

Education

College Students Going Global In Ghana

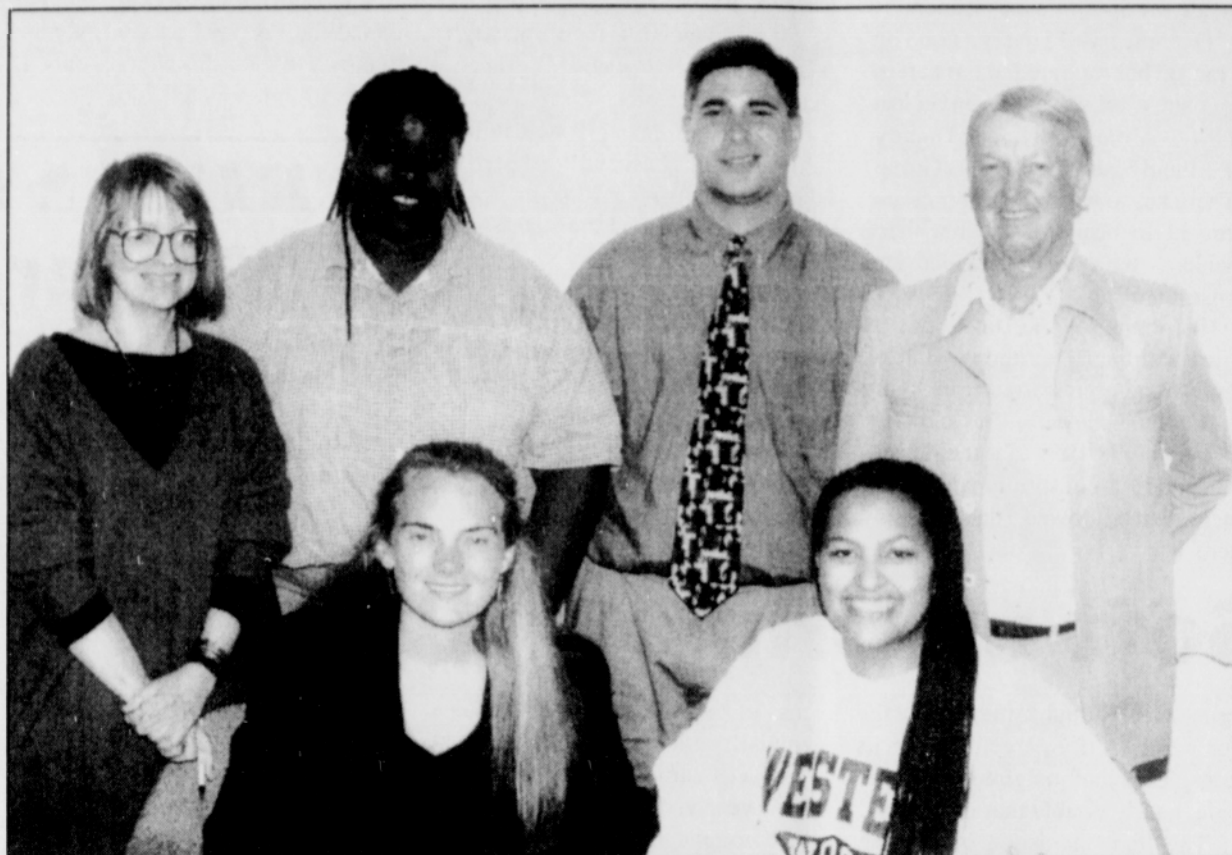
Education in West Africa is very different from education in the United States. Four students from Western Oregon State college will soon find out why.

Charla Pierson, Denyse Moore, Dan Dugan and Hanisi Everett will work for three months as interns at Cape Coast University in Ghana, one of the best-known universities in Africa and former home to such famous personalities as writer Toni Morrison and poet Maya Angelou.

The internships are part of a \$4 million federally funded program called "Global Graduates", in which students combine hands-on work experience with immersion in a foreign language and culture. "International trade is growing rapidly," said Duncan Wyse, Executive Director of the Oregon Business Council. "This program will help prepare Oregonians for the global market."

Western is developing Global Graduates around its pre-existing intern programs and the strengths of the college, said Assistant Sociology Professor Maureen Dolan, who is coordinating the internships. By focusing Western's Ghana practitioners in a university setting, we are tailoring them to meet each student's educational needs, she explained.

One of the students participating is senior Education major, Everett. "Travel opens your mind to all the possibilities" she said.



WOSC Global Graduates: (Back row l-r) Maureen Dolan, Charla Pierson, Dan Dugan, Hal Werner; (Front row l-r) Hanisi Everett, Denyse Moore.

Everett, who is from Bend, inherited her fascination for international travel from her father, a photographer for National Geographic. Everett is already establishing a pen pal exchange between the pupils she student-teaches at McNary High School and her future students in Ghana. She also will serve as a liaison

between the YMCAs in Oregon and Ghana.

Everett and Dugan, a senior Education major originally from Aloha, will use their experience teaching at the university in their future careers as teachers. "I was first interested in Africa when I heard the old names - the Gold Coast, the Ivory Coast. It

was intriguing, so I started studying the continent," said Dugan. "I want to learn more and dispel some of the myths about Africa."

Dugan explains the common misconception of Africa as a small entity in which disease and war in one country distort the entire continent's image. "Some people think (the disease) Ebola is all over," he said.

Dispelling myths is just one way students and their communities in both the U.S. and Africa will benefit. "It will be a cultural and work exchange, in which the students will fit into the work setting," said Hal Werner, a track and field coach who has lived in Ghana and will advise the students throughout their internship. "They'll establish personal links, meet families; they will reach beyond what they can glean from news, films and tourists," he said.

