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Annual Report
1987-88
Office of International Programs and Projects

International activities coordinated by the Office of International Programs and Projects in 1987-88 included the Latin American and Asian Studies Programs, a developing Canadian Studies Program, study abroad programs, faculty and student Fulbright programs, faculty and student exchange programs, and visits by guests from other countries. This report will discuss these activities in detail. Activities of the Office of International Student Affairs are detailed in a separate report.

Latin American Studies Program

Eighteen students were enrolled in the course Introduction to Latin American Studies in the fall, 1987, semester and 13 in spring, 1988.

The Center for Latin American Studies sponsored a public performance by Galo Nuñez, Ecuadorian guitarist, on April 13. Mr. Nuñez also performed for Spanish and music classes on campus. On April 12, Adolfo Perez Esquivel from Argentina, winner of the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize, spoke at Western on the topic "Nonviolence and Social Change in Latin America." His lecture was a part of the Nobel Laureate Lecture Series at Western.

Six speaking engagements on Latin America were arranged for schools and civic groups, with audiences totaling over 200. In 1987-88 the Center provided materials and information on Latin America to faculty and students through its Resource Room.

An issue of Intercambio Internacional, the newsletter of the Center for Latin American Studies, was published in June, 1988. The newsletter is distributed to 1,500 individuals and institutions in the United States and Latin America.

Other Latin American Programs

Kentucky/Ecuador Partners

Western faculty participation in Kentucky-Ecuador partners is growing and is essential for the continued growth of the partnership. Dr. David Coffey, Agriculture, currently serves as state President. Dr. Ron Eckard, English, and Mrs. Michelle Salisbury, Nursing, serve as state Co-Chairs of the Education Committee. Dr. Jim Martin, Agriculture, and Dr. John Petersen, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, serve on the Board of Directors.

Ecuadoreans coming north in 1988 who worked on Partners projects in the Bowling Green area included: an English-as-a-Second Language specialist who observed classes at Western; two drug educators who visited drug education projects in the public schools; an exceptional child specialist who participated in workshops sponsored by WKU; a physician who observed neo-natal care in local hospitals; and a natural resource conservationist who participated in park management seminars.

WKU faculty who have been south during the past year include: Dr. David Coffey who represented Kentucky at the international meeting of the Kentucky-Ecuador Partners in Quito; Dr. John Vokurka who conducted seminars in exceptional childhood education; and Dr. Ron Eckard who presented seminars on Teaching English as a Second Language.

The annual statewide meeting was held at Western in April with over 40 persons attending. Kentucky-Ecuador Partners was honored to have Dr. John Vokurka selected as a participant in the Class IV of the Kellogg Fellowship in International Development. In addition to attending seminars in the U.S. as well as South and Central America and the Caribbean, Dr. Vokurka will complete a development project in Ecuador.

Colombian Program

Two students from Colegio Nueva Granada in Bogota participated in the Junior Scholars Program at Western in June and July.

Mrs. Pat Nave, a graduate assistant in Western's English-as-a-Second-Language Program, taught English at the Instituto Colombiano del Petroleo in Bucaramanga during the spring, 1988 semester. She and her husband will return to Bucaramanga for the fall, 1988 semester. Dr. Michael Binder, Director of Libraries, traveled to Bucaramanga December 13-16, 1987, for discussions with officials of the Instituto regarding the organization, administration, and training of library/information center personnel.

Belize Program

Under a federally-funded project, Murray State University and Western are cooperating to establish linkages with educational institutions in Belize. Dr. Carlton Jackson, History, spent the fall, 1987, semester as a consultant and teacher in the program in Belize, and Mrs. Peggy Wright, Library Public Services, spent June, July, and August, 1988 in Belize, setting up an academic library for the University College of Belize.

Ms. Felicita Correa de Finney, a lecturer at Belize Teachers' College, spent eight weeks of the fall, 1987 semester on the WKU campus. Dr. Colville Young, President of the University College of Belize, also spent an eight-week period at Western during the fall, 1987 semester. In spring, 1988, Mr. Ernest Raymond, Principal, Belize Teachers College, visited Western's campus.

Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Ecuador--Sister Cities Program

The Bowling Green branch of the Santo Domingo de los Colorados Sister Cities Committee was reorganized in 1987. New co-chairmen are Mr. Joe Byrne and Mrs. Norma Lowry.

