Study Abroad Program Feature of the Week:
Happy Holidays— Have a great summer 2012 (by Tobias Zwick)

Even though this semester is almost over, it’s never too late to think about what to do in the upcoming semesters! Where do you see yourself in spring or summer 2013? Maybe in Australia, Spain, England or France.

The summer break is a good chance to discuss your personal plans for studying abroad with your family and friends. You have enough time to evaluate all pros and cons, but we are quite sure that you will come up with the result, that studying abroad will be a great experience, especially for your personal growth and future career. You have the chance to go to very famous metropolitan places like London, Paris, Rome, Sydney or Shanghai. Or to countries and cities you have never heard about before like Noordelijke Hogeschool Leeuwarden in the Netherlands, the Ming Chuan University in Taoyuan, Taiwan or the University of Bayreuth in northern Bavaria, Germany. It doesn’t matter which major you are, there is a study abroad program which is perfect for you.

You also have the chance to attend one of the various upcoming WIU faculty led programs. These courses combine on-campus class sessions with time spent in another country or a different part of the United States. The travel portion of the course is typically 10 days- 2 weeks long and happens during a break in classes here. The upcoming faculty programs heading to Spain (WISE Spain – Spring 2013), Australia (Agriculture Down Under – March 2013, England and France (European Business Study – May 2013) and New York City (Art in NYC – May 2013).

Unfortunately for me the time has come where I have to say “Good Bye” to all of you. After one year of Grad School and working as Graduate Assistant for the Office of Study Abroad, I’m graduating this summer from Western. WIU is my third study abroad experience, after I studied in China and Saudi-Arabia before. I know pretty well how difficult it is to make the decision to study abroad and handle all difficulties while preparing or being abroad. But I also know how amazing it is to live in another country and interact with people from a different culture. Every day of my time abroad was another exciting day where I learned something new, where I further opened my mind and got new perspectives of all different kind of topics. And the best parts of all of my experiences are the people I met. People that spent time with me in school, at barbecues or travelling. People, that I call now my friends. Based on my personal experiences, I strongly encourage you not just to think about studying abroad, you definitely should go and study abroad. It will be one of the best times of your life that you should not miss!!

If you have a place where you are interested in studying abroad or have any questions about it, come to our office or give us a call. The Office of Study Abroad Team will be available the whole summer and will be very happy to help and answer your questions.

If you are interested in any of our long- or short-term programs in more than 50 different countries, please contact the Office of Study Abroad at (309) 298-2504 or pass by the office in Memorial 344.
Extended Library Hours for Finals Week

The Malpass Library will have extended hours next week during finals week. Here are the hours for the Library starting tomorrow (Saturday):

- **Saturday, May 5:** 10am—8pm
- **Wednesday, May 9:** 7:30am—3am
- **Sunday, May 6:** 11am—3am
- **Thursday, May 10:** 7:30am—12am
- **Monday, May 7:** 7:30am—3am
- **Friday, May 11:** 7:30am—5pm
- **Tuesday, May 8:** 7:30am—3am
- **Saturday, May 12:** 10am—4pm

For a complete listing of all Library Hours, go to: [http://www.wiu.edu/libraries/info/hours/](http://www.wiu.edu/libraries/info/hours/)

Mystery Photo of the Week

Several E-Letter readers recognized the house in last week’s mystery photo (below and left). Courtney Cluney, Paris Hamm, Kim McDaniel, Jeannene Stierman, and Kris Kelly all knew that it’s the Old Bailey House on South Campbell, one block east of the square. The house was built in 1887 on the corner of East Jackson and South Campbell by W.S. Bailey who also founded the Union Bank in Macomb. In 1926 it was moved a block south to make way for a gas station. In 1982 it was given to the McDonough County Historic Preservation Society, and it is available for receptions and other functions. You can read more about the house here: [http://mcdonoughhistory.jimdo.com/mcdonough-county-historic-preservation-society/](http://mcdonoughhistory.jimdo.com/mcdonough-county-historic-preservation-society/)

Movies Movies Movies

The Macomb Art Film Series appears to be over for the semester. The new regular movies at the Rialto this weekend are “Marvel’s The Avengers” and “Think Like a Man.” To see a full schedule of what is playing at the Rialto, go to: [http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html](http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html) or call 833-2626.

Ya’s Sudoku:

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