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Calendar of Events (February 1-April 1, 2003)

February 1, **Chinese New Year** (year 4701), Year of the Sheep.

February 1, 10:00 a.m., "**Racial and Religious Tolerance: A Program about Women of the Muslim Culture**". University United Methodist Church, free and open to the public.

February 6, 8:00 p.m., **Black History Month Program**, guest speaker, Rick Rigsby, Washburn Room, Memorial Union. Reception will follow presentation. Free and open to the public.

February 19, Noon, **Brown Bag**, Howard Faulkner, Professor of English, i-House.

February 20, 1:00 p.m., **WU Book Club** "Becoming Madame Mao" by Anchee Min. Thomas Room, Memorial Union. For more information call Mary Allen, 231-1010, ext. 1533.

February 20, 8:00 p.m., **Black History Month Program**, guest speaker, L.D. (Doug) Ervin, Bradbury Thompson Center. Free and open to the public.

February 21, 7:00 p.m., **Shoestring Film-"Black Orpheus"**, (Brazil) Stoffer 103. Snacks are provided. Discussion after the film.

February 23, 6:00 p.m., **Potluck Dinner for Students from Fukuoka, Japan**. International House. For more information call 231-1051.

March 5 Noon, **Brown Bag**, Gene Wunder, Professor of Business, i-House.

March 12 Noon, **Brown Bag**, Desmond Egan, Irish Poet, i-House.

March 17-21, **Spring Break**

March 26, Noon, **Brown Bag**, Ko Kameyama, Japanese Linguist, i-House.

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Brown Bag Lecture Series Set

The Brown Bag International Lecture Series kicks off the Spring '03 programs on February 19 with Dr. Faulkner's presentation "The French 'Etymology' of American Sign Language". Five other presentations have been scheduled throughout the semester (listed below). All presentations are Wednesdays, 12-1 in the i-House.

February 19, Howard Faulkner, Professor of English
March 5, Gene Wunder, Professor of Business
March 12, Desmond Egan, Irish Poet
March 26, Ko Kameyama, Japanese Linguist
April 9, Marie-Luce Parker, Professor of French
April 23, Lee Boyd, Professor of Biology

International House History and its Present Use

The International House, built in 1931, is the former residence of Washburn University's president Dr. Parley P. Womer and his wife. Dr. Womer arranged to have it bequeathed to Washburn following their deaths. In 1971, WU President John Henderson designated it as the home for international programs. The house was remodeled and refurbished with funds from the Topeka Rotary Club, Nonoso and other Topeka organizations. A Christmas bazaar was commenced in the 1970's by the

Topeka Intercultural Council and The International House Committee, which was composed of university faculty members, in order to generate funds for the preservation and operation of the House. Since then, the university has assumed responsibility for maintenance of the house, which is undergoing further remodeling at present. The house, known popularly as the i-House, is now the home of Washburn's International Programs, and is booked by many Washburn student and departmental groups as well as by community organizations for international related activities. The International Center of Topeka, Inc. (ICT), successor to the Topeka Intercultural Council, also calls the i-House home.

Command Spanish Classes

Washburn's Division of Continuing Education is offering Command Spanish® classes. These courses are directed at different occupations. There have been 21 classes offered since January 2002 with 271 participants. There are 24 different courses available, including classes for bank tellers, construction supervisors, dental staff, nurses, landscape supervisors, police officers, social workers, teachers and warehouse supervisors. A 16-hour course is \$150 per person. Contract course fees vary by length and number of participants. The fee covers instruction, manuals and tapes or compact discs. The courses require no prior Spanish classes and don't focus on grammar. For more information about the Command Spanish courses, please contact Tim Peterson at 231-1010, Ext. 1399 or e-mail him at tim@washburn.edu.

Visiting Professor from the Netherlands

Ian Sumner, faculty of Law, Molegraaff Institute for Private Law, The University of Utecht, the Netherlands will be lecturing at Washburn during March. Mr. Sumner will provide a lecture and discussion on European Family Law under the auspices of the newly created Children and Family Law Center of Washburn University School of Law. Activities will be open to all Washburn University students, faculty and staff as well as the community of Topeka.

