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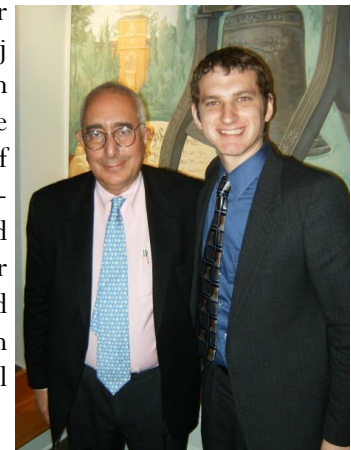
MODEL UNITED NATIONS
UPDATE

Wichita State University Model United Nations team represented a record number of countries this year at the Midwest Model UN Conference in St. Louis: Switzerland, South Africa and the Philippines. Lizzie Bernhart won Outstanding Delegate in the Human Rights Council, Matt Agnew won Outstanding Delegate in the First Committee, Spencer Ward won Honorable Mention in the Commission on Sustainable Development, and Drew Steadman won Honorable Mention in First Committee.

At the National Model UN in New York, our delegates again represented the Philippines and won Honorable Mention. The students were thrilled to be addressed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in the Opening Ceremony held in the Great Hall of the General Assembly. They also had the opportunity to meet the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR INTERNS

This year we had six interns in Washington D.C: Brent Arnold at Common Cause, Nathan Cox with Congressman Todd Tiahrt, Garrett Harmon at the Heritage Foundation, Patrick Hayes at the National Naval Museum, Andrew Niles at the White House, and Ashley Richardson at Cox-TV. In Topeka, Matt Agnew worked for Representative Raj Goyle, and Elizabeth Bernhart worked at the Kansas Department of Labor. The Washington interns participated in a weekly seminar with guest speakers and weekly briefings on current political events.



Ben Stein and Garrett Harmon



Model UIN 2007-2008

(L-R) Matt Agnew, Tatiana Sibaai, Alex Truong, Brandon Hottman, Pierce Sanders, Lizzie Bernhart, Spencer Ward, Chevis Rebstock, Daniel Shaub, Drew Steadman, Lisa Decow, Ganiyu Kuye, Amondi Ashang, Morgan Brammer, Daniel Rathbun, Megan Young, Logan Harrison, Whitney Heitman, Brady Baus, Jana Riddick

FOCUS ON EMERITUS FACULTY

HONORING DR. DAVID F. FARNSWORTH



Dr. David F. Farnsworth received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Illinois in 1959. He came to teach at Wichita State University in 1956 after receiving his MA from the University of Illinois in 1955. During his tenure at WSU, he served as Department Chair, Interim Dean, Director of General Studies, and many other administrative duties. He was invited to serve as a Visiting Professor at the U.S. Air War College in Alabama one summer and has fond memories of that experience. He also taught at the military college in New Zealand as a Fulbright Visiting Professor. He started the Model United Nations program at the University, which has been going strong for over 35 years. Some of the most memorable states that the Model UN delegates represented include Romania and the United Kingdom. He remembers one year when one of the delegates dressed up as Queen Elizabeth and then processed into the first session of the Security Council to address the representatives.

In addition to leading an award winning Model UN team, Dr. Farnsworth also travelled abroad with students. One summer he took students on an extended two month tour of Europe, visiting seven different countries, including several in eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain. Following his retirement in 1996, Dr. Farnsworth has served on the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission as an appointee of Governor Sebelius. He also enjoys spending time with his three children and five grandchildren. From time to time he runs into former students and is glad to hear that they appreciated their coursework with him.

HONORING DR. JIM MCKENNEY

Dr. James McKenney graduated with a BA from Willamette University in Salem Oregon in 1958, and received his MA and PhD from the University of Oregon in 1964 and 1969. He taught briefly at the University of British Columbia, then came to Wichita State University to teach international relations. During his years at WSU he served as department chair for six years, and Honors Program Director for six years. He also served as the Building Coordinator for the construction of Lindquist Hall from 1973-78. His publications include a book on US-Panama relations, chronicling the history and negotiation of the Canal treaty, as well as miscellaneous articles and over 200 book reviews for the Wichita Eagle.

