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Welcome To Washington DC



Message from Director Bruce Cain

As the Director of UC's Washington Center, I welcome all of you who are arriving for the Summer term. For those of you who do not know me, I am a Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley as well as the Center's Director. Like the professors at your home campuses, I have published many books and articles in my thirty years as an academic, but more than most, I have an enduring interest in experiential political learning. My own career was very positively influenced by a year as a state redistricting consultant in the early eighties, and since that time, I have worked with governments at all levels and the media in various capacities. I know first hand how valuable political sector and nonprofit experience can be.

Working with student representatives, I instituted a number of changes to improve programming and the quality of life for undergraduates at the Center. I look forward to continuing that discussion and making further improvements. I want the UC undergraduate intern program to be as innovative and valuable as possible. You will see that the Center's staff is very dedicated and skilled in their work. I urge you to participate in as many of the Center's forums and workshops as possible so that you get the most you can out of your Washington experience.

In the meantime, get unpacked, poke your nose around town and get a sense of what goes on in the nation's capital. Based on the experiences of students before you, you are about to have a wonderful time at the Center.

Bruce Cain

UC Center Forums

On Monday night come see a new speaker, panel or workshop and get free dinner. Center Forums are a MUST SEE supplement to your internships and classes. They will expose you to hot topics and give you access to Ambassadors, members of Congress and many top policy makers and journalists in the DC and California community.

Center Forums Summer Schedule
June 25- "Current Challenges and Future Promise of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research" Dr. James Battey, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at NIH and Chair of the NIH Stem Cell Task Force from 1998-2006

July 2- Frank Davies, Washington Bureau Correspondent, San Jose Mercury

July 9- "Pelosi's House of Reps" Ed Epstein, San Francisco Chronicle. Epstein has covered Nancy Pelosi's rise to power for the past year.

July 16- Dr. John Parmentola, Director for Research and Lab Mgt, US Army. Dr. Parmentola will discuss real technology applications and how they get done in DC. i.e. equipping soldiers with sensed clothing.

July 23- "Inside Washington: How Science Policy is made in the Nation's Capital", Al Teich, Director of Science and Policy Programs for AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)

Summer Residential Orientation

Tuesday, June 19th, 6:00 p.m.
1st Floor Multi-Purpose Rooms

This orientation is mandatory for all UC Washington Center students. Please arrive on time!

UCDC Summer Activities

Throughout each term the UC Center sponsors a variety of activities for its
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Watch Your Step: You Are Not in California

Take an
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streets
DC.



extra look be-
crossing the
in Washington,
District drivers
do not yield for pedestrians. In some
areas of the city you will notice a 4-
foot high fluorescent yellow pylon
sign in the middle of the street that
reads Law: Yield to [pedestrian sign]
in Crosswalk. The signs are suppose

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 students. Please check your Summer your Summer 2007 calendar of events for more information and a list of the events.

UCDC Photo ID Session

All students must have a UCDC photo ID and present it to the security officer on duty when entering the building. Photo IDs will be taken at 10 a.m.—5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, in the first floor multipurpose room. Please make sure you are there!

Residential Services Corner

Welcome to the UC Washington Center. The Residential Services Office is located on the 4th floor. At our office you can pick-up packages, check your mailbox, rent DVD players, VCRs, and Board Games. We're also here to try and make your stay in the Center as enjoyable as possible and to address residential concerns that may arise. Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fridays, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come by and say hello!

Bus Specials to New York City

Many of you will travel to New York City during your stay in DC. If you're planning to take the bus, here are some specials that you might be interested in....Greyhound and Peter Pan bus companies have a daily service. Buses run from the DC terminal (1005 First Street, NE) to New York's Port Authority (Eighth Avenue and 41st Street). Fares start at \$20 one way, \$35 round trip. For more information call 1-800-231-2222 or visit www.peterpanbus.com. The closest Metro station to the bus terminal is Union Station on the Red Line. If you are traveling after dark, you should take a taxi from (or if you are returning) to Union Station.

Other companies that provide service between the cities include: Vamoose Bus (1-877-393-2828 or www.vamoosebus.com), the fare is \$25 one way, \$40 roundtrip; Washington Deluxe (1-866-287-6932 or www.washny.com), the fare is \$20 one way, \$35 roundtrip; as well as Easter, Todays Bus and Dragon (each charges \$20 one way and \$35 round trip) can be booked at www.ivymedia.com.

