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The Department of International Studies experienced a flurry of activities the second half of 1997, including professors writing books and articles, attending meetings, hosting speakers and more, and students participating in Model United Nations, winning honors, scholarships The department sponsored a booksigning...

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Faculty and Staff News

Professor John Copper's twenty-first book was published in July... *Coping with a Bad Global Image* concerns human rights in China, focusing in particular on the difficulties China has experienced in the international community as a result of its human rights abuses. The department, in cooperation with the Rhodes Bookstore, held a booksigning party in November and invited Rhodes students, faculty and staff, as well as people from the Memphis community.

In October, Dr. Copper traveled to Taipei where he was awarded the 1997 International Communications Award—an award given to statesmen, media people and academics who have contributed in an important way to global understanding and knowledge of China. Dr. Y.C. Yu, director of the Information Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York wrote that this award "testifies to your extraordinary past achievements and many future accomplishments." (For details, see Dr. Copper's page on I.S. home page.)

During the trip, Professor Copper gave responding comments following Premier Siew's policy address to foreign reporters and the international community on October 9. On October 10, he met with President Lee Teng-hui and observed the National Day parade and other festivities from the steps of the Presidential Palace. That evening he and his wife attended a reception given by the Foreign Minister.

In August, John's wife, Weiping, received her Ph.D. degree in Education from the University of Memphis. She is teaching part-time at the University of Memphis.

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler attended the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C. on August 28 and presented a paper entitled "Central Bank Independence and the Commitment to Price Stability: The Case of the German Bundesbank." He also acted as a discussant on a panel on policy-making in the European Union.

In October 1997, Karl's article "The Sources of Policy Dynamics: Variations in German and French Policy toward European Monetary Cooperation" was published in *West European Politics*.

Karl gave the SMART breakfast address at Rhodes titled "European Integration: Where is it now and where is it going?" in November.

Professor Andrew Michta's most recent book, *The Soldier-Citizen: The Politics of the Polish Army After Communism* was published by St. Martin's Press in November. Andrew also wrote a chapter titled "Democratic Consolidation in Poland after 1989," published in Karen Dawisha and Bruce Parrott (eds.), *The Consolidation of Democracy in East-Central Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997) and an article on "Civil-Military Relations in Poland After 1989: The Outer Limits of Change," that was published in *Problems of Post-Communism* (Vol. 44, No. 2, March/April 1997).

During the summer, Dr. Michta was a Visiting Scholar at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University. There he worked on a book on democratization. More on this in a future newsletter...

In October, Andrew was appointed Associate Editor (for Eastern Europe) of the journal *Problems of Post-Communism*, a peer-reviewed publication housed at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and marketed by M.E. Sharpe Publishers. Meanwhile he became an Associate of the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Professor Michta also attended meetings of the Academic Advisory Committee to the East European Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. and served as a senior scholar at the Junior Training Seminar for selecting the most promising Ph.D. in European Studies.

Finally, Andrew's daughter, Chelsea, won the Memphis swimming championship in her age group during the summer.

Professor Frank Mora authored an article titled "From Dictatorship to Democracy: The U.S. and Regime Change in Paraguay," that was published in the Fall issue of *The Bulletin of Latin American Research*. Frank also did an op-ed on "Fast Track is Vital to U.S." that appeared in the *Commercial Appeal* on September 11.

Dr. Mora presented papers at three professional meetings during the last half of 1997: "United States Latin American Policy: Still Searching for a Paradigm in the Post-Cold War," at the U.S. Air Force Academy conference on Latin America and the United States in Focus: Collaboration or Conflict? in October; "Future Trends in Cuban Military Forces Roles and Missions," at the 8th Annual Latin American Conference at Ft. Benning, Georgia in November; "Sino-Latin American Relations: Domestic and Global Sources of Diplomatic Engagement and Economic Cooperation, 1978-1996," at a joint conference of the International Studies

Association and the Asociacion Mexicana de Estudios Internacionales, held in Manzanillo, Mexico in December.

Frank also headed an observer mission for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs that assessed party primary elections in Brazil and Paraguay in September.

In addition, Professor Mora was awarded a \$5,000 research grant by the Institute for National Security Studies of the U.S. Department of Defense to study the impact on democratization and the indigenous arms industries in the region of the lifting of the ban on high-performance weapons to Latin America.

Last and most important of all, Frank and Ivette became the proud parents of a healthy baby girl named Daniella Cristina Mora on October 7. She weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

With all of this, no wonder Professor Mora has looked tired a couple of times on Friday afternoon.

Professor Paul Senese's chapter, titled "Geographical Proximity and Issue Saliency: Their Effects on the Escalation of Militarized Interstate Conflict" is coming out in Paul F. Diehl (ed.) *A Roadmap to War: Territorial Dimensions of International Conflict* (Vanderbilt University Press); additionally, he has articles in the advanced review stage at several prominent academic journals. Paul also presented a paper titled "Democracy, Disputes, and Negotiated Outcomes" at the 1997 American Political Science Association meeting in Washington, D.C. with William J. Dixon.

Dr. Senese has accepted a tenure-track position at the State University of New York at Buffalo starting in the Fall of 1998 and will leave Rhodes at the end of the second term.

