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Newsletter

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The I.S. Department witnessed a flurry of activities the second half of 1998, including professors writing books and articles, attending meetings, hosting speakers, and students participating in Model United Nations, winning honors and scholarships.

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Faculty and Staff News

Professor Steve Ceccoli began revising his dissertation, which was approved by his committee in May at Washington University after his defense and following which his PhD was conferred. The title of his dissertation is: "The Politics of New Drug Approvals in the United States and Great Britain." Steve is looking for a publisher for the entire work and also wants to publish one part as an article.

Dr. Ceccoli prepared and taught two new courses the first semester.

Professor John Copper's twenty-second book was published in October: *Taiwan's Mid-1990's Elections: Taking the Final Step to Democracy* by Praeger Publisher, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group.

In August and September Dr. Copper was interviewed by Readers' Digest on the situation in China and U.S. - China policy and by National Public Radio covering Western Kentucky and Tennessee. He was also interviewed by Seattle News Radio and Kyodo News Service on the political transition in Japan.

In October, with the Seidman Lecture, he was on a panel with three Nobel Prize winners to discuss U.S. trade protectionism and the economic situation in Asia. The proceedings will be published and distributed to college/university and public libraries.

In November Professor Copper attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Chinese Studies and its Board of Directors meeting. He also attended a conference in Taipei sponsored by the University of Illinois, Tamkang University, Central University and Sun Yat-sen University. There he presented a paper on United States China policy focusing on the “strategic partnership” with China announced by President Clinton during the summer.

John was an election observer again in December, observing Taiwan’s legislative and metropolitan mayoral races. He was also interviewed by the Taiwan press and Voice of America.

See Professor Copper’s home page:
http://www.is.rhodes.edu/faculty/Copper_Personal.html

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler’s article, "Central Bank Independence and the Commitment to Price Stability: The Case of the German Bundesbank," appeared this fall in the journal *German Politics*. Also, Karl published a book chapter (with Professor Mora) entitled "The Triumph and Institutional Deficiencies of Neo-liberalism in Latin America" which appeared in *Re-Defining the Third World*, edited by Nana Poku and published by Macmillan Press.

In addition, Dr. Kaltenthaler presented a paper entitled "The Sources of Citizen Support for European-level Policy Authority" at the American Political Science Association meeting in September and chaired another panel at that meeting.

Karl has recently become the program chair for the European Union Politics Group of the American Political Science Association. He is currently preparing a book manuscript concerning the issue of the political determinants of monetary policy of independent central banks.

Professor Sean Kay’s article “Deconstructing an Alliance” appeared in the December 1989 issue of *International Politics*. Sean also wrote an op-ed that appeared in the newspaper *Defense News* titled “NATO's Strategic Choices Will Determine Health, Vitality” and another op-ed on “Bringing Ireland into NATO’s Fold” that appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* (European edition). These constitute an extension of his work on these topics in his recently published book *NATO and the Future Security of Europe* published by Rowman and Littlefield earlier this year.

In October Sean presented a paper entitled “NATO Enlargement: Theory, Process, and Implications” at the Southern Political Science Association meeting in Atlanta. He was also interviewed by local NBC, CBS, and FOX networks on several U.S. foreign policy issues and became almost a regular commentator on WREC AM 600 radio. He was also quoted in a front page article in the *Christian Science Monitor* on US policy toward Iraq.

Finally, Dr. Kay and his wife welcomed an addition to their family -- Siobhan Mattie Madigan Kay, their second daughter, was born in September.

Professor Andrew Michta's essay entitled "Presidential/Parliamentary Systems in Poland" appeared as a chapter in Richard Staar's (ed.) *Transition to Democracy in Poland*, published by St. Martin's Press. Andrew delivered a paper at the meeting in Boca Raton, Florida on "Poland and NATO." Unfortunately he was not able to present the paper in person due to a hurricane. Dr. Michta continued to serve as editor for Eastern Europe for the journal *Problems of Post-Communism* which is published at George Washington University. Professor Michta continues working on a book about NATO's enlargement.

