



Friends

The Friends World Alumni Newsletter • Spring 2001

Dear Friends,

I have what I hope you will agree is very good news to report. We are planning to launch a new center in West Africa in September of this year. To be located in Kumasi, Ghana, the traditional Ashanti capital, the center will offer students the opportunity to explore West African cultures and history, learn Twi and engage in a variety of independent projects in Ghana and adjacent parts of West Africa. Ghana has been selected because of its political stability, its rich cultural traditions, the fact that it is Anglophone so that students will learn an African language rather than another European one and because of its manifold links to so many elements of American life. Travel to and within Ghana is also relatively easy.

We will establish our center on the campus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) which has enthusiastically welcomed the Friends World Program. Students will live in new dormitories which have two students to a room with a private bathroom and will have access to all university facilities (libraries, computer centers, recreational facilities, etc.). Friends World students will also be able to take two or three KNUST courses from a selected list of offerings in literature, history, politics, development studies, art history and studio art and other fields. Needless to say, we are very excited by this prospect.

We are also honored to announce that the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh has accepted our invitation to be the Friends World Commencement speaker and to receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Long Island University. Thich Nhat Hanh is a Vietnamese Buddhist monk now living in exile in France. He was nominated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his work toward reconciliation in Vietnam. He has a worldwide following and is the author of more than seventy books. His talk will be entitled, *The Path of Understanding and Love*.

In view of Thich Nhat Hanh's worldwide reputation, we want to provide the opportunity for an audience larger than our graduates and their guests to attend. We have, therefore, made arrangements for him to speak in the gymnasium of Southampton College at 8:00 PM on Saturday, 19 May 2001, immediately following the Friends World graduation dinner. We hope to see many of you there.

Finally, I would like to pass on the message that I will be leaving Friends World in August after eight years. This difficult decision is the product of much reflection and a strong personal sense that it is time for renewal and change. The Friends World Program will never be far from my heart or my thoughts.

Lewis Greenstein

Dear Friends,

It is with considerable sadness that I received the news of Lewis Greenstein's resignation as the Dean of the Friends World Program. Lewis has provided inspired leadership to Friends World since his arrival in 1993. All of us who care about the Program are in his debt for the stewardship he has provided to this most unique and challenging program.

As the Provost of the Southampton Campus I would like to make particular note of the year that Lewis spent as Acting Dean of Southampton College in addition to his responsibilities in the Friends World Program. This was a monumental undertaking, which Lewis handled with his customary skill, effectiveness, and grace.

On a personal note, Lewis will leave behind a great many friends within both the Friends World and Southampton communities. He has been a valued colleague, a source of wisdom and reason, a tireless advocate for causes he espoused, and a great guy to share a beer with.

Goodbye Lewis, you will be missed. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Timothy Bishop, Provost

NEWS OF YOU:

Alice E. Knapp – VS 1981 Latin American Center Costa Rica, from which she went to Nicaragua and worked for the government there. A graduate of Bard College and University of Maine Law School, Alice is a Selectman in her hometown of Richmond, ME and works as the Director of the legislatively-created Consumer Health Care Division, within the Bureau of Insurance. "My passions are politics, democracy, community, and social justice. I love my job protecting consumers in Maine, and am excited about the changes I'm effectuating." Business phone 207-624-8461

Sarah Beth Heller – 1991, received her MPA from Cornell in 1996 - Sarah spent three years in Mali, West Africa, with the Peace Corps, as a small Enterprise Development volunteer. She is now living and working in Seattle for a dot com company, as a Supplier Relations Manager for Asia. Business phone 206-374-3864

Fred Taylor – 1976 is working on a Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning at Virginia Tech. His dissertation will be on retirement migration to less-developed countries by North Americans. He welcomes information from "out there" Frtaylo2@vt.edu

Ellen (Ginger) Carter – attended early 70's. Still writing and happy for the year I spent at Friends World College, where writing became such an important part of my life. I teach writing to college students at George Washington University students, and write fiction and poetry - husband Bill, Zoe (9) and Eli (6) live in College Park, MD.

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FWP COUNCIL OF OVERSEERS TO PRESENT TWO AWARDS AT GRADUATION

The FWP Council of Overseers is a group of 30 Quakers, graduates, international experts, and community members. The primary function of the Council of Overseers is to preserve and promote the mission of the Friends World Program, a mission essentially unchanged since the founding of Friends World Institute in 1965.

