



# Washburn's International Accent

November 1, 2006

Volume VI, Issue 2

*International Accent, published twice a semester by the Office of International Programs, strives to inform the university community of all things international and to foster the awareness of international education.*

<http://www.washburn.edu/iip/newsletters>

## Calendar of Major Events (November 1-December 30)

Call 670-1051 for more information

- Nov. 3, Campus visit and signing ceremony—  
Paraguay Kansas Commission
- Nov. 8, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by  
Karen Camarda
- Nov. 9, 4:00 pm, i-House, Phi Beta Delta Lecture,  
Professor Cao of Boston Univ., “Modern &  
Postmodern Mappings between Science &  
History ”
- Nov. 13-17, International Education Week,  
refer to the article below for activities
- Nov. 29, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture  
by Ed Navone

## University Receives \$2 Million Gift

Ronald K. and Florence E. Richey, Shoal Creek, Ala., have made Washburn history by donating \$2 million to Washburn University. The Richey's gift brings an opportunity for the university to significantly enhance its scholarship support to attract outstanding students to Washburn. The majority of the gift will be designated to student scholarships, with a portion left for priority campus projects to further benefit Washburn students in the future. “Ron Richey has been a supporter of Washburn for many years,” President Jerry Farley said. “This gift shows his growing confidence in Washburn and in the students who plan to attend Washburn for a first-class education.” Both Ronald and Florence Richey received BA degrees from Washburn in 1949. Ronald Richey earned his law degree in 1951 from Washburn University School of Law, and in 1989 he was awarded an honorary doctor of commerce degree from the university. (provided by University Relations)

## Nursing School Hosts Intl' Scholars



Front Row, from left: Ibolya Tulkan (Hungary), Kathy Rowe (N. Ireland), Magdolna Pogany (Hungary)  
Back row, from left: Ron Wasserstein, Kornelia Helembai (Hungary), President Farley, Cindy Hornberger, and Tuija Vanttinen (Finland) *photo/bz*

## International Education Week Activities Set

International Education Week is November 13-17 this year. Activities planned include a foreign film series, international cultural display with samples of international food, study abroad display, and a celebration of cultures gala:

- November 13: 7:00 pm, i-House, Chinese Film
- November 14: 7:00 pm, i-House, French Film, “Cache ”
- November 15: 11-1, i-House, Cultural Displays;  
7:00 pm, Spanish Film, “The Official Story”
- November 16: Union, Study Abroad Display, Union,  
7:00 pm, i-House, German Film, “Bella  
Martha”
- November 19: 4:00 pm, University Theatre,  
Celebration of Cultures Gala

## Faculty International Activities

**Richard Donner**, Assistant Professor, Social Work,

used his summer Sweet Sabbatical to conduct research and interview personnel in the social service field from the Netherlands and Sweden to better understand how both of these countries provide services to children with serious emotional problems and their families. At the end of his sabbatical he traveled to Montreal, Canada, and presented his recently co-authored paper on the issues of adoption and custody for same sex couples, at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on LGBT Human Rights, attended by people from 140 countries across the globe.

**Norma Juma**, Assistant Professor, School of Business, attended the 51<sup>st</sup> International Council for Small Business (ICSB) World Conference which was held in Melbourne, Australia in June 2006. The conference drew well over 400 delegates from 53 countries. Dr. Juma's paper titled '*The Relationship between Intellectual Capital and New Venture Performance: An Empirical Investigation of the Moderating Role of the Environment*' won the best paper award in the Intellectual Property Track, the JDR Legal Award. This award came with a plaque and a cash reward of \$1000. It is a great honor to win this highly coveted award.

**Judith Lynne McConnell-Farmer**, Professor of Education, was the coordinator of, and presented papers at, two Round Tables (weekly conferences), Oxford University, Oxford, U.K. These Round Tables focus on literacy, birth to adulthood, and child psychology. Since 2003, McConnell-Farmer has coordinated eight Round Tables at Oxford University, and three more Round Tables are planned for 2007.

