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Three Winners of Burch Program Will Travel the World This Summer

BY BRIAN VANN

Juniors Daniel Aldrich, David Cherwek and Dawnelle Hyland will spend their sum-mers in various parts of the world working and studying as award winners in this

year's Burch Fellows Program.
Thanks to the Burch program, this year's winners will travel to Japan, Kenya and

Los Angeles, respectively.

Aldrich, an Asian studies major from Chapel Hill, will spend six months study-ing rural Japan. He said he would spend the first two months working with a government organization and improving his language skills. He will spend the remaining four months with a rural Japanese family, working with them while observing the culture in which they live.

In high school, Aldrich traveled to Japan through the Sony Student Abroad Program and visited many industrial centers. He now hopes to focus his attention on rural, unindustrialized Japan. "The island of Hokkaido is the most rural of Japan's islands, and it's changing the fastest because it's not very developed," Aldrich said. "I want to get in there, see what's going on and record changes.

"My hope is that the people there will not be overrun by tourists. It's similar to the American frontier.'

me American frontier."

Cherwek, of Fredericksburg, Va., will spend 45 days in Kenya observing and participating in the African Medical and Research Foundation. He will research various tapeworm diseases and will prac-tice limited medical fieldwork.

The medical field is not new to Cherwek.

In addition to working as an emergency medical technician with the South Orange Rescue Squad, he spent last summer in London researching a hematological disorder. A biology major, Cherwek hopes to attend medical school after graduation.

Hyland, a secondary English education

major from Hickory, will spend her sum-mer teaching at least three classes to Los Angeles junior high school students. She

will participate in the Los Angeles Summerbridge program—an educational initiative for students who demonstrate strong potential yet face socio-economic

"Student-teachers are the staff for the Summerbridge program," Hyland said.
"We run it and will make curriculum decisions as well as talking to the student's families."

In addition to teaching, Hyland plans to study her students' families and cultures to better understand how family environment affects the students' education.

"I want to see how culture interfaces with their school experiences and how the schools handle kids with different social

backgrounds," she said. Now in its second year, the Burch Fel-lows Program awards students of extraor-dinary promise as much as \$6,000 to par-ticipate in a self-designed activity. In order to apply, students must present the selecmittee with their proposal and an

Survey: Bikers Often Don't Don Helmets

Results from a recent survey on bicycle helmet use by UNC students highlight the need for more education about injury prevention in bike accidents

Students in the UNC School of Public Health's "Principles of Epidemiology" class surveyed 1,119 other students about how often they used head protection while

riding.

Of the 517 respondents who were bicycle users, 43 percent actually used helmets. And more than half of the helmet owners said they used helmets infrequently

to never.

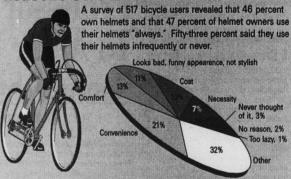
The number of people who wear helmets while riding on campus is probably even lower, said Amanda Briggs, an undergraduate student in public health administration. "Something that stood out in our results was the perceived safety of riding on campus," she said. "People don't seem to realize that sidewalks can cause as much damage as asphalt."

According to the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, an estimated 800 people under the age of 19 are hospitalized annu-ally in North Carolina for bicycle-related injuries and an additional 13,300 receive emergency room treatment

Bicycle helmets reduce the likelihood of head injury by 85 percent and the likelihood of brain injury by 88 percent, accord-

Carl Shy, faculty director of the epide-

Reasons Students Don't Use Helmets



risk when they chose not to wear a helmet. "Head injuries from bicycle accidents can result in a very long-term period of recov-ery just to get back to normal intellectual functioning. The bicycle helmet is designed to prevent that."

A Chapel Hill ordinance requires pro

tective head gear for bike riders aged 15

Surveyors asked participants whether they would support the expansion of the

ordinance to require helmets for riders of Sixty-six percent of helmet users said they would support expansion of the ordinance, while only 42 percent of the nonhelmet-users would support such a pro-"I think the feeling was we don't want to

make people wear helmets but we should educate people about why they should,"

The University could be helpful in this Another key to preventing serious inju-

ries from bike accidents is offering incentives to buy helmets, Shy said.
"Some towns or universities offer a discount on helmets," he said.

"It may only be a voucher for \$10, but

it's an incentive for people to buy them. Helmets usually cost \$40 to \$50."

On-Line Class Info Keeps Students Up to Date

BY KAMAL WALLACE

This semester, students were able to use the directory of classes in a different way to register for the courses they wanted. For the first time, the directory of classes went

With the use of nothing more than a personal computer and a modem, the new on-line directory allowed students to find out when their classes were being held,

what professors would be teaching them and whether that section was open. Wendy Perry, programmer for the on-line directory of classes, said the new on-line directory would be beneficial to students in two ways.

"The hope in this process is that it will

cut down on the paper usage," Perry said.
"I also think students will be able to find more up-to-date information while being on-line," she said. "When they get the information from

the written directory of classes, that infor-mation is usually out of date," Perry said. "With this new on-line directory, people can get updated information."

Donna Redmon, associate University registrar, said she thought the new on-line directory would be very helpful when students became more computer literate.
"I think the new directory will be very

helpful as students become more accus-tomed to using new computer technology such as the Internet and World Wide Web," Redmon said.
"Ialso think it will be another important

reference to find out about course information and course availability," she said. "For instance, if someone was at home

and did not have a copy of the written directory of classes, that person could use the on-line directory to find out about their classes," she said. Steven Schneider, a freshman econom

ics and philosophy major from New York, said the new on-line directory might not be such a good idea. There are a large number of people

who are not computer literate that the on-line directory will not benefit," Schneider

"Although I have not used the on-line directory, it seems that reading it on-line would be just as easy as it is reading from

Redmon said she was aware that stu-dents' reaction to the new directory would We will be in a better position later,

after we find out the students' reaction, she said.

Perry said the on-line directory would be enhanced in the near future.

'Right now, it is an ongoing process, but we hope to have a new search feature called indexing where the student would enter the instructor's name and the on-line directory would give which sections of his or her course are open," she said.

The new on-line directory could also

have more uses in the future, Redmon

"In the future, specifically, the students could view grades as well as their course schedules," she said. Redmon said the University would con-

tinue to print a directory in the near future because of the limited access students had to computers.
"The written directory will still be here

for a long time because many students do not have access "



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