Boyd Martin’s Vision Continues

In Today’s Martin Institute

While the Martin Institute has gone through a number of iterations since it was first dedicated as The Boyd and Grace Martin Institute of Human Behavior on October 19, 1980, the words of Boyd Martin at the dedication still serve as guidelines that frame our efforts. For example, some wonder why the Martin Institute did not lead protests of the US-UK led war on Iraq, choosing instead to organize public forums in a variety of locations around the state and region. Primarily, this approach stems from something Dr. Martin clearly stated in his dedicatory remarks, when he said that “the approach of the Institute must be analytical, scientific, and objective. Political and social action is not its mission.” He stressed the need to start with “where the world is today, with a maze of cultural, political, ethnic, and religious pluralisms in a highly developed system of sovereign states.” These ideals guide us to this day.

The text of Dr. Martin’s address, entitled “In Search of Peace,” enforces the Martin Institute’s dedication to the School of International Affairs and oversight of the Model United Nations program. He stated, “Cultural patterns are extremely diversified and are reinforced by millions of rituals. The average person in the world, including many in the U.S.A., is parochial and provincial in his outlook towards the world. Even today to some of these persons, anyone advocating world-wide institutions is guilty of treason. Prejudices and biased opinions are deeply entrenched. Knowledge is scorned in some places and ignorance and simplistic answers are given a high score in the values accepted by hundreds of millions of people.” He stressed making efforts to bring problems “under the scope of international law by treaties and international conventions. The United Nations was created by treaty. We should

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Director's Corner

My past five years at the Martin Institute have gone by very quickly. In that period of time we have accomplished a number of goals that were essential in positioning the institute for the future. The Martin forums have become a major component of our outreach program. These programs have been successful in involving the community in international affairs, with the numbers of attendees steadily increasing. The addition of the Martin School of International Affairs has provided impetus to the Martin goal of educating those who may very well lead our nation to pursue peaceful resolution to international conflicts in the future. The Model United Nations program continues to provide an excellent practical experience for our students to understand the complexities of working in a multinational environment.

These activities have made the Martin Institute an integral part of UI's outreach and educational programs. Our next step is to build on this foundation. Boyd Martin's writings showed his interest in developing an institute that provided education in international affairs and a research capability to study the reasons for international conflict and means to peacefully resolve disputes. Our goals include developing a research program that would utilize the talents of our students, staff, and those faculty members that are interested in our topics. This entails searching for grant opportunities that can help fund our endeavors.

Our efforts to become a recognized center for international affairs in Idaho require us to seek additional funding for more staff and quality programming. Our advisory board has been extraordinarily supportive of those efforts. A capital campaign, led by Gary Vest, is being planned for the near future. Over the next twelve months we are developing an in-depth evaluation of long-range vision and needs to provide a basis for involving those who want to participate in this effort. There are numerous ways that one can help meet our goals. We are looking for donations of time and experience, equipment (lap-top computers, scanners, etc.), as well as funding, all of which strengthen our programs.

We are excited about the visibility that the Martin Institute and Martin School of International Affairs have obtained over the past few years and look forward to the coming years as we strive to become the premier international affairs institute in the region. We greatly appreciate the support of so many and anticipate that our Martin family will grow as the capital campaign swings into action over the next two years.

Rand Lewis
The 2002-03 series of Martin Forums again served as an outlet for the UI community in the wake of a crisis. In 2001-02, the crisis was the 9-11 attacks; in 2002-03, the War in Iraq was the main focus.

Iraq: Considering the Options, 24 September 2002 Well before the US went to war in Iraq, and even before Security Council Resolution 1444 was passed in regards to Iraq, the Martin Institute brought an analyst to campus to discuss America’s options. Dr. Sami Hajjar, researcher and analyst for the US Army War College, stressed the potential impacts of the “Bush Doctrine” of preemptive military action and the impact of any move against Iraq on the rest of the Middle East. Dr. Hajjar clearly laid out a scenario for any potential invasion that closely paralleled what has since come to pass, including increased unrest throughout the Arab world, a chaotic and difficult to govern post-war Iraq, and a “guessing game” about where any possible weapons of mass destruction might be hidden.

The USA and the Middle East: The Elusive Quest for Peace, 19 November 2002 Ambassador Ryan Crocker, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs, discussed U.S. policy in the Middle East from the perspective of his own hopes and disappointments over the course of his thirty year career as a diplomat in the region. This spanned from great hope after the Madrid Peace Talks in 1991 to more rocky times of recent vintage. Perhaps his strongest point was that the USA must find ways to involve Middle Eastern countries in global dialogue while emphasizing that America stay engaged in the region.

