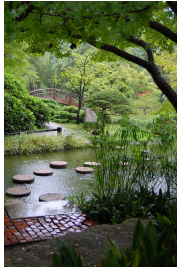




QUICK BIC NEWS

Traveling Abroad...(in less than 100 miles)

Two students reflect about their recent adventures



PICS FROM WCII



A Brief Meditation on the Trials of the Trail to the Hindu Temple...in Temple

by: Joe Guillory

It all began with the abrupt beeping of my alarm. As I came into consciousness, I realized that it was 7:27 which meant only minutes between now and the sound of the BIC buses rolling off without me! In a matter of seconds I was suitably dressed

and well on my way toward the buses.

The scene was one like no other: half-awake faces, grouchy moans, and—a real Texas treat—sporadic rain showers. Nonetheless, my fellow drowsy BICers and I ventured onto the bus and began our journey to the fittingly titled city of Temple, Texas.

Upon arrival, the rain began to come down in torrents and the wind

waited in assurance that we were going to be baptized, divine style, before we even entered. Perhaps intervening with the shower from above, our clever BIC professors provided a brigade of umbrellas that helped us stay partially dry. Their smiling faces as they were whacked with rain drops seemed an extension of the hospitality we were being offered by the Hindu Temple.

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FIELD TRIP TO ZEN GARDEN by: Toni Nogalski

Every semester, World Cultures students sacrifice a Saturday morning to appease the BIC. The ritual usually begins far earlier than any self-respecting slacker would awaken during the business week (let alone on a weekend), and usually continues well into the afternoon. While the sane world slumbered, students in World Cultures III soothed the wrath of the BIC by meeting just before 8:30. cntd PG. 3

OCTOBER

@ a glance:

LECTURES

8-10: Symposium on Faith and Culture

9 Oct: "International Opportunities in Pre-Health" in ARR (3-4 p.m.)

30 Oct: Lecture with Dr. Ursula Mehendorf in ARR (4-5:30 p.m.)

LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL THESE EVENTS ONLINE.

Miscellaneous EVENTS

30 Oct: ZOO BOO! email Amy_Reed1@baylor.edu for more info!

9 Oct: 1st ANNUAL BOARD GAME TOURNAMENT!!!!

Nov. 17: Faculty Appreciation Banquet

CONTEST RULES:

1. Design a Baylor-appropriate T-shirt using two ink colors; the T-shirt can be a third color.
2. The words "Baylor Interdisciplinary Core" must appear (and be obvious) somewhere on the shirt.
3. Do not use copyrighted images, copyrighted text, or trademarks.
4. E-mail the design as an attachment to Maggie_Emerson@baylor.edu by November 1st!

The BIC-Leadership Council will vote on the winning T-shirt; winner will be announced and the design will be shown on the next edition of the QUICKBIC.





ZOO BOO!

Interested in serving @
Cameron Park Zoo on
Halloween (Oct. 31) from
5:30–8:30?

Contact
Amy_Reed1@baylor.edu by
Oct. 27 to RSVP and for
more info!

BIC BUDDIES

Need help blending your major
with BIC? Thinking about
changing majors? Then email
BIC.BUDDIES@gmail.com and
we will put you in touch with a
fellow student who can help!
Just make sure you list your
name, major, and preference
of contact (phone or email),
and a BIC Buddy will respond!

SUMMER SPOTLIGHT: INTERNSHIP IN D.C.

"In the District"
By: Christian Latham

I had never been to Washington, D.C. before this summer. Sure, I had seen pictures and movies and the busy backgrounds as newscasters deliver their latest reports on the political beat from Capitol Hill. I had read stories, heard personal accounts, and watched documentaries, but nothing I saw from a distance could quite capture the profound sense of history and purpose that I experienced when gazing out from my airplane window as we banked low over the Potomac.

I was fortunate enough to be selected as one of ten interns to work the first summer term in the office of Texas Senator—and now gubernatorial candidate—Kay Bailey Hutchison. I was assigned a computer, in a room full of computers which would affectionately come to be called "intern land", and was told that I

would be working with Senator Hutchison's Press Team.

At first, I was not overjoyed at this assignment. I came to D.C. thinking that I was only concerned with policy and law and the "press shop" came first as a disappointment. With some additional perspective, and a great deal of appreciation, I now look back thankfully at that opportunity which undoubtedly enriched my experience significantly. I learned a very important lesson—that all things are connected, often in ways we cannot perceive until later.

I think this is an outlook which is particularly useful to a student in the BIC. In the same way that I failed to see the correlation between public policy and public relations, an association which is necessary to the proper function and understanding of both, a student may overlook the intrinsic

value of studying an interdisciplinary curriculum.

If my time in Washington left me with any certain conclusions, it would be that my time here in Waco is invaluable. I worked under some of the most broadly educated and collectively intelligent minds in government, and there is something to be said for knowing something about many things. I received constant encouragement to focus on school, and I will extend the same to you. Practical knowledge is great, and you should pursue it, but knowing how to learn is priceless.





Hindu Temple...in Temple from PG 1

As I passed from umbrella to umbrella, the beautiful architecture of the building became more and more evident. The outside walls contained curvature-like patterns that progressed into a roof top with ornate carvings; this was all accented by the brilliant white paint that covered the temple. Inside, the structures only increased in details: statues representing Shiva's dance, Vishnu's conch, and Brahma's four heads—our lectures were coming to life.

Next was the trek into the Sanctum Sanctus, the actual worship center inside the temple. The amazing representations of their deities, in the form of decorative granite statues, offered physical manifestations that corresponded with each story. We ended our visit with a lecture lead by a Swami, a Hindu monk, where we discovered the nine fundamental principles of Hinduism and the art of meditation. It was so interesting to realize that many of their practices focused on the control of one's mind and all of its functions. Control is something that every [studious] freshman strives to achieve; moreover, it's what distinguishes humankind. I identified with the Hindu focus on self-control, and found myself identifying one of the most important lessons we can learn while studying world cultures: connecting. Although we are different, we are all connected--through our humanity.

Zen Garden cntd. from PG 1

Our half-asleep bodies piled onto buses which carried us to the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. To correlate studying Japanese aesthetics, we visited the Zen Garden which featured traditional elements like vegetation, a rock garden, and a Shinto shrine. Although the weather was foul, the rain forced colors to pop brilliantly, intensifying the place's natural beauty. From the gardens, we were shipped to the Kimbell Art Museum to

view Japanese and European collections of art. Our cultural exposure concluded with a massive lunch of sushi and tempura.

All things considered, sacrificing a Saturday morning to the BIC is beneficial to conceptualizing topics discussed in class. After seeing the stunning garden and priceless art, complaining about the early hour is more difficult (although not impossible). If nothing else, the free meal provides incentive enough to roll out of bed.

THE 1ST ANNUAL BOARD GAME TOURNAMENT

WHO? Students in any Honors Program and HRC and Brooks Residents

WHAT? A 4-person-team tournament with everyone's favorite board games!

WHEN? October 9 from 7-9 p.m.

WHERE? Brooks' Great Hall

WHY? To have fun (play games, eat snacks) and win prizes (gift cards from local hot spots)!

After assembling a 4 person team, select a team captain and e-mail Jessica.Chia@baylor.edu by Oct. 5 to sign up and for more info!