

Washburn's International Accent

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From the Editor

This publication strives to inform the university community of our international students and of all other things international on campus, all in an effort to promote the awareness and value of international education. We hope that you take a few minutes to "hear" Washburn's International Accent.

Calendar of Events (September 17-November 22)

Sept. 1 - Oct. 14 - Kansas City Renaissance Festival. The "Ren Fest" as it is called is a chance to explore a 16th century village recreation complete with knights jousting in armor, people dressed up from that time period, food such as giant turkey legs and roasted corn on the cob and many unique shops. You'll feel like you are back in the days of King Arthur and his knights of the round table! Check it out on the web at www.kcrenfest.com

Sept. 17, Noon, HC 112, Joab Jonadav Keki, member and former Chairman of the Abayudayan community of Mbale, Uganda, will give a special presentation at the invitation of the Center for Diversity. Call Professor Ron Griffin at 1678 for more information.

Oct. 3, Noon, International House. Zvonimir Radeljkovic, Dept. of Literature at the University of Sarajevo, will present his views on the situation in the Balkans and on the war in his country. Call #1387 for more information.

Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., International House. There will be a French movie sponsored by Alliance Francaise. Title to be announced. Call #1714 for more information.

Oct. 6 Homecoming. Watch for a full schedule of Homecoming Week events.

Oct. 7 Ward-Meade Apple Festival
This festival is "...a celebration of pioneer life in Kansas." Here you can visit a log cabin, one-room schoolhouse, a recreated train station and an old-fashioned soda shop. You will also have the opportunity to try homemade apple pie, fresh apple cider and "kettle corn" (sweet popcorn).

Oct. 15, 4-5 pm, International House.
President's Reception for international students, call #2689 for more information.

Oct. 15, Noon, Garvey Art Center, Rm. 118, Glenda Taylor, Chair of the Art Department will lead a discussion, "Sweet Pots", on ceramic works she saw during her summer Sweet sabbatical travels to Italy and the western part of the U.S.

Oct. 17, Noon (Brown Bag), International House. Prof. Ron Griffin, Washburn School of Law, will present his views on the importance of international experience for the teaching profession.

Oct. 18-21 - Fall Break! No classes during this time, so you may want to consider taking a little trip somewhere (Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver, Omaha).

Oct. 20 - The Topeka Friendship Network (TFN) Hayrack Ride. Contact ed-kearn@gateman.com

Nov. 12, Noon. Garvey Art Center, Rm. 118. Azyz Sharafy, Assistant Professor in Computer Art and Design will share his "High Tech Art Around the World " findings from a Sweet sabbatical that included stops in Australia, Belize, India, and L.A. Call #1773 for more information.

Nov. 12-16, International Education Week. Please watch for activity announcements.

Nov. 22 Join an American family for traditional Thanksgiving meal (TFN). For more information, email ed-kearn@gateman.com

Two International Faculty Join WU's School of Business

Sungkyu Kwak is a new Assistant Professor in the School of Business. His degrees are in Economics: a B.A. from Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, and an M.A. and Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota. His research areas have been Money and Banking and Financial Economics.

Professor Kwak enjoys going to Barnes & Noble with his daughter, grab a coffee, and read books of any kind. He also likes playing soccer, and will play in an adult league in Lawrence this fall. Professor Kwak likes the fact that a lot of Americans do various volunteer work. "It is not that they have more than enough time or money," he observes, " they just have the composure, good citizenship, and generosity to take out their valuable time to help other people at school, at church, or at other social institutions."

Dmitri Nizovtsev is also a new Assistant Professor of Economics. He received his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Leningrad Institute of Electrical Engineering, Leningrad, USSR. He earned both his master's and Ph.D. in economics at Purdue University, Indiana. His research areas are in applied microeconomics

theory, industrial organization, economics of information and uncertainty, and international trade.

FYI

Sweet Sabbatical Funds

The Mary B. Sweet Sabbatical was established in 1955 to provide the opportunity during the summer for Washburn University of Topeka faculty and administrators to advance their education. The Washburn Endowment Association who has full discretionary authority to determine eligibility for sabbaticals and to construe the terms of the gift instrument administers the Sweet Sabbatical Fund.

Faculty members on nine and ten month contracts are eligible for maximum annual awards of \$10,000. Individuals on 12-month contracts are eligible for a maximum annual award of \$5,000, provided they meet certain requirements.

