



Travel Notes

Recently I was afforded the opportunity to visit BCC's International Education Programs in Singapore and India. Dr. Ken Ross, Coordinator of the Singapore Program, and I were charged with the task of assessing the readiness of the ACE-India Program for accreditation by SACS. Traveling to the yonder side of the globe, we seized the opportunity to do a bit of sight-seeing in addition to carrying out our official tasks.

Our trip to Southeast Asia was a complete eye opener; the sights, sounds, and smells as well as the spirit and culture of the people of the exotic foreign lands turned it into a cultural voyage.

Harmony Amidst Chaos

Frequently, India seems to be associated with the image of crowded streets, noisy hawkers, pollution, poverty and call centers for Western countries. Yes, we did see all of that during our trip. After visiting a breathtaking fort completely made of red sandstones in old Delhi, our tour guide insisted that we take a manual rickshaw to get to the largest mosque in the city. During this 15 minute ride, we saw cars, automatic and manual rickshaws, camels, donkeys, and pedestrians sharing the same busy streets. In another short trip from New Delhi to Agra, we even saw circus-type black bears swaggering in the middle of the busy road. Riding in the backseat of a taxi was, at first, quite a nerve-racking experience for me: there were no apparent rules for passing, changing lanes or making turns. Autos and people just went about freely, filling however small a space

traffic movement created from moment to moment. But, upon closer observation, I did notice some rules—a tacit, unspoken understanding of traffic-etiquette. The Indian drivers seem to know the exact moment to pass and to stop before their car would crash into another or hit a passerby. The traffic was surely slow and chaotic, but there was harmony amidst the chaos. In fact, I seldom heard cars honking; I saw no fender-bender accidents. People were immensely patient and understanding—no fussing or shaking their fingers. Road rage is almost unheard of in India.

Spiritual Wealth

India is the largest democracy in the world. By our standards, India is very poor, materially. I was told that one third of its population (which is more than the entire US population) is severely poor. There were plenty of people begging, selling odds and ends, or offering their labor or knowledge in exchange for food. But the Indians seem to be much more content as they are a very spiritual people. Praying and meditating at a mosque, a temple or a quiet corner is a daily must. Buddhism was originated in India and, though Hinduism has taken its place, the Buddhist influence is alive and strong in many Asian countries. The poor do not seem to have much in the way of material possessions—many live by the roadside, under a tree, or beside a building, but they seem to be in control of their lives. I did not smell tobacco or see any signs of alcohol abuse.

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News and Notes

Art in Our Midst

Be sure to stop by and see Dr. Kyra Belan's art installation, which will be on view until April 23rd, in our campus Art Gallery. The title of the show is **Lady Liberty, American Archetypes: Electronic Art**. Come and enjoy the work of one of BCC's most prominent and gifted artists.

Conventional Thinking

Lynne Farber, advisor to *The Observer*, and Patrick Ellingham, advisor to *P'an Ku*, both recently attended the spring advisors' meeting of the Florida Community College Press Association held at Rolling Hills. This year, BCC will be hosting the group's annual convention and awards banquet. Some 150 students and advisors will attend the two day event to be held October 14 and 15. Besides the awards banquet, there are two days of workshops in a variety of areas, for both journalism students and those who work in the literary and visual arts. Anyone who might like to conduct a workshop is invited to contact Lynne or Pat for more information.



Students engage in a bioethics debate.
See page seven for details.

A New Addition to Student Affairs

Todd Westerfeld has been hired as a temporary, full-time counselor with South Campus Student Affairs. Todd will be working through mid-July, replacing Susan Malter, who will be the interim Dean of Student Affairs at Central Campus. Todd completed his graduate work at Nova Southeastern University and also works part-time in private practice.

P'an Ku Outloud

P'an Ku, the BCC Student Literary/Art magazine, will be holding its second reading of the semester, on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Southern Breezes Cafe.

All poets and lovers of poetry are welcome to attend.

Faculty Meeting

The South Campus faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, in the Mass Media Room. Be sure to attend this important meeting.

Adjunct Faculty Meeting

The Adjunct Faculty Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, from 5:15 to 8:00 pm, in the Southern Breezes Cafe. All adjunct faculty are urged to attend.



SGA Administrative Luncheon

On Wednesday, March 10th, South Campus' Student Government Association (SGA) conducted an administrative luncheon in the Southern Breezes Cafe. This event is planned to allow college administrators to meet with our student leaders. The students make presentations on topics of concern to them, and the administrators respond to the concerns. Students did an excellent job as they do every semester. Issues of concern



SGA President Jeff Ramasami addresses the group as BCC President Larry Calderon observes.

for them this term were several old ones. They wanted to see if a different ATM machine could be installed in building 68, one that doesn't charge such a large fee for using it. They also wanted to know why they couldn't use charge or debit cards in the cafeteria. Vice President Tony Stallworth mentioned that the cost of equipment for doing this would be about \$3,000 per campus. However, he said that Master Card and Visa, as two examples, also charge a vendor's fee, which would have to be met. The cafeteria now runs at a deficit, and these fees would have to be passed on to someone. Dr. Ellingham suggested the college might institute a "pay to eat" approach, using student smart cards, just like they now have to use "pay to print." There would be little start up costs and no credit card fees.

