

Program offers study opportunities in Beijing

By Carolyn Lay
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Two university students are just finishing up their fall semester studying abroad in Beijing, China. Sophomore David Angert and junior Carolyn Lay studied in Beijing with the International Education of Students program.

Although IES itself has a long-standing reputation for its study abroad programs, its program in Beijing is still relatively young, formed in 1990. This year, the center moved to the Beijing Foreign Studies University (BeiWai) where it is the only American study-abroad program.

The IES program began August 22 with 23 students from across the United States and one student from Japan. All students took 3-hour language classes every morning. To help further with learning the language, students were given Chinese tutors.

Other classes the students had to take included two area studies courses, each for three hours once a week. The area studies courses students could choose from included history, economics, contemporary issues in China and philosophy.

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"Classes help with the entire language-learning experience and reinforce the things we learn from conversing with every-day people," said Kenny Leung, a sophomore from Lehigh University.

Although many students find coming to China a culture shock, they soon adjust to the different conditions. Junior Suzanne Fong from Johns Hopkins University gave this advice about coming to China: "There are three things that are really important to know before you come to China. First, wei sheg zhi, toilet paper, is a commodity. Second, there's a difference between a free public restroom, gong gong ce suo, and one that you have to pay. When in doubt, there's an open field nearby — which is almost always a better option.

Third, there's a reason why Chinese people would rather squat than sit on a stool — it's to build certain essential muscles. With these key pieces of knowledge, one can be ready to conquer China. It's a chance of a lifetime."

For most students attending IES-Beijing, learning Chinese is the primary reason to come China. However, everyone has found other activities on which to spend free time. Some students have found jobs as English teachers, and others take advantage of BeiWai's other international students to practice such languages as German, Spanish, Korean and Japanese. Non-credit classes are also offered in Chinese painting, Tai Qi Chuan, Wu Shu and minority languages.

Nick Klynn, a junior from George Washington University, has been taking Uyghur, a minority language from Xinjiang province in northwest China. "Very few universities in America offer Uyghur. Taking it here from a native Uyghur is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's also a perfect way to learn about the culture and history of Xingjiang from a native source, also a rare thing. After I finish up in Beijing I'll travel for several months in Xinjiang to use the Uyghur I've learned here," Klynn said.

IES provided two trips during the semester. The first was a three-week trip to the Gansu province in north-west China. The other short group trip was in mid-November to Xi'an, where they spent four days touring the city. Along with the planned group trips, students also took independent trips. Both Angert and Lay spent a week in Shanghai.

Before coming onto the IES program, Angert also attended a two-week program on traditional Chinese medicine.

In the first week, the participants learned about the basic fundamental theories behind TCM. During the second week, they learned acupuncture techniques, watched patients receive acupuncture and were able to practiced the techniques themselves.

"TCM is a completely different way of thinking about the body," Angert said. He chose to attend the program because of his interest in herbal medicine and alternative forms of medicine.

IES is also a yearlong program. Ten of the 23 students who studied during the fall semester will remain in Beijing for the spring semester also. Most of these students will do more traveling throughout China during the four-week winter break.

Student association hopes for neighborly relations

By Jay Cridlin
Old Gold and Black Reporter

In response to the deteriorating relationship between off-campus students and homeowners in the surrounding community, Student Government has taken action by creating a new organization designed to produce more neighborly relations between students and area homeowners.

The Off-Campus Student Association, a committee composed of students from all facets of university life, is expected to shrink the gap between homeowners and students that has formed over such matters as loud music, verbal harassment and disturbing behavior.

Unlike recent administrative measures such as warnings and suspensions, the Off-Campus Student Association was formed completely by students.

The newly organized committee will attempt to open lines of communication between students and homeowners by educating other students of the severity of the situation.

According to junior Susie Eggers, the student government president, problems with community homeowners are not new to the university, but they are just now reaching the point where they must be addressed by the students themselves.

"We started talking to administrators, and decided to get together and form an Off-Campus Student Association which would come up with different ways to go about attacking and solving the problem," Eggers said.

"Basically it's just like a good neighbor relations agreement. That's really what this boils down to — we just need to learn to be better neighbors."

The committee's goal is to form a committee of homeowners, administrators and all types of students, both on and off-campus students.

The plan that the organization has devised to address the problem is divided into three primary goals.

First, the committee will attempt to edu-

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cate students and homeowners about the ways to create neighborly relations and create a more amicable environment.

Second, the committee hopes to open lines of communication by encouraging attendance to community meetings. At a Nov. 19 meeting, attended by Eggers, community homeowners seemed encouraged by the actions that the new organization has taken.

"We went to the neighborhood association meeting on Nov. 19 and got a pretty favorable reception," she said. "They were supportive of the fact that students were trying to go about doing something and offered to help out."

The third step that the committee hopes to make involves a set of guidelines that will be made requiring certain stipulations that both homeowners and off-campus students must agree to.

If the committee is chartered as a permanent university organization, any student who chooses to move off campus will have to sign an agreement of these rules and stipulations.

"Just judging by the reception that we got going to the neighborhood association meeting, I really think that we're on the right track and that we can make a great impact," Eggers said.

