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Calendar of Major Events (Feb. 1-March 31)

Call 670-1051 for more information

April 2-30, Brown v Board National Historic Site,
“Varian Fry, Assignment: Rescue, 1940-1941” Exhibit

April 12, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag by Bob Beatty

April 13, noon, faculty international travel requests due
to International House

April 14, 3-4:30 pm, Washburn B. Study Abroad
Scholarship Award Reception

April 14-15, Henderson 100, Godzilla Film Festival

April 19, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag by Judy
McConnell-Farmer

April 25-26, Mingdao University (Taiwan) President
Wang visiting (tentative)

April 26, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag by Kuno Narkyid,
Tibet

May 5, 4-5 pm, iHouse, Graduation Reception

July 3-August 4, Da-yeh University (Taiwan) student
group visiting Washburn

July 10-23, Mingdao University student group visiting
Washburn (tentative)

August 12-21, Basketball / Alumni Trip to China

Washburn Girls Attending WaGL Conference in the U.A.E.

Ten Washburn students and three faculty were among approximately 1200 delegates from 87 countries to the 2006 Women as Global Leaders Conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, March 12-14, 2006. The conference sponsor, Zayed University welcomed many of the visitors with a campus open house the evening of March 11 and treated the visitors to a wonderful meal of authentic middle eastern food, and numerous other opportunities to learn about their culture.



WaGL 2006 WU Delegates (from left): Meg Hawthorne (faculty), Natalie Thibault, Jessica Rezac, Cara Burnidge, Jamie Bossert, Jacki Blaesi, Lacey Keller, Cindy Hornberger(faculty), Gary Forbach (faculty), Katharine Potter, Emily Schmitt, Emily Roby, and Rachel Will

(Information and photo provided by Gary Forbach)

Sweet Sabbatical Award Recipients Announced

Howard Faulkner, Professor of English, will work on a translation of the 1648 French play “Iphis et Iante” by Isaac de Benserade. He will be in France from late May to early August and work in conjunction with the French director Didier Doumergue, who rediscovered and in 2000 produced the play in France for the first time in over 300 years. The work has never been translated into English.

James R. Eck, Professor of Finance, will conduct a research study concerning the attitudes of people in the former Soviet Block countries toward the purchase of life insurance.

Jim McCormick, Professor of PE, will be traveling to Nepal and Tibet June 9 - July 10, 2006. He will be investigating the effects of altitude on aerobic activity and cognitive skills.

J. Karen Ray, Professor of English specializing in 18th century British literature, will replicate the 18th century Grand Tour in June and July. Beginning in England, she will travel to Paris, then to Avignon and the south of France, then cross the Mediterranean to Florence, Italy; from Florence she will travel to Rome and then Naples. At the end of July she will travel from Naples to Ireland where she will present a paper and receive the prestigious O’Conner Award at the Hopkins Festival in Monasteravin.

Karen Camarda, Assistant Professor of Physics & Astronomy, will conduct research on computational relativistic fluid dynamics with collaborators in Valencia, Spain, May 29-June 30. She will also attend a meeting on general relativity in Berlin, Germany, July 23-29.

Jennifer Ball, Assistant Professor of Economics, will travel to Australia, New Zealand, the UK, France, and Sweden in June and July of 2006 to gather data and observe the differences in culture, infrastructure, and advertising as they pertain to activity levels and to food, leading to a comparative study about the economics of weight issues in developed countries.

Courtney Sullivan, Assistant Professor of French, will immerse herself linguistically and culturally in Paris the month of June and will attend the International Georges Sand Conference in Dublin, Ireland, at the end of the month. Additionally, she will receive pedagogical training as a teacher of French language, literature, film and culture at the Alliance Française in Paris the entire month of July.

Dmitri Nizovtsev, Assistant Professor in the School of Business, will teach at two European universities (in Germany and Holland) through the Magellan Faculty Exchange program in May-June 2006; attend a workshop on economics of information security in Cambridge, England, June 26-28, 2006; participate in the “Analytical School” project that integrates student research into business curriculum, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2-15, 2006; and explore opportunities for Washburn students to visit Russia through the Study Abroad program.

Additionally, **David Freeman, Richard Donner, Tom Kennedy, Azyz Sharafy, Sharon Sullivan, Gene Wunder, and Frank Chorba** have also been awarded the sabbatical. These awards have been made possible through the charitable funds contributed by the Sweet Family.

International Relations



21 Fukuoka University (Japan) students spent three weeks at Washburn studying English and about the American culture. President and Mrs. Farley gave a reception at the presidential residence. This is the 26th year in a row that Fukuoka sent a group of students to Washburn. (photo by hs)



Xiong Jing (left) and Zhang Yunchuan (right), visiting professors from China's Wuhan University of Science and Technology, are at Washburn for a short training course. Xiong, instructor of surgical nursing, is hosted by the School of Nursing while Zhang, associate professor of management, is hosted by the School of Business. Washburn and Wuhan signed an exchange agreement in the fall of 2005. (photo by bz)



Desmond Egan(left), renowned Irish poet and Washburn honorary doctorate recipient, gave a Brown Bag lecture and reading on March 15 in the International House. (photo by jk)

Congratulations

Veronica Alarcon (Bolivia) and **Brian Mulanda** (Kenya) have been nominated to Who's Who of American colleges and universities. International Education Committee member, **Dr. Brian Ogawa** has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor. **Tina Williams**, Study Abroad Coordinator, has been selected to participate in the Rotary International GSE team trip to Paraguay and Argentina May 19-June 19.

