



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **September 7th - Study Abroad Returnee Event, DSC room G, 4:00 PM**
- **September 9th - Study or Teach in Asia Information Session, DSC room G, 3:00 PM**
- **September 12th - International Simulations Association meeting, Stabler Hall 409, 5:00 PM**
- **September 15th - Applications for Spring 2012 study abroad are due.**

International Club Elections

The UALR International Club (IC) will hold its first meeting and executive officer elections next week.

The IC is a social club open to all students enrolled in UALR regardless of their declared major, primary area of study or level of degree being sought so long as they are interested in intercultural relationships. There is no discrimination on account of race, religion, political views, nationality, ability, sex, or gender.

The goals of IC are:

- To promote awareness and understanding of cultural diversity on campus and community;
- To bridge and strengthen relationships between international students and the greater UALR population;
- To provide social venues for such relationships to develop;
- To provide guidance and direction to incoming international students;
- To advocate for greater community and campus unity.

On Thursday, September 15th, we will hold the first IC meeting for this school year. The meeting will be at 3:30 PM in the Donaghey Student Center (DSC) room 201-A. Everyone interested in IC is invited to attend.

At this meeting, we will be elect-

ing new officers. There are positions open for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you would like to run for one of those offices, please come to the meeting ready to give a short (2-3 minute) speech about why you would be like to hold that position. These positions are open to every member, regardless of previously held positions.

We will also be discussing some potential activities for this year.

Why UALR International Club?

We feel that there is a gulf between students from abroad and students from the United States. As such, the IC is committed to providing a social venue for UALR students and incoming international students. Open to all students, we hope to organize fun events, tutor new students, discuss international affairs and increase campus awareness of all cultures. From inviting public speakers to the campus, to showing new students around, to hosting an ice cream eating contest, the IC hopes to be equal parts academic, mentorial and fun!

Who should join?

Anyone who has an interest in other cultures. If you would like to show someone a little Southern hospitality or if you would like to share your culture with

someone who may not be aware of it, the IC is a great way to do so. Perhaps you would like to practice your foreign language skills with a native speaker. Whether you are from somewhere besides the USA, have studied abroad, or are just interested in having fun and making new friends, this club is for you!

What does the IC do?

Some proposed ideas include museum visits, movie nights, bake sales, and dances. New incoming international students would also be paired with a volunteer mentor who would help guide the new student through his or her transition to life in Little Rock. In the end, whatever this group does is up to you, the student; It is in your hands to make this club what you would like it to be!

For more information contact the staff advisors Allyson Hughes abhughes@ualr.edu or Joshua Thomsen jcthomsen@ualr.edu





“Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding does unite them.”

-Woodrow Wilson

UALR to Host 2011 Service Fair

The UALR Office of Community Engagement will host 2011 Service Fair this week. This event promises to give students a chance to meet with over 30 local agencies that need volunteers. **The fair will be held in the Donaghey Student Center (DSC) Ledbetter Rooms A & B on Wednesday, September 7th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

This could be a good way to meet with potential internship providers. Working with one of these groups could satisfy the INTS internship course that is mandatory for all INTS majors.

Agencies Participating:

Arkansas State Library Services for the Blind
 Junior Achievement of Arkansas, Inc.
 Hospice Home Care
 Oak Forest United Methodist Church
 Pulaski County Youth Services
 Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind
 Habitat for Humanity
 Baptist Health
 Arkansas Hospice
 Family Called Us, Inc.
 Arkansas Foodbank
 Youth Home, Inc.
 SOAR Homeless Network
 UALR Children International
 iBelieve

Arkansas Literacy Councils
 CareLink
 City Year Little Rock/NLR
 Girl Scouts
 Easter Seals Arkansas
 The Nature Conservancy
 American Lung Association
 Odyssey Hospice
 Our House
 March of Dimes
 Little Rock Serves
 International Student Volunteers
 Heifer International
 Arkansas Sustainability Network
 For more information contact Betsy Hart at edhart@ualr.edu.

Preventing Another 9/11

The Institute of Interfaith Dialog Little Rock Branch is proud to remember and commemorate the unfortunate events of 9/11 and the victims.

They plan to do this through an educational panel discussion that will be held on **September 12, 2011, 6pm at Raindrop Turkish House.**

The Raindrop Turkish House is located at 1501 Market Street in West Little Rock.

The panel will feature distinguished speakers from academe-

via; each speaker will talk for 10 minutes about different approaches to prevent another catastrophic act in the United States. Panelists will include INTS' own director Dr. Jacek Lubecki.

