

Say 'oui!' to study-abroad program in Cherbourg

by Gina K. Logue

Any student whose summer was no more exciting than spending endless hours lying by the pool frying to a crisp can prepare now for an unforgettable summer 2008.

There's no time like the present to register for the annual general education study-abroad program in Cherbourg, France, which will run from June 2 to June 27, 2008. At this beautiful port town in the Normandy region of northwest France, students will experience the history, art and culture of the area.

"With the general education program, a student can spend four weeks in Cherbourg and in Normandy, and they can begin studying French while they're there if they choose to, but they don't have to already know any French," Dr. Anne Sloan, assistant to the provost for international education, says.

Each class will be taught by a faculty member from Motlow State Community College, MTSU's partner in the Cherbourg program, or from MTSU itself. Dr. Claudia Barnett, professor of English, taught "An American in Europe" this year.

"What we read reflected and shaped our experiences," Barnett says. "Like the characters in the novels and the narrators of the essays, we experimented with foods, fashions and foreign phrases, and we enjoyed the nuances of cultural difference. We toured Hemingway's Paris, stopping for espresso and ice cream at his



AU REVOIR—2007 study-abroad students pose at the Cherbourg harbor. On the front row are Ryan Richardson of Motlow State Community College and Jessica Galligani, an MTSU sophomore art education major. On the back row are Kayla Shellman, a junior studio art major at MTSU, and advertising/PR major Erin Johnson, early childhood education major Stephanie Sorensen and art major Tad Osekowsky, all sophomores at MTSU.

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favorite café, when we read *The Sun Also Rises*. ... For five weeks, we read, wrote, ate and breathed France."

The classrooms will be at the Institut Universitaire de Technologie. Accommodations are only a 15-minute walk or a short bus ride away at Napoleon Bonaparte's former naval hospital, which has been converted into the IMC cinema school.

Sloan says each student will have his or her own room with a bath and kitchenette. Meal cards will be provided for lunches on class days; stu-

dents are responsible for all other meals. Internet facilities will be available in the evening hours.

Normandy's reputation as a welcoming locale for tourists will provide students with numerous chances to explore Cherbourg and beyond during their nonclassroom hours.

"There are a lot of opportunities in Normandy to visit all sorts of sites," Sloan says. "There are all sorts of recreational opportunities."

MTSU student Erin Johnson, a native of Denmark, Tenn., and a vet-

eran of an excursion to Cherbourg, enjoyed her time there so much that she yearns to go back.

"I went on field trips to London and Paris," Johnson says. "How often does a student get to say that? Most of the French friends we made knew English very well, so I didn't have to worry about being fluent in French. I made so many new friends (in France and also from MTSU), and I made even more unforgettable memories!"

"They're going to get to see and experience a great deal and, at the same time, fulfill one or two of their general education requirements," Sloan adds, emphasizing that taking advantage of this study-abroad opportunity early in a college career will be less likely to interfere with progress toward a degree.

The estimated cost of the program is \$2,250 plus tuition and fees. Included in the cost are housing, ground transportation between Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris and Cherbourg, meal cards, local bus passes, weekend field-trip transportation, admissions and housing. Other meals, day field trips, emergency medical co-pays and incidentals are out-of-pocket, as is round-trip transportation to Paris.

For more information, contact Sloan at 615-898-5091 or asloan@mtsu.edu, or Jennifer Campbell, director of international education and exchange, at 615-898-5179 or jjcampbe@mtsu.edu. MTSU faculty should visit gened.web.mtsu.edu and click on the "Study Abroad 2007" link to learn about course approval.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

Dr. Carl Ostrowski (English) is the winner of the Eliza Atkins Gleason Book Award for *Books, Maps, and Politics: A Cultural History of the Library of Congress, 1783-1861*. The award, sponsored by The Library History Round Table of the American Library Association, recognizes the best book written in English in the field of library history.

Conferences

Dr. Wandi Ding (mathematical sciences) attended the joint annual meetings of the Society for Mathematical Biology and the Japanese Society of Mathematical Biology in San Jose, Calif., July 31-Aug. 4, where she spoke on "Rabies in Raccoons: Optimal Control for a Discrete Time Model on a Spatial Grid" and chaired the session on Epidemiology II.

Elections

Dr. Gary Wulfsberg (chemistry) was elected chairman of the International Steering Committee for Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions at its meeting Aug. 6 in Foz do Iguacu (Iguassu Falls), Brazil. He also was elected to the Executive Committee of the International Conference on

Hyperfine Interactions at that group's meeting in Foz do Iguacu.

Presentations

Dr. Tom Nolan (geosciences) presented a lecture, "Battlefield Landscapes: Geographic Information Science as a Method of Integrating History and Archaeology for Battlefield Interpretation," for the Middle Cumberland Archaeological Society at the Tennessee Historical Commission at Cloverbottom Mansion in Nashville Aug. 21.

Dr. Albert Ogden (geosciences) presented a paper, "Ground Water Tracing Results in the Almaden/Blackman Communities, Rutherford County, Tennessee, to Aid in Emergency Spill Response Along State Route 840" July 17 at the annual meeting of the Geology Section of the National Speleological Society. Geology students Matt Fahner, Doug Hayes, Patrick Carroll and Anna Tegarden were co-authors.

Dr. Anne T. Sloan (provost's office) gave the keynote address, "Internationalizing the Curriculum," to the annual faculty meeting at Roane State Community College Aug. 20.

Dr. Gary Wulfsberg (chemistry) gave an oral presentation, "Silver Dichloroacetate: A Compound with an Extraordinary Range of NQR Frequencies," Aug. 10 at the XVIII International Symposium on Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil. He also gave a poster presentation, "35Cl Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance Studies of the Chlorinated Weakly Coordinating Anions, TRISPHAT and Tristibate: A Progress Report," at the same event.

Publications

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has published the study, "Exercise barrier severity and perseverance of active youth with physical disabilities," in *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 52(2), 170-176. His co-authors are W. Zhu, B.G. Ragan and M. Frogley.

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