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57th Anniversary Membership Luncheon and Plenary

March 23, 2002

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

“International War Crimes Tribunals”

Featuring

*Professor Allison Danner,
Vanderbilt University Law School*

**Belmont United Methodist Church
21st Ave. & Acklen Ave., Hillsboro Village**

Reservation Required

Call the UNA-USA office at (615) 321-1200
by Monday, March 18, 2002
(Vegetarian plates available)

Cost: \$12.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students
(Scholarships available)

Allison Danner, (B.A. Williams College 1993; J.D. Stanford Law School 1997) serves as Assistant Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University with expertise in international law and criminal justice. Professor Danner has served as a clerk for United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and Court of Appeals Judge John T. Noonan, Jr. Before coming to Vanderbilt in 2001, she served as a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School, where she taught a seminar on International Criminal Tribunals. At Vanderbilt, Professor Danner teaches courses in International Criminal Tribunals, Criminal Law and Public International Law.

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President's Corner

Welcome to this issue of our newsletter. With all that is going on in our world, the importance of the United Nations and the good work that it is doing on behalf of all of us has never been greater. Thank you for taking a few moments to read about some of the things going on in our world as they relate to the work of the UN and the United Nations Association of the USA. I hope that you find it interesting and informative.

Hope to see everyone at the 57th Anniversary Luncheon on March 23!



Tim Stewart



The Global Health Initiative engages Americans in the important role they can play in significantly improving health, income, productivity, and security at home and abroad.

Did You Know?

- The United States will save more than \$230 million each year when polio is eradicated globally.
- Every minute 1 child dies of AIDS in the world.
- Every minute 5 young people are infected with HIV.
- Malaria kills more than 1 million people per year.
- 300-500 million new cases of Malaria occur every year, over 90% of them in sub-Saharan Africa.
- One third of the world is currently infected and 16 million suffer daily from active TB.
- 77% of people with TB worldwide do not have access to TB treatment.

What is Global Health?

According to the Institute of Medicine, global health is a set of health issues, problems and concerns that transcend national boundaries, may be influenced by circumstances or experiences in other countries and are best addressed by cooperative actions and solutions.

Global health incorporates a historical perspective and explores how health is an intricate web encompassing the world. Global health has led to an improved understanding of how health risks are transnational, moving across geographic and cultural borders, and the resulting impacts. Due to modern and rapid means of transportation, the growth of international commerce, and increased and more frequent movement of people across borders, health risks are more widespread and move faster than ever before. Not only can infectious disease travel more rapidly and recur more often, but so too can pollution, toxic substances, hazardous goods and even unhealthy lifestyle trends.

Global health extends beyond the reality of health in one location often being affected by health conditions elsewhere to incorporate a holistic understanding of the many factors that affect health and that health in turn affect, including family welfare, worker productive and poverty. **At the beginning of the 21st Century global health includes a strong awareness and understanding of how economic, political and social conditions impact health, and vice-versa. It also includes a call for new responses to the challenges of health everywhere.**

Global health aims to balance coordinated global processes and decentralized approaches that respond to local conditions as it contributes to the development of strategies that counteract ill health and disease. This includes strengthening the capacity of the developing world residents and countries to govern health. It also includes strengthening local responses to new social, behavioral or biological risks such as the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, urban violence or bioterrorist threats.

For further information about the **Global Health Initiative**, visit <http://www.unausa> and follow the links.



Adopt-A-Minefield® is a program of the United Nations Association of the USA, which engages individuals, community groups, and businesses in the United Nations effort to resolve the global landmine crisis. The Campaign helps save lives by raising funds for mine clearance and survivor assistance and by raising awareness about the landmine problem.

The idea behind Adopt-A-Minefield® is both powerful and simple. Designed to move beyond the political and policy debates typically associated with banning the use of landmines, the Campaign provides a practical solution to the tens of millions of mines that contaminate the world and to the countless survivors of landmine accidents.

The Campaign seeks national and international sponsors to adopt minefields that the United Nations has identified as being in urgent need of clearance. Sponsors raise funds in their communities to clear their adopted minefields and return land to productive use. The cost of clearing these areas ranges from thousands to millions of dollars, depending on the size and type of minefield and the complexity of the de-mining task. Sponsors may adopt entire minefields (typically between \$25,000 and \$40,000) or contribute smaller amounts (as little as \$5), which are pooled with other contributions. Every dollar raised is forwarded to the United Nations for mine clearance. *Every dollar raised is forwarded to the United Nations for mine clearance.*

Learn more about Adopt-A-Minefield® by visiting the program's website: <http://www.landmines.org>

Please help us clear a path to a safer world.

To get involved, contact the UNA Office at (615) 321-1200



U.S. Support for UN Population Fund in Jeopardy

The Bush administration is reconsidering United States' financial support for the United Nations population fund (UNFPA) even though Congress approved a \$34 million contribution to the agency in FY2002. Pending a final decision on the issue, FY2002 funds have been placed on hold and the President's FY2003 budget request does not contain new funding for UNFPA, thus calling into question the future of American support.

Resolution Introduced in House Supporting U.N. Efforts to Forge a Comprehensive Treaty on Terrorism

February 12, 2002

Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY) introduced a resolution into the House of Representatives on February 7th that supports U.N. efforts to draft a comprehensive convention on international terrorism and urges "the President to continue to work in cooperation with all interested members of the United Nations to formulate such a convention." H. Con. Res. 321, which has no cosponsors, notes that the U.N. is attempting to reach a global consensus on a definition of terrorism and an "agreement among member states not to assist, support, or facilitate terrorist activities or harbor terrorist organizations."

Negotiations Ongoing On Treaty

The General Assembly's Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism concluded its sixth session on February 1st with several issues holding up final approval of an international convention on terrorism. Although the majority of the treaty's twenty-seven articles have been preliminarily approved, those that establish a definition of terrorism and delineate the treaty's scope of application are proving to be contentious. In particular, agreement has been forestalled by the controversial question of whether the treaty would apply to military forces, parties to armed conflict, and liberation movements. In addition to its work on the comprehensive convention on international terrorism, the Committee has been engaged in the convening of a high-level conference on international terrorism and the drafting of an international convention on nuclear terrorism. (For further information, visit <http://www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/56/sixth56.htm>.)

Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Pack a light lunch and join us for these “brown bag” foreign affairs seminars, another educational service of your Nashville Chapter, UNA-USA:

***Spring Programs will be April 18,
May 16 and June 20***

***Check local weekly papers for details on
speakers and programs***

All Luncheons are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. South, 12:00 –1:30 p.m. Parking available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18th Ave.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Express yourself, learn, and share via UNA-USA electronic forum discussions. To access:

- Log onto the UNA-USA Web site at <http://www.unausa.org>.

- Click on the word “Forums” from virtually any page on the site.



Voice your concerns over items in this newsletter and other issues to:

Take Action!

**The Honorable William Frist
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**The Honorable Fred Thompson
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 30510**

**The Honorable Bart Gordon
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515**

**The Honorable Bob Clement
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