Redefining News in the Balkans: Perceptions of US Foreign Policy, 5 December 2002 Fulbright scholar-in-residence Divna Karadjoska and UI alumnus Matt Shelley teamed up to spotlight the fledgling independent news media in the Balkans. Karadjoska, a Macedonian journalist, and Shelley, an independent news producer who had recently returned from consulting in Yugoslavia, considered the ways in which the media had evolved from a state run model under Slobodan Milosevic and his predecessors to its current configuration. They concluded with a look at how regional media outlets were covering the US approach to foreign policy.

Putin’s Foreign Policy: Has Russia Joined the West?, 27 January 2003 Former Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev cancelled his appearance at the last minute. The forum had drawn a considerable amount of interest and was much anticipated.

Enlarging the European Union: Challenges, 6 March 2003 Michaela Moya Wright, an official in the Research for Development Program of the European Commission and visiting EU Scholar at the University of Washington, spoke at this forum. She brought to bear her experience in working on a funding program for scientific research partnerships between European and developing country partners, complementing the EU’s economic cooperation and development aids programs, as a way to highlight the challenges associated with expanding the EU to less developed central and eastern European nations.

Background on the War in Iraq, 26 March 2003 Ten days into the war in Iraq, Dr. Rand Lewis spoke to an assembled group of UI students, staff, and faculty about various topics associated with the conflict. The majority of the time was spent in an open forum format as attendees discussed numerous concerns.

The Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq, 3 April 2003 This second talk in the Martin Institute’s War in Iraq series considered the humanitarian crisis that existed in Iraq not simply because of the ongoing US-led war, but because of the first Gulf War and more than a decade worth of UN sanctions on the country. Dr. Bill L. Smith presented this forum from the point of view that, regardless of one’s perspective on the war, the humanitarian crisis should unite Americans to act to better the situation for the average Iraqi. One challenge noted was that the rapid advance of the coalition forces precluded any systematic aid or rebuilding program from being implemented rapidly.

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2003 Borah Symposium

Propaganda and Conflict: ‘True Lies’ about Islam and the West

The 2003 Borah Symposium, held April 21-22, considered the role of propaganda in shaping conflict, as governments and other entities use “focused media” of film, news, and other images to shape a populaces’ view of an opposing group. With administrative and programming support from the Martin Institute, the faculty committee put together another successful symposium, with a total audience that approached 2,000 over the two days of events.

The first evening’s panel discussion was scheduled to feature award winning author Diana Abu-Jaber, a Palestinian American and writer-in-residence at Portland State University. Unfortunately, Ms. Abu-Jaber had to cancel her appearance at the last minute due to a death in the family. The panel that formed thus included Susan Ross of the Murrow School of Communication at WSU, Ellen Gorsevski of the WSU English Department, and Shaikh Ghazanfar, professor emeritus of the UI Department of Economics. The panel focused on “Defining Propaganda” in an attempt to differentiate it from prejudice or other forms of stereotyping. After general discussion about propaganda, the panel considered the ways in which the image of the West is shaped in the Islamic world and the image of Islam is shaped in the West.

On the second day, two community events preceded the keynote address. The first of these was a community forum on propaganda, moderated by Rula Awwad-Rafferty of the Borah Foundation Committee. The second featured viewing portions of a documentary about Arab television network Al-Jazeera, with a discussion of the network’s role in shaping regional perspectives of the West moderated by Kenton Bird of the UI School of Communication.

Keynote speaker John L. Esposito of Georgetown University’s Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding closed the activities. In a change from past keynote speakers, Dr. Esposito made himself widely available to campus events during his two days on campus. These events included a breakfast with international students co-hosted by the Office of the Provost, speaking to an honors seminar on religion in America, and meeting with visiting high school students over lunch. The keynote address invigorated the audience of close to 800 as he considered what role propaganda plays in “Shaping the Conflict between Islam and the West.”

Borah Foundation committee members who participated in planning the 2003 symposium included faculty members Jim Jones and Rob Caisley (co-chairs), faculty members Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Joel Feldmeier, John Hasko, Walter Hesford, Valerie Chamberlain, and Matt Morra, and students Amy Campbell, Jacob Schanzenbach, Ana Mamani, Joey McMillan, and Zeina El-Hajj.

The keynote speaker and date for the 2004 symposium has already been set. Nobel Peace Laureate and former Polish president Lech Walesa will speak on Wednesday, March 3, 2004.
The following International Studies students either completed their study abroad in the Spring, or are completing their study abroad requirement this semester. They are listed in alphabetical order with the location of the host university or organization.

