

December 1999

The I.S. Department witnessed a flurry of activities the second half of 1999, including professors writing books and articles, attending meetings, hosting speakers and more... and students participating in Model United Nations, winning honors, scholarships

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Faculty and Staff News

Professor Steve Ceccoli attended the annual meeting of the Drug Information Association this summer. In the fall, Dr. Ceccoli spoke at the Sigma Iota Rho seminar "How to Write an I.S. Research Paper." Steve is currently preparing students for an upcoming Model NATO conference in Washington, DC.

Professor John Copper's twenty-fourth book was published in August... *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province? (Third edition)* by Westview Press a division of Perseus Book Group. A book signing, sponsored by the International Studies Department and the Rhodes Bookstore, was held in October. There was another book signing was held at Davis Kidd Bookstore.

Dr. Copper's essay entitled "The Origins of Conflict Across the Taiwan Strait" was published as a chapter in the book *Making Sense of Relations Across the Taiwan Strait: The Crisis of 1995-96* edited by Suisheng Zhao and published by Routledge. John also had articles published in *The American Asian Review* ("The KMT's Fifteenth Party Congress: The Ruling Party at a Crossroads") and *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs* ("Taiwan's Mid-1990s Elections: The Impact on the ROC's Polity and Politics" with Thomas B. Lee)

Professor Copper's speech entitled "The Taiwan Relations Act: A Twenty Year History" given in May at Georgia Tech University's Southern Center was published late in the year in *The Legacy of the Taiwan Relations Act; A Compendium of Authoritative 20th Anniversary Assessments* (Taipei: Government Information Office, 1999). One of his op-eds were syndicated by Scripps-Howard ("Lee Speaks Truth about Taiwan") in August. A letter to the editor of *U.S.A. Today* was published in July.

Dr. Copper presented a paper at a conference at Georgetown University in October and another at a conference at St. John's University in November.

Professor Copper was interviewed by Radio Free Asia in July, *China Times* and the *Oregonian* in September (both were published), Reuters and the Washington Post (Reuters interview was excerpted) in October, Radio Free Asia in November and Voice of America in December. John did press briefings in Washington, DC (one at the National Press Club) in September and October.

Dr. Copper did interviews for a forthcoming book on Taiwan in August. Included were a former foreign minister, current deputy foreign minister, director of the Government Information Office, president of the Control Yuan, and a number of other high officials and scholars. He also did some interviews and collected some data for the March 2000 election.

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

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler attended the American Political Science Association Conference and presented a paper entitled "The Sources of European Central Bank Policy Preferences." He also acted as a chair of a panel on comparative legislative institutions and was co-convenor of the European Union Conference Group of the American Political Science Association.

Dr. Kaltenthaler presented the paper "Explaining Latin American Economic Integration: The Case of Mercosur." (paper co-authored with Professor Mora) at the International Symposium for Regional Economic Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere; Institute of Latin America, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China 14-19 November 1999).

Professor Frank Mora co-edited with Prof. Michael LaRosa of Rhodes' Department of History the book *Neighborly Adversaries: Readings in U.S.-Latin American Relations* (Rowman and Littlefield).

Professor Mora and LaRosa also wrote a chapter in the book entitled, "Contentious Friends in the Western Hemisphere." Dr. Mora also published an article entitled, "Sino-Latin American Relations: Sources and Consequences of Diplomatic and Economic Cooperation, 1977-1997" that was published in *The Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*.

Frank, in addition, presented three papers at national and international conferences: "Cuba's Bingshang: A Comparative Study of China and Cuba's Military Involvement in the Economy and Its Implications for Civil-Military Relations" (paper presented at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Miami, FL; 12-14 August 1999); "Paraguayan Transition from Abroad: External Determinants of Democratic Deepening and Regime Survival" (paper presented at the First Annual Conference of Paraguayan Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; 8-9 October 1999); and "Explaining Latin American Economic Integration: The Case of Mercosur." (paper co-authored with Professor Karl Kaltenthaler and presented at the International Symposium for Regional Economic Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere; Institute of Latin America, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China 14-19 November 1999).

Professor Mora participated in four (during July, August, October) programs for Radio Marti on Cuban military and politics. Radio Marti is a Voice of America station that beams broadcasts to Cuba. Also Frank was invited to participate in a workshop on "Strategic Outlook for

Inter-American Security," Office of the Secretary of Defense, Division of Inter-American Affairs, Department of Defense; 16-17 September 1999. Finally, Frank served as an outside reviewer/evaluator of the International Studies Curriculum and Program at Southwestern University; 27-28 September 1999; Georgetown, Texas.