Another student participating is Pierson, who grew up in Salem. The senior Health major plans to bring back new information about the ways in which people in Africa deal with tropical illnesses. "This experience will give me a work view of health, said Pierson, who will work with health educators at the university. Pierson chose to work in Africa partly to learn how people are dealing with illnesses that are unique to that continent.

She and Moore expressed a vest-

ed interest in their work in Africa that goes beyond travel and new experiences. Moore, a senior Speech Communications major originally from North Portland, is Western's student body president-elect and plans to someday become a college president.

For her and Pierson, this is a return to their roots, a chance to research family history and pick up some of the missing links. "It will be an intense experience, being able to step back into ancestral grounds," said Moore.

Moore will work with the administration of the university and plans to do a comparative study of the university in Ghana and Oregon. "I'm focussing on what I can bring back to the school and the multicultural student union, and what will help the college where I become a president," she said.

The students' internships represent a culmination of life-long dreams and a launch pad for their future careers. They recognize the importance of this project as a precedent for interns to come. "We are the first interns, so we have to pave the way for students coming after us," said Everett.

Readings At Powell's

Literature in Performance, Monday, July 15th, 7:30 pm

Kim Sandstrom reads from *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. **Marcy Houle,**

Tuesday, July 16th, 7:30 pm

Situated in the hills west of the city, Forest Park contributes to Portland's renowned livability by offering close-in recreational opportunities. Forest Park's 5,000 acres make it the nation's premiere urban forest, providing miles of trails and the chance to see native plants and animals in their natural habitat. *One City's Wilderness* (Oregon Historical Society Press) serves as a history and resource to this remarkable treasure. Author Marcy Houle explains why the land comprising the park remained untouched by developers for so long. She tells of the efforts of those dedicated citizens who established this city park and of those who are protecting it for future use. This updated edition provides directions

to twenty hikes of varying length, difficulty and scenery, with a map accompanying each hike, illustrating it in greater detail.

Deirdre Bair,

Wednesday, July 17th, 7:30

Deirdre Bair, renowned for her biographies of Samuel Beckett and Simone de Beauvoir, has now written the definitive biography of the complex and controversial Anaïs Nin. With exclusive and unprecedented access to all of Nin's unpublished archives, including more than 250,000 handwritten diary pages, Bair paints a startlingly different portrait of Nin, hitherto best known for her sexual peccadilloes and especially her affair with Henry Miller. In *Anaïs Nin: A Biography* (Penguin), Bair reveals Nin's lifelong struggle to become a respected writer, to position herself at the right hand of the intellectual elite, and to construct a way of life so complicated that it verged at times on incom-

prehensibility, even to herself. For more information, please contact Alison Koop of Penguin Publicity at 212/366-2274.

Carolyn Kizer,

Thursday, July 18th 7:30 pm

Her career as a poet has caused readers, students, friends, and critics to think of Carolyn Kizer as one of the nation's finest virtuosos in the difficult art of poetry--giving the passions of her time and place a permanent voice. Throughout her career, however, Kizer has also spoken out in prose on a great many topics, not only on the concerns of women and the art of poetry but also her lifelong studies in Asian literature, her involvement in a broad range of contemporary literary and political mises-en-scenes, and her Sapphic impatience with the tawdry and the unworthy.

For more information, please contact Powell's Publicity at 503/228-4651.

My American Journey

By Colin Powell With Joseph E. Persico

Mine is the story of a black kid of no early promise from an immigrant family of limited means who was raised in the South Bronx and somehow rose to become the National Security Advisor to the President of the United States and then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It is a story of hard work and good luck, of occasional rough times, but mostly good times. It is a story of service and soldiering. It is a story about the people who helped make me what I am. It is a story of my benefiting from opportunities created by the sacrifice of those who went before me and maybe my benefiting

those who will follow. It is a story of faith--faith in myself, and faith in America. Above all, it's a love story: love of family, of friends, of the Army, and of my country.

It is a story that could only have happened in America.

From the preface to *My American Journey*

School Boost For Parents

Parents across the greater Portland area will be more involved in their schools thanks to 10 grants supplied by Hand in Hand, a coalition of parents and school and community leaders, who have come together to develop and promote programs that benefit children.

Hand in Hand supplied \$5,000 total to 10 sites in several school districts, including Portland, Beaverton, Gresham-Barlow, Sandy and North Plains. More than 90 schools applied for the grants.

Winners were selected for their innovation and for their commitment to increase parent involvement in schools.

"The process showed a tremendous commitment to volunteerism in schools throughout the Portland area. There were dozens of programs that deserved our support. Selecting the grant winners was very difficult," said Gary Dombroff, Co-Chair of the Hand-in-Hand Coalition.

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Spike Lee Teams With Budweiser, Edwin Moses For UNCF Commercial: Film maker Spike Lee (center) is shown on the campus of Morehouse College in Atlanta with members of the Budweiser brand team and Olympic hero Edwin Moses (left) following final shots of a commercial on behalf of The College Fund/UNCF. The 30-second spot, which will be shown in prime-time and late night slots, shows a young Edwin Moses running and jumping over any and everything as part of his track and field training while a student at Morehouse. The commercial, which also will be shown during the Centennial Olympic Games, concludes with Moses on campus, with students extolling the value of education at historically-black colleges and universities. Congratulating Lee and Moses on their work (from right) are Danny Scott, Manager of Ethnic Marketing for Anheuser-Busch Inc., John Quigley, Budweiser Brand Manager, and Alex Ruelas, Senior Manager, Ethnic Marketing.

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Portland General Electric's Employees Seed the Future.

"Seed the Future" is a five year partnership with Friends of Trees to plant 144,000 trees and seedlings around Portland. Those trees will help beautify neighborhoods and purify our air. At PGE, we think a power company can do more than make a profit. It can make a difference.

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