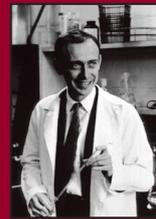




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I-HOUSE LIFE

Celebrating 75 Years of Hosting the World

On October 5th 1932 International House opened its doors to the world, housing individuals from vastly different cultures under one roof and hosting a roster of programs and activities designed to foster greater international understanding and communication. It was a bold and innovative experiment in cross-cultural exchange, prescient in its anticipation of the globalization to come by the beginning of the millennium. To celebrate this 75th year milestone, a year-long series of programs and activities is planned. The University-wide Kick-off Celebration on October 5th is followed by an elegant Open House on October 17th, designed to expand the visibility of International House for guests from throughout the University

of Chicago, as well as Chicago businesses, foundations, organizations and private parties. Throughout the year, lectures by distinguished international guests, traditional Sunday Suppers, conferences on world events, and numerous cultural performances will provide a rich experience for residents and the general public. Capping the year will be the Alumni Reunion with International Houses Worldwide, hosted by the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC, on May 27th as well as a festive Open House during Alumni Weekend in Chicago, May 29th–June 1st. Come and join the celebration! Events will be listed in the autumn, winter and spring newsletters and can be viewed online at <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>.

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The Beginning by which the End is Made ...

One morning in 1909, Harry Edmonds, a YMCA official, greeted a Chinese student on the steps of the Columbia University library and was stunned by the student's reply:



Harry Edmonds

"I have been in New York three weeks and you are the first person who has spoken to me!" From that chance encounter, the International House idea was born.

Edmonds and his wife Florence began inviting students to their home for Sunday Suppers and convinced of the need to create a place where foreign and U.S. students could live together and thereby promote international understanding, Edmonds solicited the help of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who agreed to fund

the idea. "Here, indeed," Edmonds recalled, "was a beginning by which the end is made." The New York International House opened in 1924 followed by the Berkeley House in 1930, the Chicago House in 1932 and the Paris House in 1935. In Rockefeller's view, "International House is a laboratory for a new kind of experiment—the day-to-day practice of international fellowship among men and women." To date, the International House idea has expanded from the original Rockefeller Houses to over 17 International Houses around the globe. A more formal organization of International Houses Worldwide will be established in the coming year.



John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



International House Archives

The traditional Sunday Supper is celebrated in the Assembly Hall in 1932



I-HOUSE NEWS

From the Desk of the Director—

Autumn 2007

This past June, sixteen directors from International Houses from around the world came together in Edmonton, Canada at the University of Alberta to discuss our common goals, aspirations and mission. It was exciting to share with my counterparts snapshots of recent developments at International House Chicago...and we have had many this past year. The program calendar was an engaging one, featuring prominent speakers, performing arts and traditional programs for our residents and members of the community. Annual Fund giving to International House was at an all time high this past year and we are, as ever, eternally thankful for your support of our important mission. Our short-term guest program has taken flight beyond our initial imagination as we provided over 18,000 nights of short-term housing to visiting faculty, staff, researchers, prospective students and their families and the families of current students visiting Hyde Park and the University of Chicago. This valuable service has helped to introduce International House to a much wider audience.

As we enter our 75th anniversary year, it is a special time for those of us associated with International House. The building has been restored, the program is alive and full of exciting offerings and our residential population is increasing. We invite you to return and see for yourself that the International House experience continues to have a lasting impact on all who have the opportunity to participate in it.

William L. McCartney, Director

Uncovering Our Hidden Past

This past summer, two International House Fellows, **Jean A. Monfort, AM'07** and **Ian James Romain, AB'07**, began work to greatly improve the state of the archives—records of the individuals who have resided in the House. Helen Samuels, a professional archivist, is providing advice and guidance. The goals of the project are to provide improved access through a detailed index as well as greater physical protection for the collection by re-housing the materials in archival quality conditions.

The I-House Archives include application forms, photos, correspondence and essays submitted by those who then became residents of the House. Assembled initially for administrative purposes, the files now provide glimpses into the young lives of former residents. Jean discovered the file of Hastings Banda, a resident in 1933, who fought for and eventually won the rights of his native Nyasaland (now Malawi) from the British. Banda was President of Malawi until 1993. Ian's favorite find to date was author John Bellairs, a resident from 1959–61 (see featured article in Alumni News), who wrote young adult novels that Ian enjoyed reading as a child.

The 75th Anniversary will provide an opportunity to draw from these records as we celebrate the House through the lives of individuals who lived in these rooms and walked these halls. Their stories are waiting to be discovered in the International House Archives.



