Let’s Keep Our Doors and Our Minds Open
By William B. Lacy, University Outreach & International Programs

The events of September 11 have had a profound and sobering impact. We have experienced shock, disbelief, fear, anger and sorrow. This tragedy has reshaped the way we view our neighbors, our community, our nation and the broader international arena.

In the times ahead, we may differ in our convictions about the best course of action for the campus, the community, the state and the nation. However, we must not let these events turn us against one another or even withdraw from one another. The UC Davis campus has declared itself a community committed to the shared values of respect and responsibility as embodied in our Principles of Community. We must renew and strengthen our commitment to these principles and respond as a community, supporting each other with compassion and understanding.

At the same time and perhaps more than ever, we must reaffirm and enhance our commitment to international educational and research collaboration. In many ways, such exchanges provide the very foundation for mutual understanding, respect and friendship. In contrast, it is often ignorance, isolationism and lack of understanding of one another that fuel hatred and fanaticism.

Senator J. William Fulbright, who was instrumental in establishing the well-recognized and highly-respected international student and scholar exchange programs, said it clearly and concisely:

“Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations. Man’s capacity for decent behavior seems to vary directly with his perception of others as individual humans with human motives and feelings, whereas his capacity for barbarism seems related to his perception of an adversary in abstract terms, as the embodiment, that is, of some evil design or ideology … The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

UC Davis is emerging as a leader in international educational and research collaboration and exchange. This fall UC Davis is hosting more than 1,300 international students and more than 1,200 international scholars including the Humphrey Scholars. The university is also expanding and enhancing international experiences for students and faculty through such programs as UC Education Abroad, Summer Sessions Abroad and University Research Expeditions Program. During his convocation address, the Chancellor reiterated the campus vision for international education when he stated, “Our goal is to give every student an opportunity for an international experience, thereby enriching their lives.”

It is especially important at this juncture in history that we reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the importance of international education and research in building connections among people. Now is the time to enhance our knowledge, understanding and respect of the global community, rather than turn away from it.
Exploring Central American Agriculture and Ecology on Location in Panama
By Patrick H. Brown, International Programs, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

This summer, approximately 20 undergraduate students from the U.S. and Panama will participate in a one-of-a-kind opportunity to study current issues related to agriculture and ecology in Central America. This cross-fertilization of ideas and educational experiences will take place in the City of Knowledge, Panama, an international setting where academic, research, technological development, industrial and cultural institutions converge.

Offered by UC Davis’ College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences International Programs — in collaboration with Cornell University, Iowa State University, Texas A&M University, the City of Knowledge and its affiliated institutions, and the Smithsonian Tropical Region Institute — the summer field program will provide a rich, experiential learning exchange for students (and faculty) from each sponsoring institution.

During the eight-week program, the group of students will embark on a rigorous curriculum including a language and cultural seminar during their first few weeks in Panama, a week-long excursion into the remote countryside, multidisciplinary field activities, collaboration with researchers and development of group projects. Group projects will involve in-depth study of a particular subject such as the development of sustainable agriculture in the Panama Canal watershed, protection of tropical rainforest ecosystems, traditional plant uses in biological and cultural conservation, and eco-tourism and its relationship to biodiversity conservation and agriculture. In addition, the students will attend seminars on global agriculture and sustainable development and complete a senior honors thesis.

By promoting interchange and communication among students with diverse backgrounds, the goal of this intensive program in Panama is to foster better understanding between American and Central American cultures — creating more globally-aware graduates.

For more information, please contact College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, International Programs at 752-8474 or email dddamanchyk@ucdavis.edu.

The Hemispheric Institute on the Americas
By Tom Holloway, The Hemispheric Institute on the Americas (HIA)

How are the people, communities and customs in Quebec similar to those in Brazil? Aside from obvious language and cultural differences, what distinguishes societies within the Western Hemisphere, and what ties them together? The Hemispheric Institute on the Americas (HIA) was created at UC Davis in the fall of 2000 to bring together people who are researching the connections between the social, cultural and economic landscape of the Western Hemisphere — in an effort to redefine the study of Latin America from a broader, hemispheric viewpoint.

