

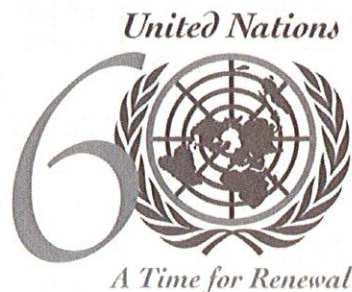


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RECOGNIZING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES,
RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT**

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A world in which humanity is spared the scourge of war, human rights are honored, the natural environment is protected, and the United States is a constructive member of the United Nations for the well-being of all humanity.

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To use our unique position in the nation's capital to reach out to national and local citizens, to opinion leaders, and to our government to educate, mobilize, and inspire Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, to strengthen the United Nations system, to promote constructive United States leadership in that system, and to achieve the goals of the UN Charter.

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Introduction by the President & Executive Director

This Annual Report shows the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) to be a vibrant, growing entity. Thanks to the commitment and dedication of its volunteers and staff, UNA-NCA continues to expand its presence and effectiveness.

The quiet and unassuming leadership of immediate past president Andrew E. Rice provided a model for us all. Thus, one of the highlights of our current year was the Celebration of Andy and launch of the UNA-NCA Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund. We have already raised over \$50,000 for the Fund. The Fund promises to position UNA-NCA for new ventures and ever stronger performance in promoting understanding of multilateral approaches to world affairs.

Over the past year UNA-NCA has had many additional reasons to celebrate, as detailed in this Report.

- Over 2,000 people participated in celebration and renewal of the United Nations on its 60th Birthday, during our UN Week events in October 2005. We joined UNA-USA in a major luncheon with Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) and Ms. Gillian Sorensen as speakers.
- We were at the forefront on issues of torture and human rights, with four public forums, presentation of the Louis Sohn Human Rights Award to Leonard Rubinstein, M.D., at our annual Human Rights Day Luncheon on Capitol Hill, and adoption of a resolution endorsing the McCain Amendment to the Defense Department appropriations legislation.
- We strengthened and expanded our Global Classrooms Model UN program in the Washington DC schools, with activities in

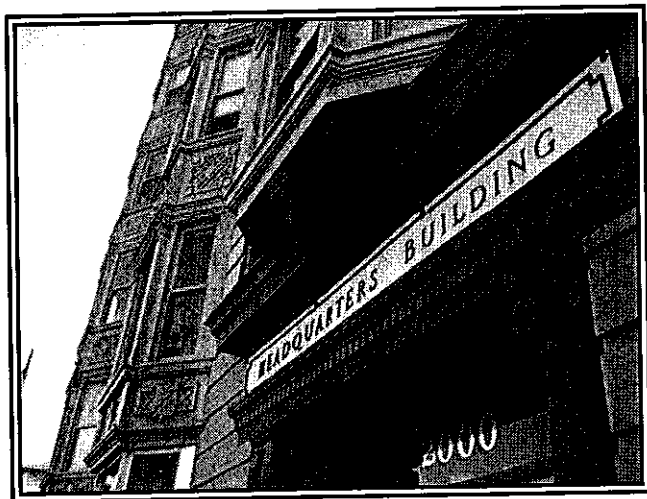
each public high school culminating in our major Model UN Conference at the U.S. Department of State on May 18.

- Our Fellows Program continued to provide outstanding opportunities for graduate students in the field of international affairs.
- Our Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) continued to expand programs and activities. Efforts are underway to further integrate YPIC with overall UNA-NCA activities.
- The UNA-NCA Embassy Programs Committee presented high quality, informative receptions with the Embassies of Mali and the Principality of Liechtenstein.
- UNA-NCA advocacy on Capitol Hill moved from planning to implementation. One of our Program Assistants, Kenney Elkomous deserves credit for persuading two Congressmen to join in sponsoring a Congressional Resolution endorsing the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.
- We have become active and expect to be increasingly so on major issues of UN Reform with creation of a high level UNA-NCA UN Reform Task Force, to work in close cooperation with UNA-USA and the World Federation of UN Associations.

As its programs have grown, UNA-NCA has also strengthened its management. Over the past year:

- Our communications have improved, with a newly substantial *UN Vision* newsletter and new cooperative ventures such as the Meridian International Center series of programs on "The United Nations: Assessing Its Value, Looking to the Future."

- We moved to much larger and more convenient offices at Dupont Circle.
- Our budget has risen substantially, thanks to the successful fund-raising of the UNA-NCA Development Committee and grant support from UNA-USA for the Global Classrooms program.
- In May we contracted with an accounting firm to revise our chart of accounts and update our accounting practices for strengthened internal and external accountability.
- We are making our personnel management professional, with introduction of performance assessment, staff development, a small bonus program, and examination of staff benefits.



In February 2006, UNA-NCA moved into its new offices in the Headquarters Building on 20th & P Streets.

We find therefore that UNA-NCA is a healthy, thriving organization. However, it will remain healthy only as long as it serves its members well, engages the larger public on the United Nations, and attracts members to engage in its work and contribute time and funds for it. UNA-NCA is only as strong as its volunteers make it. Thousands of hours of volunteer time characterize the commitment of our members, and we need even more to maintain and increase the quality of our expanding programs. If our members constitute the soul of UNA-NCA, the heart of the organization lies in its staff. Your President found Paula Boland to

have grown immeasurably in her role as Executive Director. David Lin quietly kept membership operations going on a daily basis, and organized volunteers for the Global Classrooms program. Taishya Adams seemed rarely to be in the office, for her activities as Global Classrooms Director appropriately kept her in the schools most of the time. In recent months Kurt Krausse joined as part-time Coordinator of Development and Administration, keeping many of the financial and administrative issues under control. Our Program Assistants were also critical to making UNA-NCA function, and we are pleased to report that they have universally found their experience with UNA-NCA rewarding.

UNA-NCA's officers and Executive Committee worked increasingly as a team over the year. Special appreciation goes to our Vice-Presidents, each of whom has played a key role. The Executive Committee has proven a collegial forum for building consensus and sharing responsibility on major issues. It serves as an operational management complement to the oversight of our large Board of Directors. Board meetings also provided opportunities for UNA-NCA leaders to gain personal insight into United Nations issues from outside speakers and dialogue.

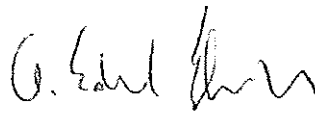
As this report is completed, UNA-NCA's Board has just adopted a renewed strategic plan. This plan gives content to the pledge your President made when assuming office a year ago, to 'take UNA-NCA to the next level' and to work with others in defining that level. The strategic plan provides a framework for strengthening and expanding UNA-NCA's programs, increasing our membership, and furthering financial development. The Strategic Planning Committee has completed its work, and we now all face the challenge of implementation, and of monitoring our accomplishments against strategic plan goals. We urge all members to identify for themselves ways in which they can contribute to the work of the United Nations through engagement in

UNA-NCA activities, whether as participant, volunteer or leader.

We conclude this introduction on a sobering note of concern about the United Nations. With the rapid advance of world-wide economic integration, movement of people, and exchange of ideas, new problems emerge almost daily that demand international cooperation. Avian flu is but one recent example. Yet, the atmosphere of trust and the continued engagement with reform and renewal needed to respond successfully to these challenges seem woefully short of the needs of the world, including the United States.

We in UNA-NCA will do whatever we humanly can to strengthen the resolve and capacity of citizens and government in the National Capital Area to manage the problems

and tensions of today and to help them grasp the opportunities ahead.



A. Edward Elmendorf
President



Paula M. Boland
Executive Director



Education

Global Education – helping to educate our citizens on the role of the United Nations in world affairs – continues to be the leading activity of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. The flagship of our activities is Global Classrooms DC, a year-long educational program in inner-city DC schools, carried out in cooperation with the District of Columbia Public Schools, with funding provided by UNA-USA from a grant by Merrill Lynch.

