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The last half of 1995 was a busy period for the Department. Members of the faculty published--books, articles, op-eds... Some gave public addresses. Some attended conferences.

Students that spent the summer abroad on Mertie Buckman Internships had some interesting things to say and gave public presentations about their trips. Others had some useful work experiences abroad, elsewhere in the United States, or here in Memphis. More than half of the seniors were busy writing senior papers.

The Department hosted several speakers, including Harry Wu who was just back from prison in China, and sponsored Model United Nations and Great Decisions.

First, the faculty...

But, before that an important note: The I.S. Department is now has a home page on the World Wide Web. You can find us at "<http://www.is.rhodes.edu>"

Faculty

Professor John Copper completed work on his next two books. One is the second edition of *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province?* published in 1990. Some time ago the publisher asked for a new edition based on good sales of the first edition. More on these two books in the next newsletter... Dr. Copper's article on Taiwan's 1994 Gubernatorial and Mayor elections was published in *Asian Affairs* in the summer.

In addition to his writing, John attended a conference in Hong Kong in July, gave the keynote at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Chinese Studies in Toronto in September and spoke at the Mid-West China Forum at the University of Indianapolis that same month. He also addressed a meeting on China-Taiwan relations at the U.S. National Strategy Council in Washington, DC in October. The topic was almost identical to Professor Copper's book *Words Across the Taiwan Strait* published in May 1995.

In October, Dr. Copper invited dissident Harry Wu to speak. (For details see section on speakers below.)

In November, at the invitation of Senator Barry Goldwater, Dr. Copper gave a keynote address at a conference in Phoenix (at Arizona State University) on the Taiwan Relations Act. This is the only law ever passed by Congress setting the parameters of U.S. foreign policy toward a specific country. One will find this speech in a future issue of *Vital Speeches of the Day*.

John went to the annual meeting of the American Association of Chinese Studies held in Reno to attend the Board of Directors meeting (of which he is a member) and presented a paper on "Recent Changes in U.S. Taiwan Policy."

Professor Copper was interviewed by CBS news in September regarding the detention of dissident Harry Wu in China, with whom John has collaborated with on research and writing on human rights in China. He was also interviewed by Voice of America about China's sale of nuclear know-how, and the *Commercial Appeal* on U.S.-China relations.

In December, John traveled to Taiwan to observe that nation's parliamentary election. He has just finished a monograph on the subject, which will be published in a few months.

Dr. Copper participated in the World Affairs Council executive committee. Also he was a member of the Memphis in May selection committee. And he handled Great Decisions during the fall semester. Finally, John spoke at a SMART breakfast at Rhodes on U.S. Asia policy.

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler presented a paper at the American Political Science Association entitled "Paths to Prosperity?: The Trend Toward Sectorally-Organized Corporatism in Western Europe" in September. He was also a discussant on a panel on the politics of macro-economic policy making.

Karl's article "The Political Economy of Public Opinion Toward European Integration, 1970-1993" was published in the summer issue of *European Journal of International Relations*.

Dr. Kaltenthaler continues work on a manuscript on Germany polity and European monetary integration.

Professor Mehran Kamrava has written and published another book: *Understanding Comparative Politics*. This book was published by Routledge, one of the oldest and most famous publishing houses in the U.K. It appears this book will be adopted for courses in comparative politics in a number of colleges and universities.

Dr. Kamrava's article entitled "Political Culture and a New Definition of the Third World," was published in the Winter 1995 issue of *Third World Quarterly*.

Mehran is working on still another book. More about that in the next newsletter...

Professor Andrew Michta returned from his sabbatical in August. During the Spring and Summer Dr. Michta was a Fulbright Research Scholar at the Polish Institute of International Affairs in Warsaw. He spent most of his time doing research on the military and the transition to democracy in Poland. Andrew also lectured at the Polish Foreign Ministry. In his spare time he appeared on television to discuss current issues and contributed opinion pieces on Central European security to the newspaper *Rzeczpospolita*.

After returning to the U.S. Dr. Michta, for one semester, shared his time between Memphis and Washington, where he was a Research Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. There he completed a book that will be published in the near future. Andrew also, while in Washington, lectured at the Smithsonian Institution on the subject of military reform in Eastern Europe. In addition, he took part in seminar discussions at the Center on current developments in Central and Eastern Europe. Andrew also served on a team of experts commissioned by the U.S. Department of State to prepare a study on democratization in post-communist countries. This project was coordinated by the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

Professor Michta participated in the first annual review conference on the OSCE Code of Military Conduct at the Hague. The meeting was sponsored by the Dutch and German governments and brought together diplomats, academic and military leaders from all of the OSCE countries. Andrew was one of three American experts on Russia and East European security to be invited.

