I-HOUSE LIFE

Looking to the Future:
Preparing to Celebrate 75

On October 5, 1932, International House at the University of Chicago officially opened its doors to the world. For nearly 75 years, the House has been home to tens of thousands of individuals from every corner of the globe. Thousands of life-long friendships have been formed and hundreds of individuals met their future spouses while they were residents at International House. World leaders, musicians, artists, and intellectuals have all been welcomed to the thousands of cultural performances, conferences, and lectures hosted at the House over the years.

In October 2007, International House will launch a yearlong celebration of its first 75 years of history. With this strong foundation, International House will continue to fulfill its mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect and friendship among students and scholars and on the part of the people of metropolitan Chicago toward individuals of all nations and backgrounds. We welcome your ideas to commemorate this important milestone. Contact us at i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu and we look forward to celebrating 75 with you!

Renovation Update

As part of the final phase of the International House renovation project the Courtyard was closed in early October for extensive reconstruction. The Courtyard is being completely rebuilt to be in compliance with the American’s with Disability Act (ADA) which requires the removal of any architectural barriers to accessibility.

Work began with the removal of the massive trees which, after nearly 75 years of Chicago seasons, were nearing the end of their life-cycles. This was followed by the removal of all of the stone which is being washed and re-cut to be incorporated into the new design. The rebuilt Courtyard will maintain the existing fountain as its focal point and have new stairs, perimeter retaining walls and patio stone to reflect the original design. In addition, large trees will be replanted in the Courtyard to provide greenery and shade. The Courtyard will be open by Spring Quarter, in time to once again welcome all residents and guests to enjoy its gracious comforts of air, light, and tranquility.
From the Desk of the Director—
Autumn 2006

Once again, International House is alive with the energy of a new academic year and it heartens my soul to see all of the excitement of a new generation of residents.

This fall, we welcome our largest number of Residential Fellows in the history of International House. We now have two Fellowship programs, one for students from the College at the University of Chicago and our traditional fellowship program for graduate students.

The future of the fellowship programs is a top priority for us as we approach our 75th anniversary year. We hope to work with our many friends and alumni from around the world to begin a program to endow fellowships from every country that has students living with us. We are excited by the generous contributions that are coming in to fund this country-specific initiative and hope that other country fellowships will follow. If you are interested in working with us towards this end, please contact either me or our Office of Programs and External Relations at i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu or call (773) 753-2273.

All of us at International House wish you and your family the best as we enter the holiday season and hope that the New Year brings you health, happiness and peace.

William L. McCartney, Director

International House Fellowship Program

The International House Fellowship Program helps to ensure the exceptional geographic, cultural and economic diversity that is central to the mission of the House. The 2006–2007 International House Residential Fellowship Program has been greatly expanded, providing fellowships to fifty graduate students this year. In addition, the Collegiate Fellowship Program was launched, welcoming twelve outstanding advanced undergraduate students from the College of the University of Chicago to live at the House.

In all these sixty-two Collegiate and Graduate Fellows represent nineteen countries. Twenty-nine fellows are male and thirty-three fellows are female. In addition to the University of Chicago, five other Chicago-area schools are represented including the Adler School of Professional Psychology, Columbia College Chicago, DePaul University, the Erikson Institute, and Northeastern Illinois University. Within the University of Chicago, the undergraduate College is represented as well as three Graduate Divisions—the Biological Sciences, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences; and four Graduate Schools—the Graduate School of Business, the Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy, the Pritzker School of Medicine, and the School of Social Service Administration.

I-House Cheers Elite Athletes on to Victory

A hardy band of International House residents turned out in force on a cold October morning to cheer on runners at the 2006 LaSalle Bank Marathon. Among the 40,000 participants were several world-class Kenyan athletes who had visited the House two evenings before the race to share dinner with the residents. They included the reigning Boston Marathon winner Robert K. Cheruiyot, Daniel Njenga, and Jimmy Muindi, who went on to win first, second and third places, and Benjamin Maiyo and Meshack Kosgei Kirwa who placed seventh and tenth respectively. I-House residents congratulate their new friends and look forward to their return to Chicago in 2007!

