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WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND 25 YEAR REUNION

We hope you all have the date saved on your calendars for the Wisconsin in Scotland 25 Year Reunion but, just in case you've missed it in the previous newsletters, we wanted to remind you one more time so you don't miss out on all the fun!

Saturday, August 13, 2011
5:00-9:00 p.m.
UW-River Falls

Reunion participants will enjoy a Scottish buffet, entertainment (including an opportunity to ceilidh!), and plenty of time to catch up with your fellow study abroad alumni.

An invitation to the reunion will be sent to your email by April 1, 2011. Please watch for this email and RSVP by June 15, 2011.

For more information about the reunion, and reunion updates, please visit the Wisconsin in Scotland Alumni page at www.uwrf.edu/WisconsinInScotland/Alumni



The Wisconsin in Scotland 25 Year Reunion will be hosted at the University Center on the UW-River Falls campus

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND GOES VIRAL!

During the Fall 2010 semester, Wisconsin in Scotland students created their own Lipdub video. The Lipdub project was started by six students in the Faculty of Digital Media at Hochschule Furtwangen University in Germany and has spread as a phenomenon at Universities throughout the world.

The Fall 2010 Lipdub was organized by UW-River Falls Digital Film & Television major, Andrew Murphy. In the video, the Fall 2010 WIS students rock out to The Proclaimers "500 Miles". The video is sure to bring back memories of your time at Dalkeith. One thing you might not find familiar? All the snow on the ground at the end of the video!

Please enjoy the video at: <http://vimeo.com/19146125>



Want to see what else the Fall 2010 students were up to this past semester? View other videos of their experience (produced by Andrew Murphy and Bradley Brookins) at:

Abroad with Wisconsin in Scotland: Orientation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e02BBXyEqbY>

Abroad with Wisconsin in Scotland: The Scottish Highlands!: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePkUsx2yTu0>

Abroad with Wisconsin in Scotland: A Day in Glasgow: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC0xAVR9s1U>

Abroad with Wisconsin in Scotland: Hiking Hadrian's Wall: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIZRhdepAvU>

And visit their blog at: <http://wiscotland.wordpress.com/>

STUDENTS VISIT SCOTLAND'S PARLIAMENT

One of the many things that makes a semester abroad such a memorable experience for Wisconsin in Scotland participants is the expansion of learning beyond the classroom walls; something that occurs naturally by the very reality of living and learning in a foreign environment. This learning experience is facilitated by WIS' wonderful faculty who work during their semester abroad to ensure that their course material is supported and enhanced by the Scottish environment. This past fall semester, students had the opportunity to take Communication courses, taught by Normandale Community College professor, Jennifer Thompson Isaac, or Geography and International Studies courses taught by UW-River Falls professor, Dr. Charlie Rader. The following article describes a highly successful joint field trip between these two professor's courses.

Field trip to Scottish Parliament: December 1, 2010

Jennifer Thompson Isaac, Communication Studies faculty for WIS

On a cold and snowy Wednesday on December 1st, 2010, WIS Public Speaking and International Studies students, faculty, and staff visited Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh to learn more about how Scottish government works. This day would prove to be memorable, not only because of the record-breaking snowfall but because of the historic Stage 1 debate on the "End of Life Assistance" Bill which was to take place that afternoon.

After a semester of learning about the Devolution of parliament; whereby Scottish government only has authority to make laws on issues such as education, health, sports, and transportation affecting Scotland, students had a "hands-on" experience watching this process in action. Education Director Rona Strachan (pictured)

first provided a brief history of the Parliament and then discussed the process of decision making and representation. After an interactive presentation, the group was allowed into the Debating Chamber to see how Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs)

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discussed business of the day. Due to the weather and some officials' inability to travel to Edinburgh, attendance was extremely low. However, the Presiding Officer and MSPs in attendance passionately discussed an amendment to a motion regarding the fishing industry.

WIS student Brianna Jentz commented, "The MSPs were debating the long term vs. short term effect of the fishing industry, which clearly demonstrated the very deep concerns about the present and the future of Scotland." As a prime food source for the UK and elsewhere, this discussion brought up issues such as "catch" versus "landing" quotas affecting the fishing industry. The topic was personal and relevant, given the amount of fish consumed (in the form of fish and chips)

by locals and tourists each day.

Unfortunately, the WIS group was not able to see the historic debate on the End of Life Assistance, due to time constraints. Independent MSP Margo MacDonald initiated the Bill in January of 2010 to "enable persons whose lives have become intolerable and who meet certain conditions to 'legally access assistance' to end their lives." Later that evening, the Bill was defeated by a vote of 85 to 16, with two abstentions. If it had passed Stage 1, the Bill would have gone through two more stages and possibly signed into Law. Other Stage 1 debates on the schedule for the day involved Mental Health care and Property Factors.

The Parliament field trip was one of several during the fall 2010 term which incorporated learning about Scotland culture both inside and outside the classroom. As stated by WIS student Brandon Price, "...it was very interesting to see the different interactions that took place between the politicians, and how passionate they actually were about the topic. Overall, Parliament was a very interesting experience and one I would recommend."



Read more about the bill: <http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/300939#ixzz1AXrUMFq6>

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WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND—
OUR SECOND HOME

Hello, God—Scotland calling!

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. He bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,00 per call'. The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Africa, England, Japan, and New Zealand. In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same '\$10,00 per call' sign under it. The American decided to travel to Scotland to see if the Scots had the same phone. He arrived in Scotland and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 pence per call.' The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?' The priest smiled and answered, 'you're in Scotland now, son—it's a local call'.

SCOTTISH RECIPE: STOVED BACON AND TURNIP

In Scotland the word turnip is used to describe the vegetable which, elsewhere, is known as a swede. In fact, a swede is, properly, a 'Swedish turnip'.

Ingredients:

- 1 large turnip (swede), peeled and cut into slices 1/4 thick
- 8 rashers of smoked bacon
- 1 small onion, sliced thinly

Preparation:

Gently fry the bacon rashers in a large saucepan for two minutes

(no oil may be needed if the bacon used produces enough fat). Set the rashers aside. Now build up alternate layers in the saucepan, starting with 2 rashers of bacon and a little onion, followed by a layer of turnip (swede) slices and so on. Add 2 tablespoons of cold water and simmer gently over a very low heat until cooked through.

This dish makes a delicious accompaniment to roast chicken or game.