He still keeps busy teaching Continuing Education courses at the WSU Metroplex. Each semester he addresses different political and historical topics. His most recent course was on the 'Vietnam War Remembered'. He is also serving as a Trustee for Kechi Township north of the City of Wichita.



SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni and friends of the department who have endowed nine scholarships and contribute to the Annual Fund that provides additional scholarship funding. Below, we want to share the background on several of our endowed scholarships.

KATHLIEN R. EDMISTON SCHOLARSHIP

Kathlien Edmiston enrolled at the Wichita University after graduating from Wichita High School (now Wichita East) in the late 1920's. She was president of her sorority, Sorosis (now Delta, Delta, Delta) and vice president of her senior class. She met her husband E.K. Edmiston at a school dance. Upon graduation in 1933, she began five decades of community work, focusing on WU and politics. Mrs. Edmiston served on the WU Board of Regents, chairing the board from 1956-57, and later on the WSU Board of Trustees. She lobbied for the inclusion into the state system in the early 1960's and received the Alumni Recognition Award in 1967. She chaired or worked on many local, state, and national Republican campaigns. In 1985, Mrs. Edmiston filled an unexpired term on the Wichita City Commission and served briefly as mayor of Wichita.



Her husband and daughter, Kelly Callen, established her scholarship in Political Science to honor her dedication to community activism.

The 2008-2009 recipient of the Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship is Carly J. Miller (above right). Carly is a Senior, majoring in Political Science.

LEE AND HELEN KAMEN SCHOLARSHIP



For many years, Sheldon Kamen has worked at Kamen, Inc., a company started by his grandfather in 1896. Aside from operating the business, Mr. Kamen graduate from Wichita State University with a BA degree in business in 1969, followed by a master's degree in history and political science. After serving in the Army, Mr. Kamen soon became an involved civic leader in Wichita. From 1979 to 1985, he was seated on the Board of Education where he served a one-year term as president. During his 14 years on the city council, he also served as Wichita's Vice-Mayor and Mayor. In 1979, Mr. Kamen established a scholarship for political science students in honor of his late parents, Lee and Helen Kamen.

The 2008-2009 recipient of the Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship is Alex Le Truong (left). Alex is a Junior, majoring in Political Science.

Additional Scholarship recipients include: Drew Steadman—R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; Garrett Harmon—Terry and DJ Scanlon Scholarship; Sarah Cooper—Sara Hyde Corbin Scholarship; Matt Agnew—Robert and Priscilla Partridge Scholarship; Chase Fosse—Donna Shank Scholarship; Eric Robinson—Josephine Stabler Scholarship; and Brent Arnold, Armand Fruge, Morgan Brammer, Matt Goad, Dustin Wiens, Kristina Buller, and Tatiana Sibaai—Department Scholarships.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Political Science majors Brooke Amos and Issac Venable were awarded the Drive Your Pride Scholarship by the Alumni Association this past year. In addition, Garrett Harmon was one of five finalists and also received scholarship funds. Congrats!

We the People

Last year, on September 17 the Political Science Department sponsored a Constitutional Day Panel with Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison, Federal Judge Thomas Marten, and County District Attorney Nola Foulston. They discussed the modern relevance of the US Constitution on the issues of gun control, civil liberties and security, and search and seizure. The event was well attended by WSU students and the larger Wichita community.

DEPARTMENT SAYS FAREWELL, AND WELCOME

Dr. David Ericson offered his resignation this past spring in order to take a position at SUNY in Albany. He is joining his wife who has also taken a position there in the Social Work department. We will miss his smiling face and easy going camaraderie in the department, but we wish him all the best!

As we say farewell to Dr. Ericson, we welcome Dr. Michael Hall who joins our faculty from the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Hall received his BA and M.PIA from the University of Pittsburgh (1991, 1993) and his PhD from the University of California in Santa Barbara in 2002. He specializes in International Political Economy.