During HIA’s first year of operation, in the midst of internal organization and planning, the program successfully sponsored or cosponsored several guest speakers, and organized a major conference in May 2001 on “The Wars in Colombia: Guns, Drugs and Oil” which included presentations by 20 speakers from UC Davis and throughout the U.S., as well as Canada, Colombia and Ecuador.

This year, HIA will implement and offer an interdisciplinary seminar series on “Identity, Ethnicity and Citizenship in the Americas,” funded by a seed grant from the University Outreach and International Programs. This series is part of a larger program involving institutional affiliations and intellectual interchange with universities in Brazil, Peru and Canada, with a view to securing outside funding for further related activities.

For more information, please visit the Web site at http://trc.ucdavis.edu/hia.
University Extension: Changing the Face of International Medical Care

By Kristin Mick, University Extension, UC Davis

Divided not only by politics and religion, but also by an armed border separating north from south, the Greek and Turkish people of Cyprus have little or no contact with one another, particularly in a professional sense. However, for the first time, medical professionals from the divided island recently joined together for a unique educational program on trauma and emergency medical care.

In a training program developed jointly by University Extension’s International English and Professional Programs and the UC Davis Medical Center, 16 emergency room physicians and nurses and firefighters spent two weeks last June learning the latest methods for handling trauma and medical emergencies. The group was selected by its governments to work collaboratively (despite cultural and language barriers) to begin the process of redesigning the country’s disorganized emergency medical system.

The participants’ hands-on experience here included tours of UCDMC and other Sacramento-area medical facilities, observing real trauma and emergency room procedures, riding along on emergency rescue calls and observing the 911 emergency dispatch system in action.

“From what we learned here, we can begin to reorganize our system and start training to meet a higher level of standards in emergency medical care,” said Dr. Koral Cagman of the Turkish Cypriot community.

University Extension’s International English and Professional Programs offers unique educational opportunities to hundreds of international professionals each year. For more information, call 752-4136 or email intlinfo@unexmail.ucdavis.edu. For information about University Extension, call 757-8777 or visit the Web site at www.universityextension.ucdavis.edu.

Conference Expands Collaboration Between Leading American and Chinese Scientists

At the dawn of a new millennium, agriculture is at a crossroads in both developed and developing countries. UC Davis and Zhejiang University cosponsored a week-long international conference and workshop in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China November 1-5, which focused on challenges facing the agriculture industry and agricultural colleges in a modern society. The conference also sought to begin developing an internationally-prominent, scientific research and educational partnership between the two universities.

Zhejiang University was recently created by merging four well-respected institutions of higher education into one of the largest research universities in China. Following two visits by Zhejiang’s Vice President, Dr. Jiaan Chen, to Davis (in 2000 and 2001) and a visit by Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef and Vice Provost Bill Lacy to Zhejiang University (October 2000), plans for the conference began to emerge. Dr. Patrick Brown and Dr. Shu Geng of UC Davis played key roles in developing topics and agendas and identifying appropriate participants from the campus.

This conference provided a unique opportunity to exchange policies and experience in the development of science and technology on modern agriculture, as well as to summarize the achievements and lessons learned in the 20th century in China and the U.S., and to prospect key fields and technologies for the development of modern agriculture in the new century. A dozen leading scientists from UC Davis presented their research on a wide range of topics (see below). Scientific findings from UC Davis’ counterparts at Zhejiang University were also presented in plenary and concurrent breakout sessions.

UC Davis conference speakers and their topics:

Alan Bennett . . . . . . . . Agricultural Biotechnology and Technology Transfer
Patrick Brown . . . . . . . . Precision Farming
Marita Cantwell . . . . . . Post-Harvest Handling of Horticultural Products
Shu Geng . . . . . . . . . . . Modeling Research as a Scientific Tool
Bill Lacy . . . . . . . . . . . Commercialization of Agricultural Research
Dennis Rolston . . . . . . Environmental Quality and Agricultural Sustainability
Scott Rozelle . . . . . . Biotechnology Policy in Developing Countries
Sharon Shoemaker . . . . Food Processing
Minghua Zhang . . . . . . Pesticide Use and Impacts

For more information, including a list of speakers, program agenda and conference proceedings, contact Dr. Patrick Brown at phbrown@ucdavis.edu or Dr. Shu Geng at sgeng@ucdavis.edu.
Reaching Out to International Alumni
By Robert A. Kerr, University Outreach & International Programs

Until recently, the thousands of UC Davis alumni living in other countries were a virtually-ignored subset of the UC Davis community. UOIP is now working to help reunite these former students with the university.