Visitors to Campus

International Programs will play host when Olathe District Schools bring 21 visiting Japanese high school students to Washburn's campus on March 28. A partnership between the Olathe system and the Kyoai

Gakuen High School in Japan was formed in 2000 to provide an international partnership for cultural and educational exchange. Besides spending a day at Washburn, students will tour the Federal Reserve, The State Capitol, the University of Kansas, MidAmerica Nazarene University, SteamBoat Arabia, the Jazz Museum, go to a Royal's game and attend classes at Olathe.

ICT Holiday Bazaar

The International Center of Topeka held what may be their last annual Holiday Bazaar on December 7, 2002. Washburn faculty, students and staff were allowed in during set-up on Friday afternoon for early shopping and special prices. Although the event was a success as usual, providing approximately \$4,000 for international student scholarships, the ICT board is considering other fund-raising activities for 2003.

International Student Organization Activities

Last semester the group organized and participated in several educational and fun activities including International Sports Day, International Education Week Open House, a Halloween Party and a "Surviving Finals" Cocoa and Cookies Day. Activities are open to all students. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact the faculty advisors Heidi Kraus at ext. 1051 or Bobbie Anderson at ext. 2688.

In Brief

WU Receives Top Ranking Again

For the third consecutive year, WU retained seventh place in the Midwestern public master's level universities in the 2003 College Rankings released by U.S. News and World Report. "We are very pleased to again earn this recognition," said President Jerry Farley. "The quality of our academic programs, paired with tuition substantially lower than at private institutions, continue to make Washburn a best buy in higher education in Kansas and in the region."

President's Reception

Dr. and Mrs. Farley hosted a reception at the i-House on October 30 to welcome the new Fall '02 international students to campus. The event was well attended by faculty, staff and students. The students especially

enjoyed visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Farley about their trips abroad and posing with Dr. Farley for photos to send home to family and friends.



EFB (English For the Foreign Born) Classes

The International Center of Topeka (ICT) and Washburn's International Programs partner to provide free English tutoring to the community. Classes are offered from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the International House on Washburn's campus. The instructors are all volunteers from the Topeka community. For more information call 231-1051. Pictured below is the EFB Holiday luncheon.



Washburn's Lee Boyd Receives Award

Dr. Boyd, professor of biology was named an International Scientist of the Year 2002 by the International Biographical Center of Cambridge, England. Her research has focused on the reintroduction of the takhi horses to Mongolia. She has served as scientific adviser to numerous TV documentaries produced by the Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Society. Dr. Boyd will be presenting a Brown Bag lecture on Wednesday, April 23 at noon in the i-House.

Annual Visit from Fukuoka University Students

From February 21 to March 15, Washburn will again host a 21-student exchange group from our sister university in Japan. Accompanying this year's group is Professor Kiyoshi Yoneda, who will be making his second visit to our campus. As in years past, the students will be attending Intensive English courses and courses of interest to build their understanding of the language and U.S. culture. One major component of their stay is the homestay program, which will be the weekend of February 28-March 2. During this weekend, students are "adopted" by a family in Topeka or surrounding communities and learn about American culture and family life firsthand. As one of the participants from last year commented, "My host family was very nice, kind and friendly. I was very lucky to meet them and I won't forget their kindness." Other activities include a Welcome Potluck open to the public on Sunday, February 23, at 6 p.m. in the International House during which the students will be presenting a program about Japanese culture. We would like to invite everyone to take the time to come and meet the Fukuoka students and give them a warm Topeka welcome! If you are interested in hosting a student during the homestay weekend or would like more information concerning their visit, please contact Heidi Kraus in the International Programs office by phone at 231-1051 or by e-mail at heidi.kraus@washburn.edu.

Russian Professor Visits

Maria Popova, professor of the Department of West European and US Literature at Voronezh State University in Russia, visited Washburn to conduct research on Carnegie Research Fellowship Program in December. As a result of her visit, the two universities have signed a Letter of Intent for Academic Cooperation. The purpose of this letter is to express mutual interest in extending intellectual cooperation between the two universities in the form of academic exchanges, joint projects, and programs that would support and encourage research especially in the humanities and social sciences, develop and implement new approaches to research and education, and consolidate intellectual and professional resources of the two academic communities.

