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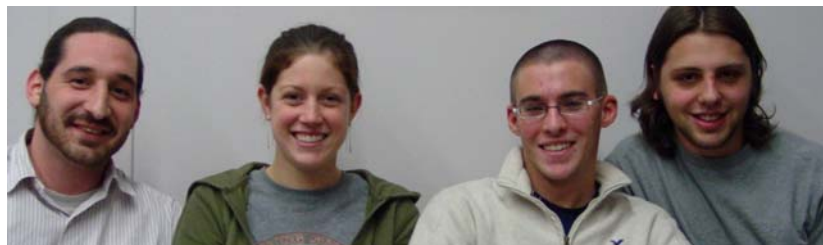


International Newsletter

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FOUR FRENCH MAJORS STUDYING IN LILLE, France



*L-R: Lee Stein
Mariel Van Hees
Lee Hedderman
Adam Harbaugh*

In mid-January, four Clarion University students arrived in Lille, France, to begin a study abroad semester at the Catholic University of Lille: Adam Harbaugh – a Junior pursuing a double major in French and Spanish; Lee Hedderman, also a Junior pursuing a B.S. in French and Spanish Education; Lee Stein, a Junior majoring in French Education; and Mariel Van Hees, a Junior pursuing a B.A. in French. Adam Harbaugh, Lee Hedderman, and Lee Stein applied for the Provost’s International Scholar Award, and all three were granted this \$2,000 scholarship, which will help them defray their study abroad expenses.

All four students are enrolled in classes mostly taught in French (Adam and Lee Hedderman are taking some Spanish classes taught in that language and Mariel, a native of the Netherlands who moved to this country when she was 12 years old, plans to take a Dutch language course.) All four students have been sending regular updates on their adventures in Lille – they have already traveled to Belgium, and some of them stopped in London for a few days on their way to France. They find their classes challenging, but find

the immersion experience invaluable, and have already made many French friends. Needless to say that they also love the beer!

Clarion University started a student exchange program – initiated by Dr. Elisabeth Donato, who teaches French in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures - with the Catholic University of Lille during the 2003-04 academic year. Since then, the student exchange with that institution has flourished. In the fall of 2004, a student from Lille, David Marchal, came to spend a year at Clarion University. In the Spring 2005 semester, Josh Correll, a French major, spent a semester in Lille. In the Fall semester 2005, two Clarion students – Amanda Kasper, a double French and Spanish major, and Amanda Arthur, a double International Business and French major – studied in Lille, while two students from Lille, Claire Demassieux and Linda Toukal, spent the semester in Clarion. This fall semester, a student from Lille, Pierre-Antoine Beuscart studied here, and one student Thomas Vigin, is spending the spring semester on our campus.

STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD IN SPRING 2007

Name	Country	Name	Country
1. Allison Donahoe	Belize	13. Kathryn Dorsey	Belize
2. Roxanne Brewer	Semester at Sea	14. Keith Thompson	Belize
3. Chelsea Crooks	Chile	15. Kelly Surgalski	Belize
4. Tyline Dow	Argentina	16. Sean McFarland	Scotland
5. Dustin Wyant	Belize	17. Nicholas Tutolo	Belize
6. Gabriel Yeykal	Belize	18. Whitney Pardun	England
7. Chanel Hammond	Canada	19. Rebekah Turner	Belize
8. Hannah Turner	Belize	20. Lee Stein	France
9. Adam Harbaugh	France	21. Jennifer Sunderland	England
10. Nicole Hazlett	England	22. Thomas Herrick	Belize
11. Lee Hedderman	France	23. Mariel Van Hees	France
12. Amanda Hepfl	Spain	24. Jennifer Wimperis	Chile

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PERFORM FOR CLARION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Some of the activities performed by the international students at Clarion Elementary School

The international students of Clarion University organized a small cultural program for the Clarion Elementary School on 25 February 2007. It was a part of the Girl Scouts World Thinking Day. Saurava Pradhan from Nepal oriented the Girl Scouts on the significance of glass bangles in South Asian cultures. It was followed by a dance performance from Summaya Chaudhury from Bangladesh and Gayathri Rajendran from India. It was also based on the bangle theme. Jenny Suon from Cambodia performed a Cambodian

dance for the Girl Scouts. Thao Thi Phuong Nguyen (Sunshine) from Vietnam taught the girls how to greet the elders the Vietnamese way. Another activity was writing names for the Girl Scouts in the native scripts of international students. However, the writing did not pertain to personal names alone; it extended to writing names of best friends, dads, pets and then it went further to drawing cats, dogs, sheep, ducks and goats. Hua Jing Xu (Grace) from China also participated in the program.

