

The Olive Branch

Week of October 4, 2013

Veterans for Peace

Veterans for Peace (VFP) is a global organization composed of military veterans whose goal is to promote peace and educate the public about the true cost of war. Having served their nation, veteran members can attest to the true costs of war in a very personal way. They can testify that the cost of war is far greater than many realize, both for the lives destroyed abroad and for the veterans who return home. Among other goals, they seek to end the interference of government in other nations and to abolish war.

Founded in 1985 by 10 U.S. veterans, VFP has grown to 8,000 members. It exists in every U.S. state, as well as several other countries. VFP holds a non-governmental organization seat at the United Nations, and it is the “first military veterans’ organization invited to be a member of the International Peace Bureau based in Geneva, Switzerland.”

Since its founding, VFP has been involved in several projects whose goals have been to promote peace, including the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign. This campaign promotes justice for the victims of Agent Orange and claims that the American government has a responsibility to compensate victims



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for its effects.

VFP also supports the Korea Peace Campaign, whose mission is to end the Korean War and promote reconciliation between Koreans and Americans. These two campaigns exist alongside many others, all of which are designed to promote peaceful solutions and nonviolence. In addition to these campaigns, VFP has been instrumental in preparing position statements regarding government acts. The most recent position statement concerns Syria and strongly opposes military intervention in Syria on the grounds that intervention can only increase the total amount of suffering. It also claims that only Syrians can rightfully decide who should govern Syria.

Many VFP members report a shift in their perspective after undergoing war that caused them to join VFP. As one member stated, he realized he was “about to participate in business as usual for this country - occupation, re-education, redistribution of resources back to our shores.” Another



member described a “penetration of consciousness” as he began to realize the reality of war. In experiencing war firsthand, they came to a different conclusion about what it means for a nation to declare war against another. The consequences lie in far more than numbers and ideologies. This conclusion represents an important fact about war that can only be truly comprehended by those who have experienced it. In choosing to promote peace, these veterans have chosen to use their understanding in a way that reflects their own experiences.

Ashli Godfrey

Spotlight:

Malala Yousafzai



Malala Yousafzai was born on July 12, 1997 and is a prominent human rights activist, speaking out against the Taliban's attempt to halt the progress of women in the Middle East. Her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, runs several girls' schools in Pakistan and taught Malala from a very young age to fight against the Taliban regime, specifically regarding their opposition to the education of women. At age eleven, Malala gave her first speech against the Taliban at a local press conference which was covered by local television and newspapers.

At age twelve, Malala Yousafzai began blogging for the BBC, describing everyday life under the Taliban's regime. She spoke out during a time in

which the Taliban was attempting to impose what they defined as Sharia Law, declaring that women were not to be educated; barbers, thieves, and music shop owners would be put to death; and the Polio vaccination banned. Additionally, the Taliban was becoming successful at banning television and music and scaring women away from going shopping. Malala was blogging during the time of the First Battle of Swat, which was a Pakistani offensive intended to rid the area of Taliban rule. After military forces entered the area in which she went to school, Malala reported that more than half of her classmates stopped attending and some of them even moved away out of fear. The school was eventually shut down after the Taliban began bombing girls' schools in the area.

The school eventually reopened, and Malala and her father were the subject of a BBC documentary covering the situation in Pakistan. While this was filming, Mr. Yousafzai received death threats from the Taliban because of his activism. This event inspired Malala to become a

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politician in the future. In October 2011, Archbishop Desmond Tutu nominated the young activist for the International Children's Peace Prize because of her efforts to speak out against the Taliban. Additionally, Malala was the winner of the first annual National Peace Prize of Pakistan, which led to her planning of the Malala Education Foundation dedicated to helping young women like herself attend school.

On October 9, 2012, Malala was shot in the head and the neck by a masked gunman working for the Taliban. She was riding the bus on her way home from taking a test, and two other young women were injured in the attack. Malala was sent to the hospital in critical condition and doctors were unsure of her chance of survival. After a few days, however, her condition improved and she was able to be transported to a better hospital. After a long recovery, Malala was released from the hospital on January 3, 2013. International reactions began flooding the news. Barack Obama, Hilary Clinton, Gabrielle Gifford, and Madonna were just a few Americans who spoke out against the attack. Local Islamic clerics begged the Taliban not to make attempts on the young girl's life again to no avail. Leaders of the terrorist party explained that they had every right to kill a child if said child spoke out against what is "holy."