Last but not least, Dr. Michta published an article entitled "Poland and NATO" in the Summer/Fall issue of *SAIS Review*.

Professor Frank Mora presented two papers at the XIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in September. The papers were entitled "From Dictatorship to Democracy: The Role of the U.S. in Paraguay's Political Process, 1954-1994," and "The Interdependence of Foreign Policy and Democratization."

Frank also served as a consultant to the National Association of State Development Agencies and spoke at their national conference in Biloxi, Mississippi in September on U.S. trade opportunities in Latin America.

Students **Senior Seminar**

More than half of the I.S. seniors registered for the fall semester Senior Seminar. Professor Copper and Professor Michta each taught a section of the seniors' "culminating" course at Rhodes and persuaded, coaxed and intimidated students to write an outstanding Senior Paper.

They wrote on the following topics:

- Chesley Dickinson**
“Post-Cold War Terrorism: A Greater Threat in the ‘New World Order’”
- Michael Dowdy**
“Revolutionary Change: A Multiprocess Approach”
- Mary Kent Harrison**
“The Mexican Drug Trade: Its Impact on Mexico and United States-Mexican Relations”
- Matt Johnson**
“Russian Constitutionalism? An Examination of Constitutional Development in Russia”
- Julie Johnston**
“Conflict Resolution: The Reordering of a Nation”
- Emily Kurzeka**
“The Rise of China and Japanese Security”
- Cecilia Magnacca**
“Full Circle in United States-Argentine Relations”
- Hank Marchal**
“Great Britain’s European Policy: Straddling the Channel”
- Heather Moore**
“Air Force Diplomacy in the Balkans: The Decision to Use Force as a Tool of Policy”
- Phuong-Linh Huynh**
“Vietnam in 1995: The Clinton Administration’s Decision to Normalize an Vietnam’s Unwillingness to Give Up Control”
- Christopher Parkerson**
“Japan and the U.S.: Something Must be Done!”
- Patrick Daniel Riederer**
“The Path to Opulence: Third World “Economic Development and Western Theory vs. Indigenous Theory”
- John David Rodriguez**
“The Shining Path at a Dead End”
- Elise Ruddick**
“Jacques Chriac: the President Who Would be King”
- Joanne Mary Samaha**
“Religious Sectarianism and the Ethnic Mosaic in Lebanon”
- Billie Ann Snodgrass**
“Ideology or Empire: Stalins Foreign Policy at the End of World War II”
- Shane Willerton**
“Ireland: A Theory of Two Nations”

Buckman Internship
Summer Fellows

Three I.S. students received Mertie Buckman internships and worked abroad during this summer.

Allen Freeman worked for Federal Express in Belgium.

Heather Moore worked for Sofamore Danek in France.

Jenny Phillips worked for Buckman Laboratories in Mexico.

All had wonderful experiences. In October, they spoke about their work and travel and other events during the summer at a special presentation in Blount Auditorium for the Buckmans, I.S. students, Rhodes faculty and other interested people.

Work Internships

Six students worked on internships with a local company or government or civic organization the first semester.

David Drake interned at the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center. David worked on the Center's newsletter, helped organize the visit of a speaker from Haiti and assisted on the Central American Task Force.

Patrick Fisher worked at the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration helping Memphis companies efforts to market their products in Latin American and China. He was involved with foreign guests from India and Ethiopia and compiled a business report on Brazil. He also helped with "Commerce Day."

David Harrison did his internship at the Peabody Hotel. He learned almost all of the details of hotel work, from advertising and booking to public relations and legal work.

Mary Kent Harrison was also at the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration. She worked on "Commerce Day" and with a Japanese investor and the Economic Counselor from the British Embassy among others.

Phoung-Linh Nguyen interned at Federal Express, Global Trade Services. She worked on FXTV promotion for video conferencing and the relocation of employees.

Joanne Samaha did an internship at the National Executive Office of ALSAC—the fundraising arm of St. Jude's Children Hospital in Memphis. In the course of this work, she helped start a project to outreach to the Arab-American community.

Billy Ann Snodgrass worked at Buckman Laboratories in the International Marketing division. She did research and wrote a report on the paper and pulp industry in Europe and compiled information on Buckman's competitors in the paper, pulp, leather and industrial water treatment fields.

Model United Nations

Rhodes Model United Nations Club received multiple honors at the Arkansas Model U.N. meeting in Conway in November 17 and 18: awards for the best prepared Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee; the best prepared Special Political Committee; the best prepared Economic and Social

Committee; and the best prepared General Assembly delegates. The group also won the best overall college delegation award.