Ellie Best          Le Havre, France
Alisha Birk         Auckland, New Zealand
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Lindsey Phelps      Quebec, Canada
Hadley Robertson    Santiago, Chile
Rebecca Schwartz    Nagasaki, Japan
Katherine Whitworth Heidelberg, Germany

Call For Laptop Computers

Did you know that used, out-of-date laptop computers and other personal computing equipment may be of use to Martin Institute students, and tax deductible gifts for you? For example, the Model United Nations Delegation would benefit enormously from having 8-10 laptops to take with them to New York City each year. All that is required is that each system have a functional word processing program installed - no other programs or functions are required.

To find out if your items are needed, please contact Sharon Scott at the Martin Institute (208-885-6527, or martin@uidaho.edu).
UI Wins Award Representing Costa Rica, Meet with Ambassador, UNIFEM Officials, and Alumni

Model United Nations 2003

The University of Idaho won an award for outstanding position paper writing at the 2003 National Model United Nations conference, held April 15-19 in New York City. As in the past, the conference took place in part at UN Headquarters in the General Assembly Hall, and the ECOSOC and Security Council chambers. The trip is sponsored by the Martin Institute as a means of giving students a thorough grounding in how nations develop their perspectives on a host of international issues.

An alumni dinner held on April 14 brought together the sixteen students with thirteen UI alumni and supporters. This constituted the third annual dinner and provides an opportunity for UI students to make contacts in the New York City region, and for alumni to connect with the university. A delegation from Washington State met with WSU alumni at the same gathering.

On April 15, several UI students accompanied by Dr. Bill Smith met with the United Nations Women’s Fund's (UNIFEM) human rights specialist. The meeting underscored the disconnect between what are often thought of by Americans as UN perspectives on women's issues (abortion rights, women in the work force) with what UNIFEM stresses (access to basic necessities, ending domestic violence, peace and security issues). Of particular interest was discussion about UNIFEM's work on Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), which considers “the specific way in which women are targeted during conflict” and omitted during peacekeeping. For more information on this topic, visit http://www.unifem.undp.org/resources/assessment/.

A highlight of the trip was a meeting with the staff of the Costa Rican Permanent Mission to the United Nations on 16 April. Hosting the UI delegation was Maria Elena Chassoul Monge, First Alternate Permanent Representative of the Costa Rican delegation. Mrs. Chassoul has a fascinating career as a diplomat, including a posting to the first Sandinista government in Nicaragua in 1979, work in Jamaica, and service in Colombia, where she was kidnapped by guerrillas and spent many weeks as a captive. The candor of Mrs. Chassoul and her staff helped our students understand the relationship between a government, its state department, and the people charged with carrying out official policy in embassies and consulates around the world.

The following students traveled to New York City. Their hometowns and the committees on which they served are also listed.
Kelly Greenfield, Post Falls, ID
   Head Delegate

Hanne Beener, Curlew, WA
   Group of 77

Heather Brown, Boise, ID
   UN Special Session on Children

Andrew Coyle, Meridian, ID
   General Assembly Plenary

Eric Everett, Lewiston, ID
   Commission on Human Rights

Erin Faulk, Richland, WA
   General Assembly Plenary

Ivy Frye, Palmer, AK
   General Assembly First

Sarah Girdner, Gardnerville, NV
   UN Conference on Trade and Development

Jennifer Hathaway, Idaho Falls, ID
   International Organization on Migration

Janie Kiser, Boise, ID
   UNIFEM

Michael Kitzman, Traverse City, MI
   International Law Organization

Britt-Marie Lorenzen, Moscow, ID
   International Organization on Migration

Adam Nest, Moscow, ID
   Free Trade Area of the Americas

John Schultz, Anchorage, AK
   International Law Organization

John Spalding, Boise, ID
   Crime Congress

Megan Thompson, Hayden Lake, ID
   ECOSOC Plenary

Back row left to right: Hanne Beener, Ivy Fry, Kelly Greenfield, Mike Kitzman, Megan Thompson, John Schultz, John Spalding.
Front row left to right: Janie Kiser, Adam Nest, Erin Faulk, Jenny Hathaway, Eric Everett, Britt-Marie Lorenzen, Heather Brown, Sarah Girdner.
Rain Doesn’t Dampen Spirits in D.C.

The annual June barbecue in the Washington DC area, for UI Alums and others interested in international issues, was held despite a heavy storm that swept through the area the weekend of June 7. This year’s generous hosts were Jerri and Pete Bonin who volunteered their home and yard in Silver Spring, MD for the event.

Despite the rain, nearly sixty people came, and stayed, to visit, enjoy great food (thanks to Jerri & Pete and to recent graduates David Morse and Kelly Greenfield who manned the barbecues and helped serve), and to enjoy contacts with both Idaho alumni and others who are interested in international issues. Recent Alumni Hall of Fame designee BG (retired) John O. Gray braved the rain to attend as did a number of International Studies graduates from recent years. There was a lot of discussion of internships, new jobs, graduate schools, and possibilities offered by other guests. For alums from earlier years, it was a time to renew acquaintances and meet younger Vandals and many neighbors they may not have known before.

