BFS Report Considers Future of Fulbright Program

To continue as a global trust into the 21st century, the world’s best known and most prominent symbol of international education needs adequate funding and a focused vision, according to a “white paper” issued Feb. 25 by The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board states.

The board oversees the Fulbright program. Congress established it in 1946 to give to the program the nonofficial and impartial perspective of private citizens. The president appoints board members, who come from academic, cultural, and public life.

The board concluded that Congress should double the current appropriation level for the Fulbright program without specifications or earmarks. It also recommended that administrators apply additional funds to more student grants for Americans and to make individual senior scholar grants more commensurate with a first-rate program.

Reaching after the board’s March 7 meeting, Chairman Charles W. Dunn called on all Fulbright program alumni to write to their representatives and senators to urge Congress to double funding for the program. Fulbright Association President Richard T. Arndt also spoke of the necessity of doubling the program. Relevant authorization and appropriations hearings are being held in March and April.

In its preface the white paper states that the Fulbright program is in jeopardy because it is being strangled by too few resources and subverted by too many demands.

While a variety of achievements have furthered the Fulbright program’s historic mission of increasing international understanding and contributed to its hard-earned reputation as “the flagship of international educational exchange,” the program has suffered because it is trying to “do more and more with less and less, . . . an increasingly destructive dynamic,” according to the report.

In constant dollars the program’s annual budget has more than doubled while the number of countries participating has increased tenfold, the board found. This extension, while partly offset by increased financial support from foreign governments and other sources, has meant decreases in the amounts awarded to individual scholars.

The effects of stretching program dollars may be irreparable if not soon addressed, the report states. Lower stipends have reduced the attractiveness of Fulbright awards for U.S. scholars “to the point where outstanding people no longer consider participating,” the report asserts.

The quest for a Fulbright presence in as many countries as possible has also contributed to the loss of outstanding people for the program, the board concluded. Its report states that for many awards candidates are actively recruited or almost anyone who applies is taken, whatever his or her qualifications.

Fulbright program participation has also forced foreign students to forego admission to a top university. Would-be Fulbrighters and friends may still enroll as life members of the Fulbright Association at the 1990 price of $300. Dues were slated to increase on Jan. 1.

The matching gifts will be used to start an endowment fund to give the association a firmer financial foundation and to provide those interested in supporting the association with another vehicle for doing so. The donors also said their gifts are meant to recognize the additional contributions of life members and to thank them for their support.

In 1988 life members helped the association purchase computer equipment and software. Life membership dues were slated to increase on Jan. 1.

Charles W. Dunn, chairman of The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
From the President

Dear Fulbrighters:

At our 13th annual meeting and elsewhere in my travels, I have become aware of two myths about the Fulbright Association. The first, that we receive operating support from the U.S. government. We are in fact an independent, private nonprofit organization, a voluntary association of people who share an experience and an ideal.

Indeed, we insist on our independent status: our first goal is to support the Fulbright program in any way we can, and to this end, we stand behind the Congress and the United States Information Agency in their efforts to maintain and guide a healthy program. But we must be free, if the need arises, to move into the loyal but critical opposition. Without independence, we cannot play this role.

A second misconception, shared by many: the idea that government administrators have kept current records on all of us. In fact, Fulbright alumni records were “weeded” in the seventies.

What survived, in my case for example, were three facts: My name, that I went to France in 1949, and that I lived in Palisades Park, N.J., at the time. I have not lived at that address since 1955, and it would be next to impossible to find me with those facts alone.

For the early years then, beginning in 1948 and until 1977 when we began to receive data on all new program participants, our records are sparse. The search for current addresses is never-ending; after 14 years of heroic efforts, we still have identified and located only about 20,000 of a potential of approximately 50,000 U.S. Fulbrighters.

Hence, the new regular feature of the newsletter: Where Are They Now?

Where Are They Now?