Professor Frank Mora contributed a chapter he co-wrote with Professor Kaltenthaler entitled "Neoliberalism in Latin America: 'Triumph' and Institutional Deficiencies" in Nana Poku and Lloyd Pettiford (eds.) *Redefining the Third World* (London and New York: Macmillan/St. Martin's Press, 1998). Frank also wrote an article entitled "Civil Society and Democratization in Comparative Perspective: Latin America and the Middle East," that appeared in the December 1998 issue of *Third World Quarterly*.

Dr. Mora also attended two conferences where he presented papers: "Conceptual Debate in Post-Cold War U.S.-Latin American Policy: Organizing Principle or Eclecticism?" at the International Studies Association-South Conference (ISA-South), Charlotte, North Carolina, 30 October - 1 November 1998; "U.S. Weapons Transfers to Latin America: An Argument for Hemispheric Security and Democratic Stability," presented at the VI Annual US Air Force Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) Conference, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, 19-20 November 1998.

Frank also did a consulting assignment for the National Democratic Institute Program on democratization and political parties in Asunción, Paraguay, 15-20 September 1998. On 16 September, 1998 he was asked by the Superior Electoral Tribunal of Paraguay to give a presentation before the tribunal and judicial branch members on political parties and their relations with elected public officials in a modern democracy.

Student News

Steele Means interned at the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC this summer under the direction of **Professor Copper**.

Farrah Fite did an internship with CNN in Washington the fall semester. She worked on the Evans and Novak Show and the Late Edition (with Wolf Blitzer).

Jim Flowers passed the foreign service examination. He will be getting an assignment after graduation.

Ginger Laney, who just graduated in Dec. 1998, was recently offered a position as Application Specialist with Cerner Corporation in Atlanta, GA. Cerner develops computer systems for the health care industry.

Department Updates

Model United Nations

The Rhodes Model United Nations Club team was very successful at the American Model United Nations competition in Chicago, November 21-24. The team won the following awards:

Best Delegation awards for:

- *Finland, 4th Committee, Matt Marcotte
- *Finland, 5th Committee, Barry Fullerton and Holly Hickham
- *Finland, 6th Committee, Hunter Phillips and Joe Quintana
- *Saudi Arabia, 4th Committee, Brad Damare and Courtney Umberger
- *International Press Delegation, Marekh Khmaldze
- *Finland, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Megan Gaylord and Mara Zimmerman

These awards made our team the most successful of any of the teams at the conference, which included teams from the University of Chicago and several Big Ten universities.

Sigma Iota Rho

Sigma Iota Rho inducted 13 new members this fall: Jeffrey Bigongiari, Emily Clark, Allison Donnelly, Farrah Fite, James Flowers, Thomas Fullerton, Nicholas Grojean, Daniel London, John Marshall, Emily Parkinson, Christopher Rollins, Amanda Wright, and Mara Zimmerman.

SIR also sponsored two workshops this fall: "What to do with an IS Major" was held in September and featured Rhodes alum, Caroline Lenac, and a special guest, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, assistant to Secretary of State Albright, talked about jobs in the government; and the workshop, "How to Write an I.S. Research Paper," featured Professors Ceccoli and Kay.

Student Internships

Four students did internships this term. All reported a great learning experience. **Professor Copper** directed the interns.

Richard Baker—Federal Express

Karen Daniel—Department of Commerce, Memphis Office

Thomas Fullerton—Department of Commerce, Memphis Office

Madison Moore—Federal Express

Alumni News

Russell Ashford ('83), Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, is head of the China Research Group in the United States Pacific Command in Honolulu.

Jochen Leisenheimer ('83) is the Director General of Wella Chile operations in Santiago.

Martha Saavedra ('83) is Associate Director of the Berkeley-Stanford Joint Center for African Studies at UC Berkeley.

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.

David Mosley ('91) is living in San Francisco where he has been for five years, and is working in investment banking and brokerage.

Troy Wilson ('92) has accepted a job with Global Business Solutions and has been assigned to Japan to develop and promote computer software.

Jamie Lycos ('98) is at the University of South Carolina getting his Master's Degree in International Studies.