"They were so excited to see that students did care and did want to do something to solve it, and as long as we can keep that energy and that dedication on the part of students, we'll continue to enhance the relationship between the homeowners and the administration."



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Laser light show

Hank Yochum, a graduate student in physics, works with the lasers in the physics lab recently. Physics fulfills a Division II requirement.

AKA to host ball

By Praneetha Akula
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Pi Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc., one of the university's two black sororities, will host a scholarship ball at the Benton Convention Center Dec. 4.

It is held once a year in order to raise money for one high school student in the Winston-Salem area.

"An Evening of Elegance for Education," is extending \$1,000 in scholarship to the student who demonstrates the strongest academic standing and service to the community.

"A college scholarship will also be awarded that night based on participation in a pageant that will occur," said junior AKA member Kayla Hall.

The ball is held to provide a non-Greek college student with a scholarship to assist financial needs.

AKA is the first organization to be established by and for black women in order to foster a climate of emotional, intellectual and social support for college women.

It became part of the university in 1990 and has maintained its goals of leadership on campus.

Currently, it is conducting a clothing drive.

Tickets are \$10 per person with student ID and \$15 without. If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, pageant participation or competing for the scholarship, contact the chapter at ext. 4119.

"On behalf of the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, we are pleased to present, after much detailed planning, this ball, especially with its many events such as the Mr. Miaka pageant and awarding of scholarships. We hope to receive a good turnout. Those who do come will be highly impressed," Hall said.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

BSA to host jazz night at Shorty's tonight

The Black Student Alliance will hold an Open Mic and Jazz Night from 8-11 p.m. tonight at Shorty's in the Benson University Center.

BSA has invited The Movement from Washington, D.C., to host the event. The Movement is a cultural arts nonprofit organization that holds summer and after-school programs for children to introduce them to several art forms and broaden their cultural backgrounds.

The Movement will both host and perform at the Open Mic. There will be four poets representing the greater Washington area. Attendees will be able to recite their poetry, sing and free-style rap.

There will also be a professional jazz band that will be performing as back up for the artist and attendees.

Pit to host late-night breakfast finals week

The Pit will hold a late-night breakfast from 9:30 p.m. to midnight Dec. 7.

The breakfast, a university tradition, will include a raffle and a bluegrass band. The cost is payable through students' meal plans.

Applications for London program due

Students who are interested in studying in London during the Spring 2000 semester with Katy Harriger, an associate professor of politics, must turn in applications by the end of this semester.

Applications are available in the politics department office, Tribble C301, or the Teaching and Learning Center, in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library 330. Applications can be returned to Harriger care of the politics department, P.O. Box 7568.

For more information, call ext. 4559 or e-mail harriger@wfu.edu.

Research fellowship opportunity available

The university is joining with the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina and several Winston-Salem

agencies to reduce youth violence in Forsyth County.

Student research partners will have the opportunity to work with a faculty member of the research team and to interact with representatives of community agencies.

Undergraduate research fellows will be involved in most parts of the collection and analysis of data, except when dealing with highly sensitive information.

German study-abroad scholarships available

Scholarship applications are available for the exchange scholarship with the Free University of Berlin during the junior year.

Applicants must have sophomore standing and have completed German 153 by the end of the semester.

This is a one-year scholarship with remission of all fees and a monthly grant for living expenses, housing and books.

Applications are also available for W.D. Sanders scholarships, which provide up to \$2,000 for study in Germany and Austria.

For more information or applications, contact Timothy Sellner, a

professor and the chairman of German and Russian, in Tribble B302.

Applications available for Dijon program

Applications are now being accepted for students interested in participating in the university's semester-abroad program in Dijon, France, for the fall semester 1999.

Applications are available in the main office of the department of Romance languages, Tribble B201.

For more information, call Byron Wells, a professor of Romance languages, at Ext. 5487 or e-mail at wells@wfu.edu.

Children's Angel Tree gives gifts to needy

Students can sponsor a needy child for Christmas by coming by the Angel Tree located in the rotunda of Benson.

All gifts must be wrapped and delivered to the Volunteer Services office in Benson 321 by Dec. 11.

For more information, call Volunteer Services at Ext. 4549.

Black law students hold annual banquet

The Black Law Students Association will hold its 14th annual scholarship banquet Jan 30 at Bridger Field House. House member Mel Watt will deliver the keynote address.

For ticket information, call Jennifer Martin at 776-3006. Special student prices are available.

Anthro museum holds holiday sale

The Museum of Anthropology will hold its annual holiday shop sale Dec. 1-24.

The museum shop carries a variety of moderately hand-crafted merchandise from around the world. This year's selection includes jewelry from the American Southwest, India, Afghanistan, Indonesia and Africa. Note cards, hand-drawn renderings of objects from the museum's collections done by junior Jennifer Lavender, will be for sale.

The museum offers gift certificates and a lay-away plan. During the sale, students, faculty and staff receive a 10 percent discount on purchases of \$5 and above. Museum friends receive a 20 percent discount. Shop hours during the

sale are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The museum is located behind Kentner Stadium.

For more information, please call ext. 5282.

Correction

A photo credit on Page A2 of the Nov. 19 issue misnamed the photographer.

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