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

*(Please call 231-1051 for more information about all events unless there is another contact number.)*

- Feb. 6, Washburn's 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Feb. 9, noon, for faculty to submit application for international travel fund
- Feb. 11, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Tom Prasch, History
- Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m., Stoffer 103, Shoestring Film Society, "Much Ado About Nothing"
- Feb. 20-March 13, visit by 21 students from Fukuoka University, Fukuoka, Japan
- Feb. 25, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Bassima Schbley, Social Work
- March 8, noon, for faculty to submit application for international travel fund
- March 10, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Russell Burton, Sociology
- March 12, 7:00 p.m., Stoffer 103, Shoestring Film Society, "Waking Ned Devine"
- March 17, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Mark Kaufman, Social Work, and Mo Godman, English
- March 23 (tentative), visit by 24 students from Kyoai Gakuen High School, Maebashi, Japan

## F.Y.I.

### Prasch to Kick Off Brown Bag Series

Tom Prasch, Professor of History, will kick off the spring Brown Bag International Lectures Series with his "Festa Italiana: Remembering History and Redefining Community in the Italian Civic Festival". Prasch will address Italian civic festivals, from the great (like Siena's popular Palio) to the small-scale (such as San Quirico d'Orcia's Festa Barbarossa) function in two distinct ways: as exercises in civic historical memory that commemorate significant events of the past; and as processes of community building, whereby community identity is reaffirmed and redefined through friendly competition.

The other lectures scheduled for the semester include: Feb. 25, Bassima Schbley, "Religious Oppression And Women's Civil Rights: The Effects of Islamic Resurgence on Muslim Lebanese Women's Freedom"; March 10, Russell Burton (topic to be announced); March 17, Mark Kaufman and Mo Godman (topic to be announced); March 31, Tom Averill, "Following Imaginary Footsteps in Glasgow and London."; April 14, Shirley Dinkel, "Sauna is a three syllable word"; and April 28, Michael Stoica (topic to be announced).

### Shoestring Film Society Set Spring Schedule

Feb. 13, 7 p.m.: "Much Ado About Nothing" (1993, US). Love and lies mold humorous forms in this rendition of Shakespeare's comedy. Directed by Kenneth Branagh; starring Michael Keaton and Denzel Washington.

March 12, 7 p.m.: "Waking Ned Devine" (1998, Britain). Greed almost seems good as residents of a quaint Irish village strive to preserve the earthly persona of one of their recently departed in order to net lottery winnings. Directed by Kirk Jones; starring Ian Bannen, David Kelly and Fionnula Flanagan.

April 16, 7 p.m.: "Y Tu Mama Tambien" (2001, Mexico). Two boys and an older woman battle a strong moral undertow as adolescent libidos, simmering jealousies and threatened friendships take a road trip to the Oaxacan coast. Directed by Alfonso Cuarón; starring Maribel Verdu, Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna.

### **International Flavored Courses Being Offered**

**Mary Sheldon**, professor of English, has developed two courses to bring an international dimension into the English department curriculum: EN 133/393 *Stories Around the World*, is a general education course which aims to develop three skills (1) reading intelligently, (2) writing effectively, and (3) interpreting and assessing human values. Students study short stories, novels, and drama by such authors as Betsy Head and Wole Soyinka (Africa), Lu Xun and Fumiko Enchi (Asia), Heinrich Böll and Albert Camus (Continental Europe), Amos Oz and Naguib Mahfouz (the Middle East), and Luisa Valenzuela and Gabriel García Márquez (Latin America).

EN 361, *World Literature II*, follows EN 360, *World Literature* are co-taught by Sheldon and Tom Kennedy. In these courses world masterpieces are presented reflecting the diversity and depth of the literature of many times and places. Such works as: Bengali poetry, Asian romance, Greek tragedy, Yoruba drama, and Chilean allegory extend students' awareness and understanding of the wide-ranging creative impulse within humanity, and the courage of authors who have often faced exile, imprisonment, and/or death to speak to their people and a world audience. Call 231-1010x1910 for more information.

