

Professor makes difference elsewhere

By Colin Baker
Staff reporter

Traffic jams, crowded crosswalks and a style of pizza that nothing can compare to. This is Chicago. There is a small institute inside that big city that helps students from around the country apply for internships and helps those students to earn college credit while in the city.

A professor makes a difference on this campus for the Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture. "I am the campus liaison," Phil Schmidt, professor of history, said. "I facilitate the recruitment trips that the center takes."

Schmidt set up a visit for two of the center's recruiters who were on campus last month. The recruiters inform students about the center and the opportunities.

The Chicago Center collaborates with more than 31 colleges across the United States. Those colleges can send students for a semester, the two-month summer term or the May term. "Another part of my job is letting the students know about the

courses we offer and for them to have somebody to talk to," Schmidt said. "I help them with the application process and I proofread the essays. We want all our students to be literate." Schmidt will be leaving in early January for a sabbatical and to participate in the January term.

"I am participating because I want to get the full experience just like the student does and see what it is like," Schmidt said. "I will also be flying around the country to interview 12 graduates that the center has had and ask them what kind of an impact it had on them."

Schmidt hopes to enjoy his time in Chicago and to conduct research on woman's suffrage. "I am looking to enjoy my time while I am there," Schmidt said. "When I do the research on woman suffrage I will be looking at how the 'New York Times' compared to the Chicago press when they covered the story."

He will also be writing a book with Scott Chesebro, executive director of the Chicago Center. The book will be about the Chicago Center

and how it impacts each student's life.

Diane Dixon, biology senior, completed an internship at the Chicago Center over the summer. "Phil helped me with the application process," Dixon said. "He had the recruiters come to the campus and give the positive side to what the center offers us as students."

Dixon was an intern at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago where she participated in outreach programs.

"I would go to nursing homes and help there," Dixon said. Dixon said the center itself has some strengths and weaknesses.

"One of their strengths was that they make you really involved within the city," Dixon said. "You live inside the city and get to experience everything firsthand. Their weaknesses would be that they took a long time telling me if I got in or not and you also had to find your own internship instead of them finding one for you."

Dixon recommended that the best time to attend the center would be the summer term. "There are all the fes-

tivals going on," Dixon said. "You always have something to do."

She knows about Schmidt's sabbatical. "I am really happy for Phil and what he is going to be doing," Dixon said. "I think he will add to the Chicago Center and make it a better place and I just want to tell him good luck and have fun."

Another student will be participating in an internship through the center in the near future. "I am pretty sure I will be going the first semester of my senior year," Mah-rjon Hafez, technical theatre junior, said. "That way when I come back, I can tell everybody about it the next semester."

Professors recommend that students find more information on how to get involved. "Allison and Roger Moon told me about it," Hafez said. "They mention it, but we have to go fill out all the paperwork and do the application process."

Hafez has a close friend in Chicago interning for theatre.

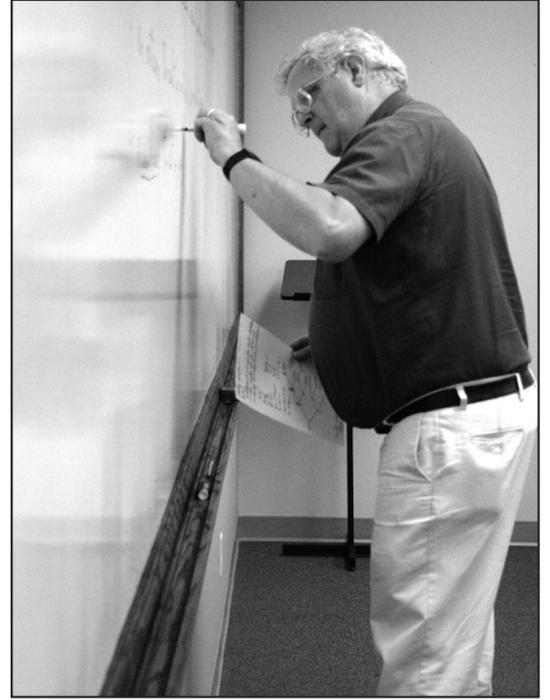
"My friend Miwa is there right now," Hafez said. "She

always tells me in her e-mails how much she is enjoying it and has told me to check it out. She is having a lot of success with her internship."