Computer News

Every student is issued a computer user account and email address with a temporary password while at the UC Washington Center.

You must login to a lab computer to change your temporary password before you can access any websites which require a UCDC account login such as Computer Registration, Online Work order, or webmail.



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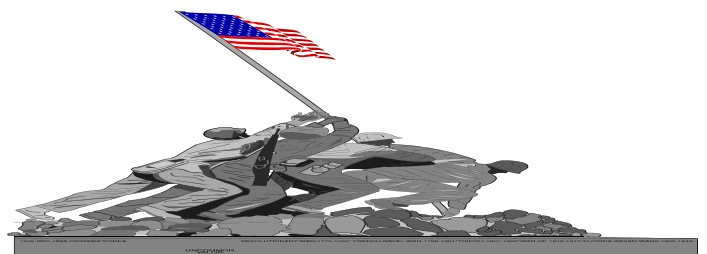
to make drivers more aware of crosswalks. Well, it doesn't work.... Don't put your trust in the power of DC traffic laws to protect you, always take that extra look before crossing. Keep in mind that although drivers don't always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, it's safer to cross there than in the middle of the street.

Hot Tips for Cheap Seats

One of the more economic ways to obtain cheap tickets is through TICKETplace. They offer half-price, day-of-show tickets to a variety of performances in the DC metropolitan area throughout the year. Tickets are sold in person only at the TICKETplace box office located at 407 7th Street, NW. Call ahead at (202) 842-5387 to make sure the ticket/s you want is available. Tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Learn How To Use The Metro System

Grab your map and head out to Dupont Circle, Farragut North or Farragut West Metro stations. Read the farecard machines to find out how to buy a farecard. After you've figured it out, go ahead and purchase your farecard for the week. The station manager will be more than happy to help you if you have questions. One thing to remember when riding Metro...always stand to the right on the escalators!



Visit the Iwo Jima U.S. Marine Memorial, just off Ft. Myer Drive, in Arlington, Virginia. It's a great place to get a view of the city at night! Metro: Rosslyn

CRIME REPORT

“Best Tips” For Services that are Less Than 15 Minutes Walking Distance from the UC Washington Center

1. Need your clothes laundered or tailored, stop by Liberty Dry Cleaning, 1708 M Street, NW. Show your UC Washington Center ID and receive a 10% discount on three or more items.
2. Need just about anything? One of the great all-everything hardware stores with knowledgeable staff is Candey Hardware, 1710 18th Street.
3. Forget to bring gloves, sweaters, suits, shirts, dresses or luggage? Why pay full price when you can shop at Filene’s Basement, 1133 Connecticut Avenue; Also visit the GAP-- 1120 Connecticut; Brooks Brothers-1201 Connecticut; or Express-- 1130 Connecticut.
4. Need to get those digital pictures developed or have other photo needs? Try FotoImage, 1170 17th Street (corner of 17th & M). Show your UC Washington Center ID and receive a discount.
5. Need a phone, electronics or batteries? You know the store- Radio Shack, 1150 Connecticut; also try Office Depot 1701 L or Graffiti Audio-Visual 1219 Connecticut.
6. Need a real hat? Visit this specialty store--Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Avenue.
7. The closest coffeehouse? There are several--Muddhouse, 1724 M Street; Starbucks at 1301 Connecticut; Caribou Coffee at 17th and L.
8. Need to rent a car for a trip to Great Falls, NY, or anywhere? Avis is next door to Liberty cleaners and Muddhouse at 1722 M St.
9. Bookstores—there are many. Some favorites are Second Story for the very best used books—2000 P. Kramer’s is the best for books and food—1517 Connecticut Ave., NW; Olsson’s for books and cds—1307 19th St. There is a movie theatre right next door-Cineplex Odeon Dupont-1350 19th.
10. Can’t find Longs Drugs—that’s because there are none in DC. Ours is CVS. The closest are at 2000 M and Dupont Circle and P. They are everywhere.
11. Need a real Post Office- just walk to 1800 M Street. Also try the UPS Store, formerly Mailboxes Etc., 1718 M Street.
12. There are plenty of banks in the area—Bank of America is at 3 Dupont Circle; there’s another on the way to Irving’s at 1801 K St.
13. Former students have given excellent reviews to Louis Barber Shop, located at 1120 20th Street, in the courtyard between L and M Streets. Another favorite is Haircuts By Mary, 2651 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

These listings are taken from the Washington Post, Weekly Section. We have reprinted them here to make you aware of trends in areas you might frequent. Use caution and good judgment when you are out and about.