LAW CAREER DAY EVENTS



Mel Kahn organized two successful Career Day events in the Department this past year, with several alumni returning to campus to share their experience with our students. In the fall, Sarah McIntosh spoke about her work in a public policy foundation (Flint Hills Institute); Jeff DeGraffenreid spoke about business law; Lee Kinch discussed personal injury law; The speakers for the spring session included: Judge Eric Yost, Kansas 18th district, Kelly Logan, Staff Attorney for Kansas Legal Services, and Sharon Warren, Assistant DA for Consumer Fraud and Economic Protection. Students enjoyed sub sandwiches and had a chance to ask questions following the talks.

CAMPAIGN 2008 CONFERENCE BY LIZZIE BERNHART

Campaign 2008 was a two week seminar in Washington DC in January 2008. During the two weeks, we covered two areas: In Pursuit of the Presidency, and Media. During the first week, we discussed tactics for winning elections, issues that the incoming president might face, strengths and weaknesses of the candidates, and a myriad of other topics. Speakers included Cal Thomas, Bob Beckel, and Ralph Nader. During week two, we discussed the effects of the media on the 2008 election, positive and negative. We talked about 24 hour news coverage, late night television, television ads, etc. Speakers included Sam Donaldson, Ted Koppel, and many others. During both weeks we had site visits for a behind the scenes look at elections. These included visits to the Democratic National Committee, the Heritage Foundation, Capitol Hill, and the Supreme Court. We also had some free time to visit other national sites around the city. I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot!



Lizzie Bernhart,
Class of '08

AIR FORCE ACADEMY CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE BY SARAH COOPER



The Air Force Academy Conference has been held for fifty years and this year's topic was "Dismantling Terrorism". There were 150 students from around the country and the world. We worked for three days to find solutions to this problem. The students dealt primarily with Middle Eastern terrorism, but did discuss other regions, such as the IRA in Britain. To find solutions, we had a daily briefing with people who were experts in different areas of dealing with terrorism. The briefing topics ranged from being a victim of terrorism to tactical actions to combat terrorism. At the end of the week, we had many different policy proposals to combat terrorism. The policy proposals varied from public diplomacy and strategic communication to pimproving financial accountability of money given to governments to combat terrorism. It was an amazing experience.

STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students were very active in several different student clubs this year: the Political Science Club, College Republicans, College Democrats, and a new group on campus—the Young Democratic Socialists. Some of the activities sponsored by these groups included:

- Travel to NYC for the Young Democratic Socialist summer Conference.
- Constitution Day Panel Discussion
- Voter Registration drives
- A Student Debt Forum
- Screening of Baghdad ER Film
- Screening of the film Sicko in cooperation with the AFL-CIO
- Panel event on Energy, including Lt. Gov Mark Parkinson
- Screening of the film American Blackout and panel discussion.
- Debate on illegal immigration
- Annual Department picnic

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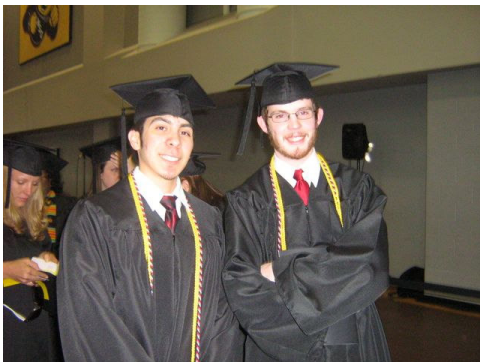
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WE LOVE TO HEAR
FROM OUR ALUMNI

CELEBRATING OUR 2007-08 GRADUATES

Brady Baus, Amber Royal, Cody Smith, Sarah Sullenberger,
Alex Aguilera, Brooke Amos, Elizabeth Bernhart, Zach
Brown, Joshua Davis, Veronica Mosqueda.



Alex Aguilera and Zach Brown



Joshua Davis

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES

The Alpha Delta
Chapter of the
Pi Sigma Alpha
Political Science
Honorary
Society is



pleased to

recognize our newest initiates:

Alex Aguilera, Sarah Cooper,
Chase Fosse, Patrick Hayes, and
Brian Koch. Congratulations to
these newest members. The
chapter was founded in 1989 and
has over 170 members.