In October 2012, Gordon Brown, former British Prime minister, issued a petition to the United Nations in Malala's name, which implored the Pakistani government to ensure education among all of its children. On her sixteenth birthday, now declared Malala Day by the United Nations, Malala delivered a speech about her fight for human rights. In it she said, "I am not against anyone, neither am I here to speak in terms of personal revenge against the Taliban or any other terrorist group. I'm here to speak up for the right of education for every child. I want education for the sons and daughters of the Taliban and all terrorists and extremists."

Malala is an inspiration to all of us as we continue in a quest for peace. She is a shining example that action can be taken at any age, and it is important to be brave and firm in one's own quest for justice.

-Katie Munn

On Homeland Security

On Homeland Security is an upcoming art show, scheduled for the month of February at The Cup (The Village of Muncie), that will focus on the instability and fear accompanying the still expanding War on Terror. The show strives to highlight the many faces that insecurity takes at home and abroad. Possible themes include: surveillance, extrajudicial detention centers, drones, and suspension of civil rights here and around the world.

Local artists, writers, and performers of any media who are interested in participating in this exhibition or the associated video and website are welcome to submit pieces by **October 15th, 2013**.

For more information or to make a submission, contact Mary Ogle (ogle.mary@gmail.com).



On Campus Events

International Conversation Hour (ICH)

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. We recruit both domestic and international students from the BSU campus.

Time: Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm

First three meeting Location: 8/27, 9/3, and 9/10 will meet at the Studebake East, Multipurpose Room

Please feel free to bring your friends to join us. If you have any questions, please email Pei-Yi Lin, at plin@bsu.edu.

Citizen Leadership Panel

Monday, October 28, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Cardinal Hall

Every leader has a story. This session will present some key leaders in the Muncie and surrounding communities. These leaders represent diverse fields, backgrounds and perspectives. Students will have the opportunity to interact with these accomplished and giving individuals.

Register online at https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course_session_detail.asp?CourseID=8183

On Campus Events continued...

Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive and Be The Match Bone Marrow Match Registry

Start: October 11, 2013 9 a.m.

End: October 11, 2013 3 p.m.

Location: Pruis Hall

Contact Details: Michelle Johnson, 765-285-1080

Save a life on Friday, October 11, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Student Center Multi-purpose Room! Homecoming Pride Points can be earned for donating!

Don't want to wait? Appointments will be available online soon! Walk-ins are also welcomed.

For more information, visit the Homecoming Blood Drive page.

Perspectives Discussion: 'Mass Incarceration in the US: Justice or Jim Crow?'

Date: 10/16/2013

Time: 3:00-4:00 PM

Location: Multicultural Center

Perspectives is a discussion series that exists to give students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to discuss current events and important topics. The Multicultural Center extends an invitation to all students, faculty, staff, and individuals not associated with Ball State to bring their perspectives and participate in our discussions.

Heritage Film: Not Just a Game

Date: 10/23/2013

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Arts and Communications Building, Room 114

The Heritage Film Series features various films throughout the spring semester. These films present historical and social perspectives from various cultures. Each month, a different culture is featured.

Off-Campus Events

The 15th Annual Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace:

Building Just Peace in Colombia

Thursday, October 3, 2013

11 a.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium, University of Notre Dame
Featuring Ricardo Esquivia, founding director, Justapaz

Ricardo Esquivia is a Colombian Mennonite who has dedicated his life to building peace in Colombia, a country with one of the longest-running civil wars in the western hemisphere. In 1990, Esquivia founded Justapaz, the Colombian Mennonite Ministry for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action, which he directed for 13 years. More recently, on the Caribbean Coast, he founded Sembrandopaz (Planting Peace), a regional inter-denominational organization that works with displaced communities in the process of returning to their land and seeking reparation.

Stand Up for Reproductive Health

Saturday, Oct. 5

Betty Cockrum from Planned Parenthood, David Sklar from Jewish Community Relations Council, and Jane Henegar from American Civil Liberties Union will speak at a conference entitled "Stand Up for Reproductive Health" followed by a panel of legislators including Representative Karlee Macer, Senator Timothy Lanane, Representative Vanessa Summers, Representative Sue Errington, Representative Terri Austin, Senator Greg Taylor, and Senator Mark Stoops, 8:30-1, at Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio, sponsored by Health Access and Privacy Alliance (HAPA). For more info, email Matthew Barron at indianaaau@yahoo.com

Community, Faith and Labor Coalition will meet at 10 am at the Unleavened Bread Cafe, E. 30 and Central. For more info, contact Nancy Holle at nancyholle1@aol.com or 509-7453 or phone John Gibson at 525-1856 or Jay Carrigan at 283-2273.

Off-Campus Events continued...