Ian Romain, Helen Samuels, and Jean Monfort archiving the history of the House

International House Archives

World Music Festival

International House will showcase the best of international music at the 9th Annual World Music Festival from September 14–20. Featured among other events: the DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan, Sunday, September 16th and Grammy-award winner Vishwa Mohan Bhatt on Indian slide guitar on Tuesday September 18th. Tickets for each concert are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students with ID and are only available at the door one hour prior to the concert. This event is co-sponsored by University of Chicago Presents, International House Global Voice's Performing Arts Series and the City of Chicago.



Doc Films at 75

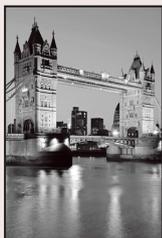
When International House opened in the Fall of 1932, residents organized a film society to show documentary films—rather than Hollywood fiction—to more accurately portray their countries and issues of international importance. These “Foreign Film Talkies” were shown to residents and friends at the University as well as to neighbors in the Hyde Park community. By 1940, residents **Robert E. Lewis, SB'39**, his future wife **Mary (Woolsey) Lewis, AB'44** and **John S. Atlee, AB'41** applied for student organization status, officially creating the International House Documentary Film Group. The group continued to evolve, shortening its name to the Documentary Film Group and then to Doc Films as the group moved its screenings to Social Sciences 122 and then to Cobb Hall to accommodate increased programming. Foreign films continued to be screened at I-House and in



Courtesy of the Doc Films Archive

1977 Law School Films was established to screen classic American films of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. In 1986 Doc Films moved into its permanent location—the state-of-the-art Max Palevsky Cinema—and was able to absorb all film programming needs on campus. With intelligent, innovative and eclectic programming every night of the academic year, Doc Films remains a highly respected film society and is on record with the Museum of Modern Art in New York as the oldest continuously-running student film association in the United States.

Mark your calendars now for September 27–29, 2007!



Please join University of Chicago President Robert J. Zimmer, deans, faculty, and European leaders for a thought-provoking day of inquiry and conversation. Examine critical economic, social, and scientific issues

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
INTERNATIONAL FORUM
 SEPTEMBER 27–29, 2007 LONDON

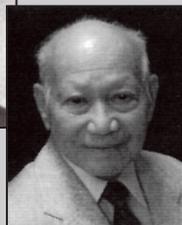
in an international context, network with Chicago alumni from around the world, and explore the exciting city of London.

On Friday, September 28, William L. McCartney, Executive Director of the University of Chicago's International House, will host a private reception for all International House alumni at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. To register for the event go to <http://internationalforum.uchicago.edu/>.

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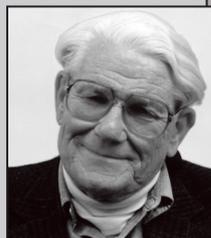
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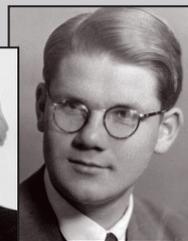
Courtesy of the Ma Family

Tsu Sheng Ma, PhD'38 began a life-long relationship with International House when, in August of 1934, he wrote from China to say that he was setting sail from Shanghai on the S.S. President Taft and would arrive in Chicago in late September. While a resident, he earned his PhD in Chemistry from the University of Chicago and met his future wife Gih Fang Dju, who earned her PhD in Social Service administration in 1946. T.S. Ma passed away May 29, 2007 but his legacy will live on through his generous support of our Global Fellowship Initiative.

Ole Kleppa arrived at International House in the Autumn of 1947 after escaping the Nazi occupation of Norway during World War II. As a student government leader in occupied Norway, he helped to organize resistance activities. Sought for questioning by the Gestapo, he escaped over the mountains to Sweden, thus beginning a long journey that would take him from wartime Europe to the laboratories of the University of Chicago, where he became a world-renowned expert on space-age metals and materials. Ole Kleppa passed away May 27, 2007.



Courtesy of the University of Chicago Chronicle



International House Archives



International House Archives



Courtesy of the Uretz Family

Violet "Vi" Fogel Uretz, SB'39 lived at International House for only one quarter in 1939 but the experience left an indelible impact on her. Nearly seven decades later, when the future of the House was threatened, Vi's belief in the values of international exchange inspired her to become an integral part of the "Save I-House" movement. Vi worked tirelessly, passing out flyers, getting petitions signed, and rallying with residents several generations her junior to save the House. Vi passed away May 18, 2007 but left us these words of vitality and optimism that marked her energetic approach to life: "I encourage you to breathe deeply and enjoy life and love. The future is bright."

Travel in Time: Stories from the International House Archives



International House Archives

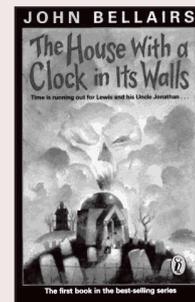
An orphaned boy sent to live with relatives, a kindly wizard, and an evil force that must be stopped before it takes over the world—all sound like the characters in the wildly popular Harry Potter series of

children's books. But long before the adventures of British author J.K. Rowling's bespectacled boy wizard took the world by storm, the books by American author John Bellairs were the talk of young adult fiction in the 1970s.

