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The Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations and Human Rights had a very active and exciting year from September 2005 until May 2006, sponsoring lectures, symposia, campus visits and summer internships. Our visitors addressed a wide range of different topics, including U.S. media, government and politics, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, immigration, the civil rights legacy of Lyndon Johnson and Martin Luther King Jr., genocide, human rights in China, and the challenges presented by infectious diseases. In addition to our public events we funded 14 summer internships for 2006.

The program has continued to work with other offices, departments and organizations in planning activities, including the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Scholars’ Convocations, the Center for International Studies, the Center for Prairie Studies, Environmental Studies, Peace Studies, Global Development Studies, the Office of Public Relations, Latin American Studies, East Asian Studies, Peace Studies, SCIPE, the Career Development Office, the Faulconer Gallery, the Eco-Campus committee, and the Departments of Economics, History, Political Science and Sociology. This cooperation is valuable for pursuing common interests, for ensuring that events reach the largest and most diverse audiences, for promoting the efficient use of financial resources, and for planning the college calendar. The scheduling resources of the Rosenfield Program reduce the burden of other groups in arranging campus visits.

I. Conferences and Symposia

The Rosenfield Program sponsored or co-sponsored four major symposia and one mini-symposium during 2005-2006. They were:

1) “U.S. Media, Government and Politics” (co-sponsored by Peace Studies) (September 12-15)
“Telling the Truth About Vietnam and Iraq: Managing the Media During Wartime”
Daniel Ellsberg, former Department of Defense official; compiler of The Pentagon Papers; Senior Research Associate, MIT Center for International Studies

“Cooperation or Jail: Judith Miller and Journalism’s Ethical Dilemma”
Jack C. Doppelt ’74, Professor/Director, Medill Graduate Global Journalism Program, Northwestern University, and Editor & Publisher, On the Docket

“Trench Warfare: The Construction of Narrative in the Modern Media”
Duncan Black, Eschaton

“Survivors: Newspapers in the Age of Public Mistrust”
Margaret Sullivan, Vice President and Editor, TheBuffalo News

“Strange Bedfellows” (Scholars’ Convocation)
Jurek Martin, former Washington Bureau Chief, The Financial Times

Panel Discussion: “Current Media Trends – Alumni Perspectives”
Elizabeth Brooks ’54, Deputy Chief, News Desk, U.S. News & World Report
David Heath ’81, Investigative Reporter, The Seattle Times
David Schechter ’77, Senior National Editor, CNN
Anne Stein ’84, Freelance Journalist

“Political Reporting and the Future of the Newspaper”
David Shribman, Executive Editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
David Yepsen, Political Columnist, The Des Moines Register

This symposium was very successful, and we had a large attendance at all the talks. Jurek Martin, who visited Grinnell previously as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, was able to stay for the whole symposium, and Richard Aregood attended quite a few of the talks, as well. This allowed for a lot of give-and-take among the symposium participants, a factor that always benefits the audience, and the Q&A period. Students interested in careers in journalism were particularly in evidence in the audience, and a number of them came to meals with speakers. The student S&B staff were able to meet privately with several speakers, as well. The Alumni panel was particularly good in its ability to compare different varieties of media, and it also provided a nice point of contact between current and former students interested in journalism and politics. Hundreds of people turned out and were excited to see Daniel Ellsberg kick off the symposium, although he spoke far too long, and his talk was disappointing. Duncan Black drew a wide audience
from around the region, in part due to the popular following of his “Eschaton” political blog and his on-line coverage of the symposium. The overall symposium ended up providing illuminating food-for-thought about journalistic ethics and the future fate of newspapers, among other topics.

2.) “Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)”
(October 31-November 3)

“Rethinking the Nuclear Terrorism Threat from Iran & North Korea”
Henry Sokolski, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center

“Al-Qaeda’s Pursuit of WMD: Perspectives and Challenges”
Roger Cressey, President, Good Harbor Consulting, formerly NSC staff

“Protecting Against Terrorist WMD Use in the U.S.: Evaluating the Risks and Our Progress to Date”
Kevin O’Prey ’87, Senior Adviser, DFI Government Services

“The Failure of U.S. Non-Proliferation Policy and What To Do About It”
Joseph Cirincione, Director for Non-Proliferation, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

“Keeping WMD Out of the Hands of Terrorists”
Franklin Miller, Cohen Group, formerly National Security Council staff