Special Exhibition, Art Interrupted: Advancing Art and the Politics of Cultural Diplomacy

September 15, 2013 - December 15, 2013

Venue: Indiana University Art Museum

Address: E. 7th St., Bloomington, IN 47405

Phone: 812-855-9647

Times: Noon - 5 pm

Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Sunday

Admission: Free

2013 4th Annual Harvey Milk Dinner

Thursday, October, 10, 2013. IUPUI Campus Center 4th Floor

6:00 p.m., Reception (CE 4th Floor Terrace)

7:00 p.m. Dinner (CE 450)

\$20 - IUPUI Students; \$45 - All Others

Register online at myiupui.com/2013milkdinner by October 4.

Keynote: iO Tillet Wright - iO is an artist whose photography project showcases people who identify as something other than 100% straight has spawned countless conversations on the issues of gender and sexuality. In 2012 iO presented Fifty Shades of Gay on TED.com, which has been viewed by nearly 900,000 people.

Grants and Fellowships

The Davis Projects for Peace:

In its sixth year, the Davis Projects for Peace program is an invitation to undergraduates at the American colleges and universities in the Davis United World College Scholars Program to design grassroots projects that they will implement during the summer of 2013. The projects judged to be the most promising and feasible will be funded at \$10,000 each. The objective is to encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace.

Deadline for submissions is January 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/>

The Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship Program (USIP)

These are awarded to scholars, practitioners, policy analysts, policy makers, and others to spend 9-10 months in residence at the USIP during which time they will reflect and write on international peace and security challenges. Citizens of any country are able to apply. The program beginning in October 2014 is now open. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-senior-fellowship-program> to learn more.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation provides these fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> to learn more.

Conferences

INTERNATIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2014

Dubai / UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

February 5-7, 2014

www.ite-c.net

Call for papers

The main goal of International Teacher Education Conference is to provide a multinational platform where the latest trends in education can be presented and discussed in a friendly environment with the aim to learn from each other. Prospective presenters are encouraged to submit proposals for papers and posters/demonstrations that offer new research or theoretical contributions. Presentations should be in Turkish, English and Arabic and should address both theoretical issues and new research findings.

Furthermore if the presenter is unable to attend the oral presentation, video presentations are available. For further information on how to submit, please refer to the Paper Submission section on our website. For paper guidelines, please refer to the Paper Guidelines section.

Deadlines

Proposal & Abstract Submission Deadline : January 24, 2014

Full Paper Submission : January 26, 2014

Registration : January 24, 2014

Conference : February 5-6-7, 2014

Conferences continued...

Evolutionary Approaches to Peace Science

Oct. 24-26, 2013

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

The Society holds conferences annually within North America and periodically in other parts of the world. These bring together leading researchers scientifically investigating questions related to conflict and peace from all over the world.

For more information, see <http://pss.la.psu.edu/2013program.pdf>

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

March 29-30, 2014

The annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, which takes place during the spring semester, attracts undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. and abroad who want to change in the world and who are committed to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic work on peacebuilding.

For more information, see <http://kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference>

Black Solidarity Conference

The Black Solidarity Conference at Yale seeks to bring undergraduates of all colors together to discuss issues pertaining to the African Diaspora. Through discussions, panels, networking, and social gatherings, over 700 students from across the country analyze issues affecting our community and explore solutions to undertake at their respective college campuses. The Conference is hosted annually in February at Yale University in New Haven, CT by a student organization. In the past, the Conference has hosted Drs. Michael Eric Dyson, Angela Davis, and Cornel West as Keynote Speakers as well as J. Cole, Big Sean, and Phony Ppl as Concert Performers. In the following pages, you can discover how to register for conference and bring change to our community!

Feb. 13-16, 2014

For more information, see <http://www.yale.edu/bsc/index.html>

Conferences continued...

2013 Indiana Governor's Conference for Women

The highly successful Midwest Invent Your Future Conference for Women is joining forces with Indiana Governor Mike Pence to create the first annual Indiana Governor's Conference for Women this Fall.

As the Midwest's premier educational event for businesswomen and entrepreneurs, the conference will feature nationally-recognized keynote speakers, best-selling authors, thought leaders and business experts offering seminars, tools and techniques to accelerate your career advancement.

November 5, 2013

JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana

Diversity Roundtable of Central Indiana

Date: Oct. 9, 2013

Time: 6:00am - 9:00am

Speaker: Steve Pemberton, Divisional Vice-President/Chief Diversity Officer, Walgreens - child advocate, motivational speaker and author

Location: NCAA National Office , 700 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

For tickets, see <https://drtci15.eventbrite.com/>

NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference

December 5 - 7, 2013, in National Harbor, Maryland

Adult practitioners and student leaders: We hope you'll join us for the 2013 PoCC and SDLC. With the Washington DC area as our backdrop, we will explore the theme of "A Capitol's Mosaic: Independent School Leaders Building an Interconnected World." Register by November 4. Follow and contribute to the conversation via Twitter at #PoCC13 and #SDLC13.

