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Calendar of Events (April 6 - May 31, 2002)

April 6, AFS Potluck Dinner, 6:00pm at Highland Park Methodist Church. Call Carol Vogel at 231-1010 x1509 for more information.

April 12, 11-11:50, HC 118, "The Argentinean Crisis and the Future of Mercosur: Implications for Foreign Investors," presented by **Werner Baer**, Jorge Lemann Endowed Chair in Economics at the University of Illinois. Contact Russell Smith at 231-1010 x1307 for details.

April 16, Nigerian librarians will be visiting Mabee Library on a tour that includes the State Library and Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. For more details contact Wanda Dole at 231-1010 x1486.

April 17, Honors reception, International Studies, call 231-1010 x1714 for details.

April 25 -27, Alumni Weekend. Call Alumni Affairs at 231-1010 x1641 for activities.

April 26 (tentative), Four international faculty members, **Miguel Gonzalez** (Spain), **Michael Stoica** (Romania), **Shiao-li Ding** (China), and **Maria Popova** (Russia), will talk about libraries in their native lands, 1:00 pm at Mabee Library. Call Jan Guise at 231-1010, x2507 for details.

May 4, International student picnic at Lake Shawnee. Call 231-1010 x2688 for details.

May 10, Retirement dinner/fund-raiser for Bill Langdon at the i-House at 6 pm. Details to come.

May 15, Reception for international graduates, i-House at 4 pm. Contact Baili at 231-1010 x2016 for more information.

May 18, Commencement ceremonies

May 25, Celebration of Cultures at the Capitol begins with a parade at 11 am and runs until 8 pm

Foreign Films to Be Shown on Campus

April 26, "The Road Home" (China), Stoffer 103 at 7 pm

May 1, "Life is a Long Quiet River" (France), International House at 7:30 pm

May 10, "Midaq Alley" (Mexico), Stoffer 103 at 7 pm

The films are open to the public free of charge.

Calling all International Students

The International Student Club has several interesting programs and activities planned. The meetings are the first Monday of each month at 4:30 in MO 381. All international students are invited to come! March 4, we heard from student government candidates. On April 1, **Virgil DeVera** shared about his country, the Philippines. May 6, **Nihal Javeed** will talk about India and Islam. Indoor games and fun are the order of the day for April 7. May 4, we will have

a picnic at Shawnee Lake. Call 231-1010 x2689 for more details.

FYI

Magellan Exchange Program Established

The School of Business now has a new opportunity for its students to explore the world. Last summer, it became a member of the Magellan Exchange Program. This program offers an opportunity for students to pay tuition at their home university and study in one of the seven participating European universities. As a direct result, two Dutch students, **Esther Dobbelstein** and **Carol Jongen** are studying here this semester. WU students interested in going abroad should contact Jim Eck at 231-1010, x1602.

MEDEX Travel Assistance Available

International Student Services now offers overseas travel assistance to students participating in WU's study-abroad programs. This service is administered through MEDEX. For a small fee of \$7.00 per month, the participant can be covered for medical evacuation and repatriation. Call Baili Zhang at 231-1010 x2016 for details.

INS Charging More

Effective Feb. 19, 2002, INS increased filing fees for all applications. Those affecting our students most are: I-539 (Extend/Change of Status) from \$120 to \$140 and I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) from \$100 to \$120.

Practical Training and Fulbright Applications Starting

Graduating international students who are interested in getting a permit to work after graduation are advised and urged to file for practical training through INS now, in order to get the authorization in time for employment. Please visit the International Student Services (Morgan 375) for detailed information.

Also, faculty and staff members who are interested in applying for a Fulbright grant can now pick up an application from Bill Langdon in the i-House.

Courses With International Flavor Available this Summer

EN 309EA / ED 450EA, Understanding Language Problems of Non-native Speakers will increase your understanding of our multi-cultural world through the study of language and culture. You will also learn methods and strategies of teaching English as a second language. The course will be taught by **Mary Ann Wittman**. Other courses include SP 102, Beginning Spanish II taught by **Miguel Gonzalez**, EN 133, Stories Around the World taught by **Mary Sheldon**, and HI 102V, Modern World History. This is an on-line course developed and to be taught by **Tom Prasch**.

In addition, training to teach basic literacy and English as a second language in the community is offered April 18-20 by the Topeka Literacy Council. Contact Bobbie Anderson at 231-1010 x2689 for more information.

Cott to Teach Course on Cuba and Lead Trip to El Salvador

Ken Cott, Professor of history, will co-teach a course, Cuba: Past and Present, this fall. The first half of the course will be taught by Cott about Cuban history from earliest times through Castro's revolution. The second half will be taught by **Espinosa**, a Cuban professor, with a focus on contemporary Cuba. Cott will also lead a group to El Salvador as project coordinator for the Topeka-Talpetates Companion Community Project. The travel dates are July 12-20. The 2002 tour will be the eleventh visit Cott has led to El Salvador. The cost of the trip is \$750 plus airfare. Three hours of upper-division history credit can be arranged. Contact Ken Cott at 231-1010 x1249.

In Brief

Langdon to Retire

William Langdon, long-time WU professor and administrator, will retire at the end of this semester. He has been a leader in bringing international presence to Washburn's campus for many years.