Phoenicia Miracle, a Western senior majoring in journalism, spent the spring, 1988, semester in Santo Domingo de los Colorados, helping to organize the youth branch of the Santo Domingo Sister Cities Committee. Michael Byrne, a WKU freshman, spent the month of June in Ecuador. In April ten students from Santo Domingo visited Bowling Green, and in July a Warren Central High School student spent three weeks in Ecuador.

Canadian Studies

Progress continued in 1987-88 toward the development of a Canadian Studies Program at Western. In September, 1987, Canadian poet Bronwen Wallace gave a reading at Western which was attended by more than 200 people. Working with the City of Bowling Green, the Canadian Studies Committee secured a "twin city" arrangement between Bowling Green and Peterborough, Ontario. A delegation from Peterborough visited Bowling Green in May, 1988.

Several faculty members have been awarded grants by the federal or provincial governments to study Canadian topics.

Asian Studies

The U.S.A./China Teacher Education Consortium membership now includes 30 U.S. institutions, 3 U.S. public school districts, and four Chinese provinces. Mr. Jianliang Wang was hired in the fall of 1987 as a faculty member in Educational Leadership and as Executive Director of the Consortium. In November, 1987 he went to China as a consultant for the World Bank.

In April, 1988, three Chinese delegations from Liaoning, Gansu, and Xinjiang Provinces visited the U.S. They attended the second USA/China Teacher Education Consortium meeting at Memphis State before coming to Western.

Under a Fulbright-Hays grant, a group of 18 U.S. faculty, administrators, and public school teachers visited educational institutions and cultural sites in China for six weeks this summer. Western was represented by Dr. Curtis Englebright and Dr. James Koper, Teacher Education.

In July, Dr. Stephen Schnacke, Educational Leadership, conducted a Management Institute Seminar in China.

Professors Reta Hicks, Teacher Education, and John Bruni, Psychology, taught at the Liaoning Educational College in Shenyang, China from May 11-July 8, 1988 under the auspices of the U.S.A./China Teacher Education Consortium.

From May 9-June 7, 1988, Ogden College faculty members Charles Kupchella, William Lloyd, Wei-Ping Pan, John Reasoner, John Riley, and Lowell Shank visited Taiwan and Mainland China to discuss possibilities for cooperation and exchange with Chinese institutions in the field of coal science.

Dr. Thomas Updike, Educational Leadership, and Dr. Raymond Cravens, Government, led a group of 27 students on a three-week study/travel program in China this summer.

In March, the Office of International Programs, the Asian Studies Center, and the Bowling Green and Warren County Schools sponsored "An Evening of Kabuki Dance" by the Japanese Dancer, Kimiko Gunji. The event was held in Van Meter Auditorium and was attended by several hundred people.

Under the exchange program initiated between Western and Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan, Richard Joines, a Western student, spent the 1987-88 academic year at Kansai Gaidai while Shinji Kameda from Japan spent the same period at Western.

Study Abroad Programs

Cooperative Center for Study in Britain

The Cooperative Center for Study in Britain (CCSB), a consortium composed of Western, Eastern, Murray, Morehead, Northern, Kentucky State, and the University of Kentucky, is coordinated by Western with Dr. Raymond Cravens as the director.

Christmas Break Program in London--Forty-two students participated in the programs offered by CCSB from December 26, 1987 to January 9, 1988. Dr. William Leonard, Department of Theatre and Dance, directed the theatre program, which included nine Western students.

Summer Terms in Britain--A total of 145 students participated in the programs offered in Britain by CCSB during the summer of 1988. Summer Term I, which ran June 9-July 11 and involved week-long stays in various British locations, had an enrollment of 21, with 6 being from Western. Dr. Patricia Taylor, Department of English, taught the course Humanistic Tradition in Britain in Term I.

Summer Term II, which ran from July 7-August 11, 1988, was based at King's College in London and had an enrollment of 124 students, 44 of whom were from Western. Western faculty teaching in Term II included Dr. James Flynn, English; Dr. John Faine, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; Dr. Jackson Kesler, Theatre and Dance; and Dr. Ruth Meredith, Educational Leadership.