For a conference preview, see http://issuu.com/naisnetwork/docs/nai298_2013preview_final2?viewMode=magazine&mode=embed

To register, visit <http://pocc.nais.org/Pages/default.aspx>. Register by Oct. 11 to save.

Conferences continued...

Indiana Environmental Management Conference

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) are partnering to present a new program, the 2013 Indiana Environmental Management Conference, on October 15-16, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

Cost to attend:

Member: \$495 per person

Non Member: \$595 per person

Student: \$199

For program information, see: http://www.indianachamber.com/media/pdf/2013_conferences/Indiana-Environmental-Management/ENVOct13_FinalAgenda.pdf

For registration, see: http://www.indianachamber.com/index.php?option=com_dregister&eventId=347&Itemid=0&task=event_register&type=reg_individual

Because Kids Count Conference

Registration is now open for the 2013 Because Kids Count Conference!

December 3-4, 2013

Our two-day conference has more than 60 workshops on youth development and nonprofit management topics, nearly 100 exhibitors with helpful resources to share, networking time, a Talent Show and Welcome Reception, a free screening of the documentary film Bully... and more!

Location:

Indiana Convention Center

100 South Capitol Avenue

Indianapolis, IN

For more information, see: <http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

Peace Organizations

Social Justice League

I am Morgan Ulyat, the president for Social Justice League this year. Below is a short description of our organization:

The Social Justice league strives to better the world through awareness, local involvement, and fundraising for worthy causes. We aim to bring greater awareness of social justice issues to Ball-State and the community. Join us to explore both domestic and international issues and to confront and combat injustices.

Our club meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. We can be reached at either sjl@bsu.edu or bsu.social.justice@gmail.com.

Timmy Global Health

Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit organization based out of Indianapolis that seeks to eliminate healthcare disparities worldwide. At Ball State, our chapter works through the academic year to raise awareness, money, and medical supplies for our annual trip to Ecuador during spring break.

Contact Info: bsutimmy@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSUTimmy>

Meetings: Tuesday @ 7pm. Education Resource Room 1 in the Bracken Library Basement

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya (DESK) is a student-led organization designed to assist students in Kenya. In Kenya, all students are required to have a school uniform to attend school. Unfortunately, some families are not in a position to buy school uniforms or school supplies for their children. To help these families, DESK organizes various fund raising activities to raise money to buy school uniforms and supplies. Some of these activities have been bake sales, calendar sales, and boxed lunch sales.

Peace Organizations continued...

Contact email: desk@bsu.edu

Fall 2013 Meeting Dates & Times:

September 23, 6-7pm in TC 542

October 28, 6-7pm in TC 542

November 25, 6-7pm in TC 54

Ball State TOMS

Our club is directly affiliated with the TOMS company. Our main goal and focus as a club is to raise awareness about the company and what they do. We do this through sponsoring and holding several events throughout the school year. We meet every Wednesday night at 9 PM in Bracken, room 401.

Contact info: TOMSCLUB@bsu.edu

Taylor Cardini, President

Students for Responsible Consumerism

Students for Responsible Consumerism aims to educate consumers about their relationship with products and the corporations that make them. Our mission is to make students aware of the socioeconomic and environmental influence of their purchases. We foster consumer activity that promotes ethical products that avoid exploiting labor or the environment.

Our club meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 308. We can be reached at the following emails: src@bsu.edu or responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com. This is our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/responsibleconsumerism>, and we also have a tumblr page: <http://responsibleconsumerism.tumblr.com/>.

Peace Organizations continued...

Ball State Circle K

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to make friends. Our motto is: "Live to Serve, Love to Serve!" Our club offers weekly service opportunities and larger service events for those who wish to become involved.

Our club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in WB 136.

Club email: ballstatecki@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://ballstatecki.weebly.com/>

Vegan Association

The Vegan Association is a judgment-free zone for Ball State students, employees, and alumni who are vegan and wish to positively promote a life free from animal products. We are a campus-affiliated network dedicated to the support, promotion, and education of people regarding veganism.

Meeting information can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354765237926317/members/>

Email: jlgilbert3@bsu.edu



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The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

To get all the latest updates on activities and news from the Peace Center, follow us on Twitter @bsu4peace or “Like” our Facebook page!



If you or your organization would like to submit content or information about an event to be included in our newsletter, please email Tacianna Oliver at tpoliver@bsu.edu or Katie Munn at ksmunn@bsu.edu.