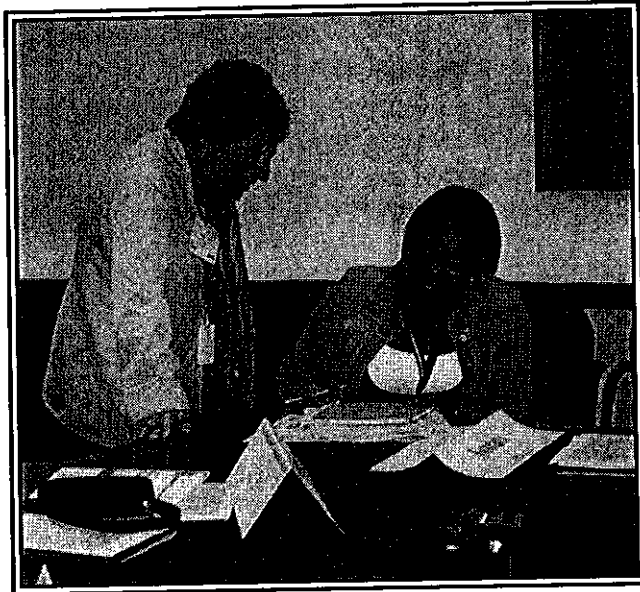
GLOBAL CLASSROOMS: WASHINGTON, DC (GCDC)

Global Classrooms of the District of Columbia (GCDC) is the largest education program of UNA-NCA. This year under Director Taishya Adams, more than 400 students in 18 DC public and charter schools participated in the program. Guided by a carefully developed curriculum, area junior and senior high school

students confront issues and work out solutions in simulated meetings of the United Nations. Typically pairs of students assume the role of delegates from a specific country and research their country's geographic, political and economic positions on such international issues as Security Council reform, international terrorism, and the Millennium Development Goals, meanwhile honing their computer, research, writing, speaking, and negotiating skills. The culmination of the GCDC program is the Model UN Conference held at the U.S. Department of State, this year on May 18, 2006.

Work for GCDC began in the summer, as staff initiated discussion with schools that would come into the GCDC program for the first year and discussed curriculum updates and schedules with the schools continuing a second year. A November session at the US Department of State, featuring a keynote

address by the Director of Communications from the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General generated Global Classrooms volunteers from not only the Department of State but also Departments of Justice and Education, the US Army, and the Agency for International Development. These volunteers subsequently supported the program by visiting classrooms and assisting at the Model UN Conference.



State Department employees volunteered as "Policy Advisors" who assisted delegates formulate speeches and assess their country positions.

In addition to the year-long classroom work at participating schools, GCDC held training conferences in March at Anacostia Senior High School, Banneker Senior High School, and Luke C. Moore Academy. At each conference students met to participate in the Model UN Conference on May 18 met to practice the diplomatic and negotiation skills they had learned through GCDC and to meet their fellow delegates from throughout the District. Introductory exercises, such as creating a human map or lining up by GDP per capita or population size, fostered a sense of teamwork among students from different schools.

Training instructor James Gross, a student at George Washington University and veteran Model UN participant, instructed the students

on parliamentary procedures, and divided them into groups by committee topics to practice speech writing and simulate UN General Assembly plenary sessions, discussing assigned topics and drafting resolutions with the help of conference staff.

The afternoon sessions began with an international career panel of guest lecturers from US Department of State, National Wildlife Federation, World Bank, Merrill Lynch, UNA-NCA and other organizations. The students seemed engaged with the presentations on the panelists careers and the potential international opportunities, and sought more information from the guest speakers. In the final activity, guest experts, largely from the State Department, led groups of students in discussions of the Millennium Development Goals, multinational terrorist groups, Security Council reform, and social responsibility of the private sector. These sessions gave students a clearer understanding of the issues they would be debating at the district wide Model UN Conference.

GCDC Model UN Conference

Secretary-General Blair Trimble, a student at the George Washington University called for order in the Dean Acheson auditorium of the US Department of State on May 18, 2006 and welcomed over 250 students from 17 greater Washington area high schools and one school from Mexico selected to participate in the Model UN Conference. Guest speakers were Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent of DC Public Schools, Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, Lucia Rodriguez, Vice President of Education, UNA-USA, and Melanie Mortimer from Global Classrooms sponsor Merrill Lynch.

After brief introductory remarks, Assistant Secretary Silverberg engaged in a question-and-answer session with the students regarding policy and world politics. Questions ranged from women in politics to the power of

democracy in foreign countries. Students took this opportunity to ask questions about their committee topics and about issues in the world such as relations in Sudan and between Israel and Palestine. Conference Secretary-General Blair Trimble then kicked off a full day of general assembly and committee meetings designed to closely simulate the actual workings of the United Nations in New York City.

Students were assigned to one of six smaller groups for committee sessions: three Economic Commission for Africa groups, two General Assembly groups, a Security Council group and a United Nations Development Program group. Experienced second-time participants, generally university students, took the lead roles in each session. They deftly guided the newcomer delegates in matters of protocol and gave them useful background information on key topics on the agenda.

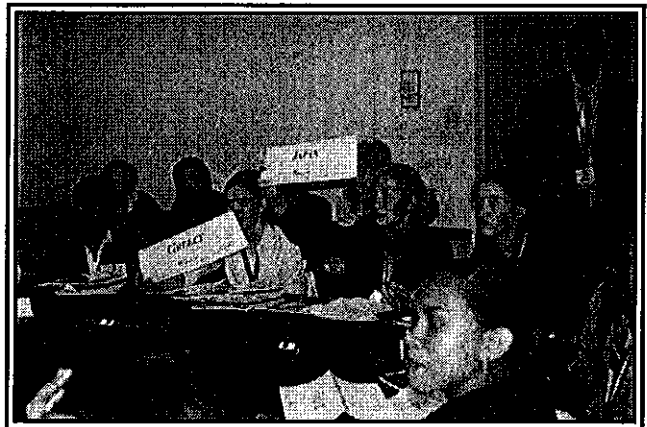


Student delegates discuss the Millennium Development Goals in a simulation of the Economic Commission on Africa.

A typical participant, Robert Hirt, from School Without Walls was assigned to represent Tunisia in the General Assembly meeting that would focus on Security Council Reform. Before coming to the conference, Hirt had to learn as much as possible about Tunisia and its likely stance on limitations of the number of countries that should be on the Security Council. He also had to know where Tunisia would stand on veto power. Although he was required to participate as part of one of his classes, he admitted “I kind of got into it after all. I think the big issues for African countries

are poverty, disease, and the violence in Sudan.”

Throughout the day, one heard “the chair acknowledges the delegate from Tanzania – or Greece – or Kazakhstan.” And so it went during the various proceedings where students considered four major topics: Implementing Millennium Development Goals, Multinational Terrorist Groups, Social Responsibility of the Private Sector, and UN Reform. Members of the US Department of State and volunteers familiar with the day-to-day workings of the United Nations were on hand to answer questions and correct mistakes.



Student delegates representing Greece and Japan vote in favor of a motion in a simulation of the UN Security Council.

Perhaps the most heated debate came during a simulated “crisis” moment introduced by Chair Stephen Ryan in the Security Council session. After receiving incoming newswires, he passed out a short stack of press releases from various sources reporting fast-breaking terrorist action by Chechens. A lively discussion ensued between the delegates of countries, some disposed to snuffing out the terrorists and others favoring negotiating with the terrorists on possible solutions.

Eastern Senior High School’s Michael Watson, delegate from Ghana, caucused with delegates from France and Japan. He explained that he was working with constituents amenable to Ghana’s point of view toward presenting a

resolution in the afternoon session. *"We want to convince the US and the UK of our position, and bring them on board."* He felt quite sure that Ghana might be successful in pushing through its second attempt to establish a counter-terrorism intelligence center. He thought it was a practical solution for encouraging debate and negotiation in an effort to quell would-be terrorists.

The UN Security Council discussed multinational terrorist groups. Delegates stated their countries' views on international terrorism and nuclear proliferation. Faced with an emergency crisis of a recent bombing of an oil rig by Chechen militants, delegates debated on a course of action and had to sift through solutions of dialogue or violence. The General Assembly had the task of developing recommendations on Security Council Reform. Delegates astutely pointed out the flaws of the present Security Council and proposed changes to represent the current face of the global community.

The session simulating the Economic Commission for Africa discussed issues of AIDS and education in Sub-Saharan Africa regarding the Millennium Development Goals. Travis Bruce from Anacostia High School, representing Liberia, said that *"I've never been there so I can't know how it is unless I go there,"* but that he has gained a better perspective through GCDC and expressed aspirations to go to Africa. A similar diplomatic scene was found in the UN Development Programme simulation. Here, delegates had to mull through proposals of how the UN can take a more active role to put pressure on the social responsibility of the private sector.

PASSPORT TO... SERIES

The second year of the *Passport to...* series featured countries of Southern Africa and South America. This program is designed to educate young children and their parents about

specific regions of the world and the work of the United Nations in that region. The children learn about the regions through arts and crafts, music and dance, activities related to the Millennium Development Goals, food, sports competition, and embassy and UN agency displays. In an attempt to reach students and their families in the wider metropolitan area, the *Passport to Southern Africa* was held in College Park, MD and *Passport to South America* in Alexandria, VA. Members of the UNA-NCA's Young Professionals for International Cooperation provide the energy for this program.

