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GREETINGS FROM THE INTERIM DEAN:

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Southampton. Before I bring you up to date with the most recent happenings in the Friends World Program, let me mention that in December we went online with our new website - www.liu.edu/friendsworld. This website is greatly improved in both the quality and quantity of information it offers to those who would like to know more about us. Please do take a look soon to get up to date information on changes in the program - or just to see some of the many new pictures supplied to us by students, faculty and staff all over the world.

Let me outline the shape of our program as we head towards the 2002-2003 year. Our first year program emphasizing global issues and cross-cultural study begins in London this coming fall. We are very excited about this. Faculty and staff at the European center have been working very hard coming up with an excellent program and we have incorporated a number of new ideas into the curriculum. (In addition, we have decided to use part of the program fee to purchase transport passes for all students to give them immediate access to London in its multi-ethnic entirety - see this and more on our new website!).

Other recent news is more mixed. We continue to ask ourselves how best to fulfill our mission statement in ways that best serve our students. Since 9/11 we feel we need to give much greater focus or definition to our commitment to global issues and to offer our students the option of more concrete programs. In addition to the First Year Program in London, Chris Penny will offer a one year program in Peace and Reconciliation, building on his work in Northern Ireland. In addition to this, the South Asian Center in Bangalore will offer students the option of a one year area of emphasis in Holistic Living that will look at the different philosophies underlying sustainable living on a personal, communal

and global level. Courses exploring such areas as yoga, ayurveda and organic farming will be mixed with residencies at four different types of ashrams. Finally, the Latin American Center will offer students the option of a one year area of emphasis in People and Environmental Issues, exploring issues of globalization, ethnicity, the politics of local grass-roots projects and conservation/human rights using multiple methodologies. These new issue-based areas of emphasis will add to and complement present offerings in languages and area studies. Students can sign up for any of these programs during the registration period.

Sadly, I must also announce that the African Center in Ghana has been suspended for next year. The combination of student health problems this past fall and a very low enrollment this spring led to this decision. We hope to return to Africa in the very near future when we can offer students a stronger program.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Comparative Religion and Culture Program will also adopt the theme of "Peace and Reconciliation" for next year. What can we learn from the major religions and cultures of the world about the possibility of peace and reconciliation in our time?

I am sure you will agree this is a wonderful expression of our Quaker heritage, and just the right issue for the CRC program to explore in the year to come.

Sincerely,
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NEWS OF YOU

Tim Duffy (FWC '86) - Tim's senior studies were in Ethnomusicology, an interest he has retained since then with a Masters in folklore from UNC Chapel Hill. Tim is President of the Music Maker Relief Foundation in Pinnacle, NC. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting and encouraging blues musicians, the true pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions. A very interesting newsletter, Music Maker Rag is sent to contributors to the Foundation. www.musicmaker.org

Meredith Harwood Flanagan (FWP '99) - Meredith's senior thesis was the writing and performance of a one-woman show. She lives in England, runs Quo Vadis Tours, specializing in transformational journeys to sacred sites in Great Britain. glastonburyrose@loneone.net

Patricia Bennett Millerioux (FWC '76) - an attorney, received the JD from Antioch School of Law. She is Deputy Executive Director of a non-profit law firm active in public interest law. The firm focuses mainly on systemic change for people with disabilities- married for 15 years, has a 13 year old son.

Karin Riley-Thron (VS '94) - finished her BA at Harvard in '96, returned to India to write a travel guide, worked for a small newspaper in Colorado, married a forest photographer, runs Turquoise River Wilderness Expeditions. Karinriley@hotmail.com

Katherine E. Ryder (VS '97) - earned her law degree, continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of Friends World - interested in legal reform in Eastern Europe. Rynryder@hotmail.com.