Beginning in the fall of 1988, a semester-long program in Oxford will be offered by CCSB. Students will live with British families and courses will be taught by CCSB faculty. Thirty-one students are enrolled for the 1988 fall semester, including 9 students from Western. Dr. James Baker, History, will direct the program.

Kentucky Institute of European Studies

A total of 196 students, including 11 from Western, participated in the 1988 Summer Study Abroad Programs in Europe sponsored by Western, Eastern, Murray, Morehead and Northern Universities and the University of Kentucky.

Western in France Program

Eleven Western students spent the 1987-88 academic year at Université Paul Valéry in Montpellier.

Other Study Abroad Programs

Two Western students received Rotary International Scholarships to study abroad in 1987-88. Ursula Thomas studied in Strasbourg, Germany, and Kimberly Cash studied in Victoria, B.C., Canada. For the 1988-89 academic year, Amy Decker received a Fulbright Award to study in Russia, and Jeffrey Shannon was selected to study in Germany in the University of Kentucky-Heidelberg Exchange Program.

International Events and Visitors, 1987-88

Six International Forums were sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Projects in 1987-88. Topics and speakers were:

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| October 9 | - "A Look at China's Changing Educational System: A Cooperative Effort with U.S. Teacher Education" | Dr. Richard Miller,
Psychology |
| November 20 | "Everyday Japan through Western Eyes" | Dr. Kathleen Kalab,
Sociology/Anthropology/
Social Work |
| December 11 | "Mercantilism, Adam Smith, the U. S. Constitution, and the International Issues of Our Day" | Dr. Bill Davis,
Economics |
| February 25 | "Working Abroad: Experiences in Cameroon" | Dr. James McGuire,
Agriculture |
| March 18 | "Primitive Warfare in a New Nation: The Case of Papua, New Guinea" | Dr. Aaron Podolefsky,
Sociology/Anthropology/
Social Work |
| April 15 | "Around the World in 180 Days: Research on Machiavellian Tendencies in Business Students" | Dr. Edgar Busch,
Management and
Marketing |

International Day was held at Western on October 23, 1987. Twenty-one displays were set up by departments, student groups, and honorary societies; eight groups sponsored food booths; and seven groups provided entertainment. Guitarist Ron Hudson gave a performance of Spanish music at noon in the Downing Center Theatre. Eight hundred students from 22 high schools attended International Day, and overall attendance was estimated at 1,600. International Day, 1988 will be held October 21.

An international dinner sponsored by the International Student Organization and the Office of International Student Affairs was held April 21 and featured dishes from many countries. Members of Western's international student body provided entertainment.

For the fourth summer, Western hosted a group of 26 French students on campus in July. The students lived in the residence halls and stayed with area families on the weekends. They attended lectures designed especially for them and visited sites of cultural and educational interest in the area. The program was co-directed by Dr. James Babcock, Modern Languages/Intercultural Studies, and Mrs. Mary Ann McCelvey, Office of International Programs.

Eight scholars attended Western in 1987-88 under the Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities (LASPAU). Scholars are faculty members or administrators in Latin American universities who are chosen for their academic and personal merits to study at selected institutions in the United States. Scholars attending Western were: Daniel Aguilar, Eduardo Bremner, Cesar Gonzales, and Ricardo Jimenez, all from Panama; Lynda Moguel from Belize, Oscar Chamorro from Nicaragua, Alfonso Casana from Peru; and Horacio Rodriguez from Guatemala.

At the Student Awards Presentation in April, 1988, Chung-Chiang Lee, Taiwan, received the Carl P. McNally Graduate Fellowship in Chemistry; Cheng Xi and Xiao Fangtian, People's Republic of China, received Pat and Wallace Nave Scholarships; Rosa Steinbrecher, Chile, received the International Student Scholarship Award; and Holger Velastegui received the Latin American Student Award.

Four issues of Outlook, the newsletter of the Office of International Programs were published during the 1987-88 academic year. The newsletter is distributed campus wide and to approximately 25 other universities and individuals.

Flavio Coello, member of the Ministry of Agriculture in Ecuador, visited Western July 18-22 to see first-hand examples of integrated resource management. Mr. Coello is developing a master plan for the Yasuni National Park in the Amazonian region of Ecuador.