Following the talks the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers. The program is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP at interfaithdialog.org/arkansas/little-rock



Blood Drive at UALR

The American Red Cross will be on campus to host a blood drive. Students are encouraged to come by the **Donaghey Student Center, Fitness Center Court #2, on Wednesday, September 7th.** The drive will take place from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Natural disasters can strike at a moments notice, and with these disasters comes an urgent need as the American Red Cross blood supply runs low. Please come by and join the UALR Staff Senate in supporting the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

The American Red Cross is moving

blood products to the areas most affected by Hurricane Irene.

Since platelets have a shelf-life of just five days, it is imperative that there are enough platelets on hand to meet the needs of patients across the country and those in the path of storms.

The Red Cross has already had to cancel more than 60 blood drives along the East Coast due to Hurricane Irene, resulting in the shortfall of more than 1,500 units of blood. It is expected that additional blood drives will be postponed in the coming days due to storm damage.

Nationwide, around 44,000 blood donations are needed each and every day to meet the needs of accident victims, cancer patients, and children with blood disorders. These patients and others rely on blood products during their treatment. If blood collections are negatively impacted by a disaster, the long-term care needs of these patients could also be affected.

When disaster strikes, this need does not diminish, even though blood donors may find it difficult or impossible to get to a convenient donation opportunity.



“More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together.

-Kofi Annan

Chinese Conversation Club

A group of UALR students and staff are starting a Chinese conversation club. This will be an informal group of folks who wish to get together and practice their Mandarin Chinese skills.

There will be people of varying skills, from beginner to native speaker. Some members have only

studied a semester here on campus. Others have spent a semester or a year living in China or Taiwan. Others still are exchange students from China that are studying at UALR this semester.

The group’s first meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 7th, in Stabler Hall room 409 at**

5:00 PM. All UALR students with an interest in the Mandarin Chinese language are welcome to come.

For more information on the club, contact Joshua Thomsen at jcthomsen@ualr.edu.

Sigma Iota Rho Begins the New Year

The UALR chapter of Sigma Iota Rho (SIR) - The National Honor Society for International Studies will hold their first meeting of the 2011/2012 school year. This meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 14th, in Stabler Hall room 409 at 6:00 PM.**

This meeting will only be open to current members of SIR and those eligible and interested in joining SIR. Pizza and refreshments will be pro-

vided. **If you are a SIR member or you are eligible to join SIR and would like to come, please RSVP so we know how much pizza to get.**

To be eligible to join SIR you must have:

- Attained a junior standing and completed at least twenty-one (21) hours of course work toward the International Stud-

ies major or minor, including at least two courses at the 3000 or 4000 levels;

- Attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher in all courses, and a grade point average of at least 3.3 in international studies courses;

If you are interested in joining, please contact Joshua Thomsen at jcthomsen@ualr.edu.





*“A little knowledge
that acts is worth
infinitely more
than much
knowledge that is
idle.”
- Khalil Gibran*

Political Science Student Lounge

The UALR Political Science department has a student lounge located in its office suite.

Starting last semester, the Political Science faculty decided to upgrade a previously unused room. Made up mostly of donations from the faculty, the lounge is now a great place for students to do homework, socialize, read, or host study groups.

The lounge currently boasts a coffee maker, microwave, re-

frigerator, books, magazines, TV and VCR. Dr. Lubecki tries to keep the refrigerator stocked with soda and always has coffee grounds and filters in his office. The books and magazines are there for students to take home and use for research as long as the student promises to return the materials. There is also a huge library of VHS tapes that students may watch on the TV. Essentially, the lounge is there for the students to make their own.

Plans are in the works to bring in a large table, computer and printer to help better facilitate students' studies.

Feel free to email us for any ideas on how to improve the lounge. We are always accepting donations of books to the lounge library, too.

The lounge is located in Stabler Hall room 603. Just come into the office suite and ask Ms. Tina Tipton, the Political Science administrator, for directions to the lounge.

New Undergraduate Journal

Announcing a new online and print journal: Papers and Publications: A Southeastern Interdisciplinary Journal of Undergraduate Research. Papers and Publications, an open access peer reviewed online and print journal of undergraduate research, will be launched late Spring 2012.

This could be a really great opportunity for INTS students to get their work published, especially those writing their INTS senior papers. You put all the work into it, why not try and get it published? Students that can put published research on their resumes stand a better chance of getting into a school of their choice when applying to a graduate program.