Heather Nolan, Spanish teacher for McKinley Senior High School, noted how students became aware of issues of consequence to different countries. She thought the best thing about participating in the conference was learning how to shift to the perspective of another country. *"If you are operating as a government official from a foreign country, you have to set aside your 'Americano-centric' perspective,"* she said. *"These students learn so much from doing and watching delegates from previous years as models. They just come into their own!"*

MULTI-NATIONAL VIDEOCONFERENCE

In January, as an offshoot of our GCDC program, a dozen students from the District of Columbia joined a dialogue with their peers from Mexico, Ghana, India and China in a multi-national video conference organized by the World Bank. The discussion was structured around five significant "life" transitions concerning education, employment, health, family formation and citizenship (both nationally and globally). In the areas of education and employment, one issue resonated with all the students: the school-to-job transition.

In China a student found that *"even excellent students"* have difficulty finding jobs after their schooling. A student from Ghana observed that

there is little market for many college graduates, using the example that one may study in the field of psychology, but there aren't any psychology-related positions to be filled. Another Ghanaian student claimed that students don't see "how things work," implying a gap between one's studies and the adult working world. In his synthesis of the videoconference, UNA-NCA President A. Edward Elmendorf summarized these concerns when he wrote, "Graduates are told they need experience to get a job but where to find the experience? Where to start?" Elmendorf continued: "The link between education and students' future careers was inadequate."

At the beginning of the videoconference, DC moderators Maya Brahman and Gerold Vollmer told the students that many of them may bear the burden of becoming the leaders of the next generation. However, the students had more modest goals in mind (at least for the immediate future). Despite their ambitions, the students expressed the concern that not enough attention has been devoted to the pivotal aspects of becoming functional in their own societies. One DC student mentioned the lack in practical training, anywhere from being taught how to do tax forms, to learning about their sexuality and how it is to be expressed responsibly, the latter of great concern to a girl from Ghana. In short, the students were more humble in their approach to success, stressing the need for a better balance between theoretical and practical training.

The student views from the video conference are being taken into account in the World Bank's 2007 World Development Report, "Development and the Next Generation."

THE ANDREW E. RICE GLOBAL EDUCATION FUND

On March 31 UNA-NCA joined with other organizations and individuals to celebrate the life and work of Andrew Rice and launch the Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund. Recognizing the many contributions of UNA-

NCA's immediate past president to the cause of sustainable development as well as to our own organization, the fund will enable UNA-NCA to undertake targeted educational programs beyond our current activities.



Andrew E. Rice was honored by the presence of over 300 guests and the launch of the Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund.

Classical music and jazz were complemented by balloons and posters, in a truly memorable evening that featured tributes from Rice's friends and colleagues around the world. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan wrote, "Andrew E. Rice has dedicated a lifetime to finding collective solutions to some of humanity's most pressing problems. I am pleased that the new Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund will continue his efforts to increase citizen awareness of important international issues." Perhaps the statement which will be most remembered was that given by Andy himself. He said:

- "...the most significant element of development to me has been the liberation of the individual from barriers to the fulfillment of his or her own potential."
- "I am equally convinced of the importance of the group. Social change usually begins not at the top through the action of leaders but at the bottom through the actions of citizens banded together."

- *“ . . . There is also the importance of what might be called historical perspective. We always need a vision of what we are aiming at. But we have to recognize that lasting change is best achieved through cooperation rather than confrontation. And cooperation frequently means compromise.”*

The Fund achieved net resources of \$49,580 by the end of May 2006. It will be managed as part of the UNA-NCA Endowment but have a separate advisory committee chaired by Rice. While a larger program is in preparation for 2007, four initiatives are planned for 2006:

- Begin dialogue with parts of the DC metropolitan area faith community that have not been reached by UNA-NCA programs. We will begin by seeking greater involvement of the local faith community with next year's UN Week.
- Expand our programs with local libraries, particularly the DC Library system.
- Sponsor a debate contest among local universities, with a cash prize, on the topic of UN reform.
- Organize a meeting, in partnership with Friends of the United Nations, with the heads of public relations of UN agencies, the UN Secretariat, and related organizations to discuss new techniques and better ways to educate Americans on the UN.

GRADUATE FELLOWS PROGRAM

UNA-NCA offered our semester-long graduate studies program in the Fall of 2005 and in the Spring of 2006. A total of 41 full time graduate students participated in a series of nine seminars each semester, supplemented with an internship in an international organization. Each submitted a term paper.

The fellows came from the following universities: American, George Washington, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Howard, George Mason, Catholic and the University of

Maryland. As in the past, George Washington's Elliot School provided the venue for our seminars. Most of the students were or are in Masters programs, but the groups included doctoral students and third year law students. About half come from the US and the rest from Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Our main theme in the seminar series was UN reform. We explored how institutions can be reformed, what the intellectual contribution of the UN is and how to consider that in reform, and reform issues in peacekeeping, human rights, development, environment, and public health, among other issues. In the most recent semester, we had seven students in public health. These students organized an interesting seminar session identifying ways to improve the international health system, drawing on such systems as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

The term paper consists of a formal memorandum advocating to the student's head of state support of a specific United Nations reform. The students report that the exercise is unique in their experience as all their academic writing is quite different from public policy advocacy writing. That, of course, is the point of the exercise.

The response of the students is generally positive. One Georgetown University student said his university had organized a trip to the UN a few months ago where they met a young UN official who had graduated from Georgetown. He said to them that the most useful background he had received for his work in the UN was our Fellows program. And this note was recently received from a third year Ph.D student from the University of Maryland:

“I want to thank you for a great semester. Your passion for the work was always evident and I really appreciate your taking the time out to equip us into stronger professionals and students throughout the program.”



Programs

ADVOCACY

UNA-NCA participated in 46 office visits to Capitol Hill (25 Senate, 21 House) in the first six months of 2006. This included visits made directly by UNA-NCA members or staff and collaborative efforts in which UNA-NCA provided training, briefing materials and organizational support. These visits reflect a new direction for UNA-NCA, under the leadership of a new advocacy committee chair, to embark on an ambitious program of effectively engaging Senators and Members of Congress in support of UNA-USA's advocacy agenda. Within our own geographical area, our visits in May 2006 included both Maryland Senate offices (Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski) and four Congressional offices (MD: Steny Hoyer, Albert Wynn, and Chris Van Hollen; VA: Thomas Moran).

Visits made by UNA-NCA program assistant Kenney Elkomous bore fruit when two members of Congress from California, Rep. Grace Napolitano and Rep. Darrell Issa, sponsored H.Con.Res. 172. UNA played a key role in developing H.Con.Res. 172, a resolution that calls for continued US leadership to provide the necessary leadership and resources to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In all, Elkomous visited the two California Senate offices and four other California congressional offices.

In addition, collaborative efforts were initiated with a group of Georgetown students affiliated with the UN Student Alliance and with UNICEF. UNA-NCA provided advocacy materials and training sessions for these students. A similar collaborative project was undertaken with the One World Youth Project, a non-profit organization that brings high school students from around the country to

advocate on international efforts on Capitol Hill. Materials were prepared for these visits, including a tip sheet on lobbying Congressional offices and talking points on the MDGs. These materials were developed after consultation with Interaction, the largest alliance of US-based international development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations. Two orientation sessions were recorded on video-tape, and plans are being made to make the tapes available to other UNA chapters and additional groups.

These efforts were carried out in close collaboration with UNA-USA's Washington office. Additionally, the advocacy committee is actively participating in the Annual Meeting of the Council of Chapters and Divisions by providing a speaker for one of the skills sessions on advocacy, providing volunteer guides to facilitate Capitol Hill visits made by regional chapters on June 8, and setting up an exhibit at the meeting that will feature recorded UNA-NCA advocacy orientation sessions and handbook that will include materials prepared for UNA-NCA's advocacy teams.

As part of its advocacy efforts, UNA-NCA is developing statements addressed to Congress and the Administration on issues relevant to the UN, and signing on to other statements developed by UNA-USA or other non-governmental organizations with similar concerns. Statements developed by UNA-NCA this year included a resolution in support of the McCain amendment banning the use of torture or other inhuman treatment by US forces and a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist objecting to his draft legislation to withhold all financial support by the US government to the new UN Human Rights Council.

The new 2006-2009 UNA-NCA strategic plan strongly endorsed the continued development and expansion of UNA-NCA's advocacy program, in close cooperation with UNA-USA's Washington office.

UN REFORM

UN Reform stands at the head of the list on UNA-USA's Advocacy Agenda for 2006. Recognizing that credible progress toward reform is essential to maintain the support of Congress and the American people for the UN, UNA-NCA this year created a new Task Force on UN Reform. Co-chaired by Princeton Lyman, a former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs and, initially, by UNA-NCA board member Tobia Mercuro, this task force will consider ways in which our organization, drawing on its position in Washington, can communicate with members of Congress, Embassy staff in Washington, and other local publics to assist in advancing the reform agenda.