Dr. Carol Braun, Professor of Education and Director of the Language Clinic at the University of Calgary, came to Western in June to meet with faculty in Teacher Education and members of the Canadian Studies Committee.

Mr. Terry Smith, Director of the Office of External Liaison at the University of Hull, England, visited Western's campus in June to discuss student exchange and study abroad programs with Western students and staff.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Thomas Coohill, Head of Physics and Astronomy, was named President-elect of the American Society for Photobiology and will represent the United States at the 10th International Congress on Photobiology in Jerusalem in October, 1988. In October, 1987, he traveled to Greece to participate in a meeting on space radiation.

Dr. Curtis Englebright, Head of Teacher Education, was a featured speaker at the Toronto International Reading Association Conference in May.

Dr. Wayne Hoffman, Geography and Geology, chaired a session on "The United States and Canada" at the National Council for Geographic Education in Springfield, Missouri in October, 1987.

Dr. Kathy Kalab, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, presented a paper on "Japanese Gateball: A New Pastime for the Older Generation" at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging in San Diego. In April she gave a paper on "The Elderly in China" at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Consortium for Asian Studies in Maryville, Tennessee. Dr. Kalab will be a Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii for the 1988-89 academic year.

Dr. Carl Kell, Communication, presented a paper "Rhetoric of New Coke: An American Mystery" to conferences in Japan and Finland in June, 1987, and at a meeting at Western Ontario University in Canada in May, 1988.

Dr. Nathan Love, Modern Languages/Intercultural Studies, published an article on "tu and vous" in Old French in the University of Paris journal Linguisticae Investigaciones. He published an article on "Eracle" by Gautier d'Auras in Romance Quarterly. Dr. Love has been appointed the International Bibliographer of the International Courtly Literature Society.

Dr. James Martin, Agriculture, presented a paper, "Romancing the Planetree," to the Ohio Nurserymen's Association and the International Society of Arborists in Columbus, Ohio. Much of the information for the paper was gathered in the United Kingdom in the summer of 1987. Dr. Martin will continue his research on sabbatical leave in the 1988 fall semester in the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

Dr. Dorothy McMahon, English, chaired the first Irish Studies forum at the Midwest Modern Language Association meeting in October.

Dr. Ruby F. Meador, Head, Allied Health, presented a paper entitled "Research and Grant Writing" at the American Association of Dental Schools in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. John Petersen, Academic Affairs, International Programs, and Government, conducted research on Canadian politics during the summer of 1988 under a Faculty Enrichment Grant from the Canadian government. He was appointed to the National Task Force on International Education and Economic Development in the States for the Association of International Education Administrators; attended the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States meeting; was interviewed by WKBO-TV on the Reagan-Gorbachev summit; attended an organizational meeting for the Southeastern Council on Canadian Studies at Duke University and was elected to the Board of Directors; and attended the annual meeting of the Kentucky Council on International Education. An article entitled "Internationalizing the Undergraduate Program: A View from the Office of Academic Affairs," will be published in the Journal of the Association of International Education Administrators.

Dr. Gene Rich, Teacher Education, gave his "Mark Twain" presentation to the International Reading Association's World Congress of Reading in Australia in July.

Professors Dick Roberts, Teacher Education, and Virginia Eaton, Computer Science, were faculty directors for a group of academically gifted students, ages 15-17, who participated in a British Travel Study Program in July.

Dr. Richard Salisbury, History, presented "The Diplomacy of Hispanismo: Spain, the United States, and Central America, 1898-1930" at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and "Spain and the 1926-1928 Nicaraguan Crisis" at the Mid-America History Conference, at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Mrs. Katherine Ward, English, presented a paper entitled "Land and Landscape in Three Irish Writers" at the winter, 1987 meeting of the Midwest Modern Language Association meeting at Ohio State University.

Dr. Robert Ward, English, presented a paper, "Teague Triumphant of the Stage Irishman Revenged," at the 25th anniversary conference of the American Committee for Irish Studies at the University College in Dublin, Ireland, in July, 1987. His article, "Letter from Ireland, a Little-known attack on David Hume's History of England," was published in the second volume of Eighteenth Century Ireland, co-edited by professors from Trinity College, Dublin, and University College, Dublin.