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

February 1, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag lecture, "Combat Related PTSD in Sri Lanka and Tsunami Devastation" by Dr. Ruwan M Jayatunge of Sri Lanka

February 3, noon, faculty international travel application due to International Programs

February 7, 6:30 pm, International Film Series – "The Widow of Saint-Pierre" (France/Canada 2000, French with English subtitles, Rated R, 112 minutes), Public Library Marvin Auditorium 101 A & B

February 15, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag lecture "Slums and Shopping Malls - Grass Huts and Wineries" by Tom Ellis

February 16, 4:00 pm, iHouse, ICT board meeting

February 20-March 16, Fukuoka students here

March 1, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag lecture by Tom Prasch, topic to be announced

March 7, 2006 6:30 pm, International Film Series – "Dirty Pretty Things" (Great Britain 2002, English, Rated R, 97 minutes), Public Library, Marvin Auditorium 101 A & B

March 1, Study Abroad Program and Scholarship application due to International Programs

March 10, 7:00 pm; Shoestring Film, "M" (Germany, 1931), Stoffer Hall 103, Washburn

March 15, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag lecture by Desmond Egan of Ireland, topic to be announced

March 17, noon, faculty international travel application due to International Programs

March 26, 6:30 pm, iHouse, Welcome Potluck Dinner for Fukuoka students

March 29, noon, iHouse, Brown Bag lecture, "Galloping Through the Gobi" Lee Boyd

Presidential Reception

On November 9, 2005, the Office of the President gave a warm reception to the international students attending Washburn. Although President Farley had to be absent, he was well represented by his wife, Susan Farley and his special assistant Mr. Tom Ellis.

This tradition started about ten years ago. It has become an annual event since President Farley came to Washburn in 1997. It provides the opportunity for international students to meet the president and the staff. It also allows the president to get to know the international students. Currently, Washburn hosts about 150 students from over 40 countries.



Left: Mrs. Farley visiting with Naoko Yamazaki, Japan Right: Mr. Ellis chatting with Yilan Quan, China photo/bz

Photo News



Hugh O'Donnell, Nurse Lecturer from Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, gave a special Brown Bag lecture on mental health nursing in Ireland.

Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded

A total of \$11,400 was awarded to 21 students to participate in the study abroad programs in Northern Ireland, Finland, Japan, China, Cuba, Sweden, Jamaica, and Spain. Congratulations to the following students:

Alicia Buchholz, Nursing, to Northern Ireland
Alison Henry, Nursing, to Northern Ireland
Nick Kurtz, Nursing, to Finland
Krystal Boxum, Human Services, to Japan
Lawrence Bridgeforth, Human Services, to Japan
Caroline Grantham, Human Services, to Japan
James Hurt, Human Services, to Japan
Lori Huske, Human Services, to Japan
JoDell Langley, Human Services, to Japan
Devan Tucking, Human Services, to Japan
Martha Venzor, Human Services, to Japan
Toni Wash, Human Services, to Japan
Jared Corwin, Sweden
Morgan Rockhold, Sweden
Ruskin Kwofie, Political Science, to China
Sheena Smith, Political Science, to China
Shelia Burchess, Political Science, to China
Meranda Reifschneider, Political Science, to Cuba
Cassandra Farley, Education, to Jamaica
Chantal Prost, Business, to Spain
Ben Rebein, Biology, to Spain

Law School Receiving Million-Dollar Gift

A \$1 million dollar gift to Washburn University School of Law is announced by Washburn Endowment Association and Washburn University. The gift from Norm Pozez, a 1980 graduate of Washburn University School of Law, will establish the Norman R. Pozez Chair in the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn University School of Law. The law center chair will permit the law school to attract an additional expert in the field of transactional law to the faculty of the law school.

Pozez is a native of Topeka now living in Washington, D.C. He is Chairman of the Uniwest Group, LLC; Uniwest Construction, Inc.; Uniwest Commercial Realty, Inc; and Uniwest1031, LLC. Previously, he was the Chief Operating Officer of The Hair Cuttery, Falls Church, Va., and is currently on the firm's Board of Advisors. From early 2004 to early 2005, Pozez served as Chairman of the Board of Fidelity and Trust Corporation. He has also served as a Regional Director of Real Estate and Construction for Payless ShoeSource, a retail company founded by his father, Louis Pozez.

Basketball Team Going to China

The Athletic Department and Alumni Affairs are co-sponsoring a trip to China August 12-20, 2006. The Men's Team will play Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua and Tongji University in Shanghai. Both are Washburn's sister schools. While there, the team and the alumni group will tour Shanghai, Hangzhou, Shaoxing, and Jinhua. The tour also has an option to go to Beijing. For more information, call Washburn's Alumni Office at 785-670-1641 or visit the web site: www.washburn.edu/alumni For other inquiries or to make a reservation call Carlson Wagonlit Travel, the tour operator, at 1-800-444-4248 or email the agency at gboring@carlsontravel.com

From the Desk of Tina Williams,

Study Abroad Coordinator

International Programs is pleased to have available a number of exciting study abroad opportunities this summer including several Faculty-led programs.

Art Department

“Art and Architecture in Pairs” with Dr. Reinhold Janzen offers a 3 credit hour course with Paris and France as your classroom May 3 - June 14th. Explore and experience European history and art from the Roman Empire to present day through the prism of French Culture. Besides the regular International Programs Scholarships, additional funding is available through the Art Dept. or to the Mulvane Art Museum. Apply by Feb. 15th, 2006. Call 785-670-2242 for more information.

