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Calendar of Major Events (November 5-Dec. 18 , 2003)

- November 5-8, Lincoln, Nebraska, NAFSA Region II meeting, Baili Zhang and Heidi Kraus will attend.
- November 11, 11-1, Union, National French Week--Test your knowledge of French and win prizes. Sample French goodies
- November 12, 7:30 pm, i-House, National French Week--French film: My Wife is an Actress
- November 12, noon, i-House, Brown Bag International Lecture, Michael Stoica, School of Business, topic to be announced.
- November 14, 7 p.m., Shoestring Film Society, AOpen Your Eyes@ (1997, Spain)
- November 14-15, New ICT Bazaar, i-House
- November 17-21, International Week (see article below for a compete schedule)
- November 18, 4-5 pm, i-House, International Education Committee
- November 19, noon, i-House, Brown Bag International Lecture, Bob Beatty, Political Science, AFrom Paranoia to Chaos to Hope: Albania tries democracy and freedom@
- December 18, 6:30 pm, ICT Christmas Dinner at Sun=s Chinese Restaurant

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

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International Students Awarded Scholarships

Ovokeraye Achinike (Nigeria), Salih Haldun Akar (Turkey), Veronica Alarcon (Bolivia), and Bin Guo

(China), were selected to participate in the International Student Leadership Program, a pilot program being tested to foster leadership among international students, to encourage involvement in student government and campus life, and to promote internationalization across Washburn. The most visible candidates at various international functions were nominated and interviewed by the staff of International Programs. Awarding criteria included essay, past service activities and involvement, GPA, and plan /vision for future service activities. The recipients were awarded in-state tuition rate for 03-04.

Rotary Topeka Downtown Chapter awarded the following students \$500 each: ChenMin Huang (Taiwan), Amita Noisaengsri (Thailand), KyungJoo Park (Korea), Jinhyung Kim (Korea), Miya Han (Korea), Bahtier Hashimov (Kyrgyzstan), Victoria Ledeneva (Kyrgyzstan), Sawako Kimoto (Japan), and Riyo Kusazumi (Japan).

Additionally, Pulatjon Komiljonov (Uzbekistan), Hyereon Lee (Korea), and Brian Mulanda (Kenya) are awarded the Stanley Curyea Memorial Scholarships (\$500); Natalia Ivchenko (Russia) and Joseph Mburu (Kenya) are awarded the ICT, Inc. scholarships of \$500; Robyeat Mallick (Bangladesh) and Mohammed Rahman (Bangladesh) are awarded the David Thurston Scholarship of \$500; and Inho Hwang (Korea) is awarded the Korean Scholar of \$500.

International Education Week Schedule and Programs Set

November 17, Monday

--7:00 pm, International House, Japanese Film, AShall We Dance?"

November 18, Tuesday

--11-1, International House, International Students=Cultural Display with ethnic foods
--7:00 pm, International House, Spanish Film, AAll about My Mother@

November 19, Wednesday

--11-1, Union Foyer, Study Abroad Fair
--Noon, International House, Brown Bag Lecture by Bob Beatty AFrom Paranoia to Chaos to Hope: Albania tries democracy and freedom@
--7:00 pm, International House, German Film, AThe Comedian Harmonists@

November 20, Thursday

--7:00 pm, International House, French Film, AThe Gleaners and I@

VPAA Envisions Global Understanding

The Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) has been soliciting input from faculty regarding its AVision and Plan for Future Development of Washburn's Academic Programs@.

The proposal states, AThe road to graduation from Washburn University must not merely be a series of transactions by which a student completes an assemblage of courses and is then rewarded with a diploma. Every graduate should not only have transacted with the University, but every graduate should also have been transformed by those transactions. The goal of a higher education institution is not to turn out graduates. The goal is to graduate students who turn out to be highly principled citizens who make a difference in society.@

A The most powerful role the University plays is to facilitate important transformations in the lives of our students. While many of these life-changing moments occur in the classrooms, some incredibly rich transformational experiences transcend the traditional classroom experience.@

Along with scholarly and creative activity, leadership, and community service, international education is identified as one of the four areas Washburn has demonstrated excellence in. AStudents who have studied abroad, learned a foreign language or been thoroughly exposed to the richness of history and

culture beyond our shores graduate from the University ready to contribute to a fast-paced global society in which information is delivered instantly around the world, while understanding too often stops at the borders.@

The proposal calls for the following:

- * Substantially increase funding available to assist students who wish to study abroad.
- * Encourage and enable more majors to add language requirements and to add additional language opportunities at Washburn (for example, Chinese and Arabic languages).
- * Along the lines of international exchange programs, develop a program of exchanges with other US institutions to provide students the opportunity to study in other parts of the country and to expose students to different cultures within our own borders.
- * Increase international exchange opportunities for nurses in Hungary, Northern Ireland, Finland, Mexico, and Canada.
- * Strengthen the International Business curriculum.