Hosts to the World

The newly-established International Friendship Program seeks to establish informal bridges between students and members of the University and Hyde Park communities through holiday celebrations and casual family or neighborly gatherings. While students enjoy a meal within a home atmosphere, members of the University community will have the opportunity to get to know some of the extraordinary students and scholars at the University of Chicago and to learn more about their countries and cultures. Students interested in participating or families interested in hosting students should contact the International House Office of Programs and External Relations at hws@uchicago.edu or call (773) 753-2274.

The Residents’ Council

The elections for the 2006–2007 International House Residents’ Council took place in early October, with the presidential race a particularly close contest. Congratulations to Dionisios Kavadias, President, Daniel Morales, Vice President, Jennie Phelps, Treasurer, and John Homer, Secretary. The Residents’ Council serves as a liaison between the residents and administration and works to plan events and projects representing the interests of current residents. The Council can be contacted at i-house-rcouncil@listhost.uchicago.edu.
IN MEMORIAM

Hsiao-Lan Kuo

Hsiao-Lan Kuo, who helped pioneer the development of mathematical tools to describe the complex circulation patterns of the atmosphere and the forces that fuel a hurricane, died Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the University of Chicago’s Bernard Mitchell Hospital, following a long illness. He was 91.

Kuo was born in Mancheng, a village in Hebei Province, China, on February 7, 1915. He received his bachelor’s degree from Tsinghua University in 1937 and a master’s degree from National Chekiang University, Hangzhou, in 1942. After a long ocean voyage from his native China, Kuo arrived for graduate study at Chicago with little more than a scholarship. He received a Ph.D. from Chicago in 1948 and within a few short years he had left a lasting mark on the scientific community.

He met his wife, Hsiao-Mei, at International House while she was pursuing a master’s degree in nursing at the University. They married on September 17, 1949, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1962, Kuo returned to Chicago to join the faculty of the newly formed Department of Geophysical Sciences, a merger of the former departments of geology and meteorology. In 1970, Kuo received the Carl-Gustaf Rossby Research Medal, the highest honor given by American Meteorological Society.

In addition to his wife, Kuo is survived by their three children, Emily, of Boston; Frank, of New York City; and Robert, of Lafayette, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Sophia, Zachary and Lauren.
By establishing a planned gift today you are ensuring that the International House continues to grow and flourish over the years. Establishing a planned gift also allows you to receive income during your lifetime and leave a legacy for future residents. There are several ways of giving to International House:

**Bequests.** The simplest way for donors to plan for the International House’s future is by including a provision in their estate plans. Testamentary gifts for the International House can be directed for general, unrestricted use or for the support of a particular need or project. Donors making provisions for the International House in their estate plans are entitled to an estate tax deduction for the gift.

**Charitable Gift Annuities.** In exchange for a gift to the International House of $10,000 or more in cash or securities, a gift annuity donor will receive a fixed, guaranteed income for life. The annuity rate is based in part on the donor’s age and the donor receives a charitable income tax deduction in the year you fund the annuity.

**Charitable Remainder Unitrusts.** If a source of income is of interest to a donor, another gift vehicle to consider is a charitable remainder unitrust, with the University serving as trustee. Cash, securities, or real property may be used to establish a charitable remainder unitrust. Payments to the income beneficiaries are variable, depending on the performance of the trust portfolio, which the donor chooses in consultation with the University’s investment managers. At the end of the trust’s term, the remainder may be available for use by the International House for the purpose designated by the donor at the time of the gift.

**Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets.** Donors might also consider naming the International House as a beneficiary of a 401(k), TIAA-CREF, or other retirement plan. By naming a charitable institution rather than an individual, the retirement assets will pass outside the donor’s estate and avoid probate, as well as income and estate taxes.