Professor Bruce Rutherford's dissertation has been nominated by professors at Yale University for the Gabriel Almond Prize awarded annually by the American Political Science Association.

Bruce presented a paper on the prospects for democracy in Egypt at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association.

Department Updates

Model United Nations

In October, Model UN recognized United Nations Day with a celebration in the Rat, which featured a Middle Eastern Dance performance. In November, Rhodes sent its first delegation to the University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) in Philadelphia. The 17 Rhodes delegates spent the fall semester preparing to represent South Africa and Iran. The delegates were all well prepared for UPMUNC committee debate which is especially well-known for its quality and intensity.

Sigma Iota Rho

Sigma Iota Rho (SIR) was active the fall semester...holding two seminar/meetings. One dealt with the topic: What to do with an IS major? Faculty shared their experiences and a Rhodes alum, **Catherine Cozart** (<95) spoke to students about grad schools and working opportunities for IS majors. Catherine is currently with the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the U.S. State Department. The other was a Research Methods seminar chaired by **Professor Ceccoli** and hosted by **Jim Flowers** where students learned to conduct social science research with special emphasis on internet resources.

During the Fall 1999 semester, Sigma Iota Rho took on the responsibility of redesigning the department webpage. Hiring a salaried design team and promoting a campus-wide graphics design contest, the new page went up in November.

Last but not least...the Induction Dinner was held off-campus at On Teur restaurant.

Student News

Student Internships

Three students interned in Washington, DC this summer. **Professor Copper=s** made the arrangements and supervised the internships...

Lauren Davis interned at U.S.A.I.D. She met Vice President Gore during work on the internship...

John Marshall worked at the Embassy of Papua New Guinea. John=s experience was published in *The Sou=wester* on February 2, 2000.

Peter Marudas was at the U.S. Department of Commerce

Five students interned in Memphis during the fall semester under **Professor Copper=s** supervision...

Luke Ginder interned with Senator Fred Thompson

Nick Grojean interned with Federal Express Corporation

John Marshall interned with Federal Express Corporation

Wade Wright interned with Federal Express/Tower Group International

Mara Zimmerman interned with Memphis Export Assistance Center (part of U.S. Department of Commerce)

The 1999 Mertie W. Buckman International Interns

The Mertie W. Buckman International Internship program is a merit-based program that places outstanding International Studies majors for two months during the summer with an international company. The program covers the cost of airfare and accommodations while living abroad, pays the student=s summer tuition (up to 3 credit hours) and covers the cost of a one-week side trip to a place within or near the country where the student is working. The following students were selected as The 1999 Mertie W. Buckman International Interns:

Jim Flowers interned with Auto Zone in Mexico

Barry Fullerton interned with Federal Express in Russia

Dan London interned with Federal Express in Belgium

Emily Parkinson interned with Buckman Labs in Germany

Mara Zimmerman interned with Buckman Labs in Australia

The students presented highlights of their experiences with the internship program on Friday, October 8, 1999.

Alumni News

LiLi Chung (<79) is working for Compaq Computer in Singapore. She can be reached at LiLi.Chung@Compaq.Com

Cole Clark (<88) has returned to Apple Computers. He is married and living in northern Virginia. He can be reached at Cole.Clark@Apple.com

Darron Contryman (<89) is in Japan, where he has been for a number of years. He was married recently. He can be reached at healthtech@hpo.net

Maria Carl (<90) is on leave from the U.S. Air Force for a year and is working at ABC (Nightline program) in Washington, DC. She can be reached at mariacarl7@yahoo.com

Anthea Perkerson (<97) recently passed the foreign service examination. She can be reached at Anthea_p@hotmail.com

Matt Wohlfarth (<97) is working on his masters degree at American University in Washington, DC. He can be reached at sunquan@aol.com

James Lykos (<98) is finishing his M.A. in international studies at the University of South Carolina. He is hoping to get his thesis published. He can be reached at guyute@gte.net

Josh McFarlane (<98) recently returned from a year in Shenzhen, China. He is now in medical school. He can be reached at mcfjj@yahoo.com

Kevin Willoughby ('99) is pursuing an MA in Fashion Studies at the London College of Fashion, the London Institute.

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