In Search of “Lost” Fulbrighters

The Fulbright Association does not have current addresses for the Fulbrighters listed below. If you do, please send them to us. Members providing current addresses of Fulbrighters who go on to join the association receive a free commemorative 10th anniversary poster.

Jeanette Angard
Germany 1963

Edwin J. Albets
Iran 1962

Melvin H. Aamot
Finland 1964

Karen-Margrethe Aamot
Norway 1955

Jules Azarona
France 1933

Ruth L. Askow
France 1953

Peter P. Abate
Italy 1950

Ernst C. Abbe
Malaya 1961

Dorothea E. Aberley
Brazil 1960

Freeland K. Abbott
Pakistan 1959

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bers have contributed over $5,800 in year-end gifts for 1990. (See related story on page 6.)

“We are thankful for the opportunity to work toward an endowment fund whose initial allocation could reach $80,000 while we enroll new life members and gain their support for the program. I hope that all Fulbrighters who have thought about becoming members will do so now, while they can benefit from the lower life membership price and while their dues can earn $200 in matching gifts for the new endowment,” said Executive Director Jane L. Anderson.

In addition to seeking support for the campaign, Ms. Anderson said that delays in announcing the life membership dues increase also prompted the decision to postpone its effective date.

Fulbrighters wishing to enroll as life members of the Fulbright Association may use the application form on the reverse side of the center insert in this issue of the newsletter.

Richard T. Arndt
Fulbright Association President

end of 1991 — an ambitious goal and a significant milestone on the road to the 8,000 members needed for a stronger association.

We are building a network. Fulbright alumni around the world will someday represent a force of almost 200,000 remarkable people, and when this network is in place it will be formidable for “waging peace through understanding.”

The Fulbright Association needs the help of each and every one of you. I ask you to begin today to help us enroll alumni and friends of the Fulbright program as Fulbright Association members.

If you are not yet a member, please complete the center insert and return it with your dues payment today. If you are already a member, please pass the membership application form on to a Fulbright alumnus/a of your acquaintance or to a friend who supports Fulbright program ideals.

Richard T. Arndt
President
Chapter News

The Chicago Chapter held a holiday party in the home of former chapter president, Dr. Bruce Doug­las (Japan 1959, 1960). Alumni and foreign Fulbright students enjoyed the hospitality of the Douglas home in Riverwoods, Ill., and shared the fellowship of the season and the Fulbright experience.

The Connecticut Chapter held a potluck dinner on Dec. 15, 1990, for visiting Fulbright scholars and U.S. alumni. A Christmas concert of English, Scottish, and Welsh carols performed by the New Haven Choral Group at Battell Chapel on the Yale University campus completed the evening’s festivities. The chapter planned the evening event to respond to requests from visiting Fulbrighters for more activities on the weekends.

German Alumni Announce 1991 Events

The Fulbright Alumni e. V. (Germany) began its 1991 calendar with a lecture on Electricity in Berlin on Jan. 24. Approximately 62 people attended that event. Another 1991 event was a potluck dinner on April 25 at the University of Minnesota. The chapter discussed plans for its 1991 Spring picnic.

The last issue of the newsletter has been mailed to the German Alumni. For information on any of these events or on the German alumni association, please contact Ms. Sigrid Backer, Vice President, Fulbright Alumni e. V., Ulrichweg 10, D-7003 Herren­burg, Germany (0703) 23463 (tel.) FAX (0703) 23463. She also serves on the German section of the International Fulbright Association.

Fulbright Alumni Newsletter

Danish Fulbright Commission Plans 40th Anniversary Celebration

The Commission for Educational Exchange between Denmark and the United States of America will hold a seminar July 2 on communication, higher education, and exchange in a closer world. It is part of a series of events scheduled July 1 through 4 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Fulbright program in Denmark.

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Senator Fulbright Attends Celebration of 40th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Korea

Since Dr. John Chonghoon Lee, Sr., became the first Korean citizen to receive a Fulbright scholarship in 1950, 1,110 other Koreans and 419 Americans have participated in the Fulbright program of educational exchanges between the two countries.

