



December Graduates

Twenty-nine students graduated from Washburn Law in December and were recognized at a Recognition Program held on December 5, 2004, in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at the law school. Associate Dean for Student Affairs Carol Vizzier welcomed the graduates and their family and friends to the ceremony. Dean Dennis Honabach was the guest speaker for the class and Associate Dean William Rich introduced the December class. Dean Honabach took time during the ceremony to remember classmate Todd W. Lowe, who with much sadness, passed away on November 27, 2004. A moment of silence was held in Lowe's memory prior to the introduction of the December graduating class. A reception for graduates, family and friends immediately followed the recognition ceremony.





Utrecht, Netherlands

Above: Entrance to the Dutch Parliament, the Binnenhof

Top Right: The Academic Building at Utrecht

At Right: A break from Class



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Washburn Law Reunion Weekend October 28 & 29, 2005

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Summer Study Abroad Program Utrecht, Netherlands



Utrecht Law Faculty Dean Adriaan Dorresteijn, Washburn President Jerry Farley, and Head of Law Faculty International Office Michiel van de Kasteelen at the opening reception.

In the summer of 2004, the Washburn Law Summer Study Abroad Program relocated to the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. The faculty decision to change the program's location from London to the University of Utrecht was based on a desire to improve the quality of the students' experience in the summer abroad program. In the past, the program was not connected to a university, other than to rent lodging and a classroom from a London college. The new joint program with the University of Utrecht, on the other hand, provides the students with the opportunity to be taught by one of the most highly respected Faculties of Law in Europe. In addition, law students from Utrecht University were allowed to enroll in the classes, providing a truly international classroom experience.

The courses offered last summer were Comparative Legal Systems and Legal Professions and Special Issues in U.S.-European Comparative Family Law. The first course on comparative legal systems was co-taught by Professor Sheila Reynolds and Dr. Ubaldus deVries of the Legal Theory Department of the Faculty of Law of the University of Utrecht. The comparative family law course was taught by Professor Nancy G. Maxwell and Mr. Ian Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Faculty of Law, Utrecht University. There were nineteen Washburn Law students enrolled in the program and six students from the University of Utrecht. Of these six, three were Dutch nationals, and the rest were foreign students studying at Utrecht University.

After the first day of classes, students and faculty attended a reception to commemorate the begin-

ning of the Washburn-Utrecht law school cooperation. The reception was attended by not only the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Utrecht, Adriaan Dorresteijn, but also by the President of Washburn University, Dr. Jerry Farley. In addition to attending classes for six weeks, the students also observed court hearings at the District Court in Utrecht and at the District Court/Court of Appeals in Arnhem, as well as having a tour and lecture at the International Court of Justice located in the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Dutch Parliament in The Hague and the European Parliament and the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.

The program evaluations by the faculty, the students and the administrators of both Washburn University and the Utrecht University Faculty of Law were extremely positive, with the conclusion that the new location of the summer program at the University of Utrecht has

greatly improved the quality of Washburn's summer study abroad program. For the Summer 2005 program Associate Professor Robert Rhee will teach the Comparative Legal Systems course with Dr. de Vries and Associate Professor and Director of the Law Clinic John Francis, will teach Comparative Criminal Law and Procedure with Dr. Bart Stapert of the Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology at Utrecht University.

For more information about the Washburn-Utrecht Summer Law Program in the Netherlands, see:

<http://washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad>