For more information on planned gifts or to let us know you have provided for the International House in your estate plans, please contact Heather McClean at 773.834.2117 or hmcclean@development.uchicago.edu.

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**A Unique Way to Support the International House**

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The Act contains a long-awaited IRA Charitable Rollover provision. This provision allows individuals who are at least 70-1/2 to make a tax-free distribution of up to $100,000 from an IRA to the International House, subject to certain qualifications:

- The provision applies only to distributions made in 2006 and 2007. Thus, this opportunity is available for a limited time;
- Donors must be age 70-1/2 or older at the time of the distribution to the International House;
- Limited to $100,000 per taxpayer, per year;
- Distributions must be made as outright gifts. Distributions cannot be used to fund gift annuities or charitable remainder unitrusts;
- Distributions can only be made from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs (not other forms of retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b), etc.);
- Distributions cannot be made to donor advised funds and supporting organizations, including most private foundations;
- Distributions must be made directly from the IRA custodian to the charity. It is extremely important for you to coordinate the transfer with your IRA custodian and the International House to ensure that the distribution will qualify as a tax-free charitable rollover.

Prior to this law, IRA gifts to the International House were treated as taxable income and then offset with a charitable deduction. Now, for a limited time, distributions from an IRA made directly to the International House will be excluded from income altogether.

To find out more about the tax benefits of the new law and because there are specific transfer requirements for an IRA charitable distribution to qualify, please consult your tax advisor or Heather McClean in the Office of Gift Planning at (773) 834-2117 or hmcclean@development.uchicago.edu before proceeding with this type of gift.

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**The Tribute Fund**

Another way to commemorate special people or events in your life is through the Tribute Fund—a special part of our Annual Fund. Donations to the Tribute Fund in any amount can mark milestones, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or graduations, or honor the memory of dear friends and loved ones. When you make a Tribute gift, an attractive personalized card is sent in your name to the honoree or family, apprising them of your tribute. A letter will also be sent to you as a record of your tax-deductible gift.

For more information on making a gift contact Alumni Relations at International House at (773) 753-2273 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.

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**Make a World of Difference!**

Fun and easy ways to give to International House

- **Ice cream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!** A gift of $3,000 will support the weekly Resident Social Hour for one quarter.
- **Trip the light fantastic!** Your gift of $150,000 will provide new stage lighting for the Global Voices Performing Arts series.
- **Where in the world?** A gift of $2,500 will buy a 10’ x 10’ world map for the Main Hallway.
- **Guess who’s coming to dinner?** Host the traditional Sunday Supper and Candle-lighting Ceremony for your gift of $15,000; includes a table for you and your family.
- **Show your true colors!** Purchase your country’s flag for a gift of $250.

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The International House Global Voices Program has established a vibrant exchange with a wide range of Chicago-area academic and cultural institutions, arts organizations, dance companies, ethnic and folk arts groups, and music and theater groups. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series provides a showcase for all performing arts programs. The Global Voices Lecture Series presents prominent speakers and organizes round-table discussion groups and special interest conferences and seminars. For further information on programs, go to our web site at http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/ or subscribe to our e-bulletin at i-house-programs@uchicago.edu. Programs are supported in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**SUNDAY SUPPER**

Saturday, May 19, 2007

A tradition older than I-House itself Sunday Supper honors all graduating residents and officially closes a year of living and learning together. The Helen Puttkammer Resident of the Year Award is given to an outstanding resident at this time.

The Chicago Ensemble 2006–2007 30th Anniversary Season

Celebrate 30 years of intelligent, eclectic, programming! A leader in Chicago’s chamber music scene, the Ensemble features unusual combinations of works by well-known master composers and works by lesser known contemporary composers, all performed by some of the area’s finest musicians. For program and ticket information, go to www.thechicagoensemble.org

Sunday, February 18 2007
Sunday, April 9 2007
Sunday, April 22, 2007
Sunday, May 21 2007

Join us for a reception with the musicians before each concert.