"I am very proud of the initiation of the educational exchange program in 1946, which has since offered scholarships to students, scholars, and other professionals in some 130 countries," Senator J. William Fulbright said at a benefit dinner to honor alumnus Hyun-jae, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Korean Government.

"I am so proud that Fulbright alumni play great roles in Korea, which is one of the most rapidly developing countries in the world," Senator Fulbright said. Prominent Korean Fulbrighters include former Prime Minister Lee Hae-chong, ex-Deputy Prime Minister Cho Soon, minister of commerce and industry Han Seung-soo, and Ambassador to the United Nations Hyun Hongs-choo.

In 1990, 26 Koreans and 24 Americans received Fulbright awards for study in each other's countries. The U.S. government allocated $595,000 to the exchange, while the Korean government's support totaled $458,526.

At the dinner fund raising for the Fulbright program in Korea was discussed by Dr. Kim Doo Huyun, professional chairman of the Korean Fulbright Foundation, and Mr. Frederick E. Carriere, executive director of the Korean-American Educational Commission.

The Honorable Donald P. Gregg, U.S. ambassador to Korea and honorary chairman of the Fulbright Commission in Korea, introduced Senator Fulbright, who shared his reflections on the exchange program he originated.

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1990 Life Member Campaign Update

Last December we asked life members to remember the Fulbright Association as they made their year-end contributions.

The board of directors of the association and its staff would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the 79 life members who have already contributed $5,510 toward the $10,000 goal. We are gratified that the campaign is now beyond the half-way mark.

If you would like to help the 1990 Life Member Campaign reach its goal, please send your contribution, made payable to the Fulbright Association, with a note that you would like your gift applied to the 1990 Life Member Campaign.

Life members' generous gifts will be acknowledged in the Spring issue of the newsletter when we publish a list of all our life member contributors. Once again, the association thanks you!
Ambassador Armacost Addresses 13th Annual Conference

"Let us celebrate the most successful, farsighted element of America's—or perhaps any nation's—international cultural policy," said Ambassador Michael H. Armacost in greeting Fulbrighters on Oct. 3, 1990, at the Fulbright Association's 13th annual meeting and national conference in Honolulu.

"But let us do so with one eye on the future. As we stand on the edge of America's century of the Pacific, both the need and potential for the Fulbright program to contribute to an enlightened, constructive dialogue among Pacific nations, including the United States, has never been greater and the demands of our stewardship over this program have never been more urgent," he said in keynote remarks at the association's annual banquet.

"The Fulbright program has helped dissolve barriers among individuals and nations. It has earned good will for our country," Ambassador Armacost said. "It has fostered a network of individuals around the world who share a belief in the fruits of international cooperation."

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Michael H. Armacost spent 1938-39 at the University of Bonn in Germany on a Fulbright fellowship. This experience, he said, prompted his choice of a career in diplomacy. He added that the Fulbright experience does not merely hone professional skills. It also helps shape participants' perceptions of themselves by deepening their understanding of other peoples.

The American statesmen of Senator Fulbright's generation possessed a generosity of spirit and a sense of international responsibility that were remarkable, according to Ambassador Armacost. He pointed out that the U.S. investment in the Fulbright program is enabling it to send unprecedented numbers of American foreign-area scholars to countries to help them at present is far from adequate.

"Our leaders must confront these problems in a straightforward fashion. Educational exchange programs are a sound and time-tested way of fostering the necessary international perspectives, but our investment in them at present is far from adequate," Ambassador Armacost said.

He pointed out that Japan is enjoying an "exchange boom" which is enabling it to send unprecedented numbers of young people to the world in dozens of programs. "For example," he said, "recent statistics show that for every American college student studying in Japan, nearly 30 Japanese students are enrolled in American universities."