“Legacy Arsenals and Terrorist Threats”
Elizabeth Turpen, Senior Associate, Henry L. Stimson Center; Co-Director, Security for a New Century and Cooperative Threat Reduction program

We planned this symposium to address the seriousness of the threats presented by nuclear proliferation and by possible use by terrorists of weapons of mass destruction. We particularly wanted to discuss the nuclear programs in North Korea and Iran. Kevin O’Prey ‘87, former President of DFI Government Services provided valuable assistance in identifying topics and speakers. The talks were generally excellent and well received by good audiences ranging from 40 to 100 people. Joe Cirincione’s talk on the failure of U.S. non-proliferation policy was especially impressive. Both Franklin Miller and Roger Cressey had important insights to share based on their experience working on national security and homeland security issues in the White House.

3.) Mini-Symposium, “On the Move: The New Immigration” (co-sponsored by the Dept of Sociology, Dept. of Spanish, Center for Prairie St., GMA, Latin American Solidarity Group, SOL, Latin American Studies Concentration, ACE)
(January 27-February 1, 2006)

Film – Rights on the Line: Vigilantes at the Border with filmmaker Ray Ybarra, USA, documentary, 2005

Film – Farmingville, USA, documentary, 2003

Film – Maid in America, USA, documentary, 2004

Panel Discussion – “On the Move: Perspectives on the New Immigrants”
Victoria Brown, Professor of History, Grinnell College; Max E. Cárdenas ’01, Co-founder & Principal, Diverse Innovative Solutions; Danny Carroll, Iowa State Rep., R-Grinnell; Maria Lira, Latinos en Acción de CCI (Citizens for Community Improvement); Kyrsten Sinema, Arizona State Rep., D-Phoenix; Ray Ybarra, (Ira Glasser Racial Justice Fellow, ACLU

Debate – “Crossing Borders”
Mark Grey, Ph.D., Director, Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership & Interaction; Chris Simcox, founder, Minuteman Civil Defense Corps

Workshop – “Dealing with the State: Immigration & Human Rights”
Kyrsten Sinema, Arizona State Representative, D-Phoenix

This symposium originated and was planned by interested faculty and students outside of the Rosenfield Program committee, but the committee was more than happy to provide solid financial support to this interesting series of events. The symposium featured a diverse array of events surrounding current issues and debates over U.S. immigration policy including films, policy workshop, debate, and round-table discussion. The group planning the symposium did a nice job of achieving bi-partisan representation on the panels, and a wide range of opinions about immigration were featured during the symposium. All of the events were well attended, and the Rosenfield committee received compliments on this symposium. Perhaps more events on immigration policy in future years would be a good idea.

4.) “Genocide” (Co-sponsored by the Center for International Studies)
(February 7-9, 2006)

“The End of an Illusion? European Jews Between the Two World Wars”
Ezra Mendelsohn, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Boston University

Konstanty Gebert, Polish Journalist and Author; 2006 John R. Heath Professor, Grinnell College
“The Eight Stages of Genocide”
Gregory Stanton, President, Genocide Watch; founder and Chair of the Board, International Campaign to End Genocide

“Genocide and Justice? Perspective on the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields”
Chivy Sok, a survivor and advocate of human rights

“Murder and Rape in Darfur: The First Genocide of the 21st Century”
Nicholas Kristof, Columnist, The New York Times

“Upstanders: Bystanders Who Stand Up to Mass Atrocities and Genocide”
Jim Fussell, Executive Director, Prevent Genocide International

This symposium was part of a coordinated effort by the Rosenfield Program and the Center for International Studies to address genocide issues this year. The symposium followed up on a faculty workshop last summer on genocide studies, and allowed us to make full use of the expertise of Heath Visiting Professor, Konstanty Gebert, who is an authority on the Holocaust. The speakers gave uniformly outstanding talks. Ezra Mendelsohn, who taught at Grinnell in the 1960s, gave a superb presentation showing how the instability in Europe after World War I stimulated anti-Semitism, creating a background for the Holocaust. Konstanty Gebert gave an impressive account of the different narratives of Poles and Jews about the Holocaust. Chivy Sok gave a moving presentation about the genocide in Cambodia. Nick Kristof created a vivid picture of the current genocide in Darfur, sharing some of the stories of the victims he has interviewed. Jim Fussell shared his presentation on the individuals who resist genocide in their countries with Laurie Glapa ’06 who worked with him last summer as a Rosenfield summer intern. This was an extremely successful symposium that attracted large and attentive audiences. South Lounge was full or nearly full for all the talks held there, and the crowd in Herrick for Nick Kristov’s talk overflowed to the balcony. The symposium generated considerable campus discussion and catalyzed a student group to mobilize in support of strong action to stop the genocide in Darfur. It also contributed to a discussion in the EKI committee about a possible new curricular emphasis on genocide studies.