Fall Graduates and Exchange Students Reception

On December 11, 2002, the i-House was the gathering place to celebrate the graduation of ten of our

international students and to say farewell to our eight one-semester exchange students from sister universities. Those graduating were: Ewan Auguste (West Indies; B.S. in Computer Info. Systems), Christian Domaryd (Sweden; B.S. in Computer Info. Sciences), Shigeru Fukushima (Japan; MBA), Shiraz Khan (Pakistan; B.S. in Computer Info. Sciences), Margaret Ngigi (Kenya; B.S. in Computer Info. Sciences), Haryo Prabowo (Indonesia; MBA), Joab Sibanda (Zimbabwe; MBA), Luciana Tellez (Mexico; B.S. in Criminal Justice), Moritz Wolffer (Portugal; B.A. in Marketing) and Jiyoung Yang (Korea; J.D. in Law). The exchange students were: Gabbi Hochsteiner and Verena Jantschi (University of Klagenfurt, Austria); Anna Frejd and Malin Lindqvist (Örebro University, Sweden); Sebastien Kellen and Romain Pirenne (Magellan exchange, Belgium) and Xin Ting and Fei Yang (Magellan exchange, Holland).

Washburn Now SEVIS Ready

After a six-month intensive and thorough review, INS has recertified Washburn University to admit international students for academic and English language studies under SEVIS. Starting January 31, 2003, only SEVIS I-20's will be issued to new students. Current students holding non-SEVIS I-20's will have to be converted to SEVIS I-20's by August 1, 2003. SEVIS stands for Student/Exchange Visitor Information System, a student record tracking system developed by the INS, under which F-1 visa students are required to report to INS any change pertaining to their record such as address, telephone, name, academic major, and level of study, to name a few. SEVIS is part of the government homeland security measures in the wake of 9/11. Washburn is one of the first Kansas schools to receive recertification.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Study Animal Behavior in South Africa

The Psychology Department will be offering Washburn students the opportunity to travel to South Africa with Dr. Joanne Altman as part of the short-term summer course PY 295/395: Animal Behavior in South Africa - 3 credit hours. Go on safari at Kruger National Park and private game reserves and observe the behavior of birds, monkeys, elephants, cheetahs, lions, giraffe and zebra in their native habitat. Trip highlights will include visits to

an elephant sanctuary and cheetah rehabilitation facility, night safaris, as well as 6 days in "safari school" led by rangers and trackers. The course will be 12 days (July 8-19, 2003). Some financial aid is available to eligible students. Scholarship applications are due by February 17. Please contact Dr. Joanne Altman, Psychology, for more information (231-1010 X1566).

Italian Renaissance

Summer semester '03 the WU Art Department, in conjunction with the Mulvane Art Museum, is offering a 3 hour course entitled "Italian Renaissance Art History" which will include an 20-day trip to Italy. The itinerary includes Milan, Florence, Siena, Rome, Assisi, Arezzo, Venice and Padua. For more information call Dr. Edward Navone, (785) 231-1010 ext 2243.

Visit Greece in 2003

Join the Washburn Alumni Association and friends for a nine-day trip to Greece, May 29-June 6. The trip includes three nights in Athens, and four nights on a cruise ship with stops at five Greek islands as well as Kusadasi, Turkey. For more information call the Washburn Alumni Association at 231-1010 ext 1641.

WU Nursing Students Study in Ireland

Dana Strathman and Marcia Monroe have been selected to participate in the international nursing exchange program with Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland from February 1-March 15, 2003. This program enables students to complete their community health requirements in an international setting where they can compare health issues between the two countries.

Reminder

Financial Assistance for Study Abroad

WU faculty and students who have opportunities to do research or study abroad can apply to the International Programs office for financial assistance. For faculty the deadlines to apply for either spring or summer trips are February 11 (and March 17 if funds are still available). For students traveling Summer '03 or Fall '03 the application deadline is February 17. Contact 231-1051 for more information.

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