IUK Spring Vacation Seminar to New York and the United Nations

From March 12-17, thirty-nine IU Kokomo students and faculty and Kokomo community members spent three days of the IUK spring vacation week in New York City meeting with United Nations diplomats in discussions focusing on UN intervention and peacekeeping issues. The spring vacation seminar, organized by Social and Behavioral Sciences Chair Allen Maxwell, is a regular feature of IU Kokomo’s political science curriculum.

Since 1973, Maxwell, a professor of political science, has annually escorted study groups to either New York and the UN or to Washington, D.C., alternating between the two locations. The Washington Seminar focuses on the U.S. political system and includes briefings with senators, representatives, and lobbyists. The twenty-two IUK New York and Washington spring seminars have drawn over 700 participants since the beginning of the program.

The 1995 seminar began Monday, March 12, with a guided tour of the United Nations and a general briefing on current issues before the UN. Following lunch in the UN Delegates’ Dining Room, the group met with Secretariat officials for briefings on UN peacekeeping and the Bosnian crisis. For this year’s seminar, meetings were scheduled with representatives of states in which peacekeeping activities have taken place and of states which have supported and contributed to peacekeeping operations.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, seminar participants met at the United Nations with officials from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Russia, Somalia, France, and Haiti. The group also conferred with diplomats representing Canada, Finland, and the United States at their respective missions. The meeting with Yrjo Kukko, Military Advisor to the Mission of Finland, was especially interesting in providing a description of the Finnish UN Training Centre established to train UN peacekeepers from Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

During the seminar week, all evenings and Thursday and Friday were free for individual pursuits—these included Broadway shows, the Phil Donahue and David Letterman shows, and dining out at a variety of ethnic restaurants. Participants also rode the Staten Island Ferry, climbed the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building, wandered through Chinatown and Greenwich Village, and took buggy rides in Central Park. On Friday evening, seminar participants boarded the plane for home after a particularly stimulating and informative spring vacation week.

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Applications are encouraged from faculty at all types of institutions, as well as from professionals outside academe. The deadline for applications is August 1, 1995, and must be received at CIES by that date. For further information and application materials, contact:

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