If you live in the DC area but didn’t receive an invitation last spring, please let us know. We try to include everyone associated with UI with addresses within 50 miles or so of the barbecue location, but you may know of others whose current addresses aren’t in the Alumni Association databases. Also, if you have friends working in the international arena, whether associated with UI or not, please feel free to send us their names or bring them as guests next year — our International Studies students would enjoy expanded opportunities to network!

We hope to see even more people at this year’s event on June 5, 2004 at the home of Linda and Stanley Glod in Alexandria, VA!
Senior Research Projects

Each spring semester, International Studies seniors participate in a capstone course where they produce a research paper that seeks a conclusion to some current international conflict. The conflict must pertain to their region and issue of emphasis within their degree program. The following projects were completed during the Spring 2003 semester (two examples can be found at the Martin School web site):

- Balkans: The Prevlaka Peninsula Conflict (Evan Sloyka)
- Border Security for Poland (Joanna Paszczynska)
- The Case of the Brazil-Bolivia Pipeline: Sustainable Democracy, Sustainable Development? (Jed Glavin)
- Central American Refugee Endgame (David Morse)
- The Cyprus Problem and Policy Options (Andy Rogerson)
- European Union Enlargement and Common Agricultural Policy Reform (Emily Weaver)
- The EU-US Banana Dispute (Lindsey Youtz)
- Georgia-Abkhazia Internal Conflict Analysis (Sara Hamann)
- The Gibraltar Problem: A White Paper (Vance Agte)
- Guantanamo Bay Policy Paper (Sarah Girdner)
- The Haitian Migration Crisis (Ivy Frye)
- Integrating Turkish Immigrants into German Society (Kelly Greenfield)
- Kaliningrad: Solution to a Historical Curiosity (Heather Brown)
- Maquiladoras: A US-Mexico Conflict (Janie Kiser)
- Policy and Management Strategy for the Aral Sea Basin Ecological Disaster (Natalie Meyer)
- Russia, Georgia, Chechnya: Border Conflict and Solutions (Brandon Betty)
- Solving the Spratly Island Dispute (Kris Grows)
- Thai-Myanmar Border Issues: Narcotics Trafficking, Ethnic Minority Conflict, and Border Demarcation (Sarah Roop)
- A White Paper on Human Trafficking in Europe (Kamian Fox)
- A White Paper on the Caspian Sea Border Dispute (Tricia Hanson)
- A White paper on the Transdniestria Breakaway Region (Rebecca Eaton)

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Year off to a “sizzling” start for International Studies students

In an interdisciplinary major such as International Studies, with students taking courses from many disciplines across campus as part of their major, it can be difficult for them to get acquainted with others pursuing the same course of study. Since the creation of the Martin School of International Affairs in 2001, we have worked to create a cohesive “family” of the more than 110 International Studies majors.

In August, during the first week of classes, we hosted a sausage barbecue for all the International Studies students in the amphitheater of the Old Arboretum on campus. Over sixty of the students participated – which we consider a great success given the busy class and work schedules of today’s students. With a choice of chicken, beef or traditional pork sausages accompanied by fruit salad, potatoes, rolls, and ice cream all provided by Campus Recreation, everyone gathered in groups to share summer experiences, tell of recently completed semesters abroad, and welcome new freshmen and transfer students to UI and to the School of International Affairs. Martin School staff and their families mingled with the students and Director Rand Lewis added his welcome. A great time, as the saying goes, was had by all!
Boyd Martin’s Vision Continues

make every effort to increase the function and scope of the UN ... More important, the UN should be transformed into a true international organization. With the present state of world opinion, especially in the Soviet Union and the U.S.A., this development is a long way down the road."

While the Soviet Union has long since ceased to be a concern, American attitudes towards international organizations continue to be a problem. In keeping with founder Boyd Martin’s vision, the Martin Institute and Martin School present educational programs – both in community forums and in curriculum – that encourage people to understand the international system and multilateral approaches to problems. As more people overcome “parochial and provincial” outlooks, more hope for peace develops as well, thereby promoting the ideals espoused by Dr. Martin in his address twenty-three years ago.

Martin Forums -

The Challenges of Rebuilding Iraq, 9 April 2003 As the ground war in Iraq wound down, attention shifted to rebuilding in Iraq. Dr. Tom Preston of the WSU Department of Political Science spoke about the roles that could be played by various Iraqi factions, the international community, non-governmental organizations, and the United States in the tricky period following formal combat operations. One point that was stressed considered the potential problem of leaving the same troops who conducted the fighting to act as peacekeepers and aid workers.

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