



What's Up

On the second floor of the Bechtel International Center are fifteen professional administrators who help internationals with their problems with the government and to some extent the university. They do jobs that we can only imagine. We don't take them for granted, but we do tend to ignore them. Thus we thought that it was about time that we introduced them to you. Since we can't describe each of them or their jobs in one story, we will do it over several issues. We believe that you may find their lives interesting if the work mind boggling. Here are three. More to come.



Hannah Cho

Hannah was born and raised in Korea. She attended a university in Seoul. She and her husband moved to California when he was attending Berkeley. When they moved to Mountain View Hannah earned an M.A. at Stanford. She worked in international languages for the Palo Alto School district. Learning about the I-Center through Gwyn Dukes, she applied for a job about four years ago.

At present she is Bechtel's SEVIS coordinator, a federal acronym that was created

after 9/11 to monitor immigrants. Her job is to forward any changes to the status of Stanford's international graduate students. That includes things like changes in student programs (even dropping classes), family status, and serious medical issues. Via Stanford's Access database, Hannah learns of the change and reports to SEVIS.

During Orientation she had the opportunity to work closely with CCIS volunteers, which is where she learned to appreciate CCIS volunteers.

Having graphic skills, Hannah has taken responsibility for the posters you see around the I-Center.



Wendy Cardamen

Wendy is a Californian, Arcadia to be specific. She has been a Stanford employee for fifteen years working in the Mechanical Engineering Department, the CTR, or Center for Turbulence Research, again to be specific.

Her education is from the University of Phoenix, which she says was fabulous for people with families. Online classes allowed

her to study when she had time, and since all materials were online there were no extra costs for books.

Her job at Bechtel is awesome. She is the hub that facilitates all the activities. To report that she is responsible for all purchasing and monitoring of the budget, for coordinating the improvements and fixing what needs to be fixed, for supervising the host couple, for hiring the students who host activities in the evening is just the beginning. When there is a question from anyone about the facilities, she gets the call. But she prefers email because then she has a record to refer back to. As she says, "There are 300 of you—referring to CCIS volunteers—and only one of me."

Magdalena Bull is a 15-hour part-timer working with the Friday Morning Coffee, monitoring the spouse-led classes, and editing the spouse newsletter.

Born and raised in Stockholm, her background is in psychology and education. She lived in London for fourteen years, and

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*Deadline for
fund raiser.*

*Spouse
Education Fund*

Friday, Nov. 14

CCIS *Leadership*

President's column

Karen McNay

Wow...what a busy first six weeks of the term have been! Our Community Advisors volunteers welcomed over 650 incoming international graduates and scholars during the first 2½ weeks of September. Our CCIS Volunteers prepared over 600 Red Information Folders, served four dinners to over 110 students each night plus, along with the Bechtel staff, served over 600 students at the Welcome Reception and organized two bus trips to Muir Woods and UC Berkeley/SF. A big thank you to all of you and see you next fall.

So far the Hospitality program has welcomed and matched approximately seventy students with host families but they are always in need of more volunteers. If possible the students always enjoy being included in your Thanksgiving activities.

To date EIA has matched 49 students and volunteers and have fourteen more waiting for interviews. They, too, would welcome more volunteers.

We have had a tremendous response to our Membership Renewal mailing but a gentle reminder to those of you have yet to return your forms, please do so and be sure to update the program's you are interested in. The Loan Closet had a very busy season and was nearly empty by the end of Orientation. This gave us an opportunity to thoroughly clean and paint the room. They welcome any donations of new or gently used kitchen items and twin XL sheets. Our excellent Homestay program experienced some reorganization problems this year and for that I apologize. We are now back on track, and I hope you will rejoin us next September.

The English classes, Friday Morning Coffee group and Professional Liaison program are in full swing and heavily attended. Applications are being accepted for the Spouse Education grants.

We are looking forward to, and welcome all of you and your students, to our Potluck Music night on Sunday, Nov. 9th from 6:00 to 8:30 at Bechtel International Center. Also, plan ahead and mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 11th from 11:30 – 1:30 at Michaels at Shoreline...more information will follow soon.