Langdon came to Washburn in 1964 and took over the international student program in 1988. He is proud of instituting several changes, avoiding problems some other campuses have faced, and bringing in staff members who have been hosting internationals pleasantly.

He is also proud of helping with the establishment of the Intensive English Program. Since 1988 the number of students from abroad has grown from 54 in 1989 to nearly 200 annually, showing increased support from both faculty and students.

About 45 students and 20 faculty members have had the opportunity to travel abroad through his efforts. And by hosting the Brown Bag luncheons in International House, the homebound campus has gained broader global insights.

Langdon has taught German, served as Chair of the Foreign Language Department, Chair of the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences and been Executive Secretary of the International Center of Topeka, Inc. A retirement picnic has been scheduled for May 10 at 6 pm honoring Langdon. Details and invitations are to come soon.

Langdon is proud of his long career at Washburn.



photo/ Bobbie Anderson

Fukuoka Students Taste Texas

After spending two weeks on campus and in the community interacting with their hosts and fortified with their confidence in English, the 21 Fukuoka students, traveled to Texas via bus, watched the seasons change and saw their first buffalo. Experiencing the River Walk in San Antonio, coming to know the feelings of the world for John F. Kennedy at the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, and meeting local youth by sharing fancy footwork line-dancing at a restaurant the last night are a few of their trip memories. Many said they would return to WU to study. We hope so! They look forward to welcoming those coming from WU to visit Fukuoka in late May.

Scholar From Down Under Making Adjustments

Ann Daughtery, teaching Educational Technology to pre-teaching teachers, is from Australia and has been in the U.S. for 8 years and in Kansas for 2 and a half years. She says, "the most interesting thing here (in the U.S.) is the difference in culture. Australians are very laid back, while people here are focused and committed to lots of different things. We are more attached to other parts of the world, more global." In the political process, it is the party the people elect to run the government, not the person. This broader viewpoint makes for a difference in understanding that she especially notices when she must explain her jokes here.

Three International Students Awarded Rotary Scholarship

The following full-time international students received Rotary International academic scholarships: **Nadia Qing Li** (China), a Piano Performance major with a GPA of 4.0. **Jossen Mvalo** (Malawi), majoring in Accounting with a GPA of 3.73; and **Clara Hao Zhang** (China), a Piano Performance major with a GPA of 3.87. They were recognized at the club's Feb. 21 luncheon. Each received a check of \$400. Congratulations!

International Enrollment Steady

Did you know that this semester there were 183 international students processed through the Office of International

Student Services? Most are on student visas and come from 53 countries. Kenya has 30 here, while Korea comes in second with 11, and China and Bangladesh with 9 each tie for third. 23 students are here for Practical Training.

Travel Abroad: Faculty Focus

Jim Eck, Professor, School of Business, traveled last summer to Moscow, Hungary, Romania, and Spain, among other places on a study of "Tourism and Terrorism" in conjunction with the World Tourism Organization. Those findings became past history on September 11, 2001 with the changing awareness and character of terrorism. During the winter break he traveled to Latvia and Lithuania to continue this study. His results? That no matter what the cause of death or injury to people (terrorism, civil war, etc.), tourism may decline for a while, but within a year or two it will be back to normal or increase. It seems that tourists "forget" and go where they want to go anyway. That is good news for those in the travel and tourism business.

Fred Besthorn, Professor of Social Work, taught a graduate course about American race, class, ethnic, and gender inequality at East Anglia University in Norwich, England, during the summer, 2001. He discovered that the students saw themselves more as global citizens than citizens of a particular country. They were more sensitive to environmental, social and economic justice issues. In addition, the students were very aware of the impact of U.S. business initiatives in their countries as well as third and fourth world nations. They saw "Globalization" as "Americanization" wrapped in a global flag. He said, "This was a great experience and I'm so thankful to Washburn, the Washburn Endowment Association, the School of Applied Studies and the Department of Social Work for affording me the opportunity to go. All faculty ought at least once in their career travel and hopefully teach overseas."

Fourteen Awarded Sweet Sabbatical

Washburn Endowment Association announced the following recipients of the 2002 Sweet Summer Sabbatical: Shiao-Li Ding of Music, Thomas Esser and Ed Navone of

Art, Howard Faulkner, Maureen Godman, and J. Karen Ray, all three of English, Teresita Leyell of Business, Mary McCoy and Betty Cole of Biology, David McElreath of Criminal Justice, Marie-Luce Parker of Modern Languages, Paul Prece, of Theater, Thimios Zaharopoulos of Mass Media, and Baili Zhang of International Programs.

Global Trivia Quiz

1. What country in South America has the smallest population?
A. Guyana B. Bolivia C. Surinam D. Ecuador
2. When was the Russian city of St. Petersburg founded?
A. 1200 B. 1648 C. 1776 D. 1703
3. Which continent is the smallest in land?
A. Europe B. Africa C. Asia D. Oceania
4. Tirana is the capital of which European country?
A. Latvia B. Albania C. Moldova D. Slovenia
5. When was the Taj Mahal completed in India?
A. 1648 B. 1200 C. 1776 D. 1703

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