The question of textbooks also came up again.

Students wanted to know why they cost so much, why they got so little for selling a used book back to the bookstore, and why the college charged so much more when selling that book again in the bookstore. They also commended Professor Fred Searcy for his work on this issue in his textbook committee, which is part of the Faculty Senate. Much discussion ensued. President Dr. Larry Calderon, in his segment of the luncheon, asked his vice presidents to account for bookstore profits and addressed the issue of costs of operation to the students. The answers were interesting.

The students also highlighted the many achievements they have accomplished this semester. Our student government has certainly been an outstanding group this year. We should be very proud of them.



The SGA E-Board with their friend and mentor

The final part of the luncheon was bittersweet. Graduating seniors were recognized and given roses. Co-Advisor, Joan Sherrod, was also honored for her work on behalf of the students. The E-Board then honored Charlie Lyle for everything that he has done for them. As Charlie will be eventually leaving South for Central Campus (he's currently running both programs), they wanted to let him know what he has meant to them.

Thanks to Deb Kruczek for the photographs

Dr. Nancy Estes Retires An Era Ends at BCC

Immediately upon graduating from college in 1964, Nancy began her career at BCC at Central Campus. She had a Master's in Physical Education, a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, with a minor in Social Studies. She had the pleasure and responsibility of coaching the cheerleaders for 12 years. In 1975, she received her Ed.D. in Administration and Supervision. In 1978, she came



Nancy being honored at Colleague
Recognition Day



Nancy wearing her freshman beanie from 1964
and the Junior College of Broward County.

opportunity of traveling around the world with students as the sponsor of the BCC Ski and Travel Club for 15 years. Most of all, she claims, she has made lots of new friends, had the opportunity and joy of watching our campus grow, and has enjoyed the ride...."I have memories that will last me a lifetime, and I still have my JCBC Beanie that all freshman wore way back in 1964." Congratulations to Nancy and many thanks to her for her many years of service and commitment to our college and our students. Enjoy your retirement, you certainly have earned it after 40 years with BCC.

to South Campus. Nancy was instrumental in the development of the Physical Education Department. At one time the department offered 120 classes and 17 were at off campus locations. Nancy also worked on the building project for the Wellness facility at South. She headed the ground breaking and the grand opening of the building. Dr. Estes (Macnamara) was the Wellness Dept. Chair for 19 years at South Campus. She sponsored the fencing team for 15 years. In 2002, she received a new Master's Degree in Multicultural Education. She is presently working on an additional Master's in Reading. She is the recipient of the Endowed Chair for the Children's Opportunity Group in 2003. She also received the South Campus Professor of the year award in 1997 and has written several grants to develop the exercise area around the lake. Nancy is also the author of two books: *Foil Fencing* and *Beginning Ballet*. She had the

From Jennie Tartaglia



Dr. Calderon honors a great faculty member

Campus Beautiful

Have you taken a good look at our campus lately? Take a few minutes to venture out of your offices and classrooms. Our grounds crew, under the direction of Sean Devaney, the Director of Campus Facilities, has been working very hard to make this the most beautiful of all BCC campuses. The staff have been busy mulching, landscaping and tree pruning. Especially striking is the new landscaping outside building 68, right across from the east entrance to building 69.

Thanks to Steve Johnson, Laura Ozment, Lori Labonte, Albert Canosa, Noel Myrie, Sandra Parrish and Oswaldo Gomez for all their continued hard work. The campus looks great!



Laura Ozment getting ready to reach for the skies as she trims the palm trees on campus.



The walkway to building 99



Outside building 69/133

Pot Luck Luncheon



Food and Fun
What a combination!

Taj Mahal—A Metaphor for Love

The Taj Mahal is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Approaching it and taking it in with one's senses, one cannot but feel an indescribable wonder and complete awe. Historians estimate that it took over 20,000 laborers and 22 years to complete the Taj. To accommodate them, a small town, called Taj Ganj, was built next to it. The palace was built primarily with exquisite white marble, but 28 types of precious and semi-precious stones were inlaid into the marble. The materials were shipped in from all over Asia. Though the British almost demolished it so as to auction off the marble facing in the 1830s, this amazing edifice is well maintained; it stands there in the sun and the moon, inspiring all who come close to it.