5.) “Challenges Presented by Emerging Infectious Diseases,” (co-sponsored with Environmental Studies Program in National and the Global Environment) (April 5-7, 2006)

“The 1918 Flu”
Alfred W. Crosby, Professor Emeritus, American Studies, University of Texas

“Revenge of the Microbes: Are Antibiotics on the Endangered Species List?”
Abigail Salyers, Professor of Microbiology, University of Illinois
“Developing Medical Products for Modern Times”
Colonel George Korch, Commander, US Army Medical Research Inst. of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)

Panel Discussion – “Preparations for Epidemics in Iowa and Grinnell”

“One World – One Health”
William Karesh, DVM, Head, Field Veterinary Program, Wildlife Conservation Society

“Pandemic and War, 2006”
Jonathan L. Temte, MD/PhD, AAFP Liaison to ACIP; Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison

This timely symposium brought together speakers from a very wide range of disciplines and areas of medical practice to discuss current issues in infectious disease, and the talks were of a uniformly high quality. Several speakers were also able to remain on campus for the entirety of the symposium and to make class visits; the symposium was well-attended by students and faculty from a wide variety of disciplines, and there was a high level of town participation in all the talks, as well. The academic speakers’ lectures dovetailed extremely well, and the audience for the symposium came away with a real sense of some of the greatest threats from pandemics, and also with a sense of what might be overly “hyped.” The panel discussion featured representatives from Grinnell Regional Medical Center’s infection control and public health departments, Dean of Students, Tom Crady, and local physicians—all of whom discussed preparations in Grinnell for pandemics such as avian flu. The panel was well-timed to an outbreak of Mumps in Iowa, as well, and the audience was able to apply many of the theoretical and scientific insights from the general talks to the specific issue of Mumps on college campuses in Iowa. This symposium was very strong for scientists at Grinnell, but it was also very useful to students interested in public health and public policy.

II. Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow

The Rosenfield Program hosted the weeklong visit of Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Dimon Liu, a Chinese human rights activist, during the period from March 5-9, 2006. Woodrow Wilson Fellows are leaders in diverse fields who visit liberal arts colleges under the auspices of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation to share their perspectives with students and faculty. Dimon Liu made three public presentations during her visit to Grinnell College:

“A More Effective China Policy”

“How I Became a Human Rights Activist”
“Democracy as a Universal Concept and the Myth of Asian Values”

In addition to her public appearances, Ms. Liu visited five classes in art, Chinese, history and political science. She also participated in a wide variety of informal discussions with faculty and students in Grinnell House and at restaurants in the surrounding area.

Ms. Liu was an excellent visitor. She is an articulate speaker and has an outgoing personality very attractive to students and faculty. She was provocative in emphasizing the grimness of the human rights situation for the vast majority in China, even though a life for a large visible minority has greatly improved in recent years. Her public talks were well attended by audiences of 40-50 people. Her class visits were highly successful, earning positive reviews from the instructors.

III. Visiting Speakers for POL 195.01 – The United States in World Affairs

This was a cooperative endeavor between Professor David Schoenbaum, Department of History, University of Iowa, and Wayne Moyer, where we offered parallel courses on *The United States in World Affairs* at Grinnell and the University of Iowa. We shared the expenses for a series of visiting speakers, all of whom have made or helped to make foreign policy, or have been hired to watch people who do. The class at Grinnell was offered for two credits on an S/D/F basis, with students required to attend all the weekly sessions, and to submit journals reflecting on the readings and the presentations by speakers. Sixty-six students enrolled in this class. All talks were open to the campus community. The visiting speakers are listed below.