**The Department of Criminal Justice** offers two workshops CJ 390 WG *Comparative Criminal Justice: Great Britain* (Gary Bayens) and MS 390 WC *The British Military* (Dave McElreath). These classes provide an exciting examination of the two topics.

Though not directly connected to the two workshops, the Department is also hosting a trip to London from May 20 - 28, 2004 providing the participants an opportunity to study either the British Military or British Criminal Justice. Call 1411 for additional information.

### **Photo Opp.**



A group of Washburn students and faculty/staff with Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius when she signed the Proclamation of International Week on Nov. 13, 2003.

### **In the Spot Light**

#### **Modern Languages Sent Eight Abroad**

In spring, the Department of Modern Languages sponsored the following students who are studying abroad: Michael Hooper, Adam Tucker, at Klagenfurt University in Austria, Corey Nicholson, Jonathan Schmucker, and Ericah Tucker at University of Cantabria, Spain; Ryan Winrick at Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, under CONAHEC, and Mark Satterfield in Germany under the Magellan Exchange.

#### **Mary Alice Hines Publishes New Monograph**

As a long-term member of the International Center of Topeka and a contributor of Brown Bag lectures sponsored by International Programs, Mary Alice Hines, the 22-year holder of Washburn's endowed chair - the Clarence W. King Chair of Real Estate and Finance - has published her 52nd book/monograph, *Portuguese Real Estate*. In addition to her 70 to 75 refereed, commissioned, and other internationally oriented articles,

this monograph is her 25th internationally oriented book/monograph since her acceptance of Washburn's endowed chair in 1982.

### **School of Nursing Active in International Programming**

#### ***Faculty Abroad and Student Exchange***

The School of Nursing participated in two cultural exchanges during the fall 2003 semester. One faculty member and two students had the opportunity to travel to Savonlinna, Finland. During November and December the school hosted two nursing students from Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland as they studied medical surgical nursing.

Shirley Dinkel, a nursing faculty member, spent two weeks in September as a co-instructor of the community/public health nursing course taught at the Mikkeli Polytechnic Institute - School of Nursing. Two Washburn University nursing students, Shannon Dunn and Kelly Wright, spent six weeks in September and October completing the entire course. Cultural exchange and encounters were key features of this program. A few of the cultural observations made during this experience included: 1) Greeting strangers on the street is not courteous. 2) Pastries have fewer calories in Finland than in the U.S. 3) There are no drinking fountains in Savonlinna. 4) "Sauna" has three syllables. 5) Floors in bathrooms are heated. 6) Cabbage is a main vegetable. Finns are mad about mushrooms and berries. 7) Mountains of lingonberries are sold at city market. 8) Pants are shorter to accommodate bicycle riding. 9) Everyone rides a bicycle. 10) All the doors open out.

Every year Washburn University School of Nursing welcomes students from Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. This year two great students arrived in November eager to learn and experience all of the American culture they could in seven weeks. Gary Seaton, from Carrickfergus, and Amy Curry from Belfast, both attend Queen's University in Belfast. Queen's University has approximately 2,500 nursing students. Students enrolled in this nursing program attend the University for 3 years to complete the baccalaureate degree. Students in their 3rd year may opt for an international placement. ( Provided by the School of Nursing )

#### ***International Conference Planned***

The WU School of Nursing will host an international public health conference, "Promoting Global Health: Sharing Visions and Strategies" July 10-12, 2004. The conference will provide a forum to share strategies and innovations in public health nursing through keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, symposia and poster presentations. Speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, American Red Cross, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and other notable agencies will discuss current global public health issues with visions for future strategies. International nurse clinicians, researchers, educators and administrators will share a broad perspective of global health with intercultural exchange. (Provided by University Relations)

