International Women’s Day (IWD) falls annually on the 8th of March, and marks a major day for the struggle of the empowerment, justice and equality for women. The Women’s Resource Center and the International Student Services department at Bucknell University annually celebrate this monumental day over a luncheon ceremony. The theme this year was “Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all.” We decided that it would be fit, considering the tragic earthquake that occurred in Haiti on the 12th of January, to commemorate this event by remembering three important Haitian women, Myriam Merlet, Magalie Marcelin and Anne Marie Coriolan, who had lost their lives in this incident; the founders of three of the country’s most important advocacy organizations working on behalf of women and girls was a political organizer who helped bring the issue of sexual harassment and rape to the forefront of Haitian courts.

International Women’s Day was celebrated on campus in Hunt Hall. The luncheon featured traditional food from Haiti, complimentary copies of the novel, “Walking on Fire: Haitian Women's Stories of Survival and Resistance,” and facilitated donations to victims of the earthquake.

There were three panelist speakers, Roseline Reed, Associate Physician, originally from Haiti, Sophia Sainteux, a senior majoring in International Relations with origins in Haiti and Hilbourne Watson, Professor of International Relations at Bucknell.
Staff Profile: University Chaplain

The Rev. Thomasina Yuille has served as the University Chaplain/Pastor of Rooke Chapel since September of 2009. A life-long learner, she has earned three Masters degrees, two from Yale Divinity School and one from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. She joined Bucknell after completing a full career as a Navy Chaplain where she served young adults in hazardous environments.

As Bucknell’s University Chaplain, she oversees religious ministries for the entire student body. Her goal is to ensure that every student’s religious needs are met. She is available to students for counseling and religious advice. Students can email her with questions, make an appointment or just stop by the Rooke Chapel. She loves to talk to students about religious, moral and ethical matters and provide spiritual guidance.

Chaplain Yuille conducts Protestant Services at 11 a.m. on Sundays in the Rooke Chapel. They are Christian services that are open and inclusive – anyone can get something out of it whether it is the music or the Word. On average 95-100 people attend worship. Apart from the student body, many community members and faculty also attend the services.

After the Protestant service on Easter Sunday, the worshippers will gather at the Protestant House at 628 St. George Street at 1 p.m. for brunch. Chaplain Yuille is extending a special invitation to us. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Paula Myers by Wednesday March 31, 2010. so that she can get an accurate count.

Join Halo's for Haiti in a Benefit Dinner on April 7th at 5:00pm in Larison Dining Hall

The program includes an opening by Haitian student Christophe Poline, Haitian cuisine, Performances and an informational presentation.

This is one of the many ways to show your solidarity with Haiti and join the combined University effort to educate and provide sustainable support.

Ticket Sales are THIS WEEK in the LC MALL from 11am - 2pm, Please buy your ticket today! Tickets are $15.

Sponsored by The Black Student Union - Halo's for Haiti Initiative
Festivities: Asian Gala

SAAB, the Students for Asian Awareness at Bucknell, will be hosting the annual Asian Gala on Saturday, April 3rd, 2010 at 6pm. This two hour event is filled with food and entertainment from multiple Asian countries. The buffet style dinner course will include Korean barbeque, Vietnamese Spring Rolls, Japanese stir fry, and Taiwanese bubble tea, just to name a few. During the dinner multiple acts of entertainment—both songs and dances will be performed. Members of SAAB and other supporting organizations including, SASA, KCA, and CCA, will organize these performances. To add another layer of cultural flair, this year, we are introducing a Fashion Show where students will wear their cultural clothing. Throughout the entire event, the Japan Society will sponsor a chopstick contest that is kids-friendly with fun prizes for the winners. Tickets are available for $10, cash and BUID accepted, starting the week of March 29th. For more information or questions, please contact Anna at au002@bucknell.edu.

From Cultural Center Staff....

Please keep the Vedder Cultural Lounge in mind for a unique place to hold your weekly office staff meetings, club meetings, or just a quiet place to study.

In order to reserve the space, you may contact the RICS office to schedule your meeting or luncheon. You can also reserve it by logging in to mybucknell, click on Schedule an Event and fill out the form. If the space is available, we'd love to have you join the many organizations that have already made use of our wonderful lounge.
Memories: Chinese New Year  Photos by Aurimas Liutikas ‘12

Mark You Calendar

April 7, 2010: Wacky Wednesday, Vedder Lounge, 10pm
April 9, 2010: Choreographer's Showcase, Tustin Black Box Studio
          6pm
April 10, 2010: Choreographer's Showcase, Tustin Black Box Studio, 10am
April 9, 2010: Kid Kudi & Jay Sean Concert, Sojka Pavilion
April 22, 2010: "Walking Through the Renaissance"-
          Student Art Gallery
          Elaine Langone Center, Center Room, 6:30-7:30pm