Recognizing that the key to reform is reconciling the divergent views over the management and other reform proposals of Secretary-General Kofi Annan that have developed between the United States and most developed nations, on the one hand, and the "Group of 77," encompassing most countries of the developing world, UNA-NCA sponsored a special program on "The Dynamics of UN Reform" at Meridian House on May 22. Participants were His Excellency Heraldo Muñoz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, His Excellency Kitaoka Shinichi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, and Mark Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

Ambassador Kitaoka emphasized the need for Security Council reform, noting that Japan now pays 19.5 percent of the UN's regular budget, almost as much as the United States, and far greater than the two percent contributed by

China or the similar contribution of Russia. But he was equally concerned with UN management reform, noting that the countries paying 80 percent of the UN regular budget were defeated in the recent reform vote, both in the Fifth Committee and in the General Assembly, by majority vote. This led to the impasse over the 2006-7 budget, which threatens a shut-down of the Secretariat at the end of June. "If we had approved a two year budget," Ambassador Shinichi said, "we believe no reform would come—therefore (we approved) a half year budget."



Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN Kitaoka Shinichi (l) and Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN Heraldo Muñoz (r) were the featured speakers of a UN reform discussion panel at the Meridian International Center.

While recognizing the seriousness of the deadlock over management reform and approval of the full two-year budget, Ambassador Muñoz stressed the UN reforms that have been accomplished – creation of the new Human Rights Council, the new Peacebuilding Commission focusing on post-conflict resolution, the Democracy Fund, and passage of the "Responsibility to Protect" resolution asserting the right of the United Nations to intervene under Chapter VII to protect citizens being abused by their own governments. But he emphasized the view of many members that "the UN is an organization of equal members, not a company where more money means more shares."

For the United States, Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Lagon stressed that the US wants “not a UN that delivers less, but one that delivers more.” Most of the management reforms supported by the US, he noted, originated with Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s call for “renewal and reform.”

The program provided, and perhaps even promoted, some movement toward agreement. Ambassador Muñoz spoke of a “silent majority” of member states that would support giving the Secretary-General more authority, as long as he remained accountable to the General Assembly.

UN reform has also been discussed regularly in our quarterly newsletter, *UN Vision*. Feature articles have included an analysis of the recommendations of the Mitchell-Gingrich report by Ambassador Robert Oakley; an assessment of the management and other reform issues in dispute, by former Assistant Secretary of State Princeton Lyman; a review of the debate over the creation of the new Human Rights Council by UNA-NCA member Scott Lyons; and a statement of the objectives of the US Government by Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs Kristen Silverberg. Each of these studies has been posted on the UNA-NCA web site – www.UNANCA.org.

SUPPORTING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

On February 24th a diverse group of nineteen organizations – ranging from UNA-NCA to RESULTS to the National Wildlife Federation sponsored “Your Name Here: Young Professionals Networking for the MDGs” at the Pan American Health Organization. Though working in a wide range of areas, they are linked by a shared commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The goal of the evening was to reach out to the young professional community and reinforce their commitment to and involvement with the

goals by providing concrete examples of how they can contribute.

Over 300 people packed the space at the Pan-American Health Organization. Participants spent the first hour investigating each of the eight goals and learning more about the organizations and people who are working to make them a reality. Afterwards everyone gathered to hear about the importance of young professionals working together.

Dr. Sofia Leticia Morales, senior advisor for the MDGs at PAHO/WHO, thanked everyone for their commitment and began with a brief overview of the challenges we face to achieving the MDGs by 2015. While many countries are today behind in reaching their targets, a concerted effort in the next few years will allow us to keep our promise to the next generation of halving extreme poverty.

Ms. Eveline Herfkens, formerly one of the youngest members of the Dutch parliament and the Executive Coordinator of the Millennium Campaign, implored the audience to serve as agents of change. *“This generation has recognized the interconnectedness of the challenges facing the world” she said, “now you must use your voice to create the change needed to achieve the MDGs.”*

The evening concluded with remarks by Mr. Guy Djoken, a young professional who has helped reinvigorate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and founded the UNESCO Center for Peace in Frederick, VA. Mr. Djoken offered his own personal tale of growing up in Cameroon and stressed the importance of the MDGs to providing opportunities for millions. He also noted that these inspiring remarks all shared one important message: *“each of us has the power to make a real difference today, but only by working together can we build a better world for tomorrow.”*

UNA-NCA has also developed posters, intended for use in the DC metro system,

promoting knowledge of the MDGs. Discussions continue to obtain co-sponsorship from the DC Mayor.

HUMAN RIGHTS

For several years the media has reported numerous allegations of torture by U.S. armed forces and CIA operatives in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo in violation of the U.N. Convention against Torture, and the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. In addition, international human rights groups have produced evidence, also reported in the media, that the U.S. has practiced "extraordinary rendition" of detainees by sending them to countries whose governments are known to use torture in violation of Article three of the Torture Convention.

To strengthen congressional awareness of this critical issue, the Human Rights Task Force of the UNA-NCA, in collaboration with the American Bar Association, held a series of four sessions in Congress entitled "Prevention of Torture: The Role of the United Nations, International Law and the United States." The Task Force heard presentations from Representative James Moran of VA, Chris Van Hollen of MD, and Edward Markey of MA as well as concerned academics, NGO advocates, health professionals, and survivors of torture. On the basis of these sessions the Executive Committee of the UNA-NCA adopted a resolution on November 1st urging Congress to retain the amendment by Senator John McCain (to the Defense appropriations bill) that rejects the use of torture and other cruel and inhumane interrogation methods by US agencies and personnel. As part of our advocacy efforts, this resolution was sent to members of the Senate-House conference committee considering the appropriations bill to which this amendment was attached at a time when the House conferees were standing in opposition. Congress did subsequently approve the McCain Amendment and the President signed the

appropriations bill with the amendment. At the same time, however, the President also signed a document indicating he could choose to waive the amendment's prohibition if national security so required. The Task Force will continue to monitor this situation.



Mr. Leonard Rubenstein (l) executive director of Physicians for Human Rights receives the UNA-NCA Human Rights Award from Mr. Jonathan Salzberg (r) chair of the UNA-NCA Human Rights Task Force.

The UNA-NCA Human Rights Day Luncheon was held on December 9, 2005 in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building with about 200 people attending. Ten non-governmental organizations nominated individuals for their contribution to human rights and certificates were granted jointly by the UNA-NCA and the nominating organizations. Nominating organizations included the American Bar Association, Amnesty International USA, and Americans for Democratic Action. UNA-NCA, UNA-USA and the Society for International Development gave an award to Andrew E. Rice, immediate past president of UNA-NCA, for his life long fight against poverty and hunger.

The 2005 UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Award was given to Leonard Rubenstein, M.D., Executive Director of Physicians for Human Rights (PHR). This award is given to someone

who has been an advocate for international human rights, championed an effective role of the United Nations and regional organizations in the promotion of human rights, advocated for human rights to be a top priority in U.S. foreign and domestic policies, and sought to elevate the role of non-governmental organizations in the promotion of human rights. Since 1996, Mr. Rubenstein has led PHR in conducting scientific investigations and mobilizing health professions to stop torture, genocide and crimes against humanity; to prevent violence against women, and to expose racial discrimination in the health and justice systems in the United States. In his keynote address he discussed the deleterious effects of torture on the victim, the perpetrator, and society in general and urged Congress to adopt the McCain Amendment. (Dr. Rubenstein's address is posted on the UNA-NCA web site.)

The 2006 Perdita Huston Human Rights Award was presented on May 31 to Sunitha Krishnan, founder and director of Prajwala, based in Andhra Pradesh, India. UNA-NCA has been sponsoring the award since 2002, in memory of Perdita Huston, a loyal UNA-NCA board member who passed away in December 2001.



UNA-NCA Executive Director Paula Boland (l), 2006 Perdita Huston Awardee Dr. Sunitha Krishnan (c), and member of the selection committee and UNA-NCA board member Page Wilson (r) at the award ceremony held at the Woman's National Democratic Club.

At an early age, Sunitha Krishnan committed her life to ending human trafficking in her country and around the world. Millions of victims every year are either coerced, sold, or kidnapped for labor, organ trade or sexual exploitation. Many of them are no older than six. Through her organization, Prajwala, or "an eternal flame", Sunitha is fighting to raise awareness about the human trafficking industry, to rescue, rehabilitate, and support trafficked women and children, and ultimately, to banish the practice all together.

