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Calendar of Events (January 31-April 1, 2002)

KTWU offers a new series, "Monarch of the Glen" set on a feudal estate in the Scottish Highlands, at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Jan. 31, Priority submission date for Study-Abroad Scholarship applications. Contact Bill Langdon at 231-1010 x1387 for details.

Jan. 31, Deadline for Rotary International Scholarships. Contact Baili Zhang at 231-1010 x2016 for more information.

Feb. 6, Noon, International House, "Swan Song", Brown Bag Series presented by Bill Langdon to reflect his 37 years at Washburn. Call 231-1010 x1387 for details.

Feb. 13, Noon, International House, "National Identity in Literature", Brown Bag Series presented by Maria Popova, Russian recipient of a Carnegie fellowship. See article on second page and call Bill Langdon at 231-1010 x1387 for more information.

Feb. 21, Rotary Downtown will honor 3 WU international students at luncheon. Each will receive a \$400 scholarship.

Feb. 22-March 15, Fukuoka University students here (See article on second page.)

Feb. 27, Noon, International House, "What Lecturing and Research Abroad Contribute to Education", Brown Bag Series presented by Ron Griffin. Call Bill Langdon at 231-1010 x1387 for more information.

March 6, 7:30 pm, International House, Alliance Francaise movie "My Father's Glory". Call 231-1010 x1714 for more information.

March 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, "Irish Poetry/Irish Civilization" 2-hour course offered (EN199/ 399EA) with Desmond Egan teaching from The Great Connell, New Bridge, Ireland, County Kildare. Call 231-1010 x1441 for details.

March 27, ICT, Inc. and International Programs will co-sponsor an evening of music performed by Papa Susso of Gambia. Contact Bill Langdon at 231-1010 x1387 for details.

April 1-8, Richard Yates will be speaking to various classes, including some in the Political Science and Social Work Departments. Yates is Director of Studies in British Politics and Social Policy in the University of Cambridge (England) Summer Programs.

FYI

Summer Programs Offer Overseas Experiences

May 18-27 KTWU hosts a trip to Scotland. Contact KTWU at 785-231-1111 for more information.

June 2-9 (or 11) Trip to various habitats in Costa Rica to study animal behavior - 3 hours credit under PY 295. Contact Joanne Altman in the Psychology Department at 231-1010 x1566.

June 4-22 Art & History in Central Europe
Courses: AR 399/599, HI 300/500, LS 501/502. A \$250 reservation fee is requested by Feb. 15 to Mulvane Art Museum. Contact Elizabeth Wunder at 231-1124 for costs and details.

Late May (for 3 weeks) there is a trip to Fukuoka University, in Fukuoka, Japan. 3 credit hours in Japanese Language or Culture. Classroom study, tour, and on and off campus housing. Financial aid is available. Contact Dr. Langdon at 231-1010 x1387 for details.

July 8-Aug. 2 Every summer Donna Love leads a group that studies at Cambridge University for one month, earning 3 credit hours. Financial aid and scholarships must be applied for by January 31. Donna's office is in the International House, 231-1010 x 1387.

Chinese New Year Approaching

Chinese New Year (of the Horse) starts February 12 this year. This is Year 4639 or 4578 depending on how you calculate. The first recorded Chinese calendar started in 2637 BC under the Yellow Emperor (Huang Di), who was said to have ruled China for 61 years. Some think the calendar should only start at the end of his reign in 2576 BC, creating this gap of 61 years between the two versions. But when you talk about a calendar of over 4,500 years, it hurts little to give and take 61.

In Brief

Fukuoka Students Return

For 22 years, 21 students have come in late February from our sister school, Fukuoka University, for a 3-hour course in Intensive

English. They spend the first 2 weeks on campus in Intensive English classes and visiting classes that interest them. The last week they tour a section of the U.S. Throughout their stay they investigate the rich variety of traditions, culture and customs found in the U.S. On campus they are hosted by the sororities and fraternities and on weekends host families introduce them to the everyday activities found in and around Topeka. This year they will be here Feb. 22-March 15. Those interested in hosting in any way may contact Heidi Kraus or Bobbie Anderson at 231-1010 x2689 or x2688.

Canadian Librarian Settled at WU

Jan Guise is one of our new international faculty. She grew up in southern Ontario and lived most recently in Alberta where she enjoyed being close to the Rocky Mountains. She and her husband, Paul, miss the snow but really enjoy our warm winter. They enjoy swimming in our indoor aquatic centers. You will run into Jan in Mabee Library at the Reference Desk or perhaps in the classroom fulfilling her responsibilities as the Coordinator of Reference and Instruction.