Ambassador Armacost suggested that the U.S. mobilize funds from all available sources to increase programs. "And we must put our national fiscal house in order, so that U.S. government programs can be expanded, bringing them in line with the objective of creating a healthy, competitive American workforce in the 21st century," he said.
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U.S. graduate school in favor of a more prestigious one giving a financial aid. Some students are offered for their Fulbright award only a "travel grant," which the report equated to a "roundtrip airline ticket."

"Increasingly, the Fulbright is only part—a sometimes an inconsequential part—of a financial package, rather than an award of excellence," the report states.

The report emphasizes that grants to U.S. students have been "woefully neglected." It recommends that student grants in both directions should form at least half of the program.

"The Board believes that student grants are the lifeblood and raison d'etre of the program," the report states. "The effect of these grants is less immediately apparent, but presenting young people with international experience at a crucial point in their lives will have the potential of enriching human impact Senator Fulbright sought."

Also recommended are changes in faculty grants. A simplified financial aid program that combines research opportunities with an obligation to conduct seminars, lectures, or faculty development should be crafted.

"But the driving force must be choosing the best applicants and making it possible for them to go where they want to go and do the work that will eventually enrich American knowledge and scholarship. Within a given institution or field, those few recognized by all as outstanding should be the ones who are tapped for Fulbrights," the report states.

The need for the Fulbright program to stand for quality is one of six "basic principles" on which the report is based.

"The unintended result of defining country-by-country programs and filing openings has often been to compromise quality, sometimes in the extreme, the board maintains. Geographical dispersion of awards cannot be an end in itself, according to the board.

The program must also be understood as a long-term proposition, and it must not be cut back, not training or work in applied or developmental fields. Pressures to shorten the length of Fulbright awards must also be resisted, the report states. Finally, the administrative apparatus and the types of awards offered must be simplified.

Copies of the White Paper on the Future of the Fulbright Program may be requested from The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, United States Information Agency, Room 247, 301 Fourth St. S.W., Washington, DC 20547. (202) 694-6260.

156 Fulbright Scholars have attended THE ECONOMIC INSTITUTE

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Future of the Fulbright Program

Eligibility requirements include U.S. citizenship at the time of application; for lecturing awards, in most instances, postdoctoral college or university teaching experience at the level and in the field of the lecture sought; for research awards, a doctorate at the time of application or comparable professional qualifications; and for certain awards, proficiency in the relevant foreign language.

Though preference may be given to persons who have never had Fulbright grants, qualified individuals who have previously held Fulbright grants may apply if three years have elapsed between the ending date of the first grant period and the beginning date of the second or subsequent grant period. There is no limit to the number of Fulbright grants a scholar may receive.

For information on deadlines for specific competitions, see the chart below. Request application materials from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 307 Tilden St., N.W., Suite 5M, Washington, DC 20008-3009. (202) 686-4017.

Fulbright in Japan—1992 Awards for Professionals

Awards of from three to nine months duration will support comparative studies of contemporary issues and other research by practitioners in architecture, business, environmental studies, government, journalism, law, and social sciences. Applications for the new program of shorter-term awards, has also been announced for professionals. Fulbright alumni who want to spend six to 12 weeks conducting research in Japan. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens and hold the terminal degree in their field. Fluency in Japanese is helpful but not required. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 1. For information contact CIES, Box 11, at the address above. (202) 686-2190, 686-4025.
Recent Fulbright Alumni

Books & Publications

Life member Gunnar Adler-Karlsson recently announced that a third edition of his Swedish book, "The World of the 1990s: Conditions for Our Survival," will be published. While a professor at The Cape Institute for International Social Philosophy, Dr. Adler-Karlsso issued last May a pamphlet on Four Lessons from the Communist Debate.

With co-authors Everett M. Rogers, John Harris, and John Minzer, Matthew Berndt (Germany 1987) wrote the report, Mass Media Coverage of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake: Estimating the Security of a Disaster. Mr. Berndt is program manager of the Center for Telecommunications Management at the University of Southern California.