In her home, in Andhra Pradesh, India, and abroad, Sunitha has exemplified the passionate championship of human rights, but it is the innovation and creativity that she brings to the battle that distinguishes her. Prajwala's multi-pronged approach intervenes in all aspects of the human trafficking chain. Led by a staff of 146, 95 of whom are survivors themselves, the organization focuses on awareness, prevention, rescue, health education, and rehabilitation.

Prajwala, under Sunitha's leadership, has lobbied effectively for awareness and policy change, has identified and developed partnerships with honest government officials, helped create "community vigilance groups" that reach out to at risk individuals; and built a home that provides health services and education to rescued children. Another component is Prajwala's reintegration system that partners with private businesses to train and employ rescued women.

Sunitha has faced danger, endured personal injury, and lost many friends in this struggle. The UNA-NCA award recognizes her commitment and her vision.

LABOR STANDARDS

"The attack on world poverty and economic development is missing a key element -- labor standards" -- Peter Bakvis, head of the Washington office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, told

participants in a brown bag lunch sponsored by the UNA-NCA Labor Committee and the Society for International Development.

About 35 UNA-NCA and SID members and guests attending the lunch at the United Nations Foundation heard Bakvis call for all nations, especially underdeveloped countries, to observe the five "core worker rights" endorsed in 1998 by the International Labor Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations: (1) freedom of association, (2) effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, (3) elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor, (4) abolition of child labor, (5) elimination of discrimination in respect to employment and occupation.

"These rights are particularly important because they make it possible for workers to join together to form unions and through collective bargaining protect and promote human rights and worker rights for themselves and for the society in which they live," Bakvis declared. "These worker rights re-enforce rights listed in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights," he added.

The UNA-NCA Labor Committee also joined an AFL-CIO Human Rights Day rally for worker rights in Lafayette Park in front of the White House.



Outreach

UNITED NATIONS WEEK 2005

Under the theme of "The UN at 60: Celebration, Renewal, Reform," UN Week 2005 continued as the traditional highpoint of UNA-NCA's year-around efforts to build understanding of the United Nations and to support constructive participation of the United States in the UN. Under the direction of UN Week Chair, Matthew Corso, and with assistance from 27 organizations, a series of eleven events were held to commemorate 60 years of United Nations history and accomplishments. The events also tackled the complex issues of reform and renewal, at a time when they are high on the UN agenda.

Over 2,000 people attended UNA-NCA's eleven events over the course of six days. The audience ranged from elementary school students to fashion designers, from political scholars to business executives, from foreign policy students to foreign policy makers.

The UN Week opening ceremony took place at the Marie Reed Community Learning Center as

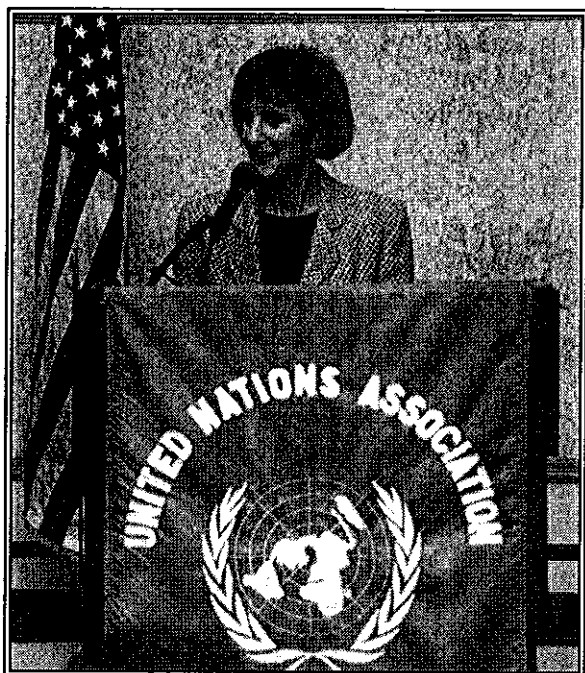


DC Mayor Anthony Williams presents his formal declaration for United Nations Week in Washington DC at the UN Week Opening Ceremonies at Marie Reed Community Learning Center.

UN Information Center Director William Davis led an interactive dialogue with ten selected Marie Reed students who shared their

knowledge about the United Nations and the importance of such issues as peace, security, the environment, and global community. DC Mayor Anthony Williams also participated, praising the UN for its work in peacekeeping and presenting UNA-NCA with his official proclamation of the week in the District as "United Nations Week."

That same day, more than 250 UNA-NCA members and guests attended a major luncheon honoring Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) for his strong and consistent support of the United Nations and PricewaterhouseCoopers for its pro bono development of an effective and transparent accounting system for tracking the expenses of the Tsunami Relief Fund. In addition, the luncheon featured an address from former UN Assistant Secretary-General Gillian Sorensen, now Senior Advisor to the UN Foundation, on her efforts to promote understanding of the UN's many successes. UNA-USA's award to Senator Sarbanes was presented by Thomas Pickering, former US Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs and Ambassador to the United Nations.



Gillian Sorensen, former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General provided introductory remarks at the UN 60th Anniversary Luncheon.

More than 175 people, mostly undergraduate and graduate students, attended "Making History 101: How You Can Help End Poverty" at George Washington University's Marvin Center to hear speakers discuss different ways of attacking poverty through academics, politics, business, and grass-roots action. The presentations covered the status of progress toward the Millennium Development Goals, with review of the current efforts of the US Department of State and the World Bank to address poverty and the difficulties that are being encountered. This event was also part of the "The People Speak" initiative of the UN Foundation and the Better World Campaign.

"Water is Life" was the theme of "Celebrating the World at Your Library" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, as local students from grades six through eight gathered with their teachers, library staff, and UNA-NCA members to celebrate UN Week and discuss the importance of water conservation. Robert Boone, President of the Anacostia Watershed Society brought these issues home with his review of the state of the Anacostia, while Andrew Hudson from the UN Development Program discussed the importance of protecting international waters. The event concluded with a UN birthday celebration, with selected students representing United Nations member states. UN publications and posters remained on display at the MLK Library for a month.

"Youth Social Technopreneurship – Taking it Global," a full-day program at the World Bank, cosponsored by UNA-NCA, the World Bank Y2Y Youth Community, TakingITGlobal, OAS YABT and IDB YOUTH, demonstrated how young people are contributing to international development through their innovative use of information and communications technologies (ICT). The event showcased the efforts of four young people around the world.



Fashion Fights Poverty attracted celebrities such as Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis (r).

Held at the beautiful French Embassy, "Fashion Fights Poverty" brought over 300 fashion-minded DC young people and supporters of the efforts to end poverty to the first-ever DC fashion exhibition to raise awareness of the needs of the impoverished world. The catwalk showcased vivid fashion styles inspired by designs from around the world, but also featured groups and organizations supporting campaigns to end poverty, such as "Beads for Life," The One Campaign, and the US Committee for UN Development Program (UNDP). Funds raised from this charity event were contributed to the International Year of Micro-credit Campaign.

"UN Reform: Moving from Rhetoric to Reality," co-sponsored by UNA-NCA and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, featured Christopher Burnham, UN Under-Secretary General for Management who reviewed the efforts he is leading, with the full support of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, to improve accountability and transparency at the United Nations. Burnham noted that there is a short window for reform, with Annan's support and commitment, in the time remaining before

the end of Annan's term as Secretary-General at the end of 2006.

UN Week 2005 concluded its celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the UN with a Gala & Masquerade Ball at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, co-sponsored by the International Club of Washington, D.C. This renaissance costume or black tie event featured Venetian masks, dinner and wine to set the mood for waltzes and other formal dances under the chandeliers of the museum's rotunda, and a session of Latin dances.

Many people of various cultures attended the gala, which brought UN Week 2005 to a fitting, celebratory close.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) continues to remain one of the premier young professional groups in the DC area. Membership continues to grow; events are varied and numerous with panelists and partnerships from many backgrounds; and the inner workings of YPIC are becoming more streamlined.

Through traditional recruitment strategies such as identifying members at our events and happy hours, and improvised techniques such as recruiting at career fairs, we have brought YPIC membership to about 350 people.

YPIC events ranging from cultural, to policy discussion, to career opportunities, to networking and to social have consistently been well attended. Many of our events averaged 30 to 40 people. Six events last year exceeded 50. The largest events have brought in 80 to 100 people.



Young Professionals Peace & Security Committee organized a series of discussion panels on Capitol Hill.

Policy discussions have touched on the diagnosis of democracy in Latin America and China; the UN's role in the Middle East; improving coordination between international and local organizations; disaster relief and its effect on women; human trafficking; recognition of minority rights; and income disparities in Latin America.

UN panelists at our events have been Douglas Keh of UNDP; John Fredriksson of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees; Sarah Craven of the United Nations Population Fund and Katherine Marshall of the World Bank.