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**GLOBAL VOICES ARTS & IDEAS**

Friday, October 13, 2006
Antojitos
Preview Performance with Afro-Peruvian singer Susana Baca and the Chicago-based Latino dance company, Luna Negra

Friday, November 3, 2006
Silk Road Chicago
Workshop & Demonstration with members of the Silk Road Ensemble

Tuesday, November 21, 2006
American Indian Heritage Month Cultural Identity, Sovereignty, and Politics: Tribal Leading in the Twenty-First Century with Chief John P. Froman, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Co-sponsored by the Native American Student Association

Monday, December 18, 2006
SoundINNBrass Austria Concert Co-Sponsored with the Austria Consulate of Chicago

January 8–15, 2007
Celebrating King
International House is pleased to join in the University of Chicago’s annual celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I-House events include:

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Community Panel Discussion on Affordable Housing

Friday, January 12, 2007
Roots and Rhymes III: A Multicultural Celebration

February 16–17, 2007
University of Chicago Annual Law School Musical
Even Law students can have a good time, and the Law School Musical proves that. Original lyrics to familiar tunes supply the structure for a satirical take on life in the Law School. No one is immune from parody, and no one leaves without a roll in the aisles. In past years, the musical has proved to be the humorous high light of the Winter Quarter, drawing sold out crowds on Opening Night.

March 11, 2007 and May 11, 2007
Middle East Music Ensemble Performances

March 16–18, 2007
Spring Festival Series begins
Eastern European Festival of Folk Music and Dance

April 27, 28, 29, 2007
Tatva—Natures Elements
A 3-day festival that examines elements such as water, wind, fire, sky and earth through the filter of different cultures — including Native American, Polynesian, Indonesian, East Indian, Mexican, and African cultures. Many indigenous cultures have believed nature’s elements to have spiritual powers. Live music and dancing will serve to express the deeper philosophical connections and universal relationships among these cultures and societies. Co-sponsored with the Kalapriya Foundation

Sunday, May 6, 2007
The Annual Festival of Nations
Join us for a day-long cultural celebration featuring food, films, music, dance and displays from over 25 nations!

The Festival of Nations is proud to feature the Banjara Singers from Rajasthan Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

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**THE WORLD**

BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Thursday, January 11, 2007
Legitimation Crisis in Tehran: Iran and the Future of Liberalism
A reading by Danny Postel, host of the weekly radio show, Free Associations.

Thursday, January 25, 2007
Reel Bad Arabs: How Hollywood Vilifies a People, with award-winning film authority Jack Shaheen.

Thursday, February 8, 2007
American Islam: The Struggle for the Soul of a Religion
A discussion between Paul Barrett and Umar Abd-Allah author of Muslim in Victorian America: The Life of Alexander Russell Webb

Thursday, March 8, 2007
The China Fantasy: How Our Leaders Explain Chinese Repression
With author James Mann. Mann is author in residence at Johns Hopkins University’s Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies and the author of Rise of the Vulcans, About Face, and Beijing Jeep. He was previously the Los Angeles Times Beijing bureau chief.

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

Wednesday, April 11, 2007
Atul Gawande speaks on his new book, Better
(to be released April 3, 2007).

Gawande is the acclaimed author of Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science, which was nominated for a 2002 National Book Award. Book signing to follow.
Special Events at International House

Whether it's a world music concert, a cultural celebration, a business meeting, or an academic forum, International House at the University of Chicago offers a setting unlike any other in the city—and everything you need to ensure a successful event.

We want to share this unique international setting with Chicago's communities—university departments, international businesses, cultural institutions, performing arts groups, non-profit organizations and student groups.

Please visit our web site at http://ihouse.uchicago.edu for more information or contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at 773-753-2274 or email i-house-programs@uchicago.edu

Hear What's Being Said at I-House

Can't make it to an event? Streaming and downloadable audio and video are now available for many events from CHIASMOS, the University of Chicago's International and Area Studies Multimedia and Outreach Source at http://chiasmos.uchicago.edu/.