Professor Haleh Vaziri's chapters titled "Iran's Responses to the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait—The Vindicated Free Rider?" and "Iran's Nuclear Quest: Motivations and Consequences" appeared in Andrew Bennett, Joseph Lepage and Danny Unger (eds.) *Friends in Need: Burden Sharing in the Persian Gulf War* and in Raju G.C. Thomas (ed.) *The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime: Prospects for the 21st Century*. Both were published in late 1997.

Dr. Vaziri also participated in a workshop titled "Women's Rights to Bodily Integrity: The Problem of Battery in Muslim Societies" at an international human rights conference sponsored by the Sisterhood is Global Institute and the Center for the Study of the Global South at American University in Washington, D.C. in September. Haleh also continued work on a project on violence and women's human rights in Muslim societies.

Student News

Mary Elizabeth Nichols served as an intern at the White House this summer.

Diane Faires had an internship with U.S. A.I.D. this summer.

Kevin Willoughby attended a summer program at George Mason University

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Arrangements for these two internships and the summer program were made by **Professor Copper**.

Student Honors

Three I.S. majors were selected for listing in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They are: **Robert James Milnor-Beard, Kristen Lynn Rauschkolb, and Stephanie Jean Shackelford...**

Congratulations...

Department Updates

Model United Nations

The Rhodes Model United Nations Club attended the American Model United Nations conference in the windy city of Chicago this fall. The Club represented Latvia, the Netherlands, and Romania. The mission was led by Head Delegates **Judith Smelser, Hunter Phillips, and Barry Fullerton**. The team enjoyed an unprecedented showing at the awards ceremony, bringing home three awards for Best Delegation in the various committees at the conference. The team met once a week for practice sessions and research workshops prior to going, and their diligent preparation paid off handsomely.

The team is now preparing for the Mid South Model UN-- a conference Rhodes hosts for high school students in the southeast. It will be held Feb 6-8.

The team will also attend the Midwest Model UN conference in February in St. Louis. Congratulations to all team members for a job well done and best of luck in your future MUN endeavors!

Great Decisions

The department offered Great Decisions again during the Fall term for the Rhodes community and Rhodes students. **Professor Copper** served as coordinator.

The topics and the speakers were:

“Today's Media: What Voice in Foreign Policy?” Professor Copper

“Northeast Asia, Strategic Crossroads: What U.S. Role?” Professor Copper

“Russia and the U.S.: Growing Cooperation?” Professor Michta

“Terrorism and Crime: A More Dangerous World,” Professor Vaziri

“European Integration: What Impact on the U.S.?” Professor Kaltenthaler

“Environmental Threats to Stability: The Role of Rapid Population Growth,”
Professor Mora

“Middle East: Peace and the Changing Political Order,” Professor Vaziri

“Globalization: Workplace Winners and Losers,” Professor Kaltenthaler

Student Internships

Three students did internships this term. All reported a great learning experience. **Professor Copper** directed the interns. The following are the names of the interns and the places where they worked during the term:

Katharine Farmer—Federal Express, Department of Global Trade Engineering and Analysis

Jamie Lykos—Senator Fred Thompson's office

Jordan Schniper—Federal Express, Department of Global Trade Engineering

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Eleven students have signed up for internships for term two.

Alumni News

Jim McDonald ('79) is working as an analyst for Price Waterhouse. His e-mail # is: James_L_McDonald@notes.pc.com

Buck Mathews ('82) is in the exporting business, with his own company, International Brands located in Summerville (P.O. Box 875, Summerville, TN 38068). His e-mail # is: BuckMatthw@aol.com.

Robert Edwards ('83) has been travelling in Asia recently on business. On August 23 he was married to Ms. Zhan Chang.

Jeff Moore ('84) continues with TESSCO. He is covering 25 Eastern European and Former Soviet Union countries, plus Canada. He is planning trips to Russia and Eastern Europe this spring.

Scott Sweetser ('86) has just completed 47 weeks of intensive Russian at the Presidio of Monterey in California. He will begin Russian areas studies at the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany this summer. He is anticipating an

assignment as a liaison officer with the Russian airborne in Bosnia. His e-mail # is: wssweetser@aol.com

Russell Porter ('89) is getting his M.A. at the School for Advanced International Studies (Johns Hopkins University) in Washington, DC. He will finish in May.

Mark West ('89) has just become a member of the law faculty at the University of Michigan after completing an Abe Foundation fellowship in Japan for the past year.

Clifford Rich ('91) continues flying with the U.S. Air Force. He is now stationed in Albuquerque. His e-mail # is Richtsbdt@aol.com

Jennifer Eason ('95) is working on an M.A. degree in International Studies at the University of Denver. She will do an internship in Romania for five months before graduating. Her e-mail # is: jason@du.edu

Brian Kuns ('95) is finishing his MA degree at the University of South Carolina in International Studies. His thesis will be titled "Official Corruption in the New Russia."

Danny Riederer ('96) has been employed with King and Spalding law firm in Atlanta since graduation and has been working on a special matters team doing internal corporate investigations. He is applying for law school.

John Rodriguez ('96) is in his second year of law school at Samford University.

Viktoria Zeibarth ('96) is with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC doing fund raising and public relations work.

Amy Brown ('97) is working on an M.A. degree in International Relations at the University of London/King's College. She is planning to begin an internship with NBC News in London after Christmas.

Gina Yannitell ('97) is a Fulbright Scholar in Brazil studying race relations and elections in Campinas.