Congratulations to Professor Kaltenthaler, who was the faculty supervisor, of Model United Nations, and to the hard working students.

Great Decisions

This fall, in cooperation with Special Studies at Rhodes, the International Studies Department sponsored the Great Decision lecture series, a weekly public address and discussion on current global issues selected by the Council on Foreign Affairs. Professor Copper scheduled the speakers and administered the course. Eight Rhodes students (who took this course for one credit) joined about twenty people from the community to learn about Great Decisions.

The lecture topics and speakers were as follows:

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler

Nuclear Proliferation

Professor Michta

Russia and its Neighbors

Professor Mora

The United Nations at 50

Professor Kamrava

The Middle East

Professor Pittman

Department of Economics

Global Finance

Professor Copper

Greater China, Taiwan and Hong Kong

Professor Mora

Immigration

Professor Kamrava

Democratization

Speakers

Just back from weeks of incarceration and after being sentenced to 15 years at hard labor in prison—a sentence which was dropped in order that First Lady Hillary Rodam Clinton would attend a conference in Beijing—in the People's Republic of China, world famous dissident Harry Wu began a lecture tour at Rhodes (following an appearance on 60 Minutes and the Tonight Show). He spoke in Blount Auditorium and showed some videos of human rights abuses in China and the prison camps where he spent 19 years

of his life. Mr. Wu came to Rhodes at Professor Copper's invitation. The two worked together in the past writing about human rights in China.

Dr. Marc Boucher of the Office of the Government of Quebec spoke on the Quebec referendum in October. Dr. Boucher was a guest of Professor Kaltenthaler.

Dr. Michael Growth, a correspondent for *Deutschlandfunk*, spoke on the political implications and effects of German unification on November 15. Dr. Growth was a guest of Professor Kaltenthaler.

Dr. Lois Beck from Washington University spoke on Tribalism in Iran on November 10. She was the guest of Professor Kamrava.

Dr. Daniel Chirot, also from the University of Washington spoke on the origins of the philosophy of nationalism on November 17.

I.S. Alums

Scott Hallford ('64) has been "acting ambassador" to China after the departure of Stapleton Roy, while awaiting the arrival of former Tennessee senator and now Ambassador James Sasser.

Kathy Irwin Wood ('79) is living in Austin, Texas and is working for Seagate Technology, the world's largest producer of computer hard-drives and technology systems as a Strategic Account Analyst. She has two boys, age three and seven.

Robert Edwards ('83) is working for Synair Corporation in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is hoping to develop a market in Asia soon.

Maria Carl ('90) is a captain in the U.S. Air Force assigned to Headquarters AETC at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX. She recently served as public affairs advisor to the Secretary of Defense task force director of Defense Ministerial of the Americas in Williamsburg, Virginia. (This was the first ever meeting of the hemisphere's democratic security ministers.) She also worked with a bilateral defense team to set up delegates' plenary sessions and treaties between Ecuador and Peru and Jamaica and the U.S. Maria is engaged to be married in February to Captain Michael Myers of Birmingham, AL.

Teri Hammond ('90) spent the summer in Moscow. She returned to begin the MIBS (Master in International Business) at the University of South Carolina in the fall.

Scott Fitzgerald ('92) is doing graduate studies in economics at the London School of Economics.

Troy Wilson ('92) just returned from the East—where he has spent 3 years in Japan, 10 months in China (in Shanghai) and 5 months in Taiwan. He is looking for a job with a company doing business in Asia.

Caroline Knight ('93) recently completed an M.A. degree in Middle Eastern studies at the University of Texas in Austin and is applying for a PhD program.

Debbie Glen ('93) is working on her MBA degree at Vanderbilt University.

Patsy Whitehurst ('94) is doing graduate studies in higher education administration at Vanderbilt University.

Catherine Cozart ('95) is working for Trends Markets International in Memphis.

Jennifer Eason ('95) will pursue a M.A. degree in International Studies at the University of Denver beginning this summer.

Elise Eidemiller ('95) is working at Buckman Laboratories in Memphis.

Melinda Ewert ('95) is working at National Bank of Commerce headquarters in Memphis.

Jason Githens ('95) is working on an M.A. degree in Islamic and Near Eastern Studies at the Washington University.

Arlyn Mick ('95) will start U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in February.

Amy Oberhelman ('95) completed a research internship at the Hudson Institute in Indianapolis recently.

Judd Peak ('95) is pursuing a law degree at Vanderbilt Law School.

Todd Zeigler ('95) is working for Senator Thompson in Washington, DC doing press releases and helping with his radio show.