21-year-old **John Bellairs** arrived at International House in the fall of 1959. He earned his Master's degree in English from the University of Chicago in 1960 before embarking on a career of teaching and writing. By 1966, Bellairs' first book, *St. Fidgeta and Other Parodies* was released followed in 1968 by *The Pendant and the Shuffly*. His third book, *The Face in the Frost*, was published the following year.

But it was *The House With a Clock in its Walls*, a battle of good and evil of wizardly proportions starring the boy-hero Lewis Barnavelt, that earned Bellairs a place on *The New York Times Best Books* list in 1973. It launched his

popular young adult series, many of which were illustrated by famed designer Edward Gorey. At his death in 1991, Bellairs left two unfinished manuscripts and outlines for two additional stories which were completed by author Brad Strickland. Many editions of Bellairs' works are still available, providing thrills and chills to new generations of young readers.



Named Rooms Debut

Former residents often return to the House to enjoy walking the corridors and seeing the rooms they once lived in as students. Now current residents are, for the first time, moving into rooms designated with plaques honoring their former occupants.

The first commemorative plaque was placed outside of room # 348, former room of **Jerry Knoll, AB'47, MBA'47**. His studies at the University of Chicago were interrupted by World War II and after returning from service in the Army in 1945 he applied to live at International House while



THIS ROOM WAS RESTORED
WITH THE GENEROUS
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JERRY KNOLL
RESIDENT OF
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
1945-1948 2005

To Keep in Mind Books by Alumni

Former resident **Nancy Segal AM'74, PhD'82**

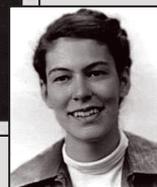
recently sent signed copies of her books for the International House Library. Her fascinating research in twin studies has garnered her numerous awards and international recognition. She has fond memories of watching *Gone with the Wind* at the I-House Film Society and drinking mint juleps in the Courtyard afterwards and of "dancing with all the lonely Belgians from Leuven" at the I-House dances. Dr. Segal is now Professor of Developmental Psychology and Director of the Twin Studies Center, at California State University, Fullerton.



completing his AB in Social Sciences and MBA in Business. Over the years he continues to keep in touch with International House and remains one of its most loyal and generous supporters.

Margaret C. Mudd, AB'50, AM'53 arrived in Room #705 at International House in 1949, a young woman eager to be involved in world affairs. She had worked in a French Government Camp as a counselor to children who were undernourished as a result of World War II; volunteered for C.A.R.E., one of the largest international relief and humanitarian organizations in the world; she was president of a chapter of the United World Federalist group and a member of the

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Experiment in International Living program. She believed that living at the House while she completed her AB (1950) and her AM (Anthropology, 1953) would help prepare her for working with international organizations for the betterment of world understanding. She had first heard of International House through her uncle, **Edward Yarnell Hartshorne**, who was himself a resident in 1933 and died in the the Army of Occupation in Germany in 1946. Upon Margaret's death her brothers Stuart and John chose to commemorate her life of service to international understanding with a plaque for her former room at International House.

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.
- **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.



To make a gift contact Alumni Relations at International House at (773) 753-2273 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu

The International House Global Fellowship Initiative

The International House Global Fellowship Initiative ensures the exceptional geographical, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of I-House and the University of Chicago. Global Fellows reside at I-House throughout the academic year and are expected to contribute their unique perspectives and interests to the community. In turn, International House provides a supportive on-campus environment that helps ensure their personal fulfillment and academic success. The Global Fellowship Initiative provides crucial funding for students to assist them in meeting living expenses.

Gifts at the following levels endow in perpetuity Global Fellowships for students residing at I-House:

- \$40,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with \$1500 to help meet a major portion of the residential expenses for one quarter of the academic year
- \$80,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with \$3000 to meet nearly 70% of the residential expenses over two quarters of the academic year
- \$160,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with \$6000 to meet nearly the full cost of the residential expenses for three quarters of the academic year

For more information on the Global Fellowship Initiative, contact Alumni Relations at International House (773) 753-2273 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.

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 or to subscribe to our e-bulletin, go to our Web site at <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>. Programs are supported in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the McCormick Tribune Foundation.



September 8
Viva Brasil: Brazilian Cultural Celebration

September 12
Author Night with Jonathon Kozol speaking on his latest book *Letters to a Young Teacher*



September 28–29
University of Chicago International Forum—London, England
 Special I-House alumni reception will be held on Friday, September 28

October 3
Traditional Japanese Bunraku Puppet Theater—
 Co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies



October 3
Author Night with Steven Pinker speaking on his latest book *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*

October 4
Author Night with Richard Dawkins speaking on his latest book *The God Delusion*

October 5
75th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration—University-wide Graduate Student Mixer for all graduate students and International House residents; Co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate Affairs.