In the Spot Light

Lebanese Faculty Joins SAS

Bassima Schbley recently joined the Washburn faculty as assistant professor of social work. Ms. Schbley was born in Beirut to a seamstress and a taxi driver, and was raised during Lebanon=s civil war. She is the oldest of 12 children. Most of her childhood was spent in hunger and bomb shelters. She noted that although the poverty in her childhood was not unique, her experiences with hate and zealotry were, for the latter have placed greater-than-usual amount of responsibility on her shoulders. Bassima said it was difficult for her to convey the humiliation and pain she felt over 15 years of Lebanon=s civil war as she watched her parents assume demanding roles, exacerbated by their poverty. Nevertheless, Bassima=s childhood experiences have made a deep impression on her and sensitized her to the problems and injustices from which so many suffer. That is why it is important to her that she is able to lead a life that is noble and worthwhile, and through which she can help others and make a contribution.

Bassima is the mother to two children, Sean and Oliver. Their father, Ayla Schbley, is a professor of criminal justice, was a Delta force member, and an agent to the Drug Enforcement Administration and other intelligence agencies. Bassima said her work ethic and philosophy have led her over the past 9 years to work with the poor and the deprived. She was the director of an AmeriCorps Program at Wichita Interfaith Ministries as well as a VISTA supervisor, a VISTA leader, and a VISTA volunteer. In these latter roles, she helped children who were at-risk for dropping out. Bassima is an active member of several women's and children's service organizations. She holds two masters degrees, one in Social Work and the other in Gerontology. Within the next month or so, she will defend her dissertation and hopefully complete her doctorate in social work at the University of Utah.

International Faculty Awarded

Sam Leung, assistant professor of chemistry at Washburn University, is the recipient of a Kansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN) Faculty Scholar Award. Receipt of this very competitive award of \$10,000 will allow him to obtain materials important to his academic and scholarly activities.

A member of the WU faculty since 1997, Leung received a bachelor of science from California State University, Stanislaus, a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of California, Davis, and served as a postdoctoral fellow at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. His areas of expertise include organic chemistry, organic synthesis, chemistry of tetrapyrroles (porphyrin, chlorin and bile pigments). Methodology development for the synthesis of pyrroles and porphyrins is his research interest.

The KBRIN is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) program, which includes eight higher education institutions in Kansas for the purpose of improving competitiveness of Kansas biomedical researchers for NIH grants. (*provided by University Relations*)

Good News

Washburn Ranked No. 12 in the Nation

Washburn University is rated third in the Midwest and is tied for 12th in the nation among public

master's level universities in the 2003 College Rankings released recently by U.S. News and World Report. While in the top 10 in the region in each of the last three years, this is the highest rating the university has achieved.

Record Enrollment Set

For the second consecutive year, Washburn University reports record-setting enrollment. Fall 2003 enrollment highlights:

* Total head count enrollment: 7,000, an increase of 8.6 percent above 2002* Semester credit hours: 78,000, an increase of 10.6 percent over 2002 (the previous record breaking year)* First time freshmen: 725, an increase of 12 percent above last year* Total new freshmen: 975, an increase of 15 percent above 2002

Alumni in Thailand Stay in Touch

by Christine Winchester

Washburn's Office of International Programs hosted an Alumni Reception in Bangkok, Thailand on Saturday, August 2, 2003. Most of the alumni are recent graduates of the MBA program. Among the guests and alumni attending were: Ms. Piyawan Anongjanya (MBA >00), Mr. Jirachat Buggakupta (guest), Ms. Sukumal Dephasdin (MBA >98), Mr. Bawarn Jongussayakul (MBA >97), Mr. Praphan Jongussayakul (MBA >98), Ms. Amita Noisaengsri (current MBA student), Ms. Daungkomon Srijan (ESL Program >02), Ms. Jutamas Yoosawat (MBA >00), Mr. Vee Yuwanawattana (MBA >00), and Ms. Christine Winchester, International Programs. A special thanks goes to Ms. Yoosawat and Ms. Panwilard Garudanga for their invaluable assistance in organizing this exciting event.