Carnegie Fellow Spending a Semester at WU

Maria Popova is here this semester from Russia on a Carnegie Research Fellowship to gather information around the topics of national identity in American and Russian literature. She has degrees from Leningrad State University and has been teaching since 1993 at Voronezh State University. In several conferences, papers and classes she has led the exploration of cross-cultural communication and its relationship with national identity. She will be looking primarily at minority voices on this trip. A Brown Bag talk is scheduled for February 13. She is also planning to interact with some English classes.

Student to Student

Catherine Mutonga (Kenya) says depression and homesickness can be overcome by being active especially outside in open spaces and by being involved with others. A health counselor may be a good advisor. Catherine says that these problems may be caused by being away from friends and family or by illness. Whatever the cause, though, it can be overcome.

In China, according to Clara Hao Zhang (China), there is an idiom: "When at home, you rely on your parents; when away from home, you rely on your friends." So who are our friends in a new place? Clara and other students say roommates, classmates, other students, professors, sponsors, and campus police all qualify. Friends help provide transportation for shopping, give advice, encourage, lend what is needed, open doors to opportunities, ensure security and become close companions.

Congratulations

Catherine Mutonga and Joseph Mburu (Kenya) were married on December 22.

Arifur Rahman and Sajia Muqtadir's son was born in December. They are from Bangladesh.

Bahtier Hashimov (Kyrgyzstan) received a \$1,500 scholarship from WU.

Kye-suk ("Poca") Field (Korea) received a \$1,600 top scholarship in Art that she plans to use fall '02.

During the 2000-2001 academic year, John Njagi (Kenya) was the first international student to receive the KTWU Leadership Scholarship award.

11 International Students Graduated

On December 12 there was a reception for our fall 2002 graduates and exchange students. They invited and recognized their favorite professors. Ron Wasserstein, Michael Stoica and Javier Gonzalez shared their advice, thanks and best

wishes.

The fall 2002 graduates were:

Milorad Felbapov, BS, Yugoslavia
Javier Gonzalez, MBA, Costa Rica
Shiraz Khan, BS, Pakistan
Margarita Kolyada, BS, Russia
Jivko Kouyumdjiev, BB, Bulgaria
Kuei-Feng Kuo, BA, Taiwan
Malikah Meghjani, MBA, India
Moel Scot Mpofu, BBA, Zimbabwe
Paulyne Mugo, BH, Kenya
Huong-Tra Pham, MBA, Vietnam
David Sutanto, MBA, Indonesia

Their favorite professors were:

Jack Decker, Computer Information Sciences
Gary Schmidt, Computer Information Sciences
Michael Stoica, School of Business
James Eck, School of Business
Tom Clevenger, School of Business
Donna Love, Sociology/Anthropology
Heidi Kraus, Intensive English

In addition, three exchange students completed their studies and returned home: Ines Krenn and Walter Prutej, Austria; Maria Muñoz, Costa Rica.

Quotable Quotes

"There is very little that our government can do to plant the seeds of international understanding in the hearts and minds of people around the world. If people by the millions can reach out their hands in friendship and communicate directly warmth, personal interest and respect, it will be a real beginning in the struggle for a peaceful world."

---President Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Study abroad is the best way available to understand the force that is now the most immediate source of armed confrontations in

the world -- ethnic conflict. As you look around, that's what you see and we are two or three generations behind in any understanding of it. There is only one answer to that, if there is one, and that is to go abroad and study it, touch it, feel it, and try to understand it."

-Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Global Trivia Quiz

1. Who was the first chairman of P.R. China?
A. Mao Zedong B. Jiang Zemin
C. Deng Xiaoping D. Sun Yet-Sen
2. How many times could Costa Rica fit into KS?
A. One B. Two C. Three D. Costa Rica is bigger
3. How many female Presidents has the Republic of the Philippines had so far?
A. One B. Two C. Three D. Four
4. Which is the world's third most spoken language?
A. Chinese B. Spanish C. Hindi D. English
5. How many states are there in the U.S.?
A. 52 B. 51 C. 48 D. 50

Answer Key: 1.A, 2.C, 3.B, 4.C, 5.D

Corrections: In issue 2, "A World of Love" was written by Clara Hao Zhang and "International Sports Day" by Shadi Zahran.



Above: During the International Education Week, Clara Hao Zhang (China) displayed her traditional Chinese dress while encouraging passers-by to take the Global Trivia Quiz.



Above: During International Education Week, Denise Ottinger, Vice President for Student Life, and Amita Noisaengsri (Thailand) enjoyed a visit about Thailand.



Above: After the reception for international graduates, Ron Wasserstein, Vice President for Academic Affairs, some of the graduates and their favorite professors posed for a lasting impression.