Career events have helped participants get an overview of careers in the international realm and given them opportunities to network. The YPIC mentoring program, which partners senior UNA-NCA members with current and potential YPIC members, is expanding. DACOR BACON, a subset of this program, organizes dinners at which foreign affairs veterans offer young professionals a wealth of stories, advice, and contacts.

Some of the countries featured in our "Taste of ..." series have been Jordan, Lithuania, Bulgaria, and Liberia. The attendance at these events continues to be exceptionally large. The Taste of Series, is the 'little' version of the flagship embassy programs put on by UNA-

NCA. These events typically incorporate many aspects of a nation including its culture, food, geography, and interactions with the United Nations. UNA-NCA members are treated not only to remarks from the Ambassador about the nation's relationship with the UN, but also may enjoy cultural performances and enjoy traditional food and beverage in the sophisticated surroundings of the embassy. Embassies are also encouraged to provide tourist information for members wishing to visit the country.

As YPIC grows, it continues to strive to define its structure. Of note is the creation of a Secretariat to improve overall efficiency and cohesion. It has also created three new committees: Press and Media Committee, Women's Issues and International Economics (IEC). The IEC, under the leadership of Somender Chaudhary, attracted 80 people to its inaugural event at the George Washington University on "Globalization and Risks in Emerging Markets." These committees give YPIC greater reach to pull in members interested in new areas.

EMBASSY PROGRAMS

UNA-NCA's Embassy Committee organizes several embassy programs every year, attempting to rotate among different geographical areas. A UNA-NCA intern, Kamissa Camara, a native of the Republic of Mali now studying in France, helped us to arrange a panel discussion last September at the home of the Mali Ambassador on the theme "Multilateralism in Western Africa: Regional Organizations and the United Nations". Panel participants included the H.E. Abdoulaye Diop, ambassador of Mali; Robert Berg, senior advisor to the UN Economic Commission for Africa; and Caroline Sergeant, British Alternate executive director, World Bank. The discussion covered the relationship of West African nations to the UN, the G-8, and regional organizations. Music and delicacies from Mali were also featured.

A second event this year was entitled "It's A Small World After All: Liechtenstein's Influence on the United Nations." Ambassador Claudia Fritsche, former Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, spoke of her UN experiences and issues raised by UN reform to guests at the Chancery of Liechtenstein. Other features of the evening included an Embassy prepared report on the history of UN-Liechtenstein relations, a light supper, and a film highlighting stories related by three Ambassadors to the UN, including Ambassador Fritsche, Jan Eliasson, and Jean Levitte.

The committee is organizing an reception at the Embassy of Poland for early October.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

UNA-NCA continues to reach out to organizations and constituencies beyond our own membership. One notable program was an event held at the Martin Luther King Library, the central DC public library, during UN Week 2005. This brought in a group of DC middle school students for an event which included both background on the UN and a discussion on environmental protection focused on the Anacostia River in our own backyard. UN publications and posters remained on display for a month at the MLK Central Library and at several DC branch libraries.

UNA-NCA also partnered with the Gandhi Memorial Center in Bethesda in a March 11th panel discussion on the developmental challenges facing India. This event at the Center, which is a memorial to the life and work of Mahatma Ganhi as well as to the cultural heritage of India, brought members of the Indian American community to provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion between them and UNA-NCA members. Panelists were Walter Andersen, associate director of the South Asia Studies Program at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University; Dawn Calabria, consultant to the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP) and former deputy director of the UN Information Center in Washington; and Smita Tewari Jassal, lecturer on gender and development policies at American University and at SAIS.



A discussion panel on India and the United Nations engaged the Washington Indian community as well as India specialists from local think-tanks and UN agencies.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The UNA-NCA Speakers Bureau seeks invitations from international, religious, civic, and humanitarian organizations. UNA-NCA can find good thinkers and speakers to match up with good groups and welcomes additional invitations.

An addition to the Speakers Bureau this year is Alan Dillingham, UNA-NCA Task Force chair, who spoke on United Nations Reform to a retirement community in Alexandria where almost 100 people attended. Advisory Council member Donald Kraus speaks to many groups for UNA and Citizens for Global Solutions, of which he is a senior staff member. Neal Potter, then Advisory Council Chair, spoke to a Kensington Retirement Community.

Kakenya Nitaia, youth advisor to the UN Population Fund and Emily Carnes, UNA-NCA's Vice President for Development, spoke last fall at a banquet in an Annapolis Unitarian Church concerned with world population, on the theme "Saving Women's Lives." Nitaia, who escaped an arranged marriage in Kenya, received help from her community to come to

the US, attended Randolph Macon College, and now graduate school.

UNA-NCA President A. Edward Elmendorf has been recruited to speak in July in Baltimore to UNA members and friends. Looking further

ahead, Dawn Calabria of the UNA-NCA Advisory Council, former Deputy Director of the UN Information Center, is scheduled to speak to a Unitarian forum on October 22, 2006, two days prior to UN Day.



Administration & Operations

MEMBERSHIP

UNA-NCA continues to retain its position as the largest UNA unit in the country with some 1,400 members. Retention of existing members continues to be an important issue and intensive work is being carried out through initiatives both to obtain new members and to retain existing ones.

A major initiative by the Membership Committee is the acquisition of membership lists of organizations with similar interests from which to draw prospective members. These lists, as well as those of attendees at UNA-NCA program events and a variety of other sources, identify prospective members who are sent letters of invitation and current newsletters. Other initiatives included continuing outreach to student, teachers, young professionals, and volunteers.

Members were encouraged to give memberships as gifts to friends and relatives. Board members have been especially helpful in identifying prospective members. The Membership Committee is also pursuing increased UNA-NCA membership from the diverse ethnic communities in the National Capital Area. Other initiatives for membership recruitment include the new "Democracy In Action" (DIA) database system, community access TV programs, and the free subscription to Foreign Policy magazine for new members.

A major membership retention initiative is the systematic calling of lapsed members to invite them to renew. UNA-USA took a page from our book and ran a contest to see which unit could get the most renewals in this manner. We won the contest in our category. The committee also works with the Area Chairs to hold new member receptions. The Virginia reception was held in September and the DC and Maryland receptions are being planned.

COMMUNICATIONS

UNA-NCA organizes over sixty events in the course of a year, with attendance from a few dozen to several hundreds. Many members attend only one or two events a year; many of the strongest supporters of our activities rarely participate personally. Communications with our members are critical, not only to bring them information from our meetings, but, above all, to let them know what their organization is doing.

Our quarterly newsletter, *UN Vision*, is critical to our communications efforts. We have presented both analyses of major events at or affecting the UN – such as the articles on the Mitchell-Gingrich report and on UN Reform by Advisory Council members Robert Oakley and Princeton Lyman and an outline of US Government priorities for UN reform by Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs Kristen Silverberg – as well as continued coverage of our own meetings.

Our weekly email UN Express and our UNA-NCA web site are essential to our member communications. We continue to upgrade the content of both, with substantive news notes as well as information on forthcoming programs.

Where possible, we seek to reach broader audiences. UN Week activities are publicized through cooperating organizations. We were especially pleased when C-SPAN recorded and rebroadcast the presentation of Ambassador Jan Eliasson, who was about to become President of the UN General Assembly, to our Annual Meeting in June 2005. The C-SPAN videotape was subsequently used by a number of UNA chapters throughout the country.

Information Technology

During the year UNA-NCA decided to introduce a new database system supported by a non-profit IT enterprise, Democracy in Action (DIA). The DIA system permitted UNA-NCA to start receiving donations online during the year, and is expected over time to streamline many office functions. UNA-NCA has also created an Information Technology Advisory Group, to advise on the DIA system and other IT issues.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Over the past year UNA-NCA has undergone significant financial changes, but the organization's overall financial position is strong, as detailed below and in the appendices.

2006 is going to be a transformational year for UNA-NCA, with important implications for its financial position. Changes that have already taken place include the move to new office space, expansion of the Global Classrooms program, and enhanced visibility and recognition of UNA-NCA in both education and advocacy. Our chart of accounts and accounting capacity have not kept pace with our dynamic, varied and changing requirements. After interviewing various

candidates we have contracted with Roche & Associates, which has expertise in working with non-profits of our size, to assist us on accounting issues. The firm is revising our chart of accounts, assisting in streamlining our books, and making management reporting and creating reports for external entities less labor intensive. This will stand UNA-NCA in good stead as we partner with other organizations and pursue new ventures. Over time, it should permit accelerating our annual external audit.

Operations

The 2005 budget of \$271,748 adopted by our Board of Directors represented a 50 percent increase over our 2004 budget. Our expenditures in 2005 were somewhat less than budgeted, and revenue exceeded expectations. Thus, as shown in the end-of-year financial data in Appendix 1, income from operations exceeded expenditures on operations by \$36,529. Since the beginning of 2006, we have transferred \$18,255 from operations to the Florence Pepper Schott Endowment.

