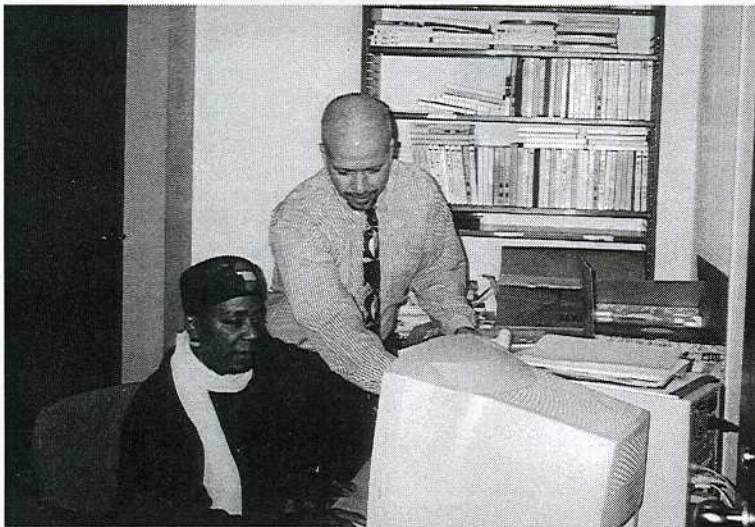


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The Office of International Affairs (OIA), now in its second semester of existence, is looking forward to an exciting and fruitful Spring Semester. Dr. Natsis and project director Dr. Tee Ford-Ahmed have been meeting on a monthly basis with the other eight faculty members to prepare for their trip to Benin next summer. Activities at these meetings include: viewing films; discussing Benin culture; deciding on projects, travel and accommodations; studying the French language; and anticipating the arrival of Benin scholar, Dr. Raouf Mama, next spring during International Week. Drs. Natsis and Ford-Ahmed have recently submitted another grant proposal with Drain-Jordon Library Director Dr. R.N. Sharma to

develop a partnership between the WVSC and University of Benin libraries.

## Other activities to look forward to during the Spring Semester are as follows:

- Preparation for the WVSC Multicultural Fair. The OIA will offer displays on study abroad opportunities, the International Studies Minor, and aspects of international culture.
- In collaboration with the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the Department of Sociology, the OIA is sponsoring a Spring Break trip to Montreal and South Africa.
- Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, class of 1943 will be honored by WVSC at a special recognition dinner on January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the WVSC Foundation. Ticket information is available through the WVSC Foundation.
- The International Studies Minor will be offered for the first time to WVSC students. Drs. Natsis and Ford-Ahmed will team-teach the Introduction to International Studies course this Spring.
- The OIA will host a weekly show, "Le Journal Electronic" on the campus radio West Virginia State College 106.7 FM.

## Travel: Spring Break 1999

**Montreal:** Our French-Speaking Neighbor: This linguistic and multicultural travel tour during spring break provides exposure to a unique culture in North America where the majority of people speak French as their native language. The trip includes 4 nights in Montreal with an excursion to Quebec City. For further information contact Dr. James Natsis, Coordinator, International Affairs, at 766-4249.

**South Africa:** Led by Ms. Adrienne Belafonte-Biesmeyer, this trip to South Africa will include stops at the University of Cape Town, Robben Island, Shakaland, and a brief stay at a safari camp. Ms. Biesmeyer traveled twice to South Africa in the last two years, and has had audiences with President Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and various members of the South African Parliament. For further information visit the website at [www.geocities.com/thetropics/8975](http://www.geocities.com/thetropics/8975) or contact Ms. Biesmeyer at [abelbies@aol.com](mailto:abelbies@aol.com) or at 304-645-5800, or contact Ms. Nancy Adkins at [ncadkins@aol.com](mailto:ncadkins@aol.com) or 304-755-1723.

The Office of International Student Programs at the University of Charleston invites WVSC International and American students and faculty to participate in cross cultural opportunities organized through the LINKS program. If you have any questions about the LINKS program, or you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Janet Scheider, Coordinator of International Student Programs at 357- 4881 or Max Perrow at 776-6530.

### West African Visiting Scholar

WVSC is proud to receive Benin folklorist, Dr. Raouf Mama April 25-30 at the WVSC campus. His itinerary is as follows:

April 25	Arrive in the city, 9:35 a.m. Ferguson Memorial Baptist Church, Dunbar Forum with Key Faculty going to Benin at Dr. T. Ford-Ahmed's house. 5p.m.
Mon., April 26	GE 200, 1:00-2:15 p.m. Intermediate French, 2:30-3:45p.m.
Tues., April 27	GE 200, 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Engl 340-01 African Literature, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Wed., April 28	IS 299, 1:00-2:15 p.m. Dr. Sharma, Public Archives/UNCF, 3:00 p.m. Reception, Title VI Faculty, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Thurs., April 29	Faculty Lecture, 12:25-1:20 p.m. Cercle Francais, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri., April 30	Multicultural Activities

### Activities of International Interest

Saturday	Jan. 23	Dinner in honor of Dr. Leon H. Sullivan at 6:00 p.m. at the WVSC Foundation.
Thursday	Jan. 28	Faculty Lecture Series: An Eco-Tour of Brazil.
Thursday	Feb. 4	Faculty Lecture Series: Department Benefits from an International Studies Minor.
Wednesday	Feb. 24	International Student Festival University of Charleston
	March 18-28	<b>Spring Break 1999</b> Trip to South Africa
	March 19-24	<b>Spring Break 1999</b> Trip to Montreal, Quebec - Canada
Thursday	April 15	Faculty Lecture Series: South African Trip.
	April 25-30	Benin scholar Raouf Mama visits WVSC campus for series of guest lectures and other activities.
Thursday	April 29	<b>WVSC Multicultural Fair</b>