January 24 – Interests and Values
**J.D. Bindenagel**, former chief of U.S. Mission, ambassador, special envoy for Holocaust issues, special negotiator for “conflict diamonds

January 31 – Arrows and Olive Branches
**Lawrence J. Korb**, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Director of Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; currently Center for American Progress

February 5 – U.S. Intelligence and Military Interventions
**Gregg Thielmann** ’72 former Senior Foreign Service Offices, Strategic Weapons section, Bureau of Intelligence and Research; currently staff assistant to Senator Barbara Mikulski, (D-MD), Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

February 14 – Representing the U.S. Abroad as a Foreign Service Officer
**Timothy Pounds**, State Department Desk Officer for Lebanon, formerly National Security Council staff

February 21 – China
**Jim Leach**, U.S. Representative Second District, Iowa
February 28 – The Middle East
Michael Schoenbaum, Staff Economist, RAND Corporation and the RAND Palestine Project

March 7 – Human Rights
Dimon Liu, human rights activist, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow

April 11 – Genocide
Stephen J. Rapp (Chief Prosecutor, UN Rwanda Tribunal, former U.S. Attorney for Northern Iowa

April 18 – World Health and Environmental Issues
Captain Peter W. Soverel USN (Ret.), CEO, Wild Salmon Center, Formerly NATO and White House Staff
Dr. Mary Gilchrist, University of Iowa State Hygenic Laboratory

April 24 – The Economy
Bruce Stokes, National Journal, Council on Foreign Relations

IV. Other Events

1.) Greg J. Duncan ’70 Professor, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University (September 19, 2005)
“Work and Poverty: The New Hope Experiment”

We invited Greg Duncan to Grinnell at the behest of Bill Ferguson. Greg gave a very interesting talk about the New Hope Experiment to a crowd of about 40, including a large contingent of economics majors.

2.) Constitution Day Event – “The Supreme Court and the Constitution,” (September 20, 2005)
Russell Osgood, President, Grinnell College and Ira Strauber, Professor, Political Science, Grinnell College

President Osgood and Ira Strauber led a lively and spirited discussion, which was well-received by a strong South Lounge audience

3.) Richard M. Clugston, Executive Director, Center for Respect of Life & Environment, Director, University Leaders for a Sustainable Future
(September 27, 2005)

“Strengthening Grinnell’s Sustainability”

We invited Clugston to talk at the request of the Eco-Campus committee, whose members also took the opportunity to meet with Mr. Clugston privately while he was on campus. Clugston’s talk, and excellent Powerpoint presentation, covered a large number of potential ways for Grinnell’s campus to be more energy efficient and “sustainable.” Students interested in Environmental policy and studies were also very evident in what was an avidly-involved audience.

4.) Arne Oshaug, Director of Public Health and Public Nutrition, Akershus University College, Norway, and Roger Shrimpton, Director of UN Standing Committee on Nutrition Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland

(October 11, 2005)

World Food Prize Lecture Series, “Adequate Food as a Human Right: An Important New Paradigm or Old Wine in New Bottles”

Both Dr. Ashaug and Dr. Shrimpton were visiting Iowa to attend the presentation of the World Food Prize in Des Moines, and visited Grinnell as part of the World Food Prize week activities. They gave an interesting presentation on the international efforts to create consensus about food as a human right.

5.) SCIPE Panel and Debate: “Affirmative Action in College Admissions”

Co-sponsored with SCIPE, Education Department, SGA, PPPE, Student Activities Fund, Office of the President

(October 30 & November 1, 2005)

Panel Discussion: “The Historical, Legal, and Grinnell Content of Affirmative Action,” with Russell Osgood, President, Grinnell College; Frank Thomas, Senior Counselor to the President, Grinnell College (former Vice President for Diversity); Katya Gibel Azoulay, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Africana Studies Chair, American Studies Concentration

Debate: Colleges Should Use Race and Gender as a Factor in Student Admissions with Adrien Wing (affirmative), Bessie Dutton Murray Prof. of Law, Univ. of Iowa; Roger Clegg, VP and General Council, Center for Equal Opportunity

It was a pleasure for the Rosenfield Program to support this event, which was completely planned by the Student Committee for Increased Political Engagement (SCIPE). The spirited debate between Professor Wing and Mr. Clegg created considerable excitement among a student crowd that packed South Lounge. The student members of SCIPE did a superb job in organizing this event.
(January 25, 2006)
“Lyndon Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Civil Rights Legislation”

Nick Kotz’ visit came as a result of a suggestion from trustee Fred Little. Nick and his wife Mary Lynn Kotz spent a day and a half on campus meeting informally with students and faculty. They were delightful visitors who had much to share about their careers that began in Iowa and about their recent books. Nick gave a superb talk on the interdependence of the work of President Johnson and Dr. King in promoting civil rights legislation in the 1960s for a large and very interested South Lounge crowd.