Development

Our 2005 development year, from February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006, was a great success. It was based on our tradition of two requests for funds from our members - an Anniversary Appeal coinciding with UNA-NCA's birthday in the spring, and an End-of-the-Year Campaign starting in November. In 2005 contributions for operations totaled \$91,300, more than forty-five percent over our budget goal of \$63,000. Much of this significant increase was due to the generous donation of former UNA-NCA President Florence Pepper Schott. Total donations, for operations and endowment, amounted to \$106,925 in 2005.

The share of Board members contributing to UNA-NCA operations or endowment rose from 75% in 2004 to 83% in 2005. This exceeds our record high of 79% participation in UNA-NCA's 50th Anniversary Year in 2003.

With intense engagement from many, UNA-NCA produced a major grant request to expand our Global Classrooms program with an after school Global Youth Ambassadors program in under-privileged wards of Washington DC. Although unsuccessful, the grant proposal has positioned UNA-NCA to submit comparable grant requests to other funders.

Florence Pepper Schott Endowment

At the end of March 30, 2006 the three funds in the UNA-NCA Florence Pepper Schott Endowment totaled \$779,686.03. Balances for each fund were as follows:

Fund A: Mission	\$419,360.04
Fund B: Facilities	\$316,472.87
Fund C: Perdita Huston	\$43,853.12

At its final meeting of the year, the Endowment Committee decided to establish Fund D for the Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund.

The UNA-NCA audited statements of financial position in Appendix I reveal a critical change in the UNA-NCA endowment, as a result of the sale of a condominium apartment owned and previously leased by UNA-NCA and the placement of the proceeds in the UNA-NCA endowment. This created the so-called facilities fund, intended to finance UNA-NCA office space. The Endowment Committee recently decided to name the fund the Evelyn Falkowski Facilities Fund, in honor of the donor of the condominium apartment.

Contributions to the Florence Schott Pepper Endowment for the period from July 1, 2005 through March 30, 2006 totaled \$10,005.. Funds transferred from the endowment to the operating fund during this period totaled \$41,109.

The Endowment Committee continued to review performance, asset allocation, and the future role of the endowment. The Committee has begun discussions on the possibility of an Principal recommendations were:

endowment campaign, to increase the capacity of the endowment to finance UNA-NCA operations and office space.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The last UNA-NCA strategic plan was developed and approved by the board of directors in 2003. Recognizing that both UNA-NCA and the world around us have changed in the last three years, President A. Edward Elmendorf asked a committee drawn from the board of directors and staff to re-examine our programs and organization. The committee concluded that the organization has made substantial progress in the last three years, particularly in programs and in funding and that the need now is not for a new strategic plan, but rather for some redefinition and refocusing of programs that will, for the next three years, build on the plan as previously approved.

On the basis of the work of the strategic plan committee, the Board adopted new vision and mission statements for UNA-NCA. They closely follow comparable statements of UNA-USA, and are included on the front inside cover of this report.

Most important: the 2006 strategic planning committee recommended that the National Capital Area Division of the United Nations Association recognize that UNA-NCA occupies a unique position, based on our position in the nation's capital and the strengths of our membership, and build upon this unique position.

The committee recognized that the principal weakness apparent in review of the 2003-2006 Strategic Plan was that we have not yet motivated a sufficient number of volunteers to take active roles in planning and carrying out our activities. The refinements are, on the whole, intended to better energize the membership in active support of UNA-NCA programs.

- Continued expansion and improvement of Global Education programs that reach out beyond our membership;
- Restructuring and additional support for the Advocacy Program;
- An expanded role for the Vice President for Programs in coordinating the work of many of the substantive committees and task forces;
- Institution of monthly UNA-NCA Chapter Meetings, with speakers or a panel, with the goal of wider member participation;
- Sustained efforts to recruit more and increasingly active participants for UNA-NCA committees and task forces;
- Additional support for YPIC and better coordination between UNA-NCA and YPIC, particularly in program development;
- Priority attention to upgrading the UNA-NCA website and updating information and news items posted on it;
- Strengthened management procedures, including a personnel and procedures manual, careful analysis of time invested in projects, and performance evaluations;
- Annual review by the Executive Committee of the UNA-NCA Strategic Plan and progress toward our objectives.
- A membership goal of 1,700 by 2009 – a net increase of 100 members annually worth extra attention to member retention.
- A minimum annual increase in funding for operations of \$10,000 annually. To support operations, an increase in the endowment funds of approximately \$70,000 annually.

The complete UNA-NCA Strategic Plan can be found on the UNA-NCA website at www.unanca.org.

APPENDIX 1: BUDGETED AND ACTUAL 2005 INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

INCOME	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)
UNA-NCA Share of UNA-USA Membership Dues	11,300	17,886
Contributions for Operations	63,000	91,300
Transfers from Endowment	37,948	41,109
Annual Meeting	3,000	7,260
UN Week Sponsors	3,000	1,000
Education Programs	121,500	100,232
Perdita Houston Award Fund	20,000	20,000
Other	12,000	7,095
TOTAL	271,748	285,882

EXPENSES	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)
Compensation	122,000	106,000
Programs and Task Forces	89,512	60,974
Transfers to Endowment	0	30,426
Administrative costs	51,794	51,000
Miscellaneous	8,442	953
TOTAL	271,748	249,353

APPENDIX 2 – BALANCE SHEET AND AUDIT REPORT FOR 2004



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Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Board of Directors
The United Nations Association of the
United States of America, Inc.,
National Capital Area
Washington, D.C.**

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The United Nations Association of the United States of America, Inc., National Capital Area (a not-for-profit organization) as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The United Nations Association of the United States of America, Inc., National Capital Area as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Snyder, Cohn, Collyer, Hamilton & Associates, P.C.

July 20, 2005

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APPENDIX 2 – BALANCE SHEET AND AUDIT REPORT FOR 2004 (CONT.)

The United Nations Association of the
United States of America, Inc.,
National Capital Area

Statements of Financial Position

December 31	2004	2003
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,607	\$ 64,759
Accounts receivable	3,483	2,898
Total current assets	<u>49,090</u>	<u>67,657</u>
Property and equipment:		
Condominium	-	63,000
Land	-	29,000
Office equipment	7,794	6,047
	<u>7,794</u>	<u>98,047</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(6,024)	(13,467)
Total property and equipment	<u>1,770</u>	<u>84,580</u>
Security deposits	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Investments	<u>719,629</u>	<u>337,480</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 771,689</u>	<u>\$ 490,917</u>
Liabilities and net assets		
Current liabilities:		
Withholdings and payroll tax liabilities	\$ 833	\$ 2,004
Security deposits	-	6,500
Total current liabilities	<u>833</u>	<u>8,504</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	329,832	91,505
Board designated	394,480	339,073
Temporarily restricted	46,544	51,835
Total net assets	<u>770,856</u>	<u>482,413</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 771,689</u>	<u>\$ 490,917</u>

APPENDIX 3 – RECOGNITION OF DONORS IN 2005

Contributions to UNA-NCA Operations/Endowment*

UN Millennium Goals Achievers (\$10,000 and Above)

Anonymous	Evelyn Falkowski
Arthur Johnson	Florence Pepper Schott

UNA-NCA Ambassadors Circle (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Edison & Sally Dick	Tobia & Linda Mercuro
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Andrew E. Rice	Global Impact Comb Fed	Richard B. Griffis
Edison W. Dick	Campaign	Robert Wilbur
Emily L. Carnes	Joanne Perlman	Timothy S. Wierzbicki
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	Margaret Richings	Outreach Program

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* Covers the period from February 2005 through January 2006

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APPENDIX 4: UNA-NCA EVENTS

On May 25, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented "A Quaker Presence in Palestine: Supporting Non-Violence in a Land of Occupation and Conflict" at the United Nations Information Center.

On June 4, 2005 UNA-NCA hosted its Annual Meeting Luncheon, with guest speaker and president of the UN General Assembly Jan Eliasson at the Jury's Hotel.

On June 9, 2005 UNA-NCA presented another lecture on Palestine at the United Nations Foundation.

On June 28, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored "Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision," at the United Nations Foundation.

On June 29, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented "Voices of Freedom in China: A Look at Human Rights in the World's Most Populous Country" at the United Nations Foundation.

On July 26, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented "Refugee, Resettlement, and Human Security: Challenges of Refugee Resettlement in the Washington Metropolitan Area" at Capitol Hill.

On July 28, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC hosted an International Affairs Career Mentoring Session with retired Foreign Service officer Bill Morgan at the Dacor Bacon House.