The first step involved determining just how many international alumni are out there. Recognizing that the records were outdated, UOIP implemented a mailing to verify addresses and update information. At the same time, each academic department was contacted to collect data on its international alumni. The combination of efforts resulted in mailing the spring 2001 issue of the International Programs Newsletter to 3,500 alumni.

UOIP plans to expand its outreach efforts in the coming year to include a variety of pilot projects involving alumni and scholars living abroad. International alumni and scholars can get involved in any of the following activities:

• briefings for students studying abroad and UC Davis faculty who are on sabbatical in another country or attending a conference in an international location;
• orientations for new students from foreign countries who will be attending UC Davis;
• programs for alumni traveling from the United States to international cities; and
• internships abroad for undergraduate and graduate students.

If you're an interested international alumnus, contact UOIP and get connected with UC Davis students, alumni or faculty traveling to your home country (or from your country to Davis for the first time). UOIP will help you make arrangements to host a program near you. If you are a UC Davis faculty member traveling abroad, you are invited to contact Robert Kerr at rakerr@ucdavis.edu to network with alumni residing in the region.

Please email any other ideas or opportunities you may have for exchanges between alumni, scholars and the university (such as internships, job opportunities, etc.) to Robert Kerr at rakerr@ucdavis.edu.

Humphrey Fellowship Program Returns to UC Davis
By Dennis Dutschke, University Outreach & International Programs

Weary from long flights from distant lands and eager to begin their academic year at UC Davis, seven Humphrey Fellows arrived on campus in early September. They are part of an exclusive collection of 148 Humphrey Fellows from more than 70 countries who will study this year at 13 universities across the United States.

President Carter initiated the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program in 1978 to honor the memory and accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice President, Hubert H. Humphrey. Since 1978, 2,826 Fellows from more than 140 countries have participated in this highly competitive program, which combines graduate-level academic coursework with professional development activities.

The Humphrey Program brings accomplished professionals from designated countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Eurasia to the United States at a midpoint in their careers for a year of study and related professional experiences. The program provides a basis for establishing long-lasting productive relationships between citizens of the United States and their professional counterparts in other countries, fostering an exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding throughout the world.

Meet the Fellows
The entire UC Davis community proudly welcomes our Humphrey Fellows:

Kefa Gondo, Charge d’Etudes au Cabinet du Ministre, Ministry of Commerce, Cote D’Ivoire; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Colin Carter
Katoyishi Kabongo, agricultural economist assistant, Food Security and Nutrition Project, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Steve Vosti
Ester Meela, senior agricultural research officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Marita Cantwell
Ambrish Gunvant Mehta, nodal officer, NGO Environment Action Fund, Gujarat, India; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Y. Hossein Farzin
Aibek Moldogaziev, Treaty-Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyrgyzstan; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Beth Greenwood
David Pinpoh, socio-economics researcher, Ministry of Scientific Research, Yaounde, Cameroon; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Julian Alston
Daniel Somma, physical planner/principal officer, Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina; UC Davis mentor/advisor: Professor Richard Plant

For information about the Humphrey Fellowship Program, please contact Dennis Dutschke, Humphrey Program University Coordinator, djdutschke@ucdavis.edu; Patrick Brown, Humphrey Program Professional Development Coordinator, phbrown@ucdavis.edu; or Osman Sidahmed, Humphrey Program Assistant Coordinator, sidahmed@agdean.ucdavis.edu.
International Students Enhance Community

More than 500 new international students from over 50 countries arrived on campus this fall — representing a 10 percent increase from the previous year. They joined the nearly 800 returning international students from over 90 countries and were welcomed to the campus and community by the Services for International Students and Scholars, student volunteers, community leaders, staff and members of the International House Davis. The students bring their diverse perspectives, knowledge and experiences thereby enhancing our education and research activities and building upon the foundation of mutual understanding and respect.

The largest percentage of international students traveled from Asia, followed by Europe and Latin America. The countries with the largest number of students include China (328), Korea (133), Japan and Taiwan (106 each), India (58), United Kingdom (42), Canada (38), Germany (37), Mexico and Thailand (32 each), Turkey (31) and Brazil (30).