The Taj Mahal has a romantic allure in addition to its physical beauty. The story behind the construction of this world wonder bespeaks the eternal theme of humanity—love. Folklore has it that the Mughal King of the early 1600s, Shah Jahan, married the beautiful Mumtaz in 1612 when she was 15 years old. She became his favorite wife instantly and bore him 14 children in 15 years of marriage. She died giving birth to their 14th child. Upon her death, the King used all the wealth of his Kingdom in building this beautiful monument in her honor. For 350 years, the Taj Mahal has wooed visitors from all over the world and evokes in them awe, humility, respect, and the most romantic feelings. It has inspired poets and artists, moved lovers, and elicited a river of tears. Like the Great Wall of China, you have to be there to experience the sheer beauty and spirit of the Taj Mahal.

The Place Where the East Meets the West

Singapore offers very different impressions. As soon as you land on this beautiful island, which is, by the way, the second smallest sovereign nation in the world, you can almost feel that you are in a paradise, if you can ignore the heat and humidity. The City, which is also the Country, is very crowded, but it is so well-designed and so meticulously maintained

that you still feel free and close to nature amidst the high rises and the hustle and bustle of life.

Most of the Singaporeans are from China; yet you can hear very different western languages spoken on the streets. Visitors from all over the world come here to experience the oriental cultures, in yet a familiar western environment. The Japanese have left indelible influences on this island as have the British. You hear Chinese music as well as western tunes; you see stylish Asian pavilions as well as western skyscrapers with neon signs; you can enjoy inexpensive yet authentic Chinese foods, but there is no lack of hamburgers and pizzas. Singapore is the place where the East meets the West. The most remarkable thing is perhaps how well the different cultures are integrated and how harmoniously they coexist. Singapore is undoubtedly a jewel in Southeast Asia.

Shouan Pan



Southern Breezes will be published monthly on South Campus. Information, announcements, photographs, and anything else of interest are welcome. Send your work to Dr. Patrick Ellingham, pellingh@broward.edu, or c/o the English Department.

A War of Words

On March 8th, the question, “Is America’s foreign policy in Iraq ethical?” was debated in the Mass Media Room before a packed and most enthusiastic crowd. Sponsored by the English/ESL/Journalism and Math/Science/Wellness Departments and Student Life, the debate provided for lively exchanges between participants on the panel, as well as members of the audience. The brainchild of Dr. Scott Feaster, it was reminiscent of the former Academic Forums held several years ago on South Campus. Dr. Shouan Pan served as the moderator. Professors Ray Durand and Dianne Lamb were on the affirmative side, along with student Vanessa Vazquez, who did a terrific job supporting her side and responding to inquires and challenges from a crowd that seemed to be mostly opposed to her positions. On the negative side were Dr. Scott Feaster and students Marc Landes and Patrick Quere.

The exchanges were often passionate. The audience frequently responded or reacted to what was said by the panelists. The major questions seemed to be what right the US had to be in Iraq and whether we should be the watchdog of the world. The atrocities of Saddam Hussein were cataloged by the affirmative side while the opposition talked about the US violations of the Geneva Convention (the Barney Effect). When the debate was opened up to the floor, even stronger emotions were expressed. Many students asked how America could impose its standards on others when it was guilty of many terrible things in its own country. That caused even more heated discussion.

Everyone agreed that this was a worthwhile endeavor and would like to see events like this continue. Maybe it’s time to renew the Academic Forums. Congratulations to everyone involved in this debate.

Death and Dying

On March 10, 2004, the Spring 2004 Campus Bioethic Debate was presented by Dr. Mark Jaffe’s BSC 1011 students to an audience composed of approximately 70 students, faculty, and administrators. A box lunch and beverage were provided.

The theme of the debate was on “Death and Dying,” using Terry Schiavo’s situation (persistent vegetative status) as the fodder for the debate. The audience was given the prompt, “what if you were in a coma?” Two students then used a PowerPoint presentation to give the audience background information and to identify the special interests (husband’s side versus the parent’s side, along with the government’s position). Also included was a brief video clip showing Terry Schiavo in bed with her family (parents) present.

Each debating team (pro and con) provided opening statements to the audience laying out their main reasons why they were for or against removing Terry’s feeding tube. Each side then asked probing questions of the other team seeking to undermine the opposing team’s arguments. There were several spirited point-counterpoint exchanges.

The audience (the jury) were then given the opportunity to pose their own questions to the panelists. The audience members were very passionate about many of the themes that came out of the questions and answers (euthanasia, medical futility, quality of life, etc.)

After the debaters “faced the audience,” each side gave their final concluding statements. The audience then voted.

The results: the pro position received 32 votes; the con position received 38 votes. Door prizes were awarded to audience members. Every attendee was also given blank “Living Will” and “Health Care Surrogate” forms to take home.