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Schweitzer and Federspiel to Present "Islam in Central and Southeast Asia"

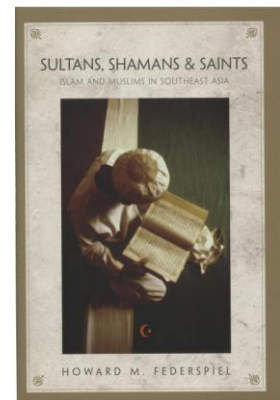
Plowden Auditorium
April 3, 2007 – 4 p.m.

Cultural, historical, political, and religious aspects of Islam will be discussed by Professors **Mary Schweitzer** and **Howard Federspiel** at the Friends of Dacus spring program in Irvin and Jean Kirby Plowden Auditorium*. **This event is free and open to the public.**

Dr. Schweitzer is a cultural anthropologist who came to Winthrop in 1978. She was a visiting professor at the American University – Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (2002-03 and 2004-05) and in the Aga Khan (Muslim-Ismaili) Humanities Project in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (2006). She has received Fulbright awards for travel, study and teaching in Colombia, South America (1984), India (1988), and Albania (2001) and traveled extensively in China, Peru, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Mexico. The list of her published articles and presentations is long, including five presentations at meetings of the American Anthropological Association from 1976 to 1991. She still teaches part-time at Winthrop.

Dr. Federspiel was chairman of the political science department and director of international studies at Winthrop in the 1970s. Since 1979 he has been professor of

political science at The Ohio State University in Newark. He participated in the Mid-West Universities Consortium for International Activities at the University of North Sumatra (1984-86) and in Jakarta, Indonesia (1987-88), and in 1997-98 he was visiting professor of Islamic Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Copies of his most recently published book, "Sultans, Shamans, and Saints: Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia" (February, 2007) are available at the Bookworm. Since 2000 he has also published "Islam and Ideology in the Emerging Indonesian State" (2001) and "Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals of the Twentieth Century" (2006).



*Plowden Auditorium is in the Richard W. Riley School of Education in the Withers/WTS Building. Guests should take the elevator to the 3rd floor. Parking is available in the lot behind Dinkins Student Center, with entrances from Charlotte Avenue, College Avenue, or Myrtle Drive.



Friends of Dacus Board Meeting Minutes 2/15/07

Martha Anne McFadden, chair, called the meeting to order at noon in Thursdays Too restaurant. There were 13 members in attendance.

The first order of business was a secret motion and vote which resulted in the gift of a book plate to Earl and Bettye Wilcox for a book of their choice, in recognition of their service to Friends of Dacus. Photos were taken of Earl (Bettye was not present) and Martha Anne, chair.

Minutes of the last meeting, sent by Joe Zdenek, were approved as submitted. The treasurer's report was distributed, showing a balance of \$12,865, after expenses. It was decided to transfer \$10,000 to Dacus Library for book purchases.

A photo was taken of the new officers (Martha Anne, chair; Sally Archer, vice chair; Jenny Sparacin, corresponding secretary) and



of the new advisory board members who were present (Sandra

White, Bill Daniel, Martha Cowan).

Of the nine new advisory board members four were elected to the excom (Dot Medlin, Bill Daniel, Gloria Kelley and Addie Mayfield Rutledge).

Jenny Sparacin will take over the newsletter from Connie Zdenek, who has filled in since Bettye's resignation. As soon as it is ready, it will be copied, stamped, labeled with membership expiration dates, folded, membership forms enclosed and mailed, the first week of March.

Most of the remaining time was spent discussing the upcoming program on April 3, 4 pm, in the Plowden Auditorium, "Islam in Central and Southeastern Asia," with Howard Federspiel and Mary Schweitzer. There will be a book signing and then dinner following. Friends will go Dutch, but will pay for Mary, Howard, Mel and Janet Wilson. It was decided to offer Howard an honorarium and travel expenses, details to be worked out with Arts and Sciences. Sally, vice chair and program chair, will work on publicity of the event.