Faculty Award

In support of this goal, at its meeting in October 2000, the Friends World Council of Overseers established an award for one faculty member each year whose scholarly activities, activism with respect to an important contemporary human issue, and/or exceptional service in helping students design and carry out academically rigorous individualized learning projects in cross-cultural settings exemplifies the Friends World Program mission.

The Council of Overseers Faculty Award, including a \$500. honorarium, will be awarded

for the first time in conjunction with graduation in May 2001.

Senior Thesis Award

FWP seniors graduate on the basis of a thesis reflecting a liberal arts education broadened by cross-cultural and experiential study of world issues.

At its meeting in October 2000, the Council of Overseers established an award for one exemplary senior theses prepared each year. These theses will serve as models for future students and faculty, and examples for those who seek to understand Friends World's unique educational opportunities and outcomes.

The first award will be announced at graduation 2001. The award will include a \$500 honorarium and provision for binding a copy of the thesis in a form that will make it permanently useful as a model of excellence.

Jane Ann Smith
Council of Overseers

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

2000-2001 marks the 10th year of Friends World affiliation with Long Island University. The class which entered in 2000, and will graduate in 2004, is the 10th entering class since affiliation. There has been a steady growth in enrollment since 1991 which leads to a growing body of alums throughout the world.

These alumni are supporting the Program financially in increasing numbers, with increasingly generous contributions—a strong source of encouragement and support for the Dean, the faculty, the staff and the Program activities.

Many warm thanks to those of you who have responded to the Annual Appeal. As of

February 25, 2001, \$14,800 has been received about equally designated for the Africa Center and scholarship funds.

Many warm future thanks to those of you who are about to respond. Even as part of a larger institution, financial support from the Annual Appeal gives the Program discretionary funds for scholarships and, this year, support for the re-opening of an Africa Center, in Ghana, as Lewis describes in his letter.

Please respond generously. Checks (to Friends World/LIU) can be sent to Lewis at the World Headquarters address.

FROM THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE:

Dear Alumni,

The sweet smell of spring is in the air! Just as fast as the snow is melting, the end of spring semester is approaching. The preparations and plans for the April/May program have begun, and Friends World students are progressing successfully in their internships and research projects. Currently, there are about twenty-two students, mostly freshmen but also some upperclasswomen and upperclassmen, in the NYC area. Some of the internship sites that the students are involved in include ICP Midtown, Cooper's Square, Brecht Forum, Hoops 4 Hope, International Action Center, NTV International Corporation, etc., just to mention a few.

Along with the preparations for the April/May Program, the general outlines of the groundwork for the upcoming May graduation

have been set. There are many details that need to be worked out in order for this graduation to be successful and unforgettable for graduates as well as the visitors. My wish is for the students who are graduating, to come out to Southampton, accompanied by their family and friends, and to celebrate the mission of Friends World as well as their incredible experiences and achievements within the Program. The graduation's level of success depends greatly on the energy, and of course, willingness of everyone participating to make it remarkable, which I have no doubt will be accomplished this May.

And last, but not least, I would like to wish everyone a great continuation and conclusion of the semester!

Sincerely,
Sabina Bajorvic

GRADUATION 2001

The Friends World Program graduation will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2001. The Southampton College graduation will take place on Sunday, May 20, 2001. Each Friends World graduate is eligible (invited) to participate in the Southampton College ceremony.

An exciting and unusual program is planned for graduation day. As always, student presentations of Senior theses will be an important form of the day. The presentations will continue throughout the day, in the Duke Lecture Hall, with a break for lunch. The student-led graduation ceremony will be held at 5:00 PM followed by the traditional celebratory champagne. A gala graduation dinner for students and guests will take place immediately following the ceremony.

We are honored to announce that the venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, has accepted our invitation to be our Commencement speaker this year. He will also be receiving an honorary degree from Southampton College the next day. Because of Thich Nhat Hanh's international reputation, we are arranging a larger venue for his address so that his many admirers and followers will be able to join us for the evening.

Graduating seniors and their guests will be attending at no cost. Members of the Friends World Program community and the general public may purchase tickets for \$25. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Friends World Program.

Speaking directly to our graduating class, Thich Nhat Hanh will share the views which have brought him international acclaim. This is an extraordinary opportunity to hear this world-renowned teacher and Buddhist leader.

