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## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Plenary Meeting

**Featured Speaker: Dr. Reinhard Wesel**  
(Professor of Political Science,  
Otto-von-Guericke University, Magdeburg, Germany)

### **Germany and the UN: A 60 Year Retrospective**

Belmont United Methodist Church  
(Corner of Acklen Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. South,  
Hillsboro Village)

Tuesday March 29, 2005

Reception 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Program 7:00 p.m.

*(no charge for program only)*

Price: \$16

Student Price: \$12

*(scholarships available)*

**RSVP by Friday, March 25 to the UNA Office, 615-321-1200.**  
*(Vegetarian meals available upon request when making a reservation.)*

**Please note – We purchase food based on the number of reservations.**  
*If you are unable to attend at the last minute, a donation to cover our costs is appreciated. )*

**Dr. Reinhard Wesel** is a specialist on Political Theory, Research Methodology, and Political Culture. His research focus is language, symbolism, and ritual in politics. His dissertation was entitled “*Summit*” *Rhetoric: The World Conferences of the United Nations as Rituals of International Symbolic Politics*. Dr. Wesel has previously served as a member of the board of the German United Nations Association, as well as Vice-President of the Bavarian Chapter of the German UNA.

*Dr. Wesel's visit is made possible through collaboration of Tennessee State University, The Office of International Business Programs at Tennessee State University, The Vanderbilt University European Studies Program, Vanderbilt University Model UN student organization, Sister Cities of Nashville, as well as the United Nations Association of the USA, Nashville Chapter.*

## President's Corner

### University of Magdeburg Model UN Students to Visit Nashville

The University of Magdeburg Model UN delegation will be visiting Nashville the week of March 28. The students are visiting the United States to participate in the National Model United Nations Conference being held in New York City from March 22-26. There are 25 students representing Zambia and the Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent. Their visit to Nashville is being sponsored by Tennessee State University, The Office of International Business Programs at Tennessee State University, The Vanderbilt University European Studies Program, Vanderbilt University Model UN student organization, Sister Cities, as well as the United Nations Association of the USA, Nashville Chapter. The students will attend a number of programs at Tennessee State and Vanderbilt Universities. The visit has largely been arranged by Dr. Joel Dark department head of the History, Geography, and Political Science Department at Tennessee State University. Dr. Dark is a specialist on 20<sup>th</sup> century European history with a particular focus on modern Germany.

The students will be spending the week attending various history and political science classes at Tennessee State and Vanderbilt Universities. The students should be able to provide valuable insights to the classes on contemporary German politics and history. Among the topics that will be discussed at Tennessee State University include German reunification as experienced by the first post-division generation as well as German political parties since reunification. The students will also participate in Dr. Matthias Schulz's classes on European Society and Culture, and European Unification at Vanderbilt University, topics to be determined.

The students visit to Nashville ties into the UNA-USA Nashville Chapter's Spring dinner which is Tuesday March 29, 2005 at Belmont United Methodist Church beginning at 5:30 PM. The students will be the guests of the UNA at this dinner. Their faculty advisor Dr. Reinhard Wesel will be the featured speaker. (See the first page of the newsletter for more info.) In addition to our hosting the Magdeburg students at our spring dinner the Nashville Chapter of the UNAUSA is also contributing \$400 towards the students lodging while they are in Nashville.

On behalf of the UNA-USA Nashville chapter we are looking forward to Dr. Wesel's talk and we welcome the visit of the University of Magdeburg Model UN delegation to Nashville. We hope to see you at the dinner on March 29<sup>th</sup>!

John Miglietta  
President  
UNA-USA, Nashville Chapter

## Women and AIDS U.S. Tour: Empower Women, Save Lives Featuring: Kathleen Cravero, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS

*A UNAIDS Initiative*

*The Global Coalition on Women and AIDS*

The U.S. Women and AIDS Tour is bringing influential and inspiring women from around the globe to five American cities, including Nashville, to discuss the impact of AIDS on women and support for programs responsive to women and girls. Members of this international coalition will join local leaders in a dialogue about prevention and curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS here and abroad.

The following events will be held on **Friday, March 4** and are free and open to the public:

### **Religious Leaders Breakfast**

Please join us for breakfast and a discussion on women and HIV/AIDS, how it affects the Nashville religious community and what the congregation's role should be in preventing the spread of this deadly disease.

