Sankofa, Black Student Union presents "The Angela Bonnie Baker Charity Ball" on March 31st at The Ramada Inn Geneva Lakefront. This event will raise money for Plan USA and Water for Sudan.

Caribbean Student Association will be presenting their first "Masquerade" dinner and dancing being held at Club 86 downtown, Geneva on April 6th.

International Student Association will host their annual “Celebrate Diversity” on April 14th.

Hip~NotiQ’s Step Team will be having a 90’s party where they will perform and will contribute performances for many of the upcoming events this spring semester.

Latin American Organization will host their annual “Extravaganza” in the Barn to celebrate their 30th Anniversary on April 21st.

Opportunity Programs & IC will host a BBQ for seniors and their families—May 12th, 5pm on the IC Green. On Commencement Day we will provide a continental breakfast from 8:30-10am, and an Open House with light refreshments 1:30-4pm.

Combining Cultures is a semestery newsletter published to promote the awareness and affection towards the rich culture Hobart and William Smith exemplifies.

Combining Cultures is made possible by the Intercultural Affairs Office of Intercultural Affairs.

It is my hope that as you read these lines, you remember at least one occasion on which you visited our white house on 288 Pulteney. Maybe you were here during our International Women’s Day tea reception and heard stories about being a woman, an immigrant, a community member. Perhaps you came to last fall’s Iftaar speaker and dinner and found yourself putting spicy chickpeas, aromatic rice and Mexican tamales all on the same plate! Or, could it be that you joined Professor Salibrici at her weekly writing table and thus were able to de-ice that blank writing page that was freezing up on you? Or, perhaps you were walking down Pulteney and saw our sandwich board announcing soul food, so you savored oxtail stew, black-eyed peas with rice, and southern styled mac-n-cheese, while Brandi Ferrara from career services guided you on the path to internships and career options.

Or, in January, the first week of classes, you helped us remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and you had a piece of his birthday cake at SAGA, or you watched Hip~NotiQ’s perform a step piece inspired by Dr. King’s last speech. Or, on your first Saturday back, you joined high school and HWS students for a day of service in the Geneva community.

Maybe, just maybe, you stopped in one day and noticed that a group of students, comfortably seated in our living room, were discussing with professor Kevin Dunn the ways in which he has been able to interweave Africa’s national parks with punk in his research. Or, to use that verb that still rings oddly to my Hispanic ears—you were simply hanging out at IC.

Now, if you are not able to remember any of these or other occasions, don’t worry—events and programs will continue in this “open house” at 288 Pulteney. Perhaps one day you will decide to come into IC, your house, after all.

Combining Cultures: An Open House All Year Round!
Performers from this past Fall’s Step/Dance show at the local Geneva Middle School. Funds raised went to support victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The HWS Campus Campaign

Rafael Rodriguez, Gilberto Vargas, Alexander Santana, and Kelvin Caba pose for a photo opt in the Bristol Field House at the HWS Campaign kick-off this past fall.

LAO’s Parents Dinner

The Latin American Organization’s executive board with guest speaker/performer, Quique Aviles (kneeling) and Professors Marisa DeSantis and Alejandra Molina at LAO’s Annual Parents Dinner this past October.
Combining Cultures

Combining Cultures! What a wonderful way to sum up what it is that we do here at the office of Intercultural Affairs.

I hope that you will enjoy this publication, and that it will help to inspire you to learn more about the community of which you are so intimately apart. I have had the pleasure of working with many wonderful students over the past 3 years and have come to appreciate how much they have contributed, and continue to contribute, to campus life. I’ve come to think of the students who run these clubs/organizations - ASU, CSA, LAO, Sankofa, Naral, Pride, ISA, Women’s Collective, and Hillel - as the conscience of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. They challenge us to leave our complacency behind as they work toward those things that remind us that we are all apart of a much bigger design, and force us to recognize our place within that design. I recently asked the students who lead these clubs to tell me what it was that inspired them to take on such positions of leadership on this campus. Some of the responses received were – “spread my culture”, “breaking myths-exposing individuality within groups,” “necessity,” “positive difference”, “serving others,” and “making connections.”

I welcome and encourage curiosity, and hope that you will be curious enough to find the time to support the efforts of these students during the weeks ahead, as they have worked incredible hard in preparing to share of themselves, their traditions, cultures and beliefs.

Chevanne DeVaney ’95
assistant director, Intercultural Affairs
international student advisor

EVENTS AT THE IC
SPRING 2007

Buddhist Meditation
Mondays 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Monthly Fireside Chat with Faculty

The Writing Table
with Professor Mary Salibrici
Wednesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Cross-Cultural Coffee Hour

Career/Internship Info Drop-In Hour
with Brandi Ferrara & Wormley’s Warm Wednesdays
Last Wednesday of the Month

Come for some advice on your future plans and enjoy free homemade soup or chili by our own Edith Wormley.

The Writing Table was a gathering place for students to get some help in figuring out assignments they were unsure about or in actually getting started with and/or reducing fears about writing. From the beginning of October until the last week of classes, Professor Mary Salibrici (Writing and Rhetoric) assisted between 15 and 20 students on a drop-in basis during weekly Wednesday sessions. She considers this a small but substantial start and is looking forward to continuing the opportunity and increasing publicity about it during the spring semester.

-Professor Mary Salibrici
Writing and Rhetoric Department

The Harry Potter series, while magical, fantastical, and fictitious, calls attention to several real social issues that should concern all of us: sexism, racism, and classism in particular. Additionally, these novels can stimulate discussion, at the very least on the margins, about ableism and heterosexism. They are a wonderful read, and lend themselves to spirited conversations and debates. It was a pleasure to sit down at the IC with students and colleagues to chat about these issues in a relaxed atmosphere!

-Professor Richard Rainville
Spanish and Hispanic Studies
Spring 2007 Calendar

Jan 15-19: HWS MLK Jr. Celebration
Jan 23: SANKOFA: Student Forum on Hate Speech
Feb 16: SANKOFA: Harlem Nights
Feb 18: ASU: Lunar New Year Celebration
March 8: International Women’s Day Tea Reception
March 21: LAO’s Canizares Lecture Series
March 24: Women’s Collective: Celebrating the Sunlight Conference
March 31: SANKOFA: Angel Bonnie Baker Charity Ball
April 6: CSA’s Masquerade Dinner and Dance
April 9-14: ISA: International Week
April 21: LAO: Extravaganza
April 28: Hip~NotiQ’s 90s Party
April 30: 4C’s Barbecue
May 12: Senior Reception and Barbecue
May 13: Commencement / Open House

Check out the Office of Intercultural Affairs online @ http://www.hws.edu/studentlife/campuslife/intercultural.asp

 CLUB MEETINGS @ ICA

Tuesdays:
Sankofa: Black Student Union @ 7 pm
International Student Association (ISA) 8 pm

Wednesdays:
PRIDE– 6pm
Latin American Organization (LAO)– 7pm
Caribbean Student Association (CSA)– 8pm

Thursdays:
Asian Student Union (ASU)– 7pm
NARAL– Biweekly Thursdays

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE @ IC

- The Nation
- The Advocate
- Colorlines
- Native People
- Islamic Horizons
- Essence Magazine
- Diverse Magazine