6.) **Japanese Feminist Filmmakers Tour** (co-sponsored with GWS, Center for International Studies, East Asian Studies Concentration, Freeman Foundation, Cultural Film Series Committee)
(February 12-13)

**Screening & Discussion: 30 Years of Sisterhood – Women in the 1970’s Women’s Liberation Movement in Japan** (documentary, Japan, 2004) with panelists Chieko Yamagami; Noriko Seyama; Yoko Akiyama; Yumi Doi; Soko Miki; Johanna Meehan, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Grinnell College; Kirby Ramstad ’08, student, philosophy and gender & women’s studies, Grinnell College; Miho Matsugu, Assistant Professor of Japanese, Grinnell College; Tomomi Yamaguchi (introduction); Marnie Jorenby (translation), Asst. Prof. of Japanese, Grinnell College

**Workshop -- Japanese Queer Filmmaking and Its Political Goals** with Woolala Satoko, filmmaker; *Screening of Queer Boys and Girls on SHINKANSEN* (2004-2005, Japanese w/English subtitles) with D. Rita Alfonso, Asst. Prof. of Philosophy, Grinnell College; Adrienne Klein ’08, student, political science and Russian, Grinnell College, co-leader of Stonewall Coalition; Kay Nguyen-Le ’07, student, art, Grinnell College; Miho Matsugu; Richard Cleaver, translation, grant writer, Grinnell College

The Rosenfield committee was pleased to co-sponsor this series of events to coincide with the visit of well-respected Japanese Feminist film-makers. The connection between policy and the humanities was one of the features the committee wished to explore by supporting these events, and we felt that the results were quite positive. The film-makers’ visit attracted participants from a wide variety of disciplines, and meaningful inter-disciplinary discussion resulted. We were also pleased with the participation of Grinnell faculty and students on several panel discussions related to the films.
7.) **Steve Pickle** ’90, Vice President & Managing Director, Impact Community Capital LLC  
(April 4, 2006)  
*“Socially Responsible Investing: Force for Social Change or Lipstick on a Pig?”*  

Steve Pickle is a former student member of the Rosenfield Program Committee who went on to get an MBA, and who is now working for an organization that has been very successful in getting business to invest in low income housing. While at Grinnell Steve led an informative career hour and gave an uplifting talk about the work of Impact Community Capital.

8.) **Lee Huebner**, Professor of Communication St. & Journalism, Northwestern Univ.; former Publisher & CEO, International Herald Tribune; former Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the White House Writing & Research Staff, Nixon Administration  
(April 25, 2006)  
**Informal Discussion on Working in the Nixon Administration**  
*“The New Globalization, the New Tribalism, and the International Media Revolution”*  

We tried to get Lee Huebner as a speaker for our September 2005 symposium on *The Media, Government and Politics*, but he was unable to come then. He was an excellent visitor who regaled us with many fascinating stories about his work as a Nixon speechwriter and as publisher of the *International Herald Tribune*. He gave an excellent talk on the impact of the electronic revolution on international journalism. He also led an informal session on careers in international journalism that was well attended by S&B staff.

9.) **Theodore Z. Weiss**, President of the Holocaust Educational Foundation (co-sponsored with the Center for International Studies, Chalutzim/Chaplain’s Office, the History Department)  
(May 2, 2006)  
*“Holocaust Memory and Education on American College Campuses”*  

New History Department faculty member, Thomas Pegelow, organized this visit by Zev Weiss. Weiss runs several programs that fund Holocaust research, and Pegelow prized the opportunity to introduce Grinnellians to the resources offered by the Holocaust Educational Foundation. Wiess’ public talk also included a lot of his own story as a Holocaust survivor. This event dove-tailed nicely with the year-long
emphasis on genocide studies put forth by both Rosenfield and the Center for International Studies.

