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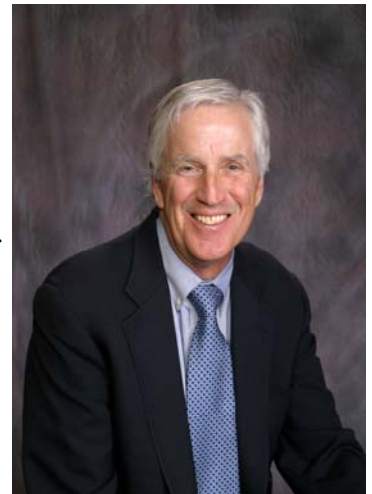
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## News From the Dean for International and Border Programs

### International Education News Bites

#### Peace Initiatives

On Monday, September 21, local communities and universities throughout the world observed the International Day of Peace. Since 1981, when the United Nations adopted a resolution that designated September 21 as the day when people worldwide would recommit themselves to working for peace, people in nearly every nation have organized special events and actions to underscore their commitment to working for peace. To commemorate the event this year, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has launched the WMD-We Must Disarm Campaign, calling for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation of conventional arms. To view the secretary-general's video message, visit <http://media.causes.com/524786>.



As readers of my International Briefs column know, I am an advocate for international education as essential to peace and justice and am a fervent believer in non-violent means to resolve conflicts. My interest in advancing peace worldwide led me to a very interesting and informative Web site which describes a worldwide effort known as the Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI): <http://www.cultureofpeace.org>. The website describes the initiative in the following way: The Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI) is a co-operative peace-building initiative to unite the strengths of existing organizations, projects and peoples in building a Culture of Peace for future generations. CPI serves as a vehicle for bringing to light the previously unseen and unheard peace-builders working towards Peace along diverse pathways.

The CPI website has some fascinating and informative links to peace-related speeches, messages, and even concerts, by such international luminaries as Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Ireland, speaking on the state of Human Rights around the world on the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Al Gore, speaking on the threats to world peace related to global climate change; Jane Goodall, talking about Roots & Shoots, a global network of tens of thousands of young people in 110 countries who share a desire to create a better world by planning and implementing community service projects on behalf of people, animals and the environment; and Joan Baez, with her own music in the background, being interviewed by CPI's own

Youth Peace Ambassador, Clint Shepherd, talking about her life-long commitment to issues of peace and justice worldwide.

### Higher Education Worldwide: A Good Investment

In perusing the Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> online version of the Chronicle of Higher Education, I was attracted by the following headline: *“Across 30 Nations, Public Spending on Higher Education Pays Off, Report Says”*

What the article reported, though not surprising to us here at NMSU as we enjoy an 8% increase in enrollment this year over last year, is that "the incentives for individuals to stay on in education are likely to rise over the next years." That conclusion comes from a new report from the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). What the report focused on was the still somewhat unclear impact of the global economic crisis on higher-education systems, although the trend seems to be toward increased enrollments. The reasoning follows: As national economies struggle to recover their footing and unemployment levels remain high, enrollments in higher education systems, at least among OECD's 30 member countries, which include many European democracies, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Turkey, and the United States, will continue to grow.

As the Chronicle article summarized the aforementioned report, "In periods of economic difficulty, the 'opportunity costs' for opting to remain in higher education versus joining the work force are low...that with those costs now at historic lows, demand for higher education will continue to grow."

The OECD report analyzed whether or not "spending public money on higher education, particularly during a downturn, was 'the right choice'." Based on an analysis of the public-sector costs of providing a university education, the answer was yes.

The report went on to say that, on average across the OECD countries, the net public return on the cost of providing a university education for a male student is in excess of \$50,000. The report concluded that "In virtually every country, the public benefits of higher education outweigh the costs."

*Erin Egan*

### New Mexico State University Welcomes Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellow

New Mexico State University is pleased to welcome a new international student on campus as part of the U.S. Department of State's Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. Joining the New Mexico State University family is Ruslan Furtas from Ukraine.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to encourage economic and democratic growth in Eurasia, the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State (ECA), and administered by IREX. The Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program aims to promote mutual understanding, build democracy and foster the transition to market economies in Eurasia through intensive academic study and professional training for fellows from 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. In addition to their academic coursework, all Muskie fellows perform community service and complete a summer internship in their field of study.

The Muskie program is highly competitive, averaging over 3,000 applications per year with a 5% rate of acceptance. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations, as mandated by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchanges Act of 1961. ECA accomplishes its mission through a range of programs based on the benefits of mutual understanding, international educational and cultural exchange, and leadership development. For more information about ECA exchanges, visit <http://exchanges.state.gov>.

