Guess who the boy on the left is and where he is located.
Answer revealed in next issue...

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Hi everyone, you're holding the fall 09 EMIC edition, put together by your lovely Department Curriculum Committee (DCC) members Yana Antonio and Catie Gardner. As your DCCs our job is to create the EMIC, provide you with latest news about the Sociology/Anthropology Department, and serve as your liaison to the faculty. We're always looking for contributions to the EMIC, so if you have any great ideas or comments, let us know. We hope you enjoy the first issue and we look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

Yana (antonioy) & Catie (gardnec)

Hi! We're Becca and Joe, and we're your senior Student Departmental Advisors. As SDAs, we're here to answer any of your questions about the department and help with registration woes. We've been there (recently!) and can share what choices we made and whether or not they worked out. Please come to us with absolutely anything. We love this department, and above all else, we want your experience in it to be a positive one. You can contact us any time by e-mail or by stopping in the SoAn office. One of us is here pretty much all the time – partially because we work here, but also because we have no life. Like, literally.

Becca (dougherb) & Joe (sigrinj)
New Classes for Winter Term 2010:
How Am I Ever Supposed to Fill Those Electives?

Trying to fill those electives? Take a look at these new classes, expand your horizons, and get out there!

**SOAN 261. Ethnography of Island Southeast Asia**

We approach island Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia, and East Timor) anthropologically and in terms of its wider historical and political context. Focusing on Indonesia, a country almost as large in population as the U.S. and similarly pluralistic, we ask: How do people negotiate membership in a nation-state with belonging to local ethnolinguistic groups? How are modernity and tradition interpreted and reconciled? How do world religions (notably Islam and Christianity) interact with indigenous beliefs and practices? We use various genres and resources (e.g., ethnography, history, memoir, fiction, journalism, maps, images, objects, film).

Prerequisite: A previous Sociology and Anthropology course or consent of the instructor. 6, SS, RAD, Winter

—E. Coville

**SOAN 280. Statistical Tools for Quantitative Reasoning**

This course aims to produce numerate students who can write confidently and effectively about the social world they have explored using survey data and have assessed using statistical tools. The course provides students with statistical tools to evaluate and analyze survey data and opportunities to write critically and cogently about the empirical relationships they have discovered. Numerous statistical methods are taught, but contrasting more traditional advanced statistics courses, the emphases are using survey data to drive learning multivariate statistics, and requiring intensive writing exercises about empirical discoveries to motivate student understanding about the social world and complex statistical concepts. Students should have basic knowledge of the statistical program STATA.

Prerequisite: Sociology and Anthropology 110 or 111, 240 or equivalent, Mathematics 115 or 215 or with permission of instructor. 6, SS, Winter

—P. Brandon
Who’s That Person Next to Me: SOAN Major Highlights

With 36 students declared in SOAN and counting, it’s hard to get to know everyone. Read about your fellow majors and email Catie for your chance to appear in following issues of the Emic

Name: Elly Kuhlman  
Class Year: 2011  
Favorite Course/Why: That’s hard. I really like all my SOAN classes. My least favorite class was definitely stats 215. That was awful!  
Study Abroad? Where? What?: I’m not studying abroad.  
What I Did This Summer: This summer I had mono. It was very unpleasant.  
If I could be an animal, I’d be a cat because they get to do whatever they want and no one questions them.  
Interesting Fact: I’ve been to the Israeli border with Syria/Lebanon, but it was by accident.

Name: Kaitlin Justin  
Class Year: 2010  
Favorite Course/Why: Myth Ritual and Symbolism. You get to go visit a Dakota sweat lodge and eat puffed rice! Plus structuralism is a total trip.  
Study Abroad? Where? What?: Bocas del Toro, Panamá. It’s a little island off the Atlantic side with secondary tropical forest and some really neat caves. I went there to study ethnobotany and learned about how the locals use dooryard gardens to grow medicinal plants for their families. We got to visit the cloud forest in Boquete, where the legendary quetzal bird lives. The cloud forest is incredible. I also found out it is really hard to climb 100+ ft tall trees!  
What I Did This Summer: I biked to all of the lakes within 13 miles of Northfield. I learned how to cook Indian food and led folk singing sessions in Bridge Square on Wednesday nights. I started working on my comps, which is about political folk music in Chile.  
If I could be an animal, I’d be a coyote because they can live anywhere and eat anything.  
Interesting Fact: I play the atsimevu, which is a kind of drum from West Ghana.
Name: Anh "Papa" Nguyen
Class Year: 2010
Favorite Course/Why: Sociological Thought & Theory. There's nothing more exciting than dead theorists.
Study Abroad? Where? What?: SIT Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, studying the Tibetan exile community in India and Nepal.
What I Did This Summer: I taught English, worked on a farm, and sauntered in Vietnam.
If I could be an animal, I'd be a narwhal because they are unicorns of the sea.
Interesting Fact: Sometimes people call me #6.

