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Newsletter

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The I.S. Department witnessed a flurry of activities the first six months of 1997, including professors writing books and articles and 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 John Copper's twentieth book came off the press in April. *The Taiwan Political Miracle: Essays on Political Development, Elections and Foreign Policy* was published by the University Press of America; it is a tome—over 600 pages long.

Dr. Copper's contributions on Taiwan also appeared in the *Colliers Encyclopedia 1996 Yearbook* and *The Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia Yearbook*.

John, in addition, recently finished another book on human rights in China. Look for details in the next I.S. Newsletter.

In June, Dr. Copper attended a conference in Taiwan where he presented a paper on the possibilities of a U.S. negotiating role in resolving issues between Beijing and Taipei. He also spent some time doing interviews and collecting data for another book.

Professor Copper was interviewed a number of times by the media during the first six months of 1997: *Voice of America* (on the persecution of Christians in China), *Radio Free Europe* (on the return of Hong Kong to China), *International Community Radio Taiwan* (on the future of Hong Kong), *Central Daily News* and *China Times* (both concerning Hong Kong), *Insight Magazine* on U.S.-China relations.

Last but not least, John and his wife Weiping became the proud parents of Royce Wellington Copper, born March 13 at 12:17 PM. Royce was 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler presented a paper entitled "The Politics of EMU" at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in February

and another paper on “The Collapse of International Cooperation” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in April in Chicago. He also chaired a panel on “Sovereignty and International Economic Performance” at the latter conference and was a discussant on panels titled “Politics and Economic Adjustment” and “Institutions, Economy, and Polity in Contemporary Germany.” In March, Professor Kaltenthaler gave a radio interview with WMCI in Memphis concerning NATO expansion.

Dr. Kaltenthaler moderated the International Studies Department Roundtable Series Term II. Topics included U.S.-Chinese relations and the future of Europe. Karl also won the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year, 1997—an award given by the Rhodes Student Government. He was, in addition, named Pan-Hellenic Professor of the Month in May.

Karl’s current research took him to Germany in June to meet with the president, vice-president, and other members of the governing board of the German Bundesbank to discuss the run-up to European Monetary Union.

Last but not least, Dr. Kaltenthaler recently signed a book contract with Duke University Press.

Professor Andrew Michta published an article entitled “Civil-Military Relations in Poland after 1989: The Outer Limits of Change” in *Problems of Post-Communism* (March-April, 1997) and a book chapter “Democratic Consolidation in Poland after 1989” in Karen Dawisha and Bruce Parrott, eds., *The Consolidation of Democracy in East-Central Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997). Also, he completed a book which is scheduled for publication by St. Martin’s Press in November 1997.

In March, Dr. Michta presented a paper on “Poland in NATO: Regional and Trans-Atlantic Security Implications,” at the 38th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada. In April, he gave a lecture on “Civilian Control over the Military and Democratic Transition,” at the Military Academy of Slovak Armed Forces, Liptovsky Mikulas in Slovakia. In May, Andrew spoke on Central European security issues at a conference on NATO Enlargement and the Baltic States sponsored by the University of Washington.

Andrew was also interviewed by Voice of America and the Polish Public Radio in the Spring.

Professor Frank Mora authored an article entitled “The PRC and Latin America: From Indifference to Engagement” which appeared in the Spring 1997 issue of *Asian Affairs*.

In January 1997, Dr. Mora was interviewed by *Memphis Magazine* for an article on Cuban refugees in Memphis. In March, Frank gave a briefing on “Cuban Politics and the Military in Transition” at the School of Advanced Airpower Studies at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Brenda Somes, the IS secretary, was recently presented with “The Outstanding Staff Member Award” in recognition of her excellent work at Rhodes. Congratulations, Brenda!

Student News

'97 Graduates

On May 17, the Department graduated 36 students with majors and minors in International Studies. The graduates are the following:

Amy Alderson	Julia Lang
Belinda Belk	Thomas Logue
Julie Bhattacharya	Elizabeth Markovits
Sara Briggs	Meg McCroskey
Amy Brown	Danielle Montana
Neil Brunetz	David Osler
Alper Cetingok	Christopher Palazzolo
Benjamin Cormack	Anthea Perkerson
Rebecca Crawford	Jarred Pittman
J. Frank Day	Thomas Rushing
Yohaam Demel	Jason Searcy
Velitchka Filipova	Christina St. Clair
Allen Freeman	Anna Walls
Anne Hardwick	Andy Wildman
Dave Harrison	Matthew Wohlfarth
Kelly Holdbrooks	Katherine Wooten
Andrew Kennedy	Gina Yannitell
John Kopmeier	Viktoria Ziebarth