### **Law School Continues and Expands International Programming**

#### ***Study Abroad Site Relocated***

Washburn University School of Law has moved its Summer Study Abroad Program from London to the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, beginning July 2, 2004. The Summer Study Abroad Program will be offering two courses to U.S. and Canadian law students. The first course is Comparative Legal Systems and Professions, co-taught by Professor Sheila Reynolds of Washburn University School of Law and Associate Professor Ubaldus de Vries of the Department of Legal Theory, the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. The second course, Special Issues in Comparative Family Law, will be co-taught by Washburn Law faculty member Professor Nancy G. Maxwell and Mr. Ian Sumner, the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, the University of Utrecht. In addition to teaching U.S. law students, this summer the Program will be open to law students at the University of Utrecht, thereby enhancing the comparative law aspects of the Program. More information about the Program can be obtained at <http://washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad/>.

#### ***Dutch Scholar to Visit***

Washburn University School of Law will host visiting scholar Ian Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, the

week of March 29-April 2nd. Last summer, Mr. Sumner co-taught Comparative U.S.-European Family Law with Professor Nancy G. Maxwell, Washburn University School of Law, in the Washburn Law's Summer Study Abroad Program held in London. This summer, Mr. Sumner and Professor Maxwell will be teaching Special Issues in Comparative Family Law in the new location for the Washburn Law Summer Study Abroad at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. During his week-long visit Mr. Sumner will be meeting with law students in the Children and Family Law Center, discussing recent developments in European family law and, in particular, the efforts of the European Commission on Family Law to harmonize and unify family law in Europe. In addition, he will be speaking to the students in the Family Law Seminar about his research concerning the conflict of laws implications with the emerging forms of partnerships in Europe. (Provided by Nancy Maxwell)

## Good News

### Farewell to Graduates and Exchange Students

Graduation & Farewell Reception was held for WU International and Exchange Students, December 10, 2003 at the i-House. Graduates honored included:

Zhen Chen, China, Marketing, BA  
Yoko Homma, Japan, Computer Info. Science, BA  
Chi-Wen Hsiao, Taiwan, Music, BA  
Jinhyung Kim, Korea, Law, Juris Doctorate  
Kyungho Min, Korea, MBA  
Richard Ochieng, Kenya, MBA  
Boney Okweyo, Uganda, Nursing, BA  
Arifur Rahman, Bangladesh, History, BA  
Fernando Sierra, Mexico, Marketing, BA  
Chow Yong Tan, Malaysia, Business, BA

Exchange Students honored included:

Anne Bourguet, France  
Joanne McCarthy, Ireland  
Cecilia Petersson, Sweden  
Wei Song, China/Netherlands  
Eileen Whyte, Ireland

Graduates selected the following as their favorite professors.

Gary Cameron, School of Business  
Susan Cammack, School of Business  
Jack Decker, CIS  
James Eck, School of Business  
Lee McGinnis, School of Business  
Bruce McTavish, History  
Bruce Mechtly, CIS  
Bisi Otudeko, Sociology  
Tom Prasch, History  
Michael Stoica, School of Business

### 22 Students on Honor Roll

The following students are on the President's Honor Roll for achieving a GPA of 4.0 after fall 2003:

Victoria Torres, Colombia  
Yulia Alexeeva, Russia  
Brenda Badia, Kenya  
Tag-Hyun Choi, Korea  
Kye-Suk Field, Korea  
Julie Huyberegts, Belgium  
Dae-Kyun Kim, Korea  
Victoria Ledeneva, Kyrgyzstan  
Jirava Yiyassaphan, Thailand  
Chien-Long Tai, Taiwan

The following students are on the Dean's Honor Roll for achieving a GPA of 3.4-3.99:

Binky Onyango, Kenya  
Jingsong Wu, China  
Hsueh-wen Yang, Taiwan  
Yue Yang, China  
Hao Zhang, China  
Cecilia Peterson, Sweden  
Qing Li, China  
Bahtier Hashimov, Kyrgyzstan  
Brian Mulanda, Kenya  
Hong Zhang, China  
Ming-ho Shih, Taiwan  
Kuo-Chun Liu, Taiwan