Name: Iosif Sorokin
Class Year: 2011
Favorite Course/Why: Language and Culture.
Study Abroad? Where? What?: This past summer I lived on a kibbutz in Israel for a month and a half. I studied Hebrew and learned about the transformations in kibbutz life over the past 70 years.
What I Did This Summer: See above.
If I could be an animal, I'd be a eagle because I'd like to be able to fly all over the world anytime I wanted.
Interesting Fact: I was born in Baku, Azerbaijan and I can speak Russian.

Name: Kat Morriss
Class Year: 2010
Favorite Course/Why: Transnational Feminisms, because 2 years later, it's still blowing my mind.
What I Did This Summer: Worked full-time in Northfield as a Carleton Summer Academic Program Assistant.
If I could be an animal, I'd be a sea otter because they are playful and awesome.
Interesting Fact: I bake bread when I'm stressed. It helps me relax. Eating it helps too.
Reflection on Dr. Julian Bond’s Visit

Dr. Julian Bond, the current chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), visited Carleton College between October and October 8th. It was such an honor for him to come and speak on behalf of the NAACP, especially as the organization is celebrating its 100th year of existence.

Before returning to his career as a professor, poet and active politician, Dr. Bond sat in on a few class, ate dinner with the Black Student Alliance (BSA), had lunch at Wellstone House Of Activism (Jewitt House), and still had time to deliver his inspirational speech.

The impact of Dr. Bond’s presence was tremendous, with people from all over Minnesota piling into the Concert Hall to hear him speak. It was especially interesting to see Northfield High School students attending this event. The Northfield News publicly announced Dr. Bond’s visit to town and conducted interviews with the BSA President, Chantel Johnson, and myself.

Dr. Bond left BSA with a few things to remember; first, be inclusive of everyone, second, take charge if you want to see changes, and lastly, always know what is happening in your community. His words of wisdom have motivated me to become more active in community building and to take advantage of the privileged given to me here at Carleton. I hope that in the future, more speakers like Dr. Bond visit Carleton. It was a great opportunity and experience!

Special thanks goes to Peter Brandon, Broom Professor of Social Demography, who made this event made possible. He hopes that in the next two years, Carleton will bring another speaker like Dr. Julian Bond to the campus.

-Yana Antonio, 2010
Where’s Jim Now?

After many years of teaching at Carleton as the John W. Nason Professor of Asian Studies and Anthropology, Professor Jim Fisher retired at the completion of the 2008-2009 academic year. In true Carleton fashion, Jim Fisher decided to follow his academic interests and is currently teaching at Royal Thimphu College in Thimphu, Bhutan.

The following is an email conversation between Yana and Jim detailing his current whereabouts and activities:

Hi Jim, I just wanted to have a follow-up with you. How is everything going? How is Bhutan? (is that the correct spelling?) Tell me all the great details, I’m excited to hear them.
-Yana Antonio

Hi Yana,

Good to hear a real voice from Carleton, not to mention one from the bowels of SOAN. The way I figure it, you guys must have just finished your first week of classes. Well, next week we give midterm exams!

It’s a lot of work, partly because of the students’ limited English (though it’s the only language they use in schools, from kindergarten on). But Bhutan (your spelling is impeccable) is a lovely, quiet, peaceful place. Our campus (you can Google RTC for most details) is in a forested high valley about six miles from the capital, Thimphu. Thimphu doesn’t have much more to offer by way of urban amenities than Northfield, but by Bhutan standards it’s Times Square.

I’m teaching Intro to Soc and Intro to Demography - subjects I really don’t know much about. Ask Jay for a copy of my letter to my old colleagues, which has some more information. But I can tell you that I wish I had a bunch of SOAN majors in the classroom!

Have a great Fall term!
-Jim

Yes Jim, we just finished our 1st week. You’re already distributing midterm exams, WOW. How are you getting along with the students/ faculty and the city people? Are there any language barriers for you or are you still learning the basics? Are you homesick yet or are you having way too much fun that America is the last thing on your mind? I know I was homesick for Chicago after being in South Africa for about 2 weeks. Did you choose to teach intro to Soc/ Demography or were they just given to you? Are the students in your classes not SOAN majors? How is the department out there, is it just as close nit as ours is? OHH, SO MANY QUESTIONS TO ASK. But anyway, I hope to hear more from you so that I can tell everyone here what you are up to now-a-days. Keep in touch.
-YANA EMENI ANTONIO