### 2009 International Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Mr. William Walter Wallace II is this year's 2009 International Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient. Mr. William Wallace better known as "Bilo" is a native of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico. His family has resided in this area of Mexico on Rancho Corralitos, which is a cattle producing ranch for generations. He graduated from NMSU in 1968 with a Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture degree, majoring in Animal & Range Science. He is married to Imelda Wallace and has four children the oldest, William Walter Wallace III, graduated from NMSU in 2000 with a BS in Agricultural Economics.

"Bilo" Wallace has had a long and distinguished career in promoting and improving the Chihuahuan Cattle Industry. He has been very active in improving the breeding of Mexican cattle. In addition, he has also been active in the Chihuahua Cattleman's Association and in 2003, he was appointed by the governor of Chihuahua to fill the remainder of a term vacated by the then President of the Association. Bilo accepted the appointment and the next year was voted by the membership to continue as President for a full term, which ended in 2007. While in office he made many improvements in the association, not the least of which was the establishment of a feed mill operated by the Cattleman's Association for its membership. Along with his ranching and association activities, he has served as the Mexican representative to an international committee that works closely with the Mexican Secretary of Agriculture and the USDA and other countries to eliminate TB in cattle. This committee meets two or three times a year with representatives of Mexican states which export cattle into the United States. It also meets periodically with representatives from Canada, Australia and New Zealand to discuss the beef industry's lth, market and world trade issues. In recent years the group has also been concerned and working on "mad cow disease."

Bilo Wallace has brought distinction to New Mexico State University through his service in the improvement and advancement of the cattle industry in the state of Chihuahua and the country of Mexico.

### Globalization Awards

The Office of International and Border Programs (OIBP) is now accepting Globalization Award nominations. OIBP provides up to three awards per academic year to NMSU faculty, staff, students and individuals from the community. The award recognizes individuals whose actions and deeds promote international understanding, cooperation, involvement, and development. For more information about the awards call 646-4528 or submit nomination to Ida Baca at MSC 3567 or at [ibaca@nmsu.edu](mailto:ibaca@nmsu.edu), indicating who you want to nominate and describing in one or two pages what the person has done and/or is doing internationally to warrant the award and include a copy of their CV/resume. Nominations will be accepted through March 15, 2010. If you would like to review the list of past recipients, please go to our website at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~ip/pages/GlobalizationAward.html>

### Circle K International

A Local Circle K International chapter was recently formed at NMSU. Circle K International (CKI) is the largest collegiate community service, leadership development and friendship organization in the world. With more than 11,000 members in 17 nations, CKI is making a positive impact on the world every day. For additional information on the local chapter, please contact Jordan Hanson at [jhanson@nmsu.edu](mailto:jhanson@nmsu.edu)



## Confucius Institute brings Dr. Shi Yinhong to NMSU.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Ken Hammond at the Confucius Institute at, [khammond@nmsu.edu](mailto:khammond@nmsu.edu), or 646-1818.

New Mexico State University

**THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE**  
Speaker Series

China's Rise and Sustainable Development

7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
Hardman Hall, Room 106

**Dr. Shi Yinhong, Ph.D.**  
Director, Center for American Studies  
People's University, Beijing, China

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## International Education Week- Semana Tarahumara – November 18-20, 2009

In celebration of International Education Week, November 16-20, New Mexico State University will sponsor a host of activities in celebration of New Mexico's special relationship with its immediate neighbor to the south, Chihuahua, Mexico. International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, provides NMSU and schools, colleges, and universities across the country, an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The overall goal is to promote programs that prepare Americans for global engagement and understanding and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

The specific focus for NMSU's celebration of International Education Week this year will take place November 16-20 and focus on the Sierra Tarahumara region of Chihuahua. Over the last six years, numerous NMSU faculty, staff, and students working in the Sierra Tarahumara along with their colleagues and counterparts from a variety of schools, universities, research centers, and governmental and non-governmental organizations in Chihuahua, have come to better understand and appreciate the incredibly rich history and culture of the region along with the prevailing social issues and challenges to the region's traditional way of life.

Activities planned for November 18-20 include exhibits of paintings and photographs at the Corbett Center Gallery and another exhibit at the Tierra Montana Art Gallery, 535 N. Main Street, Las Cruces, NM, operated by Ben Maestas. Lectures will be conducted by Zacarias Marquez, a renowned historian from the Autonomous University of Chihuahua on the "History of the Sierra Tarahumara Region" and Romaine Wheeler on the "Sierra Tarahumara Way of Life;" Romaine Wheeler is a renowned pianist and has lived in the Sierra Tarahumara region for many years. We will also have two panel discussions on Sustainability and Economic Development in the Sierra Tarahumara. Our events will close with a concert by Mr. Romaine Wheeler on Friday night at 7:30pm in the Music Recital Hall. All events are free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Carmen at 646-7506.

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