Godzilla Film Festival

Do you love Godzilla and other giant monster movies? If so, then you have to attend the Godzilla and Friends Film Festival being held at Washburn University. The event will kick off Friday night, April 14 in Henderson 100 and continue Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Movies will include new and old Godzilla and Gamera films, The Mysterians, as well as monster movies from North and South Korea. This event will wrap up Saturday night with a special presentation of **GODZILLA: FINAL WARS**, the last of the new Godzilla films from Japan. Also, thanks to several generous donors, special prizes will be awarded to lucky guests each night. Best of all, because this event is for Washburn students, all admission is **FREE!** Look for promotional posters and schedules around campus now. Come and join us for a weekend of great foreign monster movies!



Dr. Ruwam M Jayatunge (left), Mental Health Clinician in the Sri Lanka Army, gave a Brown Bag lecture on Combating Tsunami Disaster through EMDR on February 1, 2006. (photo by bz)

Dalai Lama's Official Biographer to Visit

Kuno Narkyid, official biographer for His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is scheduled to visit Washburn and give a Brown Bag International lecture, on April 26. While in the area, Narkyid will also lecture at KU and Kansas City. More information will be available later.

From the Desk of Tina Williams, *Study Abroad Coordinator*

International Programs has awarded over \$27,000 in scholarships to 71 students participating in 15 different study abroad programs during the summer and fall of 2006. The Art Department's "Art and Architecture in Pairs" with Dr. Reinhild Janzen offers a 3 credit hour course with Paris and France as the classroom May 3 - June 14th. Students will explore and experience European history and art from the Roman Empire to present day through the prism of French Culture. The International Summer School at Cambridge, one of the premier universities in the world, will offer students the opportunity to enroll 2-3 classes during the four week summer session. Criminal Justice students are heading to "Scotland's Bell College" for a unique opportunity to study cross-national crime, justice policies and issues. The 16-day program will take place from June 16th - July 1st. The 26th year of exchange between Fukuoka, Japan and Washburn will take place May 29th - June 13th. Students will earn 3 credit hours studying Japanese culture and society they will also enjoy a weekend home stay with a Japanese family. Education students will take a first hand look at the effects of poverty of literacy through visits to schools in rural Jamaica May 14th - 28th. Other programs include, Internships in the London House of Commons, Nursing programs in Finland and Ireland, Studying Law in Utrecht, The Netherlands, Intensive Spanish programs in Puebla, Mexico and Cantabria, Spain, Anthropology in Australia, and Research in Germany. Each of these programs offers a unique opportunity for Washburn students.

From the Desk of Frank Taff, *President of ICT, Inc.*

The ICT Board of Directors has voted unanimously to donate \$10,000 towards two ICT endowed funds at Washburn. The two new scholarships will each bear the names of ICT and the major donor and will exist in perpetuity, providing annual scholarships to Washburn students studying abroad. An additional \$20,000 is required to secure professional management of the scholarships funds through efforts by the Washburn Endowment Association. In the coming months, an ICT Board committee will identify and interview individuals and corporate officials, whose international interests or affiliations may benefit the funds

financially. Persons interested in assisting ICT to complete the funding of the new scholarships are asked to contact ICT Executive Director Baili Zhang at the International House, phone 785-670-1051. Two current funds, the ICT William O Wagnon Fund and the ICT William Langdon Fund provide annual scholarships for Washburn students involved in study abroad programs.

The ICT Annual Meeting is set for Friday, May 19. This will be a dinner meeting with an in-gathering at 6:30 p.m. Location is to be announced. A slate of officers and board members for 2006-2007 will be nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting. All members are invited to attend and to participate in ICT community and fund-raising activities. If you have not sent in your annual dues, please do so today by mailing them to Mrs. Heidi Staerkel at the International House, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas 66621. If you are interested in serving on an ICT committee or assisting with our community activities, please contact Frank D. Taff at 1.785.272.4108.

In Memory

International Programs sadly lost two great supporters and friends recently: **Mrs. Francine Hines** and **Mrs. Betty Jo "Bo" Sheafor**.

Mrs. Hines passed away on January 29, 2006. She was instrumental for the Rotary Downtown Club scholarship program benefiting scores of Washburn International students. She also helped coach several Washburn students in their successful application for the prestigious Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Mrs. Sheafor passed away on Feb. 3, 2006. She was the past president of the AFS-Topeka Chapter and touched many lives of international visitors. She was long-time member and supporter of the International Center of Topeka. She was also an ardent supporter of other Washburn programs such as the Mulvane Art Museum, KTWU, and International Programs.

They will be missed and remembered for a long time by many whose lives they touched.