English/History Department

“Putting Shakespeare in His Place” with English Professor Maureen Godman and History Professor Tom Prash June 13th -28th. Course work will focus on Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Introductory sessions will be held at WU followed by a 10-day tour of England with a weekend for participants’ own interest and travel. Contact Professor Godman at 785-670-1917 or Professor Prash at 785-670-1892 for more information.

Cambridge University

“International Summer School” Cambridge one of the premier universities in the world offers students the opportunity to enroll 2-3 classes during the four week summer session and receive credit at Washburn. See Donna Love, Cambridge Coordinator in Henderson, room 214, or call 785-670-2105.

Criminal Justice Department

“Bell College, Scotland” Students are invited to head to Scotland for a unique opportunity to study cross-national crime, justice policies and issues. The 16-day program will take place at Bell College June 16th – July 1st. For more information contact Dr. Bayens at 785-670-2217.

Fukuoka, Japan: Be part of the 26th year of exchange between Fukuoka and Washburn departing May 29th returning June 13th. Students may choose to earn 3 credit hours that count toward general education. No knowledge of the Japanese language is required. Stop by the International Programs Office for more

information.

Study Abroad Scholarships are available in the International Programs Office. The priority date for summer and fall programs is March 1st. For more information regarding study abroad contact Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator at 785-670-2095 or e-mail tina.williams1@washburn.edu.

Programs Departing This Spring

Department of Human Services

Dr. Brian Ogawa will be leading a group of Washburn students to Tokyo, Japan March 18 – 26 as part of the Human Services course “Morita Therapy Research Seminar”. Students will meet with some of the major Morita-related research, teaching, and practice sites, including universities, hospitals, and clinics in Japan. The trip is a component of the continuing course development toward a possible “Morita Therapy Certificate Program” in the Department of Human Services.

Political Science Department

Kate Cook, Model UN instructor will be sending several Washburn students to participate in the Model UN Conference in China March 27th – March 31st.

Leadership Institute

Director Gary Forbach, will lead a group of Washburn students to United Arab Emirates to attend the Women as Global Leaders Conference March 12 – 14th.

From the Desk of Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator of International Activities

After saying goodbye to eight international students who graduated and ten exchange students who returned home at the conclusion of their visiting program last fall, we have started another exciting semester. We have just welcomed twelve new international students from eight different countries to our campus! Again this spring, we will also be welcoming quite a few short-term visitors to Washburn:

All of the 65 Kansas-area AFS (American Field Service) high school exchange students from 24 different countries will be learning more about Washburn and

Topeka through the 3rd annual "Capitol Experience at Washburn," which takes place January 26-29. Highlights include visiting WU classes, a trip to the Capitol, and cheering on the Lady Blues and Ichabods in basketball. The students came from the following countries: Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, the Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Thailand, and Turkey

The exchange program between Fukuoka University in Japan and Washburn is celebrating its 26th anniversary this year! This year's exchange group of 21 students will be on campus from February 21-March 14. Please join us for a potluck dinner to welcome the students on Sunday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the International House. The potluck, sponsored by the International Center of Topeka (ICT), Inc., is a favorite of many, and the students are sure to have a fantastic program about Japanese culture to share with us!

For more information concerning these two visiting groups, please contact Heidi Staerkel by e-mail at heidi.staerkel@washburn.edu or phone at 670-2087. Thank you for your continued support of our students and visiting groups!

Phi Beta Delta Induct New Members and Elect Leadership

On December 9, 2005, the Beta Phi Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars inducted three new members: Nancy Maxwell, Professor of Law, Teresita Leyell, Professor of Business, and Wanda Dole, Dean of Mabee Library. After the ceremony, the new slate of officers were approved by the general membership: Karen Ray, Professor of English as President, Bob Beatty, Professor of Political Science as Vice President, Mark Kauffman, Professor of Social Work as Treasurer, and Judy McConnell-Farmer, Professor of Education as Secretary. Baili Zhang, Director of International Programs is the ex-officio as Campus Coordinator.



From left: Nancy Maxwell, Wanda Dole, Teresita Leyell

Shiao-li Ding, Professor of Music, Linda Elrod, Professor of Law, and John Hunter of WEA served on the nominating committee and were recognized for their excellent service. President Jerry Farley and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Wasserstein also attended the induction ceremony.

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

ICT, Inc. (International Center of Topeka) is a community-based group of people committed to "thinking globally and acting locally" to support the international activities offered through the International Programs Office at Washburn. ICT volunteers tutor in the English for the Foreign-Born classes to provide personal instruction for newcomers to Topeka who are seeking to improve English skills and to make friends within the community. International students find welcoming smiles and a taste of American cuisine at the potluck dinners. Many students coming from abroad to study at WU and those leaving WU to in another country receive scholarships from ICT fund-raising efforts.

We invite you to join us in ICT and to contribute your interest and talents to "internationalizing" Topeka! Our next event is a dinner honoring students coming to Washburn from Fukuoka, Japan for a month's study. The potluck dinner is February 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the International House. For additional information, please contact me at tafflaw@earthlink.net or call Washburn's Office of International Programs at 670-1051.

We look forward to your participation!