Announcements:

Any veteran or their dependants, who qualifies for the G.I. Bill, may now apply their veteran’s benefits toward tuition at GWC.

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A Thomas Jefferson Education Book on CD (unabridged) is now available

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Classics Come Alive in Europe 2005

Dr. Shanon D. Brooks

A few years ago, in a local newspaper article reporting on a George Wythe College excursion to Africa, Dr. Andrew Groft was quoted as saying, “There is something powerful in mentored world travel that adds life to books and classroom discussion. Students need to spend time, a lot of time, reading and discussing the great ideas of the world. And those fortunate enough to sit at the Parthenon or walk through Versailles or experience Le Louvre and contemplate what they have read, will understand more keenly than is otherwise possible.” That was true then and it is true now.

On June 1, 2005, Drs. Groft, Earl and myself will be leading an excursion through central Europe to augment a year of world history studies. We will travel

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Seminars:
April 12-17  Statesmanship Invitational
May 3–29  Summer Seminar: Psychology
May 17–18  The Writings of Thomas Jefferson
June 1–30  Summer Seminar: World History
June 17–18  Core & Love of Learning
June 14–26  Youth for America (Sessions 1–4)
June 25–26  Scholar Phase: An In-Depth GWC Seminar
June 28–30  Summer Seminar: Shakespeare
August 17–18  Summer Seminar: Shakespeare
August 2–28  Summer Seminar: The Great Political Thinkers
September 1  School Starts On-Campus
For a Face to Face with Greatness seminar in your area, click here.

Pop Quiz Continued:

Indeed, this change is the great shift in American history. The organization-pleasing employee, the outer-directed father, the peer-responsive mother, the be-in-the-popular-crowd youth, the impress-the-Joneses neighbor, the keep-up-appearances church member, the check-the-polls politician, the increase-our-ratings reporter, the bottom-line-businessman-preacher, the for-profit teacher, the gone-to-Florida grandparent, the sex-partner intern, the typical revolutionary professor, the multi-cultural college student, the sensitive no-chest modern man, the fully-fulfilled-by-my-career-don’t-need-men woman, the wealth-is-success young single “Friends,”—these are the new American. The frontiersman has been displaced by “patio man,” the pioneer mother by “Ellen”.

This new American is a far cry from the old American. Indeed the true American crossed the ocean, kicked out the redcoats, built farms and businesses one at a time, pushed carts across the plains, gave their blood to free the slaves, stopped Hitler, demanded full freedom for everyone regardless of race, religion or gender, and will rise again to face the challenges ahead. Gratefully, the old American character is not dead. Far from it. Indeed, the battle now is to determine which America will survive into the 22nd Century.

At the center of the battle stands the family. In the eyes of the new type of American the family, the inclusion of the core family unit and its naturally extending family community, is archaic, paternalistic, even quaint, an object of pity or at best humor. To the corporate culture families are competitors—taking too much of an employee’s time, psychological energy and attention, and offering too many “free” services which ought to be left to the market—childcare, counseling, food preparation, elder care, education, entertainment, consulting, etc. Consider the “exciting” increase in corporate profits and the GDP as families outsource more of their traditional roles.

But in truth many of these services, and many others,
This is the Great Debate of the 21st Century: Will our nation become the champion of an individualism (ironically this is the same as corporatism, since they share the same goals) based on “Sex in the City” physical pleasure and “Survivor”-style materialistic gain, or of strong families, moral character, increased economic opportunity to all, and protection and charity to the weakest among us? The Great Debate of the 20th Century was whether or not the State is the central unit of society. The resounding answer was “no”: Both the fascist and communist state were rejected by force, and the modern collectivist state has lost all credibility among the American youth—its time is limited.

The new debate, the Great Question of the 21st Century, has emerged as a deceptively simple one: Is the corporation or the family the central unit of society? Or put in a personal way, “do I want to spend my life making money and attending exciting Manhattan-style nighttime parties,” or “do I want to become an adult, raise a family, and build my community, church and nation like my grandparents and (perhaps) parents did?”

This is the current question on the American campus, from Harvard to Stanford to their State University counterparts, and the precursor of the workplace discussion in the coming decades and century. So far the most articulate scholarly voice for the family is that of Allan Carlson. Carlson is well known for his leadership of the Howard Center, and as the co-founder of the World Congress on the Family. His new book, *The "American Way": Family and Community in the Shaping of the American Identity* is a must-read for anyone who wants to see the family succeed in the Great Debate of the 21st Century. The book doesn’t provide all the answers—those will have to be formulated, popularized and applied by the rising statesmen of this generation—but it does ask the right questions to ignite the discussion.
And make no mistake, this is the discussion of our time. By 2050 either the family or the corporation will stand triumphant, and the sides are being chosen today.

*(The “American Way”: Family and Community in the Shaping of American Identity may be ordered for $15 at gwbookstore@gwc.edu)*

backward through European History starting our trip in London, England and traversing through France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. Can you imagine, twenty-eight days of walking in the footsteps of many of the greatest thinkers and statesmen the world has ever known? This could be the trip that changes your life forever. You will never look at European History the same way again!

Many agree with me, in fact we already have forty-five GWC students and friends enrolled for this European Panaramic Tour. And since airfare, hotels, ground transportation, meals and instruction are all included in the price, it makes sense. All those who are going will receive a complete syllabus in September so they can prepare to make the most of this adventure. Students can earn up to fifteen credits and can opt to pay for them separately up to a year after the trip is completed. The price for those under age twenty-six is $3,500 and for those who are a little older, the price is slightly higher. Best of all we have 15 seats left!

If you are interested in joining us on this World History Field Experience, Just go to www.eftours.com and check out tour #246064. If you enroll, only $95 needs to be paid now and the rest can be paid off by or before March of 2005. After you enroll, you will receive an email with more information about preparations from your tour leader Dr. Andrew Groft.

There will be plenty of academics during this trip and enough faculty are coming along to study in true George Wythe College fashion! These seats will be gone by the 16th of April so if you are inclined to go, please do not procrastinate. Looking forward to seeing you in EUROPE!

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