Charles A. Giolzio (France 1962, Germany 1982) served as co-editor of The Directory of International Internships, 2nd edition, (Michigan State University). Funds for the first edition of the guide were made available by the United States Information Agency through a grant to NASPA: Association of International Educators. Dr. Giolzzio directs the Office of Overseas Study at Michigan State University and is professor of history.


After completing research for documentation and historical illustrations during her Fulbright year, Syrig G. Novak (Germany 1987) has prepared the manuscript, Aufzeichnungen des Tuchscherermeisters Johann Herrmann aus seinen Wiederjahren 1863 bis 1812 (Edition Timmen, Bremen, Germany). Dr. Novak is professor of modern languages at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.


The two volume book, The Ecology of Bird Communities: Foundations and Patterns (Volume I) and Processes and Variations (Volume II), was started by John A. Wiens (Australia 1984) while he was a Fulbright scholar. The book was published by Cambridge University Press in 1989. Dr. Wiens, professor of ecology at Colorado State University, reports that the work's international cast results from his Fulbright experience.

Sulo S. Pastok bookan (USSR 1978) directs the project, "Perebrodka, Change, A Report in 1990 in the USSR: What Next?" which received a $5,000 grant from the Ohio Humanities Council. The program involves U.S. scholars and Soviet Fulbrighters in discussions about nationality, religion, and recent developments in the Soviet Union. Pastok bookan is professor of psychology at Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, Ohio. In 1989 he directed the Shawnee State Study Tour.

Trudy Huskamp Peterson (Finland 1983) became national president of the Society of American Archivists in September 1990. The award recognizes her lifetime achievement in the field of archival science.

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The American College of Physicians' Year Book 1990 (Greece 1951, 1979). Dr. Rinearie chairs the classics department at Colgate University. The award recognizes his "outstanding publications in the classics" and his "exceptional contributions to the field of education."
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Stephen Medvec (Poland 1973), international officer at the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, lectured on Czechoslovakia and market transition last November at the International Business Forum of Philadelphia. He recently wrote articles on currency convertibility in Eastern Europe and the USSR and in Poland. He is an adjunct professor of international business at Holy Family College, Philadelphia, and is pursuing PhD studies at Temple University.

Thomas L. Russell (India 1986) presented his VideoClass concept at a UNESCO Education Section seminar last November in Paris where he served as a featured speaker. Dr. Russell directs the Office of Instructional Telecommunications at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He is a life member of the Fulbright Association.

Nominations Sought for National Board of Directors; Committee Begins Work

Any Fulbright Association member in good standing who would like to be considered for nomination to serve on the association’s board of directors may submit a brief biographical sketch and a written request for consideration to the association’s Nominating Committee. These materials must be submitted by June 1.

Dr. Samuel R. Spencer, interim president of Hollins College, chairs the 1991 Nominating Committee. Other members are Dr. Michael S. DeLucia, Sheehan, Phinney, Bass + Green; Dr. Maurizio A. Gianturco, The Coca-Cola Company; and Dr. Niama Prevots, The American University.

In selecting nominees for board service, the committee must consider five criteria stipulated in the association’s bylaws. They are the needs of the board in view of its prospective work, representation of the disciplines reflected in the Fulbright program, and ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity. The Nominating Committee will consider all eligible candidates and will present its slate for approval to the full board by July 1.

Nominations may also be made by a petition signed by ten association members in good standing and delivered to the national office no later than June 1. Individuals nominated by petition should also submit a short biographical sketch.

After board approval of the Nominating Committee report, the national office will mail to all members by Sept. 1 a ballot listing all persons nominated either by the Nominating Committee or by petition. Completed ballots must be returned to the national office by Oct. 1.

Submit requests to be considered for nomination and biographical sketches to Nominating Committee, c/o Fulbright Association, 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

This year chapters in Region II, which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, will also select a representative to serve on the national board. For information on the regional selection process contact Jane L. Anderson, Executive Director, Fulbright Association, 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 331-1979 (FAX).