, Noon, Garvey Art Center, Rm 118, "Beer, Baroque, and Bombs", a slide show by Dr. Reinhild Janzen, Assistant Professor of Art History. The presentation will be about her trip to central European capitals during her Sweet Sabbatical.

Dec. 21, End of Fall Semester

German Musicians Visit

Dietrich Hildebrand and Barbara Cordes brought a week of music and German to Washburn for the third year. They conducted a Master Class for vocalists. Dietrich lectured about the connection between Giuseppe Verdi's opera and Friedrich Schiller's works supported with recordings and vocal pieces which he and Barbara sang. Seven Washburn notables (students, faculty and alumni) read portions of Schiller's works also. They were Ines Krenn, Adam Tucker, Darren Coble, Heidi Kraus, Dr. William Langdon, Jenny Bowen and Holly Haake.

TB Test to Be Required

Because tuberculosis (TB) continues to be a health threat around the world, all international students must be tested beginning Spring, 2002. This semester testing was encouraged for all new and returning students but required for

only those working in Food Service. The free TB test is available in Morgan Hall 170, Student Health Services.

Law Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Jiyoung Yang, a student from Korea attending the Washburn University School of Law, has been awarded a P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. This scholarship is designed to assist women from other countries in obtaining advanced degrees from universities in the United States and Canada. The recipients are then expected to return to their home countries and share their knowledge.

The P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund was established in 1959 to further the belief that education is fundamental to world peace and understanding. P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic, educational organization committed to encouraging opportunities for higher education for women.

Three Students Awarded Rotary Scholarships

The following three students were each awarded a \$400 scholarship by the Topeka Downtown Chapter of the Rotary Club International for the Fall 2001 semester:

Thing Fong Kwan, Chemistry, Malaysia;
Chin-Hsing Kuo, Math, Taiwan; and
Luciana Tellez, Criminal Justice, Mexico.

Rotary International Downtown Chapter has long been an ardent supporter of international education. Each semester several scholarships are awarded to international students attending Washburn.

In Brief

183 International Students Enrolled at WU This Semester

As of October 30, 2001, we had 183 international students from 52 countries; Kenya (26) and Korea (14) provide the most students; 8 nations are represented by 6-9 students; and 43 nations have fewer than 5 students in attendance. Here is a list of all countries represented:

Albania	Austria
Bangladesh	Belize
Bosnia/Herzegovina	
Brazil	Bulgaria
Canada	China
Colombia	Costa Rica
England	Germany
Ghana	Greece
Grenada	Honduras
India	Indonesia
Jamaica	Japan
Jordan	Kenya
Korea	Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	Liberia
Malawi	Malaysia
Mexico	Morocco
Netherlands	Nigeria
Pakistan	Philippines
Poland	Portugal
Qatar	Russia
Saudi Arabia	Singapore
South Africa	Sweden
Taiwan	Tanzania
Thailand	Turkey
Uganda	Ukraine
Viet Nam	Yugoslavia
Zimbabwe	

The Intensive English (IE) Family “Expands”

Two newcomers bless the homes of our IE faculty. Kelly and Carter McClendon's daughter, Kara Justine, was born Sept. 28,

at 5 lbs.10 oz. Saturday, Oct. 6, Kai Marie Field was born to Don and Poca Field.

Welcome to the brave world, young ladies!

Alumni News

Luis Abarca-Rodriguez, MBA'00, now is in charge of sales in Central America and Panama for Fi-Shock, Inc., electric fence energizers and other fencing supplies. Working out of Costa Rica, Luis will be opening markets in Central America.

(We would like to hear from more of our international alumni. You may contact us at zzisa@washburn.edu).

President and Mrs. Farley Honor International Students

On October 15, President and Mrs. Farley hosted a reception in honor of international students attending Washburn. A good turnout of students and faculty from the International and Foreign Language offices enjoyed visiting and snacking. The President took the opportunity to express his appreciation for the cultural diversity on campus. He encouraged good study habits and expressed a desire that all students maintain a relationship with WU after finishing their course of study here. He acknowledged that the present tragic circumstances in the U.S. especially trouble our international students and assured them that WU is their family while they are here.

Editor's note: The student who was attacked on Oct. 6 was among those attending. He has returned to classes and wishes to express his appreciation for all the support he received from the community. He is planning to finish his degree at WU.

International Club in Action “A World of Love”

As its first service project, the International Club collected money for the Sept. 11 New York victims of terrorism. The event was held on Sept. 19 and 20. A total of \$320 was collected and presented to the Topeka Red Cross on Sept. 27.



Above: left to right: Victoria Torres, Joyce Yee, both from Colombia, Shigeru Fukushima, Japan Bobbie Anderson and Heidi Kraus, both ESL instructors, accepted donations.



Above: Nihal Javeed, International Club president, India, presented the cash donation to Dan Knupp, Red Cross. Also present were (left to right) Victoria Torres, Colombia, Qing “Nadia” Li, Hao “Clara” Zhang, both from China, and Bobbie Anderson, ESL instructor.

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International Sports Day

Different faces from far away places gathered on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, for the International Sports Day, where everybody had fun playing, talking and socializing with one another as equals. Fun is just a word to what they had on Sunday--everybody had the chance to play what they wanted to play. At the end of the day there were plenty of pizza and soft drinks to go around; they sat down to eat and talked until it was time to leave.



Above and below: A play in the making. “Everybody had fun playing and ...



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