David Carlson (FWC '72) - After receiving an M. Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary, David has served as an executive Presbyterian in the Presbyterian Church, supporting "struggling churches and pastors, developing new programs, and intervening in conflicts." in the Snake River Mission area of Idaho. Married in 1984, David and Kathy share a blended family of four. carlsond@micron.net

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DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Community is eager to learn who will be named to lead the Friends World Program next year, and, because of nearly a decade of stability in the Dean's office, an overview of the selection process is in order. A Search Committee was appointed in the fall, comprising the Friends World Program Associate Dean, its Director of Admissions, the Director of the North American Center, the Student Executive, a graduating Friends World senior, a Co-Clerk of the Council of Overseers, a Southampton College faculty member (who is also a member of the Friends World Council of Overseers), the Southampton College Dean, and the Campus Provost. A representative from the University's office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs - the office to whom the Dean reports - also participates as a resource and helps coordinate logistics.

The charge of the Search Committee was to

accept applications, review them, and select candidates for interviews and campus visits. After advertising nationally, the Committee received over 70 applications, including some from Friends World alumni! The pool was narrowed to 12, and seven candidates were invited for personal interviews in Southampton and Brookville during March and early April. To be included in the campus visits were conference calls to overseas centers and question-and-answer sessions with students and staff around the world. The names of three to five candidates will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs by mid-April. Although the Dean's contract for 2002/2003 will not take effect until September, the Committee hopes the newly appointed Dean will be able to participate in World Conference 2002 in May.

Janet Davidson, Associate Dean

Father of Alumna, Long Island Naturalist, dies at 95

When Dennis Puleston died in June 2001, on Long Island, he left an incredible legacy of environmental and nature concern. A passionate hiker and birder, protector of the woodlands, marshes, the rivers, and all of nature's creations, Puleston was a writer, painter, botanist and an ornithologist. His travels included a six year round-the-world sailing voyage, 38 visits to Antarctica, and numerous adventure cruises to all parts of the world.

Puleston's career included Director of Technical Information at Brookhaven National Laboratory, first chairman of the Environmental Defense Fund, and a founder of the Open Space Council on Long Island. He was one the first naturalists to be concerned about the effects of DDT on the bird population. His book, "A Nature Journal," was originally a diary kept over

many years.

"Long Island is much more than shopping malls, concrete highways and crowded towns and beaches" he once wrote. "There are still cool woodlands, quiet rivers, salt marshes, and rolling sand dunes..."

All four of Dennis Puleston's children became naturalists, including **Sally Puleston McIntosh**, an alumni of Friends World. Sally attended during the late 60s and lives on a farm in New Brunswick, Canada, which she jointly owns with her brother. Sally has three sons, 20, 18, and 16. She works for a nature center, demonstrating alternative technology and recycling models. The center hosts school groups and interns - it has organic gardens and extensive hiking trails. Her e-mail address is ravage@nbn.net.nb.ca.

IN MEMORIAM: Sylvia Sherertz (FWC '81)

Sylvia Sheretz, a former Friends World College Student Executive and former member of the Council of Overseers. She attended the FWP graduation last year so some of you may have met her and seen her wonderful spirit as she fought her long struggle against cancer. Her 11 year old daughter Miriam was also at the graduation so you may have met her also.

Dearest Friends and Family,

With her beautiful daughter Miriam, her brother David and her dearest Milford friends at her side, Sylvia ceased her human existence with us today and began her celestial existence with her Father at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, January 08, 2002. On these occasions, we take much comfort from the words of one of our favorite hymns:

Hymn of Promise by Natalie Sleeth
 In our end is our beginning,
 in our time, infinity...

In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory.

Sylvia's family would like to convey our gratitude for all the wonderful support you provided Sylvia since the onset of her cancer in May 1998. Sylvia always considered you her "angels," and you truly are.

Love, Bill Sherertz

In lieu of flowers, please make your donations to: American Red Cross, Milford Chapter, 1 Plymouth Place, Milford, CT 06460-3481 Telephone: (203)874-2531

IN MEMORIAM: Sophia Ali (FWP '01)

On Thursday 29 November, Sophia Ali died in a car accident. She was living with her aunt, Babita Young, in Pennsylvania. She died instantly when the car she was driving skidded and crashed as she was on her way to pick up her aunt's son from school.