**Gordon McQuere**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, **Miguel Gonzalez-Abbellas**, Associate Professor of Spanish, and **Tina Williams**, Study Abroad Coordinator, traveled to Mexico October 15-21 to visit several partnership schools in the CONAHEC consortium. CONEHC, which stands for the Consortium of North American Higher Education Collaborative, is a network of 62 universities in Mexico, 18 in Canada, and 45 in the US. Washburn has been involved in this program for five years and has exchanged nearly 20 students.

**Edward Navone**, Professor of Art, participated in the Gerard Manley Hopkins International Summer School at Monasterevin, Ireland, where he exhibited his suite of drawings inspired by Dante's Inferno. He also gave

two gallery talks about his involvement with Dante's famous work and how he paired the situations discussed therein with a satirical reflection on our own times. The series done between 1982 and 1985 earned Navone an Artist Fellowship Award from the Mid America Artist's Alliance/National Endowment for the Arts. These works have been exhibited in numerous venues in the United States. The recent exhibition was the first of his "Inferno" in Europe.

**Bassima Schbley**, assistant professor, Social Work, presented a paper this summer at St. John's University in York, England. She was invited to return and present on the same topic at other universities in England. Her presentation, which was very well received, addressed how to provide clinical services and communicate with Middle- Eastern children and their families. Many professional contacts were made during this visit, which could result in exchange programs between Washburn and European institutions.

**Michael Stoica**, Professor of Marketing, and **Robert Boncella**, Professor of Information System, traveled to China along with seven area business leaders and entrepreneurs October 12-23. Their visit included Shanghai, Wuhan, Xi'an, and Beijing, where they had training and meetings with local business leaders and toured companies and cultural sites. Their stop in Shanghai and Wuhan were coordinated and hosted by the Shanghai Star training group and Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST), respectively. WUST is one of Washburn's sister schools in China.

**Tina Williams**, Study Abroad Coordinator, participated in the Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) to Paraguay and Argentina for four weeks last summer. The GSE program of the Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professionals. While in Paraguay she worked with the Kansas Paraguay Partners and its counterpart the Comité Paraguay Kansas to establish an exchange agreement between several universities in Paraguay and Washburn.

## Law Students Enjoying Utrecht

This past summer the four of us spent six weeks in the Netherlands while taking two law courses—

Comparative American-Dutch Legal Systems and International Commercial Arbitration—at the University of Utrecht, a charming mid-size city with a colorful history dating back to 1122 A.D., located about forty kilometers south of Amsterdam. Each course, which ran three weeks apiece, was co-taught by one faculty member from Washburn School of Law and one from the University of Utrecht. Much of our learning also occurred outside of the classroom. The program immersed all of us in another culture, requiring us to be out of our element, and allowing debate with individuals who do not hold the same belief systems or social structure. This experience will help us relate the law to all of our future clients because we now understand how varied different cultures can be. The Washburn-Utrecht study abroad program has proved to be an invaluable learning experience, both inside the classroom and out, that has equipped each of us with a greater understanding of the law’s role in our global society. Our six weeks in Utrecht demonstrated the law’s power to transcend borders and politics, and has given all of us the tools and the courage to strive to use the law to achieve something greater than us all. (by Taylor Hight, Shawn Jurgensen, Amy Taylor, and Jennifer Zook)

## Bods Abroad



*photo by J. Wangler*

Washburn University Men’s Basketball traveled to China August 12-21 and had four games with Zhejiang University, Zhejiang Normal University, and Shanghai Normal University (two games), respectively, and achieved a 4-0 record. About sixty Washburn alums, friends, and university officials traveled with the team. The group visited Hangzhou, Jinhua, and Shanghai.

## From the Desk of ...

### *Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator*

Two new faculty-led study abroad programs will depart over the winter intersession. Margaret Wood, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, will lead a group of 13 students to Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula to Discover the Ancient Maya. Rick Ellis, Director of the Learning in the Community Office, will lead a group of students to Nicaragua to participate in a service project. Faculty members who are interested in learning more about how to develop and lead a program abroad are invited to attend the next Faculty-Led Study Abroad Workshop, which will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 4:00-5:00pm in the International House. For more information regarding study abroad, contact Tina Williams at 670-2095 or [tina.williams1@washburn.edu](mailto:tina.williams1@washburn.edu).

