

# FEATURES

## Painting in the Library



Photos by Russell Augustine



**Above:** Zhu Mingde, is a widely published Chinese artist and writer. He came to the college with the Beijing Federation of Literature and Art, spending Last Monday touring the college. He painted quick portraits of many of the people in attendance of the "Beijing Artist Demo" in the Library.

**Left:** Zhu prepares his tools before the sketching session.

## Kurds: Stabilizers in Iraq, American Allies, Seek Autonomy

By Graham Milldrum  
Graphics Editor

"Students should care about Kurds because they directly effect the United States," said Michael Gunter, professor of political science at Tennessee Technical University.

Gunter is an expert on the Kurdish people, the largest national group in the world without a country. They have been thrust to international prominence by their presence in Iraq, with the area they control one of the few stable areas in the nation.

Referring to his last visit to the Kurdish section of Iraq, at times he was "probably safer than walking in some American cities."

This is a great contrast to the Sunni and Shi'ite sections of the country, where body counts continue to rise.

In fact, Kurds have remained active in their quest



Photo by Graham Milldrum

Undecided student Lazar Ilic (left), questions Michael Gunter about connections between Iraqi Kurds and other minorities.

for autonomy, even preventing Iraq national flags from being flown in their territory.

When unofficial surveys have been circulated, Iraqi Kurds have shown an overwhelming support for the an

## Internships build resumes

By Graham Milldrum  
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Students can turn paying work into college credit by careful work with the Cooperative Education and Internships office.

With 1200 students attending internship orientations this semester, the program has a strong presence on campus.

The orientations exist to help students prepare for the process of getting an internship, and address some of the issues of resumes, interviews, and the other elements of landing a successful internship.

The orientations are meant to be "informal and personal", and normally feature from three to ten people. This allows students to focus on individual questions and concerns.

The orientation is only the first step of an involved process, one that includes the CEI office, a faculty adviser, a site manager and the student.

A surprising element of the program is that students can use their current job to get credit at the college. One student created a sales training manual at his workplace and was awarded credit.

However, for this sort of project to work, there has to be a "learning experience", which is a continual theme in the program. After all, students earn up to four hours of college credit for their internship.

Every student must have a



Jean Spahr, Manager, Cooperative Education and Internships

faculty advisor, who both mentors the student and assesses the quality of the student's learning.

The student also has a site supervisor, someone

who watches the student's work and their development at the job.

"I really think it's an honor" to get an internship, Spahr said. She thinks it shows a great deal of respect for your abilities, both in and out of class.

Also, companies are looking for a "well rounded individual", someone who is involved in volunteer work, paid work, school and the community.

Internships can also turn into full time jobs. Spahr was full of stories about students who have done exactly that, particularly the fields of ornamental horticulture and hospitality.

This is not to say that other fields do not have students turning internships straight into jobs.

One thing that Spahr stresses is that "it's not too early to work for a summer internship, and it's still not too late to work for a spring internship."

This is in part because "internships can pop up at the last minute."

Interested students should contact her at 942-2657.

an artificial, new state."

In his opinion, the nation has already been partitioned by sectarian violence. However, a truly independent Kurdistan represents "a challenge to the Arab patrimony."

Despite his disagreements with starting the war, he believes "we have to stay in Iraq for the short term." This, however, would probably be part of a multinational effort.

Lazar Ilic, an undecided student, came to the presentation because of his "experiences in Yugoslavia", his country of origin. He enjoyed the speech, and the fact he got extra credit was the "least factor" in his attendance.

Previous seminars are available on COD's website at <http://www.cod.edu/Academic/Intled>. Gunter's presentation will be available there within two weeks.

independent state. This is quite out of line with the current US policy, which adheres to the idea of keeping Iraq together. In Gunter's mind the US policy is a bad idea, simply because "Iraq is

# Campus hours over winter break

The fall semester ends Dec. 20. Spring semester begins Jan. 18.

The whole college is closed from Dec. 3 to Jan. 2.

**B**illiards Room is closed for the entirety of the break.

**T**esting Lab will operate on its normal hours.

**P**ublic Safety will be open every day and at all hours.

**A**dmissions will be open Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**C**ooperative Education will be open Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**S**tudent Activities will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2. On Jan. 3, they will resume normal office hours.

**H**ealth Services will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2. They will then be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Jan. 15, they will return to their normal office

hours.  
**G**len Ellyn CIL is open Dec. 21 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 22 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 3-4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 5 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 8 - 11 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 12 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 16-17 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**C**areer Services will be open Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**S**RC Cafeteria will be open 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**A**rts Center Cafeteria will be closed.

**A**cademic Computing Center will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays will be normal hours.

**B**ookstore will be operating on normal hours.

**C**ounseling is closed until Jan. 2. For the week of Jan. 3, they are open from Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. That Friday they are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. From Jan. 8 to the 31, they

are open Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For Jan. 13, 20, and 27 they are open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m..

**R**egistration is open Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays they are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For Jan. 13, 20, and 27, they are open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**R**ecords will be closed until Jan. 7. Jan. 8 to 31 they will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Jan. 18 and 19 they will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. They will also be open Jan. 6, 13, and 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**L**ibrary will be open on Dec. 20 to 22 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Jan. 3-5 they will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are closed Jan. 15, and are open Jan. 16 and 17 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**B**loomington CIL will be open Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 3 they will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 4 they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 5 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 8 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. From Jan. 9 to 11 they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 12 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They are closed Jan. 15. Jan. 16 and 17 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

They resume normal hours on Jan. 18.

**L**ombard CIL is open on Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

They return to normal hours on Jan. 18.

**N**aperville CIL is open Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 22 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 3, they are open from 5 p.m. Jan. 4 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 5 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 8 they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 9 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 10 and 11 they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 12 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They are closed Jan. 15, and are open Jan. 16 and 17 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

They resume normal hours on Jan. 18.

**W**estmont CIL will be open Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Jan. 8 and 9 they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 10 and 11 they are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 12 they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They are closed Jan. 15, and are open on Jan. 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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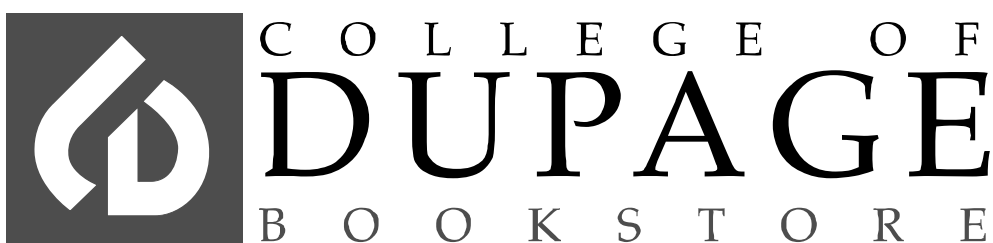
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