10.) **SCIPE Panel and Debate – The United States Government Should Adopt a Universal Health Care System.** (co-sponsored with SCIPE, PPPE, the Student Activities Fund, SGA) (May 2-3, 2006)

**Panel Discussion** with Irene Powell, Associate Professor of Economics, Grinnell College, and Dionne Benson-Smith, Instructor in Political Science, Grinnell College

**Debate** with Dr. Bret McFarlin (affirmative), D.O.; Director of Internal Medicine, Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines and Michael Tanner (negative), Director Cato’s Health and Welfare Studies

This was the major spring event organized by SCIPE. Even though it came late in the semester, it generated a good deal of student interest. The debate was well-organized and informative. It helped clarify some of the health care issues that the U.S. will have to address.

11.) **Dr. Imad Moustapha**, Syrian Ambassador to the United States (May 8, 2006)

“The Syria: Challenges and Crisis”

This was probably our most controversial event of the year, presenting an important perspective very different from what we usually hear at Grinnell on conflict in the Middle East. Ambassador Moustapha spent an entire day on campus visiting informally with students and meeting with faculty interested in an EKI initiative on the Middle East. He gave a very interesting talk, accompanied by a slide presentation of scenes from Syria to a capacity South Lounge audience. The talk was followed by an extended question period with very lively exchanges. We are grateful to Fardous Bahbouh ’06 for her help in arranging Ambassador Moustapha’s visit.

V. **Summer Internship Colloquia**

The Rosenfield Program provided funding for 17 student internships in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights during the Summer of 2005. In the Fall, right after the students returned to school (with the exception of three students who were studying off campus, and who presented in the Spring semester), all of the interns met twice to discuss their summer experiences and to plan for public presentations on their summer work. We grouped the students together for the purposes of the presentations, and all sessions had a good and lively attendance. Often, younger students contemplating a future internship come hear presentations to garner ideas, and several presentations also
prompted in-depth discussions among students and faculty about policy work. The students presented in public internship colloquia as follows:

1.) September 7—“R&D (Research & Development) from Europe to the U.S.”

Jennifer Rosenbaum ’07 (Naval Post-Grad School Center for Contemporary Conflict)
Nikita Umnov ’07 (The MJAFT Organization)
Lukas Vrba ’06 (Romanian Academic Society)

2.) September 7—“Social Services in the U.S.”

Kristen Barlow ’07 (AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, Washington DC)
Francesca Galicki ’07 (YMCA International Services, Houston, TX)
Renata Heberton ’06 (House of Peace, Ipswich MA)
Amanda Kaufmann ’06 (Hunger Action Network of NY State)

3.) September 21—Civil Liberties, Human Rights & Educational Policy

Kate Diedrick ’07 (National Center for Human Rights Education, Decatur, GA)
Sollie Flora ’07 (American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas & Western Missouri, Kansas City, MO)
Margaret (Gretchen) Lay ’07 (MARE Centre for Maritime Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Rachel Moskowitz ’06 (The Urban Institute’s Education Policy Center, Washington, DC)

4.) September 22—“Activism and Community Development in Latin America”

Jenny Dale ’06 (Cinades Hermanas [Sister Cities], Costa Rica)
Anna Murphey ’06 (Planting Hope, Maragalpa, Nicaragua)
Chris Street-Razbadouski ’06 (CIPA-Beni, Bolivia & archives in Argentina)

5.) March 13—“Research Internships in Education and Food Policy”

Alvin Irby ’07 (Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Science, Little Rock)
Mariela Magnelli ’06 (Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity & Growth, Buenos Aires)
Melissa Nye ’07, (Food First / Inst. for Food & Development Policy, Oakland, CA)
VI.  2006 Summer Internships

The Rosenfield Program Committee received 21 summer internship proposals for 2005, most of which were well prepared. We were delighted with the high quality of the proposals, indicating the continuing attractiveness of Rosenfield internships to Grinnell students. We forwarded some of the proposals to other college organizations, where it appeared that funding might be available, then conducted a competitive selection process with the remaining applications. A subcommittee consisting of Sarah Purcell (chair), Yvette Aparicio and Keri Kornelson interviewed the top 17 candidates. Fortunately, we were able to support 14 of the proposals with Rosenfield Program funding. The funded internships for 2006 are:

Gema Alonso  '07  Mujeres Latinas en Acción, Chicago, IL

Anand Balasubrahmanyan  '08  Hate Free Zone, Seattle, WA

Max Brauer  '07  U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy & Commerce, Democratic Staff, Washington, DC

Willa Campbell  '07  Center for American Indian Research & Native Studies, Martin, SD

