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Upcoming Events:

Nov. 13-17, 2006

International Education Week Details of events on the OIA Website after 11/1: www.dept.kent.edu/oia.

Nov. 16, 2006, 5:30 PM

IEW Social Event to be Determined, Van Campen Café

April 2007 Mark your calendars!

ΦΒΔ Awards Ceremony

Thank you to Nathan Fry and Jessica Szabla, for organizing the trip to Beckwith Orchards on October 21, for an evening walk in the woods. We learned about some history of the local family, agriculture and natural resources of northeast Ohio and were able to sample apples and hot apple cider. Thanks again Nathan and Jessica and to Ted McKown and his wife Sandy for driving.

ΦΒΔ Leadership:

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Mr. Ted R. McKown, II

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Dr. Theresa Minick

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Ms. Debra Lyons

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Mr. Nathan Fry

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*Dr. Larry Andrews
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Dr. Carol Sedlak*

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*Ms. Carolyn Sampson
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Ms. Melissa Hughes

Programs and Events

Ms. Sarah Malcolm

Office of International Affairs Relocates to Van Campen Hall

by *Melissa Hughes*

The Office of International Affairs, formerly known as the Center for International and Comparative Programs has relocated to the previous home of the Honors College in 106 Van Campen Hall. After some renovation of the space, operations began on August 1.

With the move, the Office of International Recruitment and Admissions joined the Office of International Affairs in physical location. This physical orientation cements a functional connection established between the two offices a year and a half prior. Now operating under one centralized umbrella, all things international are based out of the OIA.

Among the staff housed in the new space are **Dr. Kenneth Cushner**, Executive Director of OIA, **Ted McKown**, Director of International Recruitment and Admissions, **Debra Lyons**, Interim Director of International Student and Scholar Services, **Sandy Baker**, Program Manager, **Judith Carroll**, Program Manager, **Dr. Alan Coe**, Assistant Director, **Melissa Hughes**, Immigration Compliance Specialist, **Kristine Keller**, Administrative Assistant, and **Mary Jane Phillips**, Records Technician. The office employs three Graduate Student Assistants, **Michelle Corathers**, **Noel Harris**, and **Sarim Tot**. OIA's student staff includes

Students in attendance at the OIA Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held September 18, 2006.



both international and American students: **Eiffey Adou, Laura Appel, Krittika Chatterjee, Jennifer Mutuku, Gabriela Plocka, Aditya Prahalad, Katlin Rothacher, and Heather Scarlett.**

The OIA celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the President's Office on September 18, 2006. President Lester Lefton was in attendance with many new and returning international students, and other folks from the Kent State University Campus and Community. For additional pictures of the event visit http://www.personal.kent.edu/~mhughes5/ribbon_cutting_ceremony.htm.



Katie Rothacher, Melissa Hughes, Debra Lyons and Tanja Petrovic at the Ribbon Cutting.

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ΦΒΔ Breakfast a Success

The Beta Zeta Chapter sponsored a breakfast during International Student Orientation on August 20. Many donated items were shared and approximately 100 international students were in attendance.

Thank you to those of you who attended and made this event possible. The international students felt welcomed and enjoyed a delicious meal!

Spring Study Abroad Fair Held in Kent Student Center

Phi Beta Delta teamed up with KASADA (Kent Academic Support and Advising Association) to host a Study Abroad Fair on October 15, 2006. The Fair was held in the Kent Student Center Room 204 from 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.. Approximately 275-300 students attended the fair.

Phi Beta Delta members donated items for a sale of items with international flair in which the Beta Zeta chapter earned close to \$100. An information table was on site to afford applicants the opportunity to apply for the Phi Beta Delta Study Abroad Scholarship, valued at \$500-\$1,000.

CHARLES NIEMAN DEPARTS KENT STATE

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Dr. Charles Nieman after eleven years of service as Director of International Student and Scholar Services at Kent State University. On October 2 he began as Associate Director, Office of International Services as the University of Pittsburgh.

Upon leaving, I asked Dr. Nieman to reflect a bit on his time here. I asked him about his experience with "international" and how it has changed his life. His first exposure came with his military service in Germany. He was the only one of thirty US soldiers who spoke German in the midst of a unit of 500 German soldiers. He remembers how handicapped he felt if he did not reach out.

Since then he has made an effort to connect with those around him. While stationed in Germany, he and his wife worked to build German-American relationships. After returning to US soil, they built International-American Relationships by engaging folks in the international community at Kent.

Working in the Office of International Affairs (then CICP), it was important to bring international ideas into the Midwestern town that is Kent, OH. What he did professionally, he reflected on a personal level as well. The Niemans frequently had international guests staying at their home in Streetsboro. Dr.

Nieman hopes to continue this practice at Pitt.

On the subject of Phi Beta Delta, Dr. Nieman commented on the great deal of work it took to establish the Beta Zeta chapter in 1991. He said that its primary membership was composed of faculty. Now, as the organization grows, it embraces different disciplines and includes staff and students.

In closing, Dr. Nieman expressed hope that the good work Phi Beta Delta is doing here at Kent does not stop.



Nieman and Ken Cushner at a farewell reception for Nieman on September 27.



Some of the guests in attendance at Dr. Nieman's farewell reception.