NW, DC

Connecticut Avenue, 1100 block, 10:10 p.m. May 25 to 2:40 a.m. May 26. A man raped a female at a hotel.

Church Street, 1600 block, 7:15 p.m. May 31. Two men snatched a cellphone from a pedestrian in an alley.

Columbia Road, 1600 block, 7:35 p.m. May 27. Two men snatched a purse from a female pedestrian.

Columbia Road, 1700 block, 4:10 a.m. May 27. Three males assaulted a male pedestrian in an alley and demanded money. One of the males held a handgun.



Around Town



Visit Some Neighborhoods

Dupont Circle

Walk to Dupont Circle if you are looking for good book-stores, funky specialty stores, restaurants and a great place to people watch (especially during the spring and summer months). Just west of Dupont Circle lies the biggest concentration of the city's 150 international embassies. Many of them are housed along Massachusetts Avenue (Embassy Row) in the grand Beaux-Arts mansions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Georgetown

Once a thriving colonial port, Georgetown is now a prime example of an intact historical community. Walk to Georgetown and check out the shops and restaurants on M and Wisconsin. Walk through the residential areas to get a glimpse of some high-priced Washington real estate. Georgetown University is located at 37th & O Streets, NW.

Adams Morgan

A visit to this multicultural neighborhood is always a sensory experience. Incense wafts from the boutiques along 18th Street, NW, mingling with the tantalizing aroma coming from the neighborhood's restaurants that run the gamut of ethnic flavors, Ethiopian, French, Caribbean, and Mexican, just to name a few. Adams Morgan is also known for its vibrant murals and sidewalk cafes. Take the Red line Metro to the Woodley Park Zoo/Adams Morgan stop.

Downtown, DC

Located just a few blocks north of the National Mall, downtown DC has emerged as a center for the arts, sports, and dining. It bustles with activity day and night. Don't overlook the historical sites and unique museums. Visit the Ford's Theatre and the Lincoln Museum to learn about President Lincoln's legacy and his untimely death. The Museum of Women in the Arts is the only museum in the world devoted to women artist.

Go Grocery Shopping

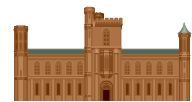


**Whole Foods Grocery Store, P Street, NW
between 14th and 15th Streets**

A chain store that specializes in organic produce, good grains and fresh meat, cheese and seafood. Pricey, but good quality. From the UC Center, turn right when you leave the building. Walk to 16th Street, make a left on 16th, walk up to P Street and make a right.

Safeway, 17th & Corcoran Streets, NW...From the UC Center, turn left when you head out. Walk to the corner (17th Street), turn right, walk up 17th Street to Corcoran Street. The Safeway will be on your left.

Wander through the Smithsonian's Museums



The Smithsonian Institution is host to 14 museums in Washington, DC. 10 of the 14 are located on the National Mall. Start at the Smithsonian Institution Visitor Information Center, in the Smithsonian Castle, 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW (202) 357-2700. Here you can visit the crypt of the Smithsonian's founder, James Smithsonian, use interactive touch screens to decide which museums to see first, and see a scale model of Washington's monumental core. All Smithsonian museums are open daily, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro: Smithsonian. From the castle you can walk to the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (Asian Art), the Arts & Industries Building (Exhibits from the Philadelphia 1876 Centennial Exhibition), the Freer Gallery of Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the National Air & Space Museum, the National Museum of African Art, the National Museum of American History and the National Museum of Natural History. The four facilities located off the Mall are the Anacostia Museum, 1901 Fort Place, SE, Metro: Anacostia; the National Portrait Gallery, 8th & F Streets, NW, (202) 357-2700, Metro: Gallery Place; the National Museum of American Art, connected by a courtyard to the National Portrait Gallery, 8th & G Streets, NW, (202) 357-2700, Metro: Gallery Place; the National Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, (202) 357-2700, Metro: Union Station; and the National Zoological Park, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW (202) 357-2700. Metro: Woodley Park/Zoo.