On August 30, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented part II of "Refugee, Resettlement, and Human Security: Challenges of Refugee Resettlement in the Washington Metropolitan Area" at Capitol Hill.

On September 6, 2005 UNA-NCA presented "Multilateralism in Western Africa: Regional Organizations and the United Nations" at the residence of H.E. Adoulaye Diop, Ambassador of Mali to the United States.

On September 10, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored "One with Africa," an evening of solidarity at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

On September 11, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored the "Embassy Row Unity Walk" from the Washington Hebrew Congregation to the Gandhi Memorial.

On September 21, 2005 UNA-NCA hosted a celebration of the International Day of Peace at the John Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies.

On September 25, 2005 UNA-NCA hosted a New Members Reception for Virginia residents at the George Mason University's Arlington campus.

On September 28, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC co-sponsored a rooftop Happy Hour at the Embassy Row Hilton Hotel.

On September 29, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored a luncheon with Ambassador Princeton N. Lyman at the National Democratic Club.

On October 4, 2005 UNA-NCA's Human Rights Task Force co-sponsored "Prevention of Torture in Armed Conflict and the War on Terror" as part I of "International Prevention of Torture: The Role of the United Nations, International Law and the United States" at the Cannon House Office Building.

On October 5, 2005 UNA-NCA presented two events, "International Cooperation in Space Exploration" at Russell Senate Office Building and "Labor Standards in Development: the Missing Link in Global Poverty Reduction" at the United Nations Foundation.

On October 6, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC Africa Committee hosted the Inaugural Happy Hour at Ghana Café in Adams Morgan.

On October 11, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored "United Nations Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" as part II of "International Prevention of Torture: The Role of the United Nations, International Law and the United States" at the Cannon House Office Building.

On October 18, 2005 UNA-NCA co-sponsored "Litigation Strategies and Recommendations to Congress and the United Nations for the Prevention of Torture" as part III of "International Prevention of Torture: The Role of the United Nations, International Law and the United States" at the Cannon House Office Building.

On October 18, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented a Taste of Lithuania at the Embassy of Lithuania.

On October 20, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC co-sponsored a film screening of "Good Kurds, Bad Kurds," a film by Kevin McKiernan at American University.

On October 24, 2005 UNA-NCA began UN Week with an opening ceremony at the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center and celebrated the 60th anniversary of the UN with a luncheon at the Washington Court Hotel.

APPENDIX 4: UNA-NCA EVENTS (CONT.)

On October 25, 2005 UNA-NCA, as part of UN Week, co-sponsored "The Gender Dimension" at the Pan-American Health Organization and "Prevention of

Torture: Role of the Health Professions, Survivors, and the Treatment Movement for Victims of Torture" as part IV of "International Prevention of Torture: The Role of the United Nations, International Law and the United States" at the Cannon House Office Building.

On October 26, 2005 UNA-NCA, as part of UN Week, co-sponsored a Millennium Development Goals event entitled "Making History 101: How You Can Help End Poverty" at the George Washington University along with another rooftop Happy Hour at the Embassy Row Hilton Rooftop.

On October 27, 2005 UNA-NCA, as part of UN Week, co-sponsored "Celebrating the World at Your Library" at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and "Youth Social Technopreneurship – Taking it Global" at the World Bank Headquarters and "Fashion Fights Poverty" at the Embassy of France.

On October 28, 2005 UNA-NCA, as part of UN Week, co-sponsored "UN Reform: Moving from Rhetoric to Reality" at the Woodrow Wilson Center and "An African Adventure: Exploring the Relationship between Conflict and Development" at Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center.

On October 29, 2005 UNA-NCA, as part of UN Week, supported a 60th Anniversary Gala and Masquerade Ball held at the National Museum for Women in the Arts.

On November 17, 2005 UNA-NCA presented "It's a Small World After All: Liechtenstein's Influence at the United Nations" at the Embassy of the Principality of Liechtenstein.

On November 30, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented "Income Inequality and Democracy in Latin America" at the National Council of La Raza.

On December 6, 2005 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented a panel discussion entitled "Natural Disasters: the International Response to Women" at American University.

On December 9, 2005 UNA-NCA hosted its annual Human Rights Luncheon to honor Leonard Rubenstein at Capitol Hill.

On January 24, 2006 UNA-NCA co-sponsored a world-wide video conference at the World Bank, with high school students from Accra (Ghana), Beijing (China), New Delhi (India), Mexico City (Mexico), and

Washington, DC under the general umbrella of the UNA-USA Global Classrooms program, on topics treated in the Bank's forthcoming World Development Report 'Development and the Next Generation.'

On February 7, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented a panel discussion entitled "Forgotten Minority: Christians in the Middle East" at the George Washington University.

On February 23, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented part III of "Refugee, Resettlement, and Human Security: Process and Impact of Refugee Policy" at the International City/County Management Association.

On February 24, 2006 UNA-NCA presented "Millennium Development Goals event" with the US Committee for UNDP and other sponsors, at the Pan American Health Organization.

On March 8, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC presented Taste of Liberia, at the Embassy of Liberia.

On April 1, 2006 UNA-NCA provided transportation to UNA-USA Members' Day at the United Nations in New York.

On March 31, 2006 UNA-NCA presented a tribute event to immediate past President Andrew E. Rice and launched the Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund, at the Academy for Educational Development.

On April 7, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC International Economics Committee presented "Globalization and Risks in Emerging Markets" at the George Washington University.

On April 11, 2006 UNA-NCA presented "Taste of Bulgaria" the Embassy of Bulgaria.

On April 26, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC co-sponsored "Muslim Youth and Insurgency in Southeast Asia" at American University.

On April 27, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC co-sponsored a career event entitled "Careers in Conflict Resolution & Management" at the International City/County Management Association.

On April 28, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC co-sponsored "Women and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Achievements and Challenges" a case study of Morocco at Georgetown University.

On May 18, 2006 UNA-NCA held its annual Model United Nations Conference at the United State

Department of State, in cooperation with DC Public Schools and the UNA-USA Global Classrooms program.

On May 22, 2006 UNA-NCA presented "Dynamics of UN Reform" in partnership with the Meridian International Center.

On May 24, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC celebrated the 60th year of Jordanian Independence with a reception at the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

On May 31, 2006 UNA-NCA presented the Perdita Huston Human Rights Award Ceremony at the Women's National Democratic Club.

On June 7, 2006 the annual meeting of UNA-USA Chapters and Divisions began in Washington, DC at the Pan-American Health Organization and lasted through June 11.

On June 8, 2006 UNA-NCA's YPIC organized a career fair for "Careers in International Affairs & Development" held at the Pan-American American Health Organization.

On June 10, 2006 UNA-NCA hosted its 54th annual meeting followed by the UNA-USA banquet at the Marriott Metro-Center Hotel.

APPENDIX 5 – PROGRAM ASSISTANTS & OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Over the year under review, UNA-NCA has repeated prior successes with Program Assistants. During the year this intern program engaged eleven undergraduate and graduate students from ten different universities and colleges representing seven different nationalities.

UNA-NCA Program Assistants have become crucial to the daily operations of the UNA-NCA office. They have demonstrated high levels of initiative and talent, in experiences as varied as teaching high school students and encouraging Members of Congress to support specific legislation.

Here is some feedback on their experience with UNA-NCA from interns who completed their service over the past year:

"The UNA-NCA was my family in DC. All of the program assistants were important and there was an entire network of people supporting us. The best part, however, was keeping in touch with the other program assistants all this time. It's an amazing group of people and I wouldn't have traded that experience for the world.

It was more than a resume builder, it was a character builder."

"I must say that the internship broadened my understanding of not only how an inter-governmental organization, such as the UN, functions, but also how a non-governmental organization, such as the UNA, functions on a daily basis. Because I was able to work on several projects during my internship, I was fortunate enough to get glimpses of the business aspects of UNA work as well as the diverse talent it attracts. I realized that running a non-profit organization required a lot of work, but when the cause is good and the people with whom one works are great, it's well worth the time!"

Feedback indicates that the Program Assistants were also frustrated – at times very frustrated – by the cramped office space and conditions of UNA-NCA at 1808 Connecticut Avenue. This situation has changed dramatically with the move to 2000 P Street.

Fall 2005

Shyla Batliwalla – University of California, Irvine

Kate Robinson – Georgetown University

Takashi Fujishima – Coe College, Iowa

Kristina Athanasopoulos – Queens University, Canada

Spring 2006

Milena Brozyna – George Mason University

Kenney Elkomous – San Diego University

Mary Michael – University of Maryland, College Park

Nicole Moler – The George Washington University

Summer 2006

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Colin Megill – University of Connecticut

Nur-E Farhana – Georgetown University

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Fall 2005 Program Assistants



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