We are reminding all students and volunteers that if you are unable to keep an appointment or engagement please advise the other party in advance.



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I-CENTER Staff

Director's column John Pearson



We have just finished welcoming about 1,000 international undergraduate and graduate students to Stanford. As I say each year at this time the positive response we receive from new students about Orientation is due to the wonderful enthusiasm and hard work of CCIS members. Once again, many many thanks.

But as we welcome these new students we have always been focusing on the past. Through the diligence of Michelle Laker and Hannah Cho we have unearthed a treasure trove of historical documents from the University archives. What to do with these documents? We have a grand ambition to re-write, in a much extended version, the 1991 Brief History of International Students. But that is going to take some time. In the mean time we are beginning a whole series of historical posters. Just today we hung the first ten—taking the story of international services at Stanford to the year 1970. In the next few months we will be expanding this to bring the story up to date. Our historical posters complement the posters by CCIS which show the growth of your programs decade by decade. These are now hung in the living room of Bechtel. It has been interesting and fun work.

To give you a sense of these posters here are two—one that touches on the fire that destroyed the first international center and one about the official dedication of Bechtel International Center in 1967.

With best wishes,
John



French Quakers influence English teacher Carolyn Kendall

by MaryAnn Saunders

There is a presence around Bechtel which is like a fixture...I say that because she has been involved with the English in Action program and teaching in the English classes for over 30 years. This presence is known as Carolyn Kendall, a feisty, smiley, 85 year old who is proud of her age and her accomplishments, as well she should be. She was born in San Francisco, but was raised for a time on the Flood estate in Atherton which was then called Linden Towers. Her father was the chauffeur to Mr. Flood and she remembers playing on the vast estate grounds. That estate was later torn down and most of the Flood property is now the Lindenwood area of Atherton.

Carolyn's proud accomplishments include graduating from San Jose State University with a B.A. in Speech and Drama, having 4 wonderful children (three of which are lawyers), her world travel which she fondly recalls, attaining her Masters at the young age of 40, and her long happy marriage to her husband, who died recently. She says that her students are her family and compares herself to the mama hen leading the baby chicks to knowledge. This is so true since I have never seen Carolyn without a student by her side.

She describes her style of teaching as

“direct and strict,” but in time her students surmise that she is a tender hearted lion and they love her for it. Her current classes on Wednesdays are: Conversation and Beyond and Intensive Oral English. She plans her classes based on student needs and encourages student participation in every class. One day I visited her class and the students were giving impromptu speeches on topics like computers, weather, and flowers. The students thought for a few seconds organizing their topics in their heads and then presented interesting coherent talks. It was obvious to me that these students were gaining speaking confidence in their new language and their achievement was immediate and gratifying for them.

Carolyn teaches students not only during her classes, but through emails, phone calls from foreign countries, over lunch breaks and even on days when she is not officially at Bechtel. “Teaching is what brings me happiness,” she told me. She also shared her philosophy of life which can be traced back to a French Quaker missionary, Stephen Grellet: “I shall pass through this way once. If, therefore, there be any kindness that I can show, or any good thing that I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I



Carolyn Kendall

shall not pass this way again.”

Carolyn wanted to be a doctor when she was young, but her family didn't have the money to send her to medical school, so she went into teaching instead. Sometimes life has a way of choosing what's best for us. Well, it was certainly best for her students and I think Carolyn would say it was best for her too.

Raising funds for Spouse Education scholarships

It seems that everyone this time of year is soliciting contributions, and as retailers are beginning to remind us we are approaching the holiday season. We really don't want to increase your burden, but the timing of the grants is fast approaching. \$3000 are needed.