For more information about the Sweet Sabbatical, please visit the website of Academic Affairs: www.washburn.edu/admin/vpaa/

International Exchange Funds

Special funds are available to assist WU faculty to conduct academic activities overseas and to bring international faculty to campus for short-term visits. In general, a faculty member can apply for money to cover international flights up to \$1,000. To get an application form and for more information, please call International Programs at #1387 or visit the website: www.washburn.edu/services/is/faa.html

International Listserv

A new listserv has been set up to enhance communication among those who share an interest in international education and

international topics on campus. This will also help us keep in touch with new international students and alumni. Many activity announcements and scholarship opportunities will be announced on the listserv. All international students and faculty/staff who are interested are encouraged to subscribe to it. Here's how:

1. Send a message to listserv@listserv.wuacc.edu
2. In the message box, type in Subscribe International followed by your *first name* and *last name*.
Example: Subscribe International John Doe

In Brief

New International Club Formed

The International Club is charged with the task of making the international presence more visible on campus, helping build stronger ties between international students and American students / the Topeka community by sponsoring more international activities both on and off campus. At the August 29th meeting, the following officers were chosen to lead the club:

President: Nihal Javeed (Bangladesh)
Vice-President: Victoria Torres (Colombia)
Secretary: Qing "Nadia" Li (China)
Treasurer: Virgil DeVera (the Philippines)
Public Relations: Hao "Clara" Zhang (China)

ICT, Inc. New Leadership Announced

International Center of Topeka, Inc. (ICT, Inc.) has announced its new president, Francine Hines, and vice-president, Frank Taff. The new leadership vows to reform the organization, raise its visibility, increase membership and offer more programs. ICT, Inc, is a community group

that promotes international awareness and understanding through programming in cooperation with Washburn University.

Washburn Found a New "Sister"

On September 6, Washburn and Tunghai University, Taiwan, signed an exchange agreement providing both students and faculty another venue to engage in international studies and research. Tunghai University was founded in 1955 and is located in Taichung, central Taiwan. The university has 14,000 students and consists of 29 graduate institutes, 32 undergraduate departments and the colleges of arts, sciences, engineering, management, social science and agriculture. For more information please visit their website www.thu.edu.tw or contact Baili Zhang in Morgan 375 or at 2016

170 International Students Enrolled at WU Last Spring

In the spring 2001 semester, 170 international students enrolled at Washburn. These students came from 49 countries in all continents. Kenya is the best represented with 22 students, followed by Pakistan (21), Korea (12), China (11) and Japan and Bangladesh (10 each). In addition, 15 more students are doing post graduation practical training in one part of the country or another gaining some work experience. We were also very proud to see 16 students graduate and 4 exchange students completing their semester at Washburn.

From Student To Student

Yasuko Morito, a nurse from Japan, a student in the Washburn Intensive English Program for one year, has some good advice for new students:

1. Find a current student from your country to help you understand about American life and explain in your own language.

2. Shop wisely.
 3. Carpool with others to efficiently use your time when you go somewhere.
 4. Share your skills and interests with others to have fun and cope with life in the States.
- More good advice from others:
5. Eat a balanced diet, so you stay healthy.
 6. Establish good study habits, so you keep up with class work.
 7. Dial 911 when you have an emergency. This brings help quickly from the police, fire trucks or the ambulance. Here are the steps to make a 911 call:

1. Tell kind of emergency: fire, injury, assault, car accident, etc. Example: "There is a fire."
2. Listen and answer the questions on the phone.
 - a. Tell your name. Example, "My name is ----."
 - b. Tell the address of the emergency: Example: "This address is 1706 SW (Southwest) Loon Street, Apartment D, in the basement."
 - c. Tell the person on the phone that emergency people can come in and help. Example: "The fire is in the kitchen. Please come help me."

Photo News



A group of international student participated in the "Trolley Tour of Topeka" on August 26. The Trolley took them to the State Capitol, Potwin, Cedar Crest, the Kansas Historical Museum, and of course, West Ridge Mall.



On September 1 "The Friendship Network of Topeka" sponsored a "Welcome to Kansas" picnic at Gage Park for international students and faculty. Over 40 people turned out to enjoy the delicious food and midwestern hospitality.



President Jerry Farley and President Wang Kang-pei of Tunghai University, Taiwan, congratulated each other after signing the exchange agreement in the Bible Room of the B.T.C. on September 6.



Ron Thornburgh, Kansas Secretary of State, opened the fall Brown Bag Series with his talk "Reflections on Cuba" on September 5.