FRIENDS WORLD PROGRAM GRADUATION SCHEDULE All Activities Beginning Promptly

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Danish, juice, coffee, tea Kanas Hall in Chancellors' Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Presentations Duke Lecture Hall in Chancellors' Hall
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch for graduates, their guests and staff and Council of Overseers Kanas Hall
1:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Presentations Duke Lecture Hall
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Break
5:00 PM - 5:30	Graduation Ceremony, large gymnasium
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner catered by Tariq (Indian buffet) small gymnasium
8:00 PM	Guest Speaker, Thich Nhat Hanh Open to the General Public (There will be a \$25.00 Admission charge—complimentary to graduates and family), large gymnasium
SUNDAY 20 MAY SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE GRADUATION	
9:30 - 12:00	Brunch for graduates and guests (graduates receive 3 complimentary tickets) Senior Recognition Ceremony following Brunch
1:45	Line of March formation
2:00 - 3:30	Southampton College Graduation Ceremony followed by a reception Honorary Degree award to Thich Nhat Hanh

NEWS OF YOU (continued)

G. Douglas Clarke - '76-'77 writes, "it is good to know that the program goes on, in spite of changes. I look forward to opportunities to get together with my classmates."

Paul Kurincha - '74, who had a career in TV production, is now engaged in his own fly fishing business in West Virginia.

Gary Morin - '84, continues to keep in touch, and looks forward to more alumni contact. Gary is a Program Analyst at NIH GMMorin@hotmail.com

Janet King - '93, an attendee since 1982, she mentions meeting Arthur Meyer, Director of Admissions at Friends World College, at a college fair in the early 80's- "I knew right away that my life was veering off in a totally new direction—I'm very glad for that moment! " A freelance harpist, horse farmer and athletics official, she lives in Glen Cove.

Patrick Taran-Pret - '81, lives with his wife Maria-Claire, a cat and a puppy, in Geneva-recently appointed the Senior Migration Specialist at the International Labor officer, a UN agency Pat is expanding the ILO's efforts combating, documenting, and promoting remedies to discrimination against immigrant and ethnic minority workers. He is helping plan the World Conference against Racism and Xenophobia, to take place in South Africa in September 2001. After home repairs are completed, Patrick invites guests to their summer cottage in early '02. Mariepat@freesort.ch

Brian Cashdollar - '92 has developed a web-based news publication, newscourier.com, a monthly single topic news publication. newscourier.com provides all the space necessary to explore an issue from numerous perspectives including historical and cross-cultural <http://www.newscourier.com> or Brian at editor@newscourier.com

Mirangella Buggs, '92, student executive in Fall '91, senior thesis on women's studies-has completed an MA in Gender Studies in Feminist Theory at the New School in New York City -with Matthew King, celebrating the birth of their daughter, Zanu Buggs-King in August 2000 -recently left NYC for a quieter life in the Catskills mirnage@juno.com

Lisa May - '76, MSW from Hunter School of Social Work, a psychiatric social worker at a community psychiatric rehab center, also active at Idlewild Farm, and Riding for the Handicapped - trains riding instructors and volunteers working with people with severe and persistent mental illness - also offers bed and breakfast to horses and riders in a beautiful rural setting -ride@idyl-wildfarm.com

IN MEMORIUM:

Everett Leo Swinson, 41, a visual artist in Norfolk, Virginia, died on July 26, 1998. He was a visiting student from Norfolk State who attended Friends World College in 1979 in the Latin American Center. Everett worked with performance art through the 1980's and then moved into assemblage art with recycled materials. After being diagnosed HIV-positive in 1989, he gained a new focus for his art. Paintings and oil pastels featured stylized figures and scenes of fear and social isolation. A Virginia Beach artist, Lynne Sward, a supporter of Everett's, said of him, "He did his own thing. He forged ahead, and didn't care what people thought of him. He was so courageous—he had the passion." Survivors include his parents, in Norfolk—a brother and sister, and many nieces and nephews.

TELL US ABOUT YOU...

We have a new alumni list! To subscribe: send a e-mail message to: listproc@listserv.liu.edu (with NO subject or email signature).
Your message must read: Subscribe fw-alumni firstname lastname *substitute your first and last name
To send mail to the fw-alumni list: Address your mail to: fw-alumni@listserv.liu.edu
Your mail will be sent to Friends World headquarters to Carol Baker. Replies to mail will go back to the sender of that message, not the entire list.

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Friends World Centers Attended & Years _____

Year of Graduation from Friends World _____ Area of senior study _____

Graduation from another college? _____ Year _____ Degree _____

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