Jenny will prepare an up-to-date list of members with expiration dates for the mailing labels for the newsletters, to remind everyone that it is renewal time.

At a later date Martha Anne will appoint a nominating committee to recommend a vice chair for 2008, a chair for 2009, a recording secretary, a treasurer and all admin. board members whose terms end this year. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. (J.Zdenek)



Dacus Volume Dedicated to Bettye and Earl Wilcox



At the Friends of Dacus advisory board meeting on February 15, 2007, Friends Chair, Martha Anne McFadden, announced that a volume honoring

Bettye and Earl Wilcox is being ordered for Dacus Library. She then gave Earl a copy of the bookplate that is to be placed in the volume, in recognition of Bettye's service as newsletter editor (2004- 06) and in appreciation of Earl's work as program chair (2004), chair (2005), and in the role of Norman Thayer, Jr., in the fall 2006 performance of *On Golden Pond*.

Friends of Dacus Annual Meeting Minutes 10/16/06

Gale Teaster, President, called the meeting to order at 3:15 in the 4th floor Withers conference room. There were 14 in attendance, including the two speakers.

Jim Johnston had earlier sent the treasurer's report on the Golden Pond proceeds. He reported \$4,520.00 in ticket sales and \$427 in proceeds from the silent auction, with expenses of \$240.67, for a total of \$4,706.33. Joe, who chaired the silent auction event, claimed the silent auction brought in over \$900. Gale said she would investigate the discrepancy. We have \$7,201.15 in the treasury, not counting the proceeds from Golden Pond.

Martha Anne read the current board list and then the slate of nominees, who will take office in January. Joe moved we accept the slate by acclamation, Earl seconded and the following people were elected:

Sally Archer: vice chair

Jenny Sparacin: corresponding secretary

Advisory board members: Martha Cowan, Gloria Crank, Bill Daniel, Gloria Kelley, Antje Mays, Dorothy Medlin, Clay Owens, Addie Mayfield Rutledge, Sandra White.

Joe distributed copies of the minutes from the last annual meeting. There being no corrections, they were approved as submitted.

There was no old business. Under new business, Earl Wilcox moved we discuss at the next advisory board meeting how much of the nearly \$12000 we have should be given to the library. Joe seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Following the business meeting, Jackie McFadden and Jean Wells discussed their book, "The Civilian Conservation Corps: a Bibliography", and presented the history and work of the corps through a power point presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15. (J. Zdenek)



THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

Those who missed the annual meeting of Friends of Dacus on October 16, 2006, missed a very interesting and informative power point presentation by Jackie McFadden and Jean Wells about the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Corps, also known as Franklin D. Roosevelt's Tree Army, was established during the first 100 days of his presidency to give jobs to young unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 25. It did not take jobs away from others and, indeed, proved to be one of the most successful work programs in the country. It required a six month sign up, which could be renewed, and started with 300,000 young men. These young men worked for \$30 per month, of which they could keep \$5 but sent the rest home. In later years the Corps was expanded to include Native Americans and African Americans.

CCC projects included tree planting (over three billion), contour farming, dam building, soil

erosion prevention, creation of lakes, building railroad overpasses, constructing trails and buildings in national parks, land clearing, building logging roads, relocating wildlife, bee keeping, furniture manufacturing, building drainage systems and erecting fire towers. There were 4000 CCC camps in the U.S., P.R. and the V.I. Of the three million men who passed through the program during its existence (1933-42), 50,000 were from South Carolina. In S. C. they built 17 of the state parks, in addition to many projects listed above. Because of their rigorous training, CCC men were quite ready for army life, and 80 percent of them served in WW II. The PowerPoint presentation illustrated some of the many projects completed by the Corps, including some worked on by Newton Wells, the father of one of the speakers, and, I suspect, by a few elderly relatives and friends of some of the people who attended.
(J. Zdenek)

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