CLARION UNIVERSITY GRADUATE RECEIVES PBCOHE SCHOLARSHIP



Graham Nkanza, a December 2006 Clarion University graduate with a bachelor of arts in economics degree was awarded the Esther-Jafari Haymon Undergraduate International Scholarship during the 37th annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE) that was held in Philadelphia from Feb. 28 – March 3.

Recipients of the Haymon Scholarship must demonstrate leadership skills, academic excellence, participation in co-curricular activities, and submit an essay, "Why I should receive the Esther-Jafari Haymon International Student Scholarship.

He beat out nine other statewide candidates for the award. He received a plaque and a check of \$1,000 presented by Dr. Judith A.W. Thomas, chairperson of the PBCOHE Scholarship Committee and dean of the Lincoln University School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies.

LIVE AND STUDY IN BAMBERG, GERMANY!

Students have the opportunity to study for either one semester or a whole year abroad at Otto-Friedrich University in Bamberg, Germany.

Built on seven hills, like Rome, and nicknamed “Little Venice” because of its scenic canals, Bamberg is a small town in southern Germany that combines historic architecture with modern-day conveniences.

The University offers students the chance to study:

- Business (including European Business)
- Computer Science
- Education
- Geography
- History
- Languages and Literatures (German and many others)
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theology
- and other subjects.

Before the semester starts, students can take an intensive German course to prepare them for the classroom environment. This course lasts for about three weeks. It also includes an orientation to Bamberg and some weekend trips to other cities in Germany.

Concerned about costs? The costs for tuition are the same as Clarion costs, and student living quarters cost about the same as or less than the dorms here. All student residences are private apartments—no roommates!

Need a friend? Students will be paired up with a German student who will show them around the town of Bamberg and the University. This 'buddy system' lasts the entire time the student is in Bamberg, allowing easy access to information and a helping hand if needed.



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CLARION UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES A SUMMER ESL PROGRAM

CLARION – Clarion University of Pennsylvania will introduce an English as a Second Language (ESL) program, Aug. 5-18, 2007.

“The goal of the ESL Program is to teach English to non-native speakers with limited English proficiency,” said Dr. George Xu, Professor of English at Clarion University. “The program will target college-bound students whose English skills need improving in order to function effectively in college classes and students who are preparing for the TOEFL exam. The program could also help ESL students at the high school level and anyone in the community who needs to improve their English skills.”

The program offers a total of 50 hours of intensive interactive training in speech communication, listening comprehension, reading and writing proficiency, vocabulary building, practical English grammar and usage, English for academic purposes, and cultural awareness in the use of English.

“Exploration for establishing an ESL program started two years ago,” said Dr. Jocelind Gant, Director of International Programs at Clarion University. The resulting non-credit program is a collaborative product of the Clarion University Office of International Programs, Office of Continuing Education, and Department of English. “Dr. George Xu has been instrumental in implementing this program,” said Dr. Gant. “He brought his expertise to bear and the new program is the end result.”

In addition, the program will include English language instruction, organized campus and off-campus activities and an authentic American university experience.

The instructors will be Clarion University faculty members with ESL expertise. The ESL experience will include:

- Learning English in a friendly interactive environment.
- Learning at your own pace.
- Learning through experiencing American culture.
- Learning speaking and listening through practice in class and out of class.
- Learning reading and writing through innovative activities.

“I envision ESL as a tool to enhance the recruitment of international students to Clarion University,” said Dr. Gant.

The ESL Program is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 5 through Saturday, Aug. 18. The cost is \$2,000 per person and includes housing, meals, organized activities, transportation to and from organized activities, transportation to and from the Pittsburgh airport for those arriving in that manner, and instruction. All ESL students will be housed in a Clarion University residence hall with meals in the university dining hall. The cost of the program may be adjusted for community participants who may not require housing.

Those interested in the program should forward their name, address, and telephone number and send it to Division of Continuing Education - ESL, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 840 Wood St., Clarion, Pa. 16214-1232. Completed application should be faxed to 814-393-2741. The registration deadline is July 13. Additional information is available at www.clarion.edu/ce/esl or call Continuing Education at 814-393-2227.

*** Faculty members are invited to send description of their programs abroad to be announced in this section.***

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