Many contribute. Last year Stanford's Continuing Studies waived fourteen fees for admission to their classes. The Stanford Federal Credit Union continues to grant \$500 each year. Trust funds have been set up in memory of Betty Ogawa, Josh Alper, and Marianne Dieckman, and Jane Reber. And finally, there are the members, you! Last year CCIS members donated \$8393 for the 2013 – 14 grants. We were able to award grants to thirty-nine spouses. Twenty-four grantees took classes in Stanford's Continuing Studies Program, focusing on web design, business

and marketing, psychology, writing, French and Spanish. Two others were in Master's programs at San Francisco State (psychology) and Golden Gate University (accounting). Five took classes at Foothill College (accounting, child development, nutrition) and one was at the Palo Alto Adult School. Other awards went towards books for online classes, docent training expenses, a workshop at the Edible Schoolyard Academy and a cardiology conference. In every case, the grant enables a spouse to pursue a cherished goal

This year's applications are due November 13, interviews are in mid-November, and the Committee's decisions are due November 21. It not too late to make a donation this year.

It is easy. Click on the *DONATE* button at

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Potluck/Music Night

The first Potluck will be held November 9, from 6:00 to 8 P.M. in the Bechtel International Center. This is a delightful evening of food and music from around the world. Bring a main dish to serve eight people, and savor the conversations with international students and CCIS volunteers. No need to RSVP. Just come and have fun! The evening will begin with dinner, and at about 7:00 o'clock folks will gravitate to the front room for the music program.

If you would like to perform or help at one of our events, please contact

events@ccisstanfordu.org

for further information. The Events co-chairs are Ragna Kaehler and Tina Patel.

Loan Closet Gets a Face Lift

Some folks notice that when winter comes nature's other creatures seek warm, dry places for their abode. Ants come marching in single-file. Having already sent out scouts to check the territory, the head straight for food that has been left out. January and February are tough on ants. The soil is soggy, the small villages they have created underground are wet. Ceilings may fall, tunnels fill with water—not a favorable environment.

Other creatures have the same idea...let's get out of the rain. Field mice invade homes. They hide under furniture venturing out at night when the human creatures have gone to bed. It is curious that we find the squirrels that scamper around campus so adorable, and yet have a fear and animosity towards their smaller cousins—mice! Perhaps we have left out Indian corn in the fall. We see it as Halloween decoration, they see it as a feast, but the gnawing on the dry corn gets so loud that it may wake us up. We declare war.

The same problems occur for the Loan Closet, a small room in the basement of the Abrams high rise in Escondido Village. After the onslaught of hundreds of incoming graduate students who carefully chose silverware, toasters, laundry baskets for their temporary home, it is quiet in the Loan Closet. By October the supplies are down, the lights go off, and it is time for mice to return to their secure residence. They build nests in left over blankets, eat meals, and prepare for the next generation. Unfortunately, they leave an awful mess for the Spring clean-up and the finishing touches that precede the opening in the Fall. It can get downright pungent. Never mind, hold your nose and get the job done. Two years ago after one really stringent attack on the problem, several members of the Board decided to call in the big guns. Karen McNay and Carolyn Gannon asked the University for help. In comes the Maintenance Department, whose motto is, "Caretakers of a Legacy." Familiar with the habits of rodents and insects, they fumigated the room. Nature's other creatures got the hint: they weren't welcome. By Orientation time of 2013, the Loan Closet is really, really clean.

About the same time, the Loan Closet gets a new chairperson, Bob Spears. He cheered the work that has been done. Spending tons of hours in the Loan Closet, he begins to notice that the walls haven't seen a drop of wet paint for a long, long time. Asking questions he learns that no one can remember when it was painted last. "Maybe fifteen years," someone ventures. Well, no need to call in Maintenance. These folks know how to paint.

And so, after Orientation was over this year, Bob, Karen, and Carolyn return to the Loan Closet in their paint clothes. They have purchased new paint, rollers and tape. You can see the results on the back page of this newsletter. You may notice that you will see photos of before, after, and some of the tools, but none of the actual work of painting. Apparently, the crew was so intent on finishing the job, that no one stopped to take a picture of the work in progress.