Senior Papers

Eight students took the senior seminar second semester. They wrote the following senior papers:

Julie Keka Bhattacharya, “Domestic Economic Impact of Defense Spending for Developed and Developing Nations”

Sara Ann Briggs, “A Push for Democracy: Mexico’s Transition to Democracy”

Julius Frank Day, “Trends of the Future: Information Technology, Multinational Firms, and the Nation State”

Allen Ray Freeman, “The Legacy of Grandeur: The Collapse of French Neo-Colonialism in Africa”

Mary Margaret McCroskey, “Economic Outcomes and Disparities in the Czech and Slovic Moves to Capitalism”

Thomas Holden Rushing, “Things Can Only Get Better: U.S. Cuban Relations from January 1996 to April 1997”

Jason Mack Searcy, “What is United States Security Policy Toward China Going into the 21st Century”

Joe Marley Scott Toland, “The Survivability of Democracy in Colombia”

Student Awards

At the Awards Convocation on April 22, the following students received recognition and accompanying awards for their work in International Studies.

The Bobby Doughtie Memorial Award

Ginger Laney

The Donald J. Gattas Award for Middle Eastern Studies

Courtney Spivey

Anne Rorie Memorial Award

Elizabeth Markovits

Student Journal

Students once again published *Modus Vivendi*—the only student-run journal in international studies in an undergraduate institution we know of. Students in the department also contributed articles to the journal.

Elizabeth Markovits served as Editor-in-Chief for a second year. Assistant Editors were Elizabeth Lokey, Kristen Rauschkolb, and Judith Smelser. Copy Editors were Alan Dossey, Allen Freeman, Chad Myers, and Matthew Wohlfarth.

Modus Vivendi, Vol. III, Issue I, included the following articles:

Christopher Palazzolo, “American Intervention in Russia: A Study of Wilsonian Foreign Policy.”

Jennifer Bean, “From Playwright to President: Vaclav Havel’s Contribution to the Democratization of the Czech Republic.”

Alan Dossey, “Colombia’s Dirty War: The Clash Between State and Society.”

Allen Freeman, “From Gaullist Annoyer to Euro-Gaullist Leader: French Foreign Policy Under Jaques Chirac.”

R.J. Milnor-Beard, “Colonels in the Crimea: The Role of the Soviet Military in the August Coup.”

Department Updates

Model United Nations

The Model United Nations Club had a very successful spring semester. The Club organized its annual Mid-South Model UN Conference for Memphis area high school students under the direction of Secretary General **Mitchell Klink**.

The club also sent twenty students to the Mid-West Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis to represent the delegations of Brazil and Libya. The delegation received four awards, the most the club has ever received at St. Louis. Best Delegate awards were given to **Barry Fullerton** and **Sonja Johnson**, representing Brazil in the Economic and Social Council and to **Judith Smelser**, representing Brazil in the Working Group. Honorable Mention awards were also given to **P.J. Norton** and **Steele Means** in the Special Political Committee and to **Matt Marcotte** and **Yohaán Demel** in the Political and Security Committee. **Dr. Kaltenthaler**, the club’s advisor, traveled with the group to St. Louis.

New club officers were elected for the 1997-98 school year. **Kristen Rauschkolb** will serve as President, **Hunter Phillips** as Vice President, **Matthew Shipe** as Treasurer and **Liz Nichols** as Secretary. **Matthew Marcotte** was selected to be the Secretary General for the 1998 Mid-South MUN Conference. **Barry Fullerton** will serve as the Under-Secretary General.

Great Decisions

The Department offered Great Decisions again during the Spring term for the Rhodes Community and Rhodes Students. **Professor Copper** directed Great Decisions.

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 Kaltenthaler

“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,” Guest Speaker
Professor Zabih

“Globalization: Workplace Winners and Losers,” Professor Kaltenthaler

Student Conference

Five IS majors presented papers at the Fifth Annual Latin American Studies Symposium held at Birmingham Southern College in April. The students were **Ginger Laney, Elizabeth Markovits, Julia Lang, Taylor Armstrong, and Alan Dossey.** **Professor Mora** traveled with them and helped them in their preparation for the conference.

Student Internships

Eleven students did internships with local businesses, government agencies, etc. this term. All reported a great learning experience. **Professor Copper** directed the interns. The names of the interns and the places where they worked during the term:

Amy Alderson--WMC-TV

Yohaam Demel--Federal Express

Villy Filipova--Smith and Nephew

Alison Ketner--Law offices of Rice, Smith, Bursi, Veazey, Amendsen and Jewell

Peter LaMotte--Department of Commerce

Julia Lang--Senator Fred D. Thompson

Robert Milnor-Beard--Federal Express

Danielle Montana--Federal Express

Chris Palazzolo--Federal Express

Anthea Perkerson--Federal Express

Matt Wohlfarth--Federal Express

Summer Interns

Two students will intern in Washington, DC this summer. **Mary Elizabeth Nichols** will intern at the White House. **Diane Faires** will intern at U.S.A.I.D. **Professor Copper** arranged both internships.