Sophia had been accepted to all the medical schools to which she had applied in the last few months. She was gathering her books and clothes to begin school in Westchester at the time of her death. The service was in Brooklyn on Monday, 3 December '01. Her aunt wants to contact as many of her friends as she can reach. She told me Sophia had a friend in Switzerland. If any of you know names and addresses, please send them to her aunt or to me.

If you want to write to Babita, the address is 4103 Sagewood Drive, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Carol Baker (cbaker@southampton.liu.edu)

GRADUATION EVENTS

GRADUATION 2002

The Friends World Graduation events are festive and special and we are looking forward to your participation.

Saturday, May 18, 2002

8:30 a.m. Saturday begins with coffee service in Kanas Lobby of Chancellors' Hall on campus. We move into the Duke Lecture Hall for senior presentations from 9-12.

Senior presentations: Every graduating senior in attendance is expected to give a 10-15 minute presentation on her/his senior work

At 12 noon, we all break for more camaraderie and complimentary lunch (vegetarian and non-vegetarian)

We reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for further Senior Presentations and end at 3:30 p.m. when we move to the Athletic Center for the formal graduation ceremony which begins at 4:30 p.m. SHARP.

For the 3rd year, Tariq will cater our ever-popular Indian buffet for the graduation banquet at 5:30 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge per person for the dinner. Reservations are a must, since seating is limited.

At 8:00 p.m. there will be a guest speaker (TBA) in the large gymnasium.

Sunday, May 19, 2002

Sunday, May 19 is the day for Southampton College campus graduation events.

Friends World students are encouraged to participate in the Southampton College campus graduation ceremony, which is also a very special event.

FRIENDS WORLD PROGRAM GRADUATION SCHEDULE

ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN PROMPTLY:

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Danish, juice, coffee, tea Kanas Hall in Chancellors' Hall
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Presentations Duke Lecture Hall in Chancellors' Hall
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch for graduates, their guests and staff and Council of Overseers Kanas Hall
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Presentations Duke Lecture Hall

Adjourn to Athletic Center

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Graduation Ceremony large gymnasium
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner catered by Tariq (Indian buffet) small gymnasium
8:00 p.m.	Commencement Speaker (TBA) large gymnasium Open to the General Public

SUNDAY, MAY 19

SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE GRADUATION

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Brunch for graduates and guests (graduates receive 3 complimentary tickets)
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Senior Recognition Ceremony following Brunch

1:45 p.m.	Line of March formation
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Southampton College Graduation Ceremony followed by a reception

**The Friends World Program
Biennial World Conference/
Student Development
will be held on the
Southampton Campus
beginning
MAY 20**

**The theme is
Increasing Intercultural
Understanding After 9/11**

ANNUAL APPEAL

The '00-'01 Annual Appeal brought in \$27,000 in contributions. Many thanks to all who participated.

This year, a surprising and very encouraging early response resulted in \$13,884 being contributed since September 1. Contributors included former supporters and a number of first-time contributors. The Annual Appeal year extends from September 1 to August 31, in tandem with the Program's fiscal year.

In light of the 9/11 tragedy, many of our alums and friends must indeed share the

conviction that the Friends World Program is needed now more than ever.

Interim Dean Robert Glass, faculty and staff, are working diligently to develop new initiatives and programs in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation. In addition, creative hard work has gone into the development of the new London-based first year program.

Continuing support needs to come from a strong response to the 2002 Annual Appeal which will be sent out in April. Please be generous.

TELL US ABOUT YOU...

We have a new alumni distribution list! To join send an email to Carol Baker (cbaker@southampton.liu.edu)
Replies to e-mail will be to the sender, not the entire list.

Date: _____

Name _____ Name while at Friends World (if different) _____

Address _____ e-mail: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Business _____ Occupation _____

Business Name and Address _____

Friends World Centers Attended & Years _____

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

Graduation from another college? _____ Year _____ Degree _____

May we list you in a new Alumni Directory? _____ May we publish this news in our Alumni newsletter?

Also can mail to Valentine Titus, Friends World Program, Southampton College, Long Island University,
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