For more information, visit the SISS Web Site at http://siss.ucdavis.edu/siss.html.

Summer Sessions Abroad Expands

By Dan Wick, Summer Sessions

This summer, UC Davis students looking to study abroad will have much more to choose from than in years past. UC Davis Summer Sessions plans to offer 25 summer programs abroad in 2002, up from 14 in 2001 and nine in 2000. The new program sites include Ghana, Trinidad, Panama, Guatemala, China, Peru, Greece, Scotland, Ireland and Italy. Program content will cover a wide range of subjects areas such as field biology, ethno-history, literature and culture, and international nutrition.

The increased program offerings mean that more UC Davis students will be able to take part — an estimated 500 students are expected to enroll in Summer Sessions Abroad in 2002. The programs are open to all University of California students in good standing.

Summer Sessions is especially interested in programs that emphasize fieldwork in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. UC Davis faculty members who are interested in offering a summer program abroad in 2003 are encouraged to contact Dan Wick, Director of Summer Sessions at dwick@ucdavis.edu.

UC Davis Alumni: Making a Difference in the World

By Robert A. Kerr, University Outreach & International Programs

Joo Won Suh's day typically began at 5 a.m. in a lab about 100 meters from the campus co-op where he seldom found time to sleep and eat. In competition with Harvard University to clone a gene, Suh, a Ph.D. candidate in microbiology, and his advisor, Dr. Chet Price, a new assistant professor at the time, worked day and night to complete their research first. They succeeded, and Harvard conceded victory to UC Davis.

The project was renewed by the National Institute of Health for five years, Dr. Price received tenure and Suh finished his Ph.D. In front of Cruess Hall upon his departure from campus, Suh gratefully told Price that he was responsible for opening a new door in his life. To which Price responded: “You gave me more than I gave you.”

Twelve years later, that memory continues to instill confidence in Joo Won Suh. “Those were the most fruitful days of my life,” he said. Now a dean at Myong Ji University in Korea, and president of venture company Obyung Bio Co. Ltd., Dr. Suh enjoys the fruits of his labors. And he continues to give back to UC Davis. Two of Dr. Suh’s students have attended UC Davis for post-graduate study. He coordinates bioscientists’ meetings with alumni which typically attract about 15 people to network personal and professional information. He even takes part in an annual celebration for UC Davis alumni in Korea, where 70-100 alumni and their family members come together to reminisce about their time in Davis.

Dr. Suh is making a difference in the world every day, and UC Davis is proud to call him one of our own.
UC Davis Hosts First-Ever Fulbright Information Day

By Vivian Carmichael, Office of the Vice Chancellor – Research, and Dennis Dutschke, University Outreach & International Programs

On October 11, the UC Davis community reaffirmed its commitment to the Fulbright Program and all it represents. UC Davis’ first Fulbright Information Day provided a forum where more than 80 faculty, administrators, students and staff came together to learn about the many different types of Fulbright grant opportunities.

Established in 1946 at the end of World War II, the Fulbright Program was created to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. Grants are awarded to citizens of 140 participating countries, primarily for university teaching, advanced research, graduate study and teaching in elementary and secondary schools. UC Davis has been actively involved in the Fulbright Program throughout its existence.

University Outreach & International Programs, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Graduate Studies and the Library — together with representatives from the Institute of International Education (which administers the Fulbright grants) — shared information about different programs, eligibility and requirements, application procedures and deadlines, and available resources. In the afternoon, a panel discussion took place with a number of Fulbright alumni on campus: Michael Barbour, Faith Boucher, Chia-Ning Chang, Pam Ronald, Mike Singer, Ken Verosub, Frank G. Zalom and Robert H. Rice.

(Dr. Rice is also a recent recipient of this year’s highly competitive Fulbright Scholar Alumni Initiatives Award to continue his toxicology work at Novosibirsk State University in Russia.) The seven UC Davis Humphrey Fellows also participated, representing their countries from Argentina to Tanzania. The gathering was truly international, and in keeping with Senator J. William Fulbright’s vision for a “humanizing of international relations.”

For more information, please visit the Web site at http://fulbright.ucdavis.edu.

UC Davis Joins the University Studies Abroad Consortium

By Dennis Dutschke, University Outreach & International Programs

Opportunities for study abroad, international internships and field research abroad just got better for UC Davis students and faculty. This academic year marks UC Davis’ first Agreement of Association with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), a collection of more than 20 universities across the U.S. working together to offer study abroad programs.