Calvin Dane  '08  Office of Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), Washington, DC

Julia Edwards  '07  University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK

Kristen Hoeft  '07  Office of the Governor of the State of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

Meredith Hughey  '07  Iowa Prevention Resource Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Anna Johnson  '07  Johnson County Democrats, Iowa City, IA

Raji Pokharel  '08  Adhikaar, Staten Island, NY

Lindsey Shelp  '07  Monahan & Cohen, Chicago, IL

Phoebe Souza  '08  United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Summer internships continue to be some of our most cost-effective activities. They provide students with wonderful experiential opportunities to work outside of Grinnell in jobs related to public affairs, international relations and human rights. Interns gain insights not available from texts or the classroom that they share with other students when they return. Internships are important in preparing students for the challenges they will face when they enter the workplace after Grinnell. They often are helpful in making career choices.

V. Conclusion and Look to the Future

The academic year 2005-2006 marked the twenty-fifth of the Rosenfield Program. We believe it was a successful year in fulfilling our central mission to inform the campus community about important and sometimes controversial issues related to public affairs, international relations and human rights, stimulating campus interest and discussion. Some of our events were coordinated with classwork. Others complemented the curriculum in addressing topics not covered in classes. We continued our close relationship with the Center for Prairie Studies, the Center for International Studies, Environmental Studies and Global Development Studies. Promoting campus thought and debate on important policy issues is a fitting way to honor the memory of the late Grinnell trustee, Joseph Rosenfield ‘25

We are grateful for the support that we received from other college offices that helped ensure that our events went smoothly. We still experienced some difficulties in setting up for Powerpoint presentations and in support for videotaping events. However, the situation improved markedly over the course of the year with the support of the AV Center as it emerged from a period of transition.

I want to thank the members of the 2005-2006 Rosenfield Program Committee (Steve Andrews, Yvette Aparicio, David Harrison, Keri Kornelson, Monty Roper, Sally Blatz du Rivage ‘08, Margaret (Gretchen) Lay ‘07(fall semester), Molly Lewis ‘06, Nabila Marzouk ’06, Rachel Moskowitz ‘06, Dan Prignitz ’06, and Smita Sharma ‘08 for their strong support in planning and orchestrating Rosenfield Program events. All gave willingly of their time and energy to help make our events successful. Sarah Purcell, the Assistant Director of the Rosenfield Program deserves special thanks for her work in helping to plan our symposia, for taking charge of the Rosenfield summer internships and for presiding on the occasions when I was tied up with my responsibilities as Chair of the Faculty. I want to express my appreciation to Rita Walker, the indispensable Rosenfield Program office manager for her superb work in making the detailed and sometimes complicated arrangements for our events, for keeping the budget and for managing the many administrative tasks essential for the Program’s success. I also want to thank Sarah Moss ’06 (fall semester) Michele Goad ’07 (spring semester) for their work as Rosenfield
Program student assistants in publicizing events and expeditiously carrying out other assignments. We are grateful to Scott Turley and the Grinnell House staff for the many splendid meals and other amenities they provided for our visitors, all of which gives a very positive impression of the college to our visitors. I also want to thank the College administration for continuing support.

I welcome back the returning members of the committee (Yvette Aparicio, Monty Roper, Keri Kornelson, Sarah Purcell, Sally Blatz du Rivage ’08, Margaret (Gretchen) Lay ’07, Nabila Marzouk ’08, and Smita Sharma ’08. I also want to welcome the new student members (Kaitlin Alsofrom ’09, Phoebe Leung ’09, Junayd Mahmood ’09, Erin Nothwehr ’07 and Indrani Singh ’08. We have begun the planning for events in 2006-07, including an October symposium on the politics of Russian popular culture, a November symposium on religion and politics, a February symposium on the rise of China as a world power, and an April symposium on the environment.

It has once again been a real pleasure to work with the Rosenfield Program Committee in planning and hosting events during the 2005-06 academic year. I look forward to an exciting 2006-2007 Rosenfield Program year during which we will look for creative new ways to broaden and deepen campus discussion of important public affairs, international relations and human rights issues. We will continue to look for opportunities to support the curriculum and to cooperate with other college programs in jointly sponsoring events in such a way to use financial resources most efficiently and not over-burden the calendar. We will also look for ways that we can support the implementation of the EKI.

Cc: Members of the Rosenfield Program Committee