

Lecture series offers credit, exposure to foreign policy

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Contras, communists, defense budgets and deficits are a mere sample of material covered by the Great Decisions '87 lecture series which kicks off Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the lecture hall of Hanes Art Center.

This year students can receive one hour of pass/fail credit for attending the lectures, said Marcus Trathen, chairman of the Great Decisions coordinating committee. The credit is arranged through the Office of International Programs in Caldwell Hall and the course is listed as International Studies 93, he said.

The series begins with a lecture called "The Constitution and Foreign Policy: The Role of Law in International Relations" given by Ole Holsti, the George V. Allen professor of political science at Duke University. All

lectures are free and open to the public.

"I would imagine he's going to address how the Constitution will affect the Iran/Contra scandal, since it fits in so well with the topic," Trathen said.

Holsti, a Duke faculty member since 1974, was a Guggenheim fellow in 1981-82. He has received three National Science Foundation grants.

Holsti has published "American Leadership in World Affairs: The Breakdown of Consensus," "Change in the International System" and "Unity and Disintegration in International Alliances: Comparative Studies," among others.

Other lectures in the series include the following:

■ Feb. 4: "Defense and the Federal Deficit: U.S. Needs, Soviet Challenges" by Anne Cahn, executive director of the

Committee for National Security;

■ Feb. 10: "Egypt and the United States: Uneasy Relations" by Paul Jabber, senior fellow, Council on Foreign Relations;

■ Feb. 17: "Afghanistan and Pakistan: Storm over Southwest Asia" by Louis Dupree, visiting professor at UNC;

■ Feb. 24: "South Africa: America under Siege" by Vernon