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taught school for several years. When her husband became engaged in Stanford, she sought out the Bechtel Center as a good place to volunteer. Her advice to internationals is, to enjoy what's to come. This is a wonderful place to live. She says, "Collaboration with CCIS members is what makes the work I do; it makes my job enjoyable and possible."



Magdalena Bull

David Laws to speak: the History of Silicon Valley

The staff at the I-Center wants to bring a closer collaboration between CCIS, the community, and Stanford's internationals. And so they opened this Billie Achilles funded talk and dinner to everyone. Thursday, November 13, 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

David Laws is a founding member of the Semiconductor Special Interest Group (Semi SIG) and a curator at the Computer Museum in Mountain View. For forty years he held positions from engineer to CEO, and he worked for Fairchild and AMD. For the last few years he has given a talk during Orientation. He is so popular that he has been invited to speak again on the same subject.

The evening is free and there is plenty of parking at the I-Center, but you must register. Tickets will be available in early November. Contact Junko Pierry, 650/725-9553, internationalstudents@stanford.edu.

CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 9, Potluck/Music Night, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Monday, Nov.10, CCIS Board Meeting,10:00 A.M .

Thursday, Nov. 13, Evening with David Laws, dinner and speech, 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Friday, Dec. 5, SEF Reception to grant awards, 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 11, Holiday Party at Michael's Shoreline, 1:00 P.M. RSVP

Monday, Feb. 9, CCIS Board Meeting,10:00 A.M .

Sunday, Feb. 15, Potluck/Music Night, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Friday, Feb.20, Friday Morning Coffee Spring Swap - 10:00 A.M.

Monday, March 9, CCIS Board Meeting,10:00 A.M .

Monday, April13, CCIS Board Meeting,10:00 A.M .

Sunday, May. 3, Potluck/Music Night, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Friday, May 15, Friday Morning Coffee Spring Swap - 10:00 A.M.

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Walls painted



Paint on shoes



Floor primed



1st coat floor painted



Painting completed



Ribbon cutting

A page *for our electronic friends*

This page is for English in Action volunteers, and maybe a few from Hospitality. The idea is to give some suggestions of topics you might want to discuss with your English in Action partner. Not all of EIA is vocabulary and grammar, and, hopefully, old war stories.

OK, so we missed giving you a ton of material from the election. Perhaps you showed your partners the Voters Handbook to create that WOW experience. When I think of the important decision that was made recently in Scotland, I am struck with how simple their choice was. Well, not simple, but not complex either. On my November ballot were thirty-three different offices or issues to decide:

- 7 California Officers (Gov, LtGov, SectState, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner)
- 3 California Supreme Court Justices
- 5 Associate California Appeals Court Justices
- 1 Superior Court judge
- 1 Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 1 Santa Clara County Board of Education member
- 3 Cupertino Union School District members (of four running)
- 3 Cupertino City Council members (of eight running)
- 1 MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District member
- 6 State measures
- 2 School bond issues

As I ask my EIA partners, "How much democracy do you want?"

Maybe you showed your partners the mail you got, or pointed out the road signs, or discussed the advertisements on radio and TV. It really is awesome, and despite complaints about the government, the ballot handbook is impressive. It comes in ten languages because recognizing the names of candidates is easy, but reading the text in your native language makes more sense. It is a government teacher's delight. (Caveat, I was a high school government teacher.) The handbook includes descriptions of the political parties, the arguments of the advocates for and against propositions and statements by candidates, it talks about how to vote, and how you can earn money by being a poll worker. Well, you don't need me to copy here what you can already read in your own Voter's Information Guide. But seriously, ignoring what is spent by candidates, we do invest a lot of money in democratic elections. We take democracy more seriously than we give ourselves credit for. And, ignoring the aberration of the Electoral College, it is the voter who decides.

If you find page 7, the Electronic Page, helpful drop me a note at
communique@ccisStanfordU.org.

if you have any suggestions or requests, I'd love to hear them. Otherwise you're stuck with what I think you might want.

Next issue we'll get back to geography.

John Heron, Editor