### *Heidi Staerkel, International Student Coordinator*

It is my pleasure to introduce this year’s International Club (I-Club) leadership to you – President, Novica Lazarevski (Macedonia); Vice President, Ezgi Gulec (Turkey); Treasurer, Sherzod Kadirov (Uzbekistan) and Public Relations Coordinator, Kanwal Baluch (Pakistan/Saudi Arabia). They are striving to further the objective of the I-Club, which is to “...make the international presence more visible on campus and help build stronger ties between international students, American students and the Topeka community.” In particular, this group of emerging international leaders is focusing on encouraging more American students to get involved in the I-Club, thereby promoting greater cultural exchange between international and American students. If you haven’t yet, we encourage you to become a connected and active part of the I-Club!

In other news, International Education Week is coming up November 13-17! You are invited to join us for several events, such as international displays at the International House on Nov. 15, foreign films in the evenings and a special “Celebration of Cultures” gala on November 19 at 4 p.m. at the Andrew J. and Georgia Neese-Gray Theatre. For more information about the complete schedule, please contact the office at 670-1051.

## ***Don Anderson, President of ICT, Inc.***

In August my wife and I had the good fortune to travel with the Washburn Men's Basketball Team on their trip to China. It was both a joy and a revelation. The joy was the opportunity to see some of the grand sights of China. These included the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Summer Palace. There is truly much beauty and splendor in China. The revelation of the trip was the recognition of the many and significant strides that China has made during the past couple of years. They have developed a booming economy and created large and modern cities. But perhaps the most rewarding part of the trip was the opportunity to see and meet ordinary Chinese citizens who were engaged in their everyday pursuits, it made obvious the realization that we are all a part of a common humanity and that it is vitally important for us to get to know each other.

## **International Students Awarded Scholarships**

### ***International Center of Topeka, Inc.***

**Linnet Nandwa**, nursing major from Kenya  
**Ian Otinga**, nursing major from Kenya

### ***Rotary Topeka Downtown Chapter***

**Carlos Cabezas**, music major from Colombia  
**Magda Panqueva**, business major from Colombia  
**Sri Venkata Uppalapati MA** in psychology from India  
**Taghyun Choi**, marketing major from South Korea  
**Ayako Homma**, art major from Japan

**ICT/Langdon Fund: Ivonne Gamboa-Palma**, music major from Columbia

**International Student Fund: Miya Han**, nursing major from South Korea

**Class of 1910 Fund: Dae-kyun Kim**, nursing major from South Korea

**Class of 1912 Fund: Novica Lazarevski**, CIS major from Macedonia.

**Sturm/Workman Fund: Yilan Quan**, nursing major from China

## **Rather Be in Paris & London?**

Washburn Alumni Association will sponsor a trip to

Paris and London, March 27-April 5, 2007 for \$1,780 per person (double occupancy). Visit the following web site: <http://www.washburn.edu/services/alumni/>, for more information. Call 1-800-444-4248 or e-mail [gboring@carlsontravel.com](mailto:gboring@carlsontravel.com) to make a reservation.

## **Scholarship Established in Memory of Betty Jo "Bo" Sheafor**

The International Center of Topeka (ICT), Inc. and the Sheafor Family have worked together to create a scholarship fund in memory of Betty Jo "Bo" Sheafor (1935-2006) to benefit international students at Washburn.

Many have been touched by Bo's generosity, service, and compassion. In this spirit, her reach extended to the international community. She was past president of the Topeka Chapter of the American Field Service. She expanded her family by hosting numerous international students and teachers and especially enjoyed developing friendships and connections in the art community both locally and worldwide.



## ***Support WU International Programs***

\*\*\*\*\*

**Yes, I would like to make a contribution to support Washburn University's International Programs.**

My check is enclosed.  Please contact me regarding a credit card gift or electronic fund transfer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information on International Programs

I would like information regarding an estate gift.

All contributions should be made to: The Washburn Endowment Association, 1700 College, Topeka, KS 66621 (**Indicate on the check – International Programs**)

\*\*\*\*\*