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Interdenominational Church –  
2128 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

Panelists: Sharon Crawford, Shiela Ladson,  
Rev. Becca Stevens, Rabbi Ken Kanter

Moderator: Rev. Ken Swanson

### **Public Health Luncheon**

Topics for this panel discussion will include HIV prevention approaches that address the health risks faced by women and how to build support among the public health establishment.

Lunch will be provided

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Theater –  
2200 Children's Way

Panelists: Dr. Colleen Conway-Welch, Dr.  
Stephen Raffanti

**Please RSVP for both events to (615) 259-4000, Ext. 150 by March 1.**



## Tennessee State University to Participate at the National Model United Nations Conference in March 2005

The Tennessee State University International Affairs Society will once again be participating at the National Model United Nations Conference being held in New York City, March 22-26, 2005. The National Model United Nations Conference is one of the largest collegiate Model United Nations conferences in the world. It brings together as many as 3,000 student delegates from at least 14 countries. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Tennessee State has attended the conference. TSU has previously represented Eritrea, Libya, Colombia, and Kazakhstan. This year Tennessee State University will be representing Malta. There will be 13 students attending the conference along with their faculty advisor Dr. John Miglietta. The students will be participating on the following committees at the conference:

- Inter-Parliamentary Union
- General Assembly 6<sup>th</sup> Committee
- Council of Europe
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- General Assembly Plenary
- World Health Organization
- World Summit on Information Systems

The students spend most of their time at the conference working in their respective committees. In preparing for the conference the students are learning about Malta and its policies with respect to the issues that will be discussed in their respective committees. In addition since Malta is a new member of the European Union the students are also studying the politics of the European Union. Due to Malta's geographic position the students also need to have an understanding of politics in North Africa and the Middle East. The students are looking forward to another successful conference.

### Vanderbilt Model UN Chapter Participates in Montreal Model UN

During the weekend of January 29, ten Vanderbilt students braved the wind and the cold of Montreal, Quebec in order to participate in the fifteenth annual McGill Model United Nations Conference (McMUN). Out of the group, there were eight students on six committees representing Guatemala, including committees such as the WHO, the Special Session on Indigenous Peoples, and the Organization of American States, along with two other students who represented other interests. One of these students was Pedro Cerisola y Weber, the Mexican Secretary of Transportation and Communications, sitting on the Mexican Cabinet during a terrorism crisis. The other of these students was the Subcommandante of Revolutionary Production (McMUN's term for Secretary of Labor) for the Irsamian Revolutionary Front, a fictional rebel faction at war with the Ssmuvian government, a fictional island nation in the Atlantic Ocean. Over the course of four days of productive debate, resolutions were hammered out and compromises were reached, solving many of the world's problems that members in the real UN have struggled with for years, if not longer. Results from the conference, as they come in, will be posted on our website, <http://modelun.vanderbilt.edu/>

As far as future conferences, Vanderbilt MUN hopes to send 30 delegates to the upcoming University of Chicago Model UN (ChoMUN), and we hope to come home with many more awards from that competition, as well. Finally, we are in the planning stages for next year, in which we hope to enter four competitions across the country in order to increase our presence on the national Model UN circuit.

In addition to competition, we have begun work on structuring our fall conference, to be held entirely on Vanderbilt's Campus on the weekend of October 28. We are constantly looking for advisors and judges to read position papers, help construct background papers for each committee, and to judge student performance. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Drew Harpool ([drew.p.harpool@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:drew.p.harpool@vanderbilt.edu)), this year's Secretary-General of VUMUN 2005, and let him know what you are willing to do.

We at Vandy Model UN look forward to another productive year of cooperation with the Nashville chapter of the UNA-USA!

--Jimmy Kerrigan ([jimmy.l.kerrigan@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jimmy.l.kerrigan@vanderbilt.edu))

## 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:

**March 17, 2005**

*TBA*

**April 21, 2005**

*TBA*

**May 19, 2005**

*TBA*

All Luncheons are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.. Parking is available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### Check Out These Websites for More Info !

<http://www.una-nashville.org>

<http://www.unausa.org/>

<http://www.un.org>

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Please be sure and renew your membership when it comes due, or consider joining the UNA if you haven't already. You can join at our website, <http://www.una-nashville.org>, or contact our office at 615-321-1200 and we'll send you a brochure. Our main sources of income are a portion of each member's dues, and annual contributions from our members and friends.

As always, we welcome donations any time throughout the year. Please send your contribution directly to the UNA, P.O. Box 121745, Nashville, TN 37212. Do not send a gift for our Nashville Chapter with your dues to New York. Thanks to everyone who is supporting us in this way.

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