Students participating in USAC can look forward to studying in one of 24 programs at 17 host universities in Australia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Malta, Scotland, Thailand and a dozen other countries. Program length varies from one semester to a full academic year, as well as summer programs.

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OUIP Introduces New Faces and Renovated Spaces

By Wendy Kercher, University Outreach & International Programs

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Seed Grants Help
Emerging Programs Take Root
By Gina Anderson, University Outreach & International Programs

Many new projects on campus recently received the funding needed to help them grow and flourish. As a result of the university’s desire to develop and maintain a wider array of international and outreach projects on campus, more than $100,000 in competitive “seed grants” were awarded for the first time in March 2001.

Nine seed grants ranging from $3,500 to $20,000 were awarded to a diverse and creative set of faculty proposals in an effort to stimulate new, creative, educational outreach and international programs. Award criteria included a preference for matching funds and program sustainability beyond the seed grant award. Full or partial funding was awarded to the following recipients:

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UC Davis will reap many benefits from its membership in USAC — from additional study abroad opportunities for students to special opportunities for UC Davis faculty to teach abroad through USAC’s Visiting Professor Program. UC Davis will also be eligible to offer USAC Faculty and Professional Staff International Development Awards to its professionals.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send them to UOIP@UCDAVIS.EDU

Our thanks to those who contributed ideas and articles for this newsletter.

For information about UC Davis-USAC, please contact Chris Reynolds, Director, Education Abroad Center, chreynolds@ucdavis.edu; for information about the Agreement of Association, please contact Dennis Dutschke, djdutschke@ucdavis.edu.
Announcements

Fulbright Scholar and Student Workshop in May 2002
Details and further information will be available soon at the following Web sites: http://fulbright.ucdavis.edu/1024index3.html and informational flyers via campus mail.

Tuesday Speaker Series
International House and UC Davis proudly cosponsor the 2001-2002 Tuesday Speaker Series. The theme this year is “Our Complex World.”

November 6, Dr. Elias Tuma: Peace and War in the Middle East and South Asia, 3201 Hart Hall
December 4, Dr. Nigel Allan: Afghanistan-Pakistan-India: Perspectives from Recent Field Work, 3201 Hart Hall
January 8, Dr. Harry Harris: Present and Future Relations Between China and Taiwan, 3201 Hart Hall
February 5, Dr. James Grieshop: Patterns of Urban and Rural Development in Cuba, 3201 Hart Hall
March 5, Dr. Tony Waters: On-going Refugee Problems in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa, DeCarli Room, Memorial Union
April 2, Dr. Hoang Nguyen: Doi Moi and Recent Economic Reforms in Viet Nam, DeCarli Room, Memorial Union
May 7, Dr. Victor Montejo: Civil Rights and Political Issues in Guatemala, 3201 Hart Hall
June 4, Dr. Cassius Lockett: Vulnerability of Global Food and Water Supplies: Separating Myth from Fact, 3201 Hart Hall

All lectures will take place from 12:10-1 p.m.

Selected Opportunities:

Seed Grants: UOIP requests proposals for funding of projects, programs and initiatives related to university outreach or international programs each year in the spring and fall. Funding is awarded from $1,000 up to $25,000 per proposal. The spring proposal deadline is March 1, 2002. More information is available at http://uoip.ucdavis.edu.

NSF Funding: National Science Foundation (NSF) summer programs in Japan, Korea and Taiwan for U.S. graduate students in science and engineering to enable future collaboration. Funding includes full expenses plus $2,500 for the eight-week program. Deadline: December 1, 2001. For more information go to www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf02007.

UREP Calls for Proposals: University Research Expeditions Program (UREP) is currently calling for proposals. UREP provides funds and field assistance to UC researchers worldwide. UREP funds can be used for short or long-term field research, as seed money for new research, to extend continuing projects, to supplement other grants, and to support graduate students or additional staff. UREP has supported hundreds of research teams and provided opportunities for students, teachers and other members of the public to join UC scientists on research projects investigating critical issues of environmental, human and economic importance worldwide. For more information and an application, visit the Web site at http://urep.ucdavis.edu/ucfunds.html.