Hafez would like to do an

internship to learn about scenic design or visual arts.

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Sam Gillis/Collegian photographer
Phil Schmidt, professor of history, is taking a sabbatical to the Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture.

Leading advocate of sustainable lifestyle lectures

By Jessica Bernhardt
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"So you have no idea what I do," he said to a room full of students, faculty and community members Oct. 1. "I'm a community organizer. What I do is organize the academic communities around the country."

Anthony Cortese is one of the nation's top advocates for sustainable lifestyles. Last week was his first time visiting Kansas. And he wouldn't have been here if it hadn't been for President Dick Merriman's commitment to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

Cortese is the co-director of ACUPCC. In simple terms, it is an effort to deal with global warming. In order to do this, college presidents across the country have come together and signed a pact. "Southwestern College is one of 400 signatories,"

said Cortese. "Congratulations to Dick and the people here at Southwestern College."

Cortese spent three days on campus giving lectures and visiting with faculty, staff and students.

Nearly 100 people attended the public lecture Wednesday evening, filling Mossman 101 to more than its capacity. Students, faculty and community members were not only sitting in the 84 chairs available, but were filling the stairways and entryway.

Kaydee Johnson, business sophomore, attended the lecture because of her business communication class. "My class was asked to come, but also I'm interested in this whole idea of sustainability and how we, as students, can implement it on our campus."

Other students also attended the lecture because of their area of study.

Terry Stewart, nursing senior, said, "It's topical for the nursing program. I hope to gain a better understanding of how sustainability pertains to the nursing field."

Carmon Bliss, elementary education senior, said she went for her Responsibilities for the Future class. "I had heard awesome reports about him, so I was excited to go hear him speak."

Some students attended the lecture out of interest and curiosity.

Julie Wilke, elementary education senior, said, "I attended the lecture because I am interested in ways that I can decrease my carbon footprint and be a more 'green' person."

Jennifer Edwards, business administration senior, said, "I attended the lecture because I heard him speak at Lunches with Leaders. His entire life story interested me. I also am curious about how I can personally be a responsible

citizen and take care of the resources we have."

Cassi Reimer, mathematics junior, attended the lecture because it is something that interests her. "I have a personal interest in sustainability and might possibly want to pursue it as a career."

Students took important facts away with them.

Bliss said, "The one specific thing I remember him telling us is that we need to remember to take care of the earth and come up with great inventions not only for ourselves, but we need to keep in mind how it will affect our kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Cortese emphasized the impact that bottled water and tap water have. He said bottled water costs two to four thousand times more to make than tap water. He also said tap water is healthier because it is tested more frequently.

Wilke said something that stuck with her was the fact

that bottled water is more costly both monetarily and environmentally. "From both standpoints of a consumer and an environmentally conscience person it is a rip off. I thought he did a good job of telling the facts and sharing ways that we can do our part."

Another point Cortese emphasized on was that the earth provides all resources to make life possible, and no part of earth is unaffected by human impact.

Edwards said, "The one thing that really stuck with me is when he emphasized how we need to get to the point where we can reuse everything. We need to stop using up resources and start reusing more."

Roger Klein, biochemistry senior, said the one thing he took away from the lecture was a fact about water bottles. "About six ounces, one third of the volume of a water bottle, of oil is used in or-

der to transport just that one bottle of water to our hands. I haven't ever been a big bottled water drinker, but I will certainly give bottled water drinkers a bit more crap for what they are doing to the environment."

Cortese was impressed by the friendliness of the campus. "I've been delighted to meet so many different people. What struck me about campus is how much everyone tries to work with each other."

Not only do people have to change their ways of living to maintain a sustainable lifestyle, but they have to be patient as well. "The earth doesn't realize how hard it is for us to change," Cortese said.

"It will respond on its own schedule and in its own ways."

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Showcase features music for Homecoming festivities

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The sounds of Homecoming will once again include the blend of performing arts in Kaleidoscope. This year's Kaleidoscope showcase promises to be special with alumni from choir and orchestra returning to join in and contribute to the musical blend.