Elizabeth and Diane will surely have something to say about their experiences which will be reported in the next Newsletter.

Rhodes and Georgetown Sign Agreement

Rhodes and the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University signed a "Five-Year Cooperative Degree Program" Agreement this spring whereby Latin American Studies majors with a 3.5 GPA are, without further consideration, admitted into Georgetown's M.A. program. Students have to simply express an interest one year before beginning their studies at Georgetown. In the end their studies, students receive their M.A. in Foreign Service (in the area of Latin American Studies) in only three semesters at Georgetown (Fall, Spring, Summer). Kudos to **Professor Mora** who made these arrangements.

New Professors Join Department

Dr. Paul Senese, a specialist in US foreign policy and international organization and international law, has been hired and will join the I.S. Department in August. Dr. Senese is currently teaching at Vanderbilt University. He is currently working on research that focuses on the effects of domestic politics and institutions on international politics and foreign policy. He is also working on a joint project with a colleague at the University of Arizona on the linkage between domestic politics and states' propensities to seek bargained outcomes to their international disputes and a colleague at Vanderbilt University on a large project that deals with the effects of geography on interstate conflict.

Dr. Haleh Vaziri, a specialist in comparative politics and Middle East politics, will also join the Department in August. Dr. Vaziri received her Ph.D. from Georgetown University in 1995. She comes to Rhodes from Washington, D.C. where she is working as a consultant and is commuting to Harvard's Center for Middle East Studies where she is also a research fellow. Her research interests include comparative foreign policy, ideological production and consumption in the Middle East, and women's human rights. Haleh is the co-author of *Claiming Our Rights: A Manual for Women Human Rights Education in Muslim Societies* and is currently working on a book that examines the role of ideology in Iran's regional foreign policy during the Khomeini decade. Dr. Vaziri is an executive board member of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis.

Speakers

On February 28, **Professor June Teufel Dreyer** from the University of Miami spoke at Rhodes on U.S. China policy. Dr. Dreyer also addressed a luncheon sponsored by the Foreign Affairs Council.

On April 10, **Professor Saphir Zabih** from St. Mary's College in California spoke at Rhodes on problems in the Middle East.

On April 23, **Dr. Andrew Sobel**, from Washington University in St. Louis, presented a lecture entitled "Capital Markets in Transition Economies."

On April 2, **Dr. Arturo Valenzuela**, director of the Center for Latin American Studies and professor of government at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, spoke on U.S.—Latin American Relations in Clinton's Second Term.

Alumni News

Jeff Moore ('86) is working for TESSCO Technologies, one of the leading wireless telecom suppliers in the world and is living in Baltimore. He has been handling business in Canada and the former Soviet Union. Jeff and his wife Lisa became the parents of Zachary Jamison Moore on April 21

Ann Sartwell ('88) recently graduated from law school at the University of Tennessee and is chief manager for Sacred Arts and Letters, a limited liability company located in Knoxville. She also published a study last year entitled "Braving the Waters: Basic Survival Skills and Resources for Would-Be Entrepreneurs in Tennessee" published by the UT College of Law.

Russell Porter ('89) finished his first year at SAIS last month and is working for the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta this summer

Clifford Rich ('91) is doing helicopter training with the U.S. Air Force in Albuquerque. He will probably return to Korea in December.

Michael Hudson ('93) graduated from law school University of Alabama, Birmingham, this year. He is planning to take the Colorado bar exam. He can be contacted via email at sparkyt22t22@msn.com.

Joe Hardin ('94) got married last November. Joe is working for Nations Bank in Miami.

Sam Hass ('94) is attending the University of Oregon, Eugene, to complete his MBA. He can be contacted at samhass@aol.com.

Laura Benson Perry ('94) is working for Amnesty International in Washington, DC. She plans to begin work on a graduate degree in International Communications at American University in the fall.

Mary Kent Harrison ('96) is working as a researcher for Cartoon Network Latin America in Atlanta. In the fall she will be enrolled in the Latin American Studies Program of Vanderbilt University where she plans to complete her M.A. degree.

Meredith Miller ('96) was in Washington, DC this summer working on CNN's "Burden of Proof." Meredith will begin law school at Tulane University in the fall.

Amy Alderson ('97) was hired in July as an Assistant Investigator for the Senate Campaign Finance Investigation Committee chaired by Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson.