

Meals By Mark

LOWER LEVEL OF THE IEP HOUSE

IT'S REMARKABLE!

OPEN MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY

BREAKFAST \$4
7:30 AM — 9:30 AM

LUNCH \$5
11:30 AM — 1:30 PM

DINNER \$7
6:00 PM

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THE IEP OFFICE

CHECK THE MENU EACH DAY
ON THE WEB!

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?

During the fall semester 2002 there are 20 IEP students studying or interning overseas!

IEP EXCHANGES

German IEP students studying at the Technische Universität Braunschweig in Germany:

Aaron Butler, Electrical
Ryan Corbett, Chemical
Jennifer Cotugno, Civil
Todd Fayne, Chemical
Alexia Favorite, Electrical
Kaylen Haley, Biomedical
Scott Herold, Civil
Maria Kunhardt, Civil
Diane Martin, Computer Science
Derek Martowska, Civil
Mark Nadolny, International Business
Coral Siligato, Civil
Pros Reun, Computer
Benjamin Wesley, Mechanical
Robert Zeuge, Mechanical

Spanish IEP students studying at the Universidad de Zaragoza in Spain:

Jaime De La Zerda, Electrical
David Braun-Friedman, Computer Science

Bassem Dib, a chemical engineering IEP student, right, at his internship at Bayer AG in Leverkusen, Germany last spring.

IEP INTERNSHIPS

Mexico

Freddy Batista, Computer Engineering, Texas Instruments in Aguascalientes

Spain

Yldania Polanco, Industrial Engineering, Praxair in Gijón

Jardiel Vargas, Civil Engineering, Hilti Española in Madrid

Six more IEP students will be studying abroad and at least 18 IEP students will complete internships overseas in the spring. Stay tuned for their placements!



Technische Universität Braunschweig (Germany):

Veith Altmann, MS/Civil
Heinz Bruns, MBA
Stefan Gritzke, Non-degree
Alexander Jankowski, MBA
Sören Koch, Non-degree
Jan Henning Lüers, Non-degree
Michael Miler, Non-degree
Andreas Mitschke, MBA
Philipp Raible, MS/Civil
Florian Schöller, Non-degree
Lars Erik Schröder, MBA
Björn Soltau, MS/Civil
Adam Waniek, Non-degree
Peter Wiedenhoff, MBA
Christian Ziegler, Non-degree

Welcome!

Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain):
Cesar Benito Hernandez,
Electrical

Universidad de Navarra (Tecnun):
Antonio Quero Blanco,
Industrial

We are pleased to be hosting 20 exchange students from our IEP partner institutions this year:

Universite d'Orleans (France):
Laurianne Pichone, Electrical
Simon Varacca, Electrical

Universidad de Valladolid (Spain):
Ernesto Perez Rios, Industrial



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GLOBAL UPDATE

Message From the Director

As IEP Director, it is fun to pause for a moment and think about the cross-cultural impact of our program. Anybody eating lunch at the IEP House can see what it means in Kingston: German being spoken at one table, Spanish at the other, and then there is the new French table meeting faithfully every Wednesday. But, unlike most American universities, international engineering at URI is not just a matter of students coming from abroad. This semester, we have fifteen IEPers studying in Braunschweig, a stu-

dent interning with Texas Instruments in Mexico, two students studying in Spain, a student soon to leave for France, three students about to depart for study in Mexico, and another about to intern with DaimlerChrysler in Stuttgart.

It is exciting also to note that travelers in Europe are more and more likely to bump into IEP grads. Dan Fischer just took a job with Siemens in Erlangen; Erik Anderson and Paola Perez just joined the Management Trainee Program at ZF Friedrichshafen AG; Greg Taylor accepted a position with Lemfoerder in Diehlingen. We wish them the best as they join the growing list of IEP grads who have chosen to

launch their careers in Europe.

Having just returned from two weeks in Germany myself, it is encouraging to note the powerful interest in our students and our program, even at a time of a relatively weak economy. Global companies know that they must invest now in their future leaders. Fortunately, the strongest of companies are absolutely clear about the fact that the IEP prepares students for the demands of the modern workplace. Students with second and third language skills, and with international experience, along with their strong technical background represent the leading edge and a good bet for the future. Companies want our interns and companies want our grads!!

- John Grandin

BMW's Cox Highlights Skills of the Effective Engineer

Brenda Cox, Manager of International & Advanced Procurement at BMW Manufacturing Company in Spartanburg, South Carolina, focused on the skills required of the "Effective Engineer" in today's global workplace in her keynote address at the **Fifth Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education**, held October 24-27 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. She stressed that the effective and successful engineer today must possess not only an excellent knowledge base in engineering and technology, but a combination of other skills, as well. These include:

- ♦ **Honesty and integrity.**
- ♦ Foreign **language** communication capabilities.
- ♦ **Flexibility:** Having the ability to communicate and to work with a range of personalities, cultures, and values, in a variety of different functions within the company.
- ♦ **Leadership skills:** people- and strategic-management skills.
- ♦ **Emotional Intelligence:** knowing how to inspire others and maximize talents of a team.

See the IEP website (right) for complete details on the Colloquium which was hosted by the IEP and attended by over 140 persons.

von Reinhart Honored

URI's own Walter von Reinhart, Associate Professor of German, received the award for Best 2001 Article in *Die Unterrichtspraxis/Teaching German* at the American Association of Teachers of German awards presentation in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 22. His article is entitled "German for Science and Technology: Teaching Strategies for Beginning Students," and as all his students can vouch, the award is well deserved. **Herzlichen Glückwunsch, Walter!**

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die Nachrichten

? German Study Tour 2002:

From May 18th to June 1st a group of 25 IEP Students accompanied by URI German Professor **Norbert Hedderich**, and IEP Assistant Director **Kathleen Maher**, traveled throughout Germany thanks to a grant from the **Van Meeteren Foundation**. The group had the opportunity to visit the Technische Universität Braunschweig as well as eight IEP partner companies including Siemens, BMW, Hilti, ZF, SAP, Bayer, Emitec, and Volkswagen. Biomedical engineering IEP student, **Nicole Baugh** shares with us a word about the trip, *"The German Study Tour 2002 was one of the best experiences I've had thus far in the GIEP. I got to practice my German on actual Germans and see their reaction to my interesting attempts at ordering food and asking for directions. I was also able to see firsthand the differences in culture and attitudes from Southern Germans to Northern Germans. The company tours were just as interesting. At first I thought they would all be just plain boring, but getting to see the BMW production line and drilling a hole through a block of cement with a massive drill at Hilti was definitely pretty cool. The German Study Tour is also a good opportunity to get to know the company you could potentially work for in your internship."*

Keep your eye out for the upcoming May 2003 Study Tour!

? We are proud to announce the dates for **Die Deutsche Sommerschule am Atlantik**, which will be held this coming summer for the 23rd consecutive year in cooperation with the Goethe Institute and the Federal Republic of Germany. It will take place in the IEP House at URI from June 22nd – August 1st.

This German immersion program is the perfect place to improve German skills in preparation for the semester at Braunschweig and six-month professional internship abroad. Read more about it on the web: <http://www.uri.edu/iep/dssa/> and pick up brochures in the IEP House now!

? Join us for **Kaffeestunde** every Wednesday at 4PM in the IEP House dining room for an hour of conversation *auf Deutsch*, *Karten Spielen*, and Chef Mark's famous *Kuchen und Kaffee*!



Above: **Michael Miler**, German tutor from TU-BS.

? **Michael and Sören**, two of our exchange students from Braunschweig, are manning the **German Language Resource Room** this semester! They are eager to assist students with their German during the following office hours: **Mondays and Wednesdays 10 AM – 12 PM, Mondays 3–5 PM, and Wednesdays 2–4 PM**. Both Michael and Sören are *Wirtschaftsingenieure* (they study business in combination with engineering) in mechanical engineering. In the business realm, Michael concentrates in finance and Sören in management and marketing. Stop by with homework questions or just to practice conversing in German, even if you have only 10 minutes to spare!

Les infos

? The newest French IEP partner institution, the **Université Laval in Québec**, celebrates its 150th anniversary this year! The *Université* is a leading institution for engineering and second language acquisition in Canada, ranks in the top ten Canadian universities in terms of research, and currently enrolls 2,000 foreign students from 83 countries. French IEP students will now be able to complete 6-month Research Assistantships at the Université Laval to fulfill their internship requirements. Laval offers two six-week sessions of intensive French immersion in the summer, and their talent for training talented engineers shines through, as they always make an outstanding showing at the Annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition. Two of our students, **Ana Maria Hagan** and **Tim Crothers**, participated in the French Immersion program at Laval this past summer. *"I cannot say that I have found a better meeting place than Québec city in Canada. I man-*

aged to encounter at least a dozen students coming from countries both near and far to North America. Most of the friendships I developed in Québec not only reinforced my interpersonal skills but drastically improved my French, simply because it was the only language we had in common," Ana Maria Hagan.

? **La Causerie**: Every Monday from 3:15-4:15 PM in the Hoffman Lounge of Independence Hall. Come practice your French in a casual, friendly, and fun atmosphere.

? Don't forget, **Dr. Lars Erickson**, Assistant Professor of French, and the newest member of the IEP team, will be having lunch in the IEP House on Wednesdays from 11:50-12:45, so stop by to introduce yourselves and to chat with him!

Spanish IEP and German IEP students, below, rendezvous at the Palacio Real in Madrid. From left to right: **Jardiel Vargas, Kaylen Haley, Yldania Polanco, Maria Kunhardt, Ben Wesley, and Jaime De La Zerda** (in front).



Noticias

? In August a group of nine IEP students accompanied by **Kathleen Maher**, Assistant Director of the IEP, and **Dr. Robert Manteiga**, Director of the Spanish IEP, went on the first ever IEP Study Tour to Mexico! The group was welcomed at *el Aeropuerto* by students from IEP partner institution, **Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) - Campus Toluca**.



brewed. Of course time was set aside for a little sightseeing in the surrounding area. Among sites visited were *las Pirámides de Teotihuacán* (pictured), the typical city of *Metepec, Taxco* (silver capital of Mexico), and Mexico City. The experience was enjoyed by all. Three of the students have already signed up to study at ITESM during spring semester in 2003!

? **La Tertulia**: Practice your Spanish conversation skills every Wednesday from 3-4 PM in the International Center Lounge (across from the police station).

Left: Spanish IEP students on the 2002 Mexico Study Tour at the Pyramid of the Moon in Teotihuacán.

ores de Monterrey (ITESM) - Campus Toluca. Everyone gained a greater insight into Mexican life and culture in their 9-day whirlwind tour. The students stayed with host families in Toluca, and there are plans in the works to reciprocate the generosity and have the Rhode Island families host the Mexican students during a visit to URI next spring. *El grupo* also had the chance to attend a class at ITESM. One student shared a bit about the experience with us, *"I got to sit in on the equivalent of a class that I had taken here [at URI] and was really impressed with what they were doing. It was just as theoretical as it is here, but also much more hands-on,"* Hostos Monegro. In addition to visiting ITESM, the group toured companies where they will potentially intern, including Plastictec, DaimlerChrysler, Aventis, and Valeo, and visited the *Cervecería* where Dos Equis beer is

Alumni Updates



? Congratulations to **Michael Smith ('01)** and **Christina (Petersen) Smith ('01)** who were married in Jamestown this June. (Dr. Grandin takes credit—they met on an IEP Study Tour!) Michael is employed by BAE Systems in Nashua, NH as an electrical engineer and Christina is a marketing project manager for Texas Instruments in Attleboro, MA.

? **Greg Taylor ('02)** is currently working at Lemfoerder in Diehlingen, Germany.

? **Erik Anderson ('02)** and **Paola Perez ('02)** are participants in the ZF Friedrichshafen AG International Junior Management Program in Germany.

? Congratulations are in order to **Thomas ('95)** and **Jacqueline Fik** who were also married this June. Thomas is employed by B2A/SURVSAT in Hillsborough, NJ, a company involved in the civil engineering, land surveying, and global positioning systems industries.

? Now residing in Friedrichshafen, Germany, **Rainer and Lori (Walsh) Graf ('95)** are the proud new parents of Samantha Lynn who was born on March 5, 2002. Herzlich Willkommen Samantha!