The performance is at 8 p.m. Oct. 10 in Richardson

Auditorium.

For David Gardner, assistant professor of music, this year's Kaleidoscope has been one of anticipation. "I'm looking forward to reuniting with recent alumni as well as meeting ones from earlier years," Gardner said. He is directing the choir, including alumni and current students.

A sort of rough sketch of planned musical numbers is developed in the spring, with

actual music preparation beginning in the fall. This year, music was sent out to alumni in advance who will be singing or playing in the showcase, so they can prepare to participate with the group.

Other faculty members who are involved in Kaleidoscope include Daniel Stevens, assistant professor of string music, and James Leland, music affiliate faculty. Gardner said that Kaleidoscope generates a good

response from the public, in particular, alumni.

Kyler Chase, theatre senior, is looking forward to this year's production and working with the alumni. Chase is a member of A Capella Choir as well as SC Singers.

He said, "It's really cool when people come back and get to hear new songs as well as past songs they sang. And I think it bridges the generation gap."

Chase said his favorite piece of choir music this year is a song entitled "Village Wedding." He said, "It's very different from everything else we're singing."

Chase's musical part has changed this year. "Until this year I sang baritone, but this year I moved to tenor two-part so everything is like a new song for me," Chase said.

In preparation to singing, Chase said, "I definitely

wake up as early as I can, and if I've been talking or singing all day my voice will not be prepared to sing the new tenor part. I also drink lots of water."

Gardner said, "Music allows outlets to the emotions. It allows us to communicate in a way that is too deep for words."

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Residence halls locked for security

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It's the middle of October and school is in full swing. But the doors stay shut. Since the beginning of this school year, there has been a 24-hour door lockdown on the residence halls.

This is the first year campus has had the 24-hour locked door policy.

Dan Falk, dean of students, said that this idea was talked about since last spring. "We did two student focus groups last spring. From those focus groups we found out that students really wanted a sense of security and that locked residence halls were important," said Falk.

"We also have heard from

parents that they appreciate locked residence halls because it gives them a sense of security for their children."

Jeremiah Roberts, music sophomore, said that the locked doors can be an inconvenience. "It causes me to be late trying to find my keys wherever I left them."

But even though it might be tiresome having the doors locked, has it stopped the fellowship of students?

Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life, said no. "I have been to several residence hall events this semester and have noticed that students from all over campus attend," she said.

"For example, Will Roson and Chris Rooney from Reid residence hall participated

and won the Wallingford pool tournament. We are a close-knit community and locking entrance doors won't change that."

It can be a hassle to reach into that crowded pocket, but surprisingly there have been fewer calls made to security as previous years to have doors unlocked.

Hallinan said, "I just think keeping the doors locked makes sense. I lock my doors at home, even when I am in my house. It is a good habit to learn. I hope that students will learn the importance of carrying their keys and keeping their doors locked."

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Businesses seek student employment

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Soon the Java Jinx will be buzzing with businesses all seeking one thing, future employees. The annual Career Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the Java Jinx.

Dan Falk, dean of students, began the recruitment process back in May for the businesses that are participating. "We just basically called down a list to see what businesses might be interested."

Getting the businesses to commit was a challenge. "Some of the people wanted a sure guarantee that the students would sign up, which is not possible," said Falk.

Heather Helsel, graduate assistant of student life, said the importance of student

understanding was the key. "We want students to know that the career fair is not just for seniors that are graduating. It's for everyone."

For younger students, paid internships might catch an interest.

Some of the businesses offer internships for skills that are sought after in the professional world, and pay you for your time.

All of the businesses attending understand the needs of students, and will be more than happy to answer any questions. Some companies have interview rooms for the potential candidates.

Falk urged students to question the business recruiters. An expressed interest might keep the connection with Southwestern healthy,

and make the companies want to return.

A good example of someone who might have kept the bond between the two is Cordairo Hansen, class of 2008. Hansen said the fair was interesting. "It was neat to see what each company had to offer and the types of work they were looking to hire out to students."

Falk said the combination between the students' interest and their attendance was necessary to produce a successful fair. "Basically the companies and we have a working relationship. We make them happy, and in turn, they make us happy."

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