Hi Yana,

By this time you must be a lot deeper into your courses (called "modules" in the local argot) than you were after the first week. Here, we’re looking towards the end of the term. I have (continued on next page)
great colleagues. I always like learning new things, so I don't really mind, but it is a terrific amount of work. There isn't SOAN as such here. I'm Program Leader (that means Dept. Chair at Carleton) of something called Sociology-Political Science. All our students take the same courses: this term it's Intro to Soc, Intro to Pol Sci, Bhutanese Political History, IT, and Statistics. (The Demography I teach as part of the Environmental Studies Program). Next semester it will be Intro to Anthro, Social Theory (I'll do both of those, and they won't be so hard this time), Intro to Pol Sci Part II, World Politics, and something else - probably English. So the course load is five courses, and each meets five times/week. That gives you an idea of the load for both students and faculty. One thing that makes it relatively easy is that English is the medium of instruction from kindergarten on. That doesn't mean that their English is great, but at least it exists. As for homesickness: as long as I'm in either the Himalayas or Northfield, I'm never homesick. Enjoy the rest of the term, and say hello to everyone for me - I miss you all! -Jim

If you'd like to contact Jim with more information on his work or just to say hello, you can reach him at the following addresses:

Email: jfisher@carleton.edu

Mail: Royal Thimphu College
Ngabiphu, Box 1122
Thimphu, Bhutan

Images left to right:
Royal Thimpu College
Map locating Thimpu, Bhutan
Want to Escape Winter 2011 to Australia?

Professor Peter Brandon, Broom Professor of Social Demography, is hosting a new off campus study program for Winter Term 2011. With deadlines for application approaching, the Emic interviewed Peter with the inside scoop on his decisions in creating this program.

The Emic: Why did you decide to create this program?

Peter Brandon: I decided to create this program to give Carleton students another opportunity to study abroad and study an alternative welfare system. That way they could compare and contrast the American system with another. I believe this is the best way to learn about the American welfare system by living in another that at first glances may seem similar.

The Emic: What is unique about studying social welfare in Australia?

Peter Brandon: The Australia system has unique features such as universal benefits provided through the tax system and a universal health care system. The system has much more of an emphasis on provisions to maintain children’s well-being. Also, the system is not necessarily tied to work participation like it is in the U.S.

The Emic: Why you think students should apply to go on your program?

Peter Brandon: I think that students should apply for the program to expand their horizons. They will get to work, study, and live in the national capital of Australia. By experiencing Australia, they will learn first hand about another country’s efforts to eliminate poverty and reduce dependency on welfare. Also, they will have the chance to have internships in Australia and learn about Australian government and social services.

Interested in finding out more information?

Drop by the next info session to be held in Leighton on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 4:30 pm or contact Peter at pbrandon@carleton.edu.
Get to know the faculty/staff!

FIND THE SOAN FACULTY/STAFF MEMBER

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2. Temporary Office Assistant
5. Visiting Professor of Anthropology and husband of Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology
8. Dean of the College and Winifred and Atherton Bean Professor of Sociology, Science, Technology, and Society
9. William H. Laird Professor of Classics, Anthropology, and the Liberal Arts and Director of Archaeology
10. Associate Professor of Sociology
11. Broom Professor of Social Demography
12. Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Down
1. Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and wife of visiting professor of Anthropology
3. Director of Academic Civic Engagement and Adjunct Instructor in Sociology
4. Professor of Anthropology
6. Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology and Director of South Asian Studies
7. Professor of Anthropology Chair of Sociology and Anthropology
## Get to know the faculty/staff! (ANSWERS)

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Come hang out in the SOAN lounge, Leighton Hall and meet faculty, staff, and other SOAN Majors. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and find out more about Sociology and Anthropology is all about.
Opportunities in the SOAN Department

Can’t get enough of that Sociology/Anthropology goodness? Check out these great opportunities. For more information, stop by the SOAN office or talk to your advisor.

Internships

- Carleton’s Initiative for Service Internships in International Development
- AmeriCorps VISTA with the National Society for American Indian Elderly
- Amigos de las Americas Friendship Ventures in the Twin Cities
- Foundation for Sustainable Development
- The Fund for Public Interest

Fellowships

- Beinecke Scholarship
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship for Minority Students
- National Security Education Program
- The Phillips Scholars Program
- Fulbright Awards for Graduate Study
- Wingspread Fellows

Where’s My T-Shirt?

Tired of seeing all of those “other” majors walking around repping their departments? Let’s get in on the action early. Send your best t-shirt designs to antoniyo or gardneca over winter break! Deadline will be at the end of 1st week. We’ll vote on the designs beginning Winter term, so don’t delay. We look forward to

Great Ideas? Even Better Experiences? Just Want A Place To Be Heard? Let Us Know!

The Emic is always looking for new ideas to include in our future issues. Have something you want to know more about? Always wanted a sociological or anthropological advice column? Seen a great documentary lately? Created a comic strip about the department’s professors and want to show it off (really though, if you have done this, PLEASE send it in!) Drop by the office with your contributions or suggestions on how we can make this an even greater publication next term!

We’d also love to hear about any events you’d like to see planned for the department, so keep those ideas flowing!

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