Papers and Pubs is published by the University Press of

North Georgia and supported by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (CURCA) at North Georgia College & State University. Papers and Pubs promotes student learning by disseminating undergraduate research and creative works that make an intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline or to applied practice. Its Editor-in-Chief is Dr. Miriam Segura-Totten; its co-managing editors are Dr. Robb Sinn and Dr. Bonnie J. Robinson.

Papers & Pubs is currently accepting submissions for its first issue. Students in the Southeastern region and their faculty mentors may submit original work that has been presented at a conference, showcase, or capstone course

either on their own campus or at a regional/national conference site. Original research papers are welcome from all departments and disciplines, including fiction, creative non-fiction, and poetry (providing the creative work has been presented at a conference or in a class). All submissions will be reviewed by a faculty reviewer and student peer reviewers.

The submission deadline for manuscripts to be considered for the first issue is January 9, 2012. Submission guidelines and additional information about the journal and its scope can be found at: <http://www.upnorthgeorgia.org> (under the heading "Undergraduate Research"). Inquiries may be addressed to toupng@northgeorgia.edu.

Study Abroad Scholarship for Japan

The Association of Teachers of Japanese (ATJ) has a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to study abroad in Japan.

The Bridging Project offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations, through donations to the nonprofit US-Japan Bridging Foundation, has made it possible for ATJ to award 85 scholarships to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or an academic year

during 2011-2012.

Applications from students who will study in Japan during the Spring 2012 semester - beginning in January 2012 or later - will be due October 7, 2011. Students who plan to study in Japan beginning in Fall of 2012 should apply in spring 2012; those applications will be due April 6, 2012.

Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be enrolled as un-

dergraduates in a college or university in the United States before and during the time they are studying abroad.

Bridging Scholarship recipients receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on semester-long programs) or \$4,000 (for students on academic year programs). Students studying in Japan on summer programs are not eligible to apply.

For more information or to apply, visit www.aatj.org/atj/studyabroad/scholarships.html

“If we are a metaphor of the universe, the human couple is the metaphor par excellence, the point of intersection of all forces and the seed of all forms.”

- Octavio Paz

Teach English in Japan

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, now in its 24th year, is aimed at promoting grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations. The number of countries sending participants has risen over the years, as has the number of participants. In 2010, JET has welcomed 4,334 participants from 36 countries.

JET is one of the world's largest international exchange programs and has an excellent reputation in

Japan as well as abroad. JET is expected to encourage growth on a global scale through the development of an international network between JET participants and the people of Japan.

JET participants come to Japan as one of the following positions: Assistant Language Teacher, Coordinator for International Relations or Sports Exchange Advisor. All participants, regardless of their title, are here for the same reason: to interact with

local communities to promote internationalization at the local level.

Each year the JET, with the aid of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recruits thousands of new participants to come to Japan and experience a new and unique way of life.

Those accepted into JET are paid a competitive wage for their time. For more information visit their website at www.jetprogramme.org.



Professors from Austria on Campus

A group of professors from the University of Graz in Austria are on campus this week. They will be meeting with students at **1:30 PM on Wednesday September 7th in the Stabler Hall room 603 Political Science conference**

room. All INTS students are invited to attend.

There is no set agenda for this meeting. Rather, this is a chance for students and faculty to discuss international relations, the European Union, studying abroad in Austria

or any other topic.

Students that are learning German, interested in studying abroad in Austria, or thinking about studying international law would be especially interested in this informal meeting.



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"A nation, like a person, has a mind - a mind that must be kept informed and alert, that must know itself, that understands the hopes and needs of its neighbors - all the other nations that live within the narrowing circle of the world."

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Foreign Institute Spotlight: Graz University—Austria

Founded in 1585, Karl-Franzens Universität is the second largest institution of higher learning in Austria, with some 27,000 students. For 425 years, the University of Graz has had an important influence on the lively character and image of the Styrian capital. Many famous academics worked and made revolutionary discoveries here. The Neo-Renaissance style group of buildings in the center of the campus reminds us of a history rich in tradition. Additionally, it is not far away from the old town center, which is a classified historical monument.

There are many different subjects taught in English, from International

Relations to Sociology.

A city of some 250,000 inhabitants situated astride the Mur River about 120 miles from Vienna, Graz is perhaps Austria's most livable city.

For more information on Graz University, visit international.uni-graz.at

Study Abroad Information Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10am and every Wednesday at 3:30pm in the Office of International Services.

Applications for the Spring 2012 program must be turned in by September 15th. To apply or for more information visit ualr.edu/programsabroad or email studyabroad@ualr.edu