October 8
Author Night with Nobel Laureate James D. Watson, PhD '46, SB '47 speaking on his latest book *Avoid Boring People: Lessons from a Life in Science*



October 12
Chicago Swing Dance Music Festival

October 12–13
Conference—Migration and Human Rights in the Age of Globalization: The Case of the North American Corridor; Co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Human Rights Program



Avi Schwab

October 17
Autumn Quarter Open House for guests from throughout the University of Chicago

and others representing Chicago businesses, foundations, organizations and private parties to introduce our preferred catering service providers.

November 10
Annual Belgian Halloween Party

The Chicago Ensemble 2007–2008 Schedule
 Featuring works by well-known master composers and lesser known contemporary composers, performed by the area's finest musicians. For program and ticket information go to www.thechicagoensemble.org

November 4 **March 16**
December 9 **May 18**
January 27

November 17
Global Voices Performing Arts Series—Lithuania: Contemporary World Expressions from Vilnius to Chicago; Co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Lithuania in Chicago

November 18
Global Voices Performing Arts Series—Jazz Faure Project Concert



November 30—December 1
The Dean's Men Fall Play—Merchant of Venice

December 2
Holiday Sunday Supper for International House residents and special guests

January 19
Global Voices Performing Arts Series Arts Midwest World Fest— Concert by *Esta*

January 26
Conference—China Symposium 2008; Co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies and US-China Peoples Friendship Association.

THE WORLD
 BEYOND THE HEADLINES



September 23
 Rockefeller Chapel
Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, speaking on her book *Unbowed: A Memoir*

September 27
John Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt speaking on their new book, *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy*

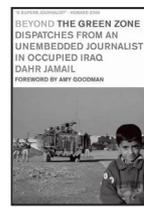
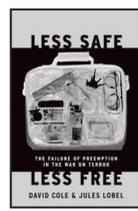
October 2
Robert R. Amsterdam, founding partner, Amsterdam and Peroff, speaking on *Preparing for the Post-Putin Period*

This popular public lecture series held throughout the academic year is a collaborative project with the University of Chicago Center for International Studies, the Seminary Coop Bookstores and International House. The program brings scholars and journalists together to consider major international news stories and how these stories are covered. Can't make it to a program?

Streaming and downloadable audio and video are now available from CHIASMOS, the University of Chicago's International and Area Studies Multimedia and Outreach Source at <http://chiasmus.uchicago.edu/> This program is supported in part by the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

October 10
Eboo Patel, founder, Interfaith Youth Core, speaking on his latest book *Acts of Faith—The Story of An American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation;* Co-sponsored by the Chicago Theological Seminary

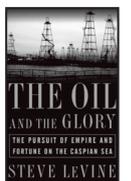
October 17
David Cole, Georgetown University, speaking on his latest book *Less Safe, Less Free: Why America is Losing the War on Terror*



October 26
Journalist Dahr Jamail speaking on his latest book *Beyond the Green Zone—Dispatches from an Unembedded Journalist in Occupied Iraq*

October 30
Pervez Hoodbhoy, Quaid-e Azam University, Islamabad, speaking on his latest book *The Talibanization of South Asia: Can it be Stopped?*

November 1
 Journalist and author **Steve LeVine** speaking on his latest book *The Oil and Glory*



November 15
Jeffrey Wasserstrom, University of California, Irvine, speaking on his latest book *China's Brave New World: and other Tales for Global Times*



International House Keepsakes

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of International House we are offering a range of commemorative keepsakes to bring back memories of your time in the House. For more photos and information on purchasing these items, please go the Web site at <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/> or contact International House Alumni Relations at (773) 753-2273 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.



Designed exclusively for International House in 1932 by Bauscher China of Weiden-Bavaria, the elegant House china has been stunningly reproduced for the 75th anniversary by Bauscher with the original intricate pattern. We are

pleased to offer alumni and friends a 4-piece set including cup, saucer, salad plate and dinner plate for for \$75 plus shipping and handling.

Own a piece of the House with authentic stone from the Courtyard. This beautiful blue and grey slate has been crafted into an attractive paperweight and will be a

touchstone back to hours spent sitting with friends by the Courtyard fountain. Cost: \$50 (includes shipping).



Wear your connection to the House with pride! Anniversary t-shirts are on sale for \$15 (includes shipping).



Join the 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Visit our Web site to find out about upcoming programs and events for alumni and friends, information on planning your visit to Chicago, and all the latest I-House news.

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Sign up for our electronic news bulletins and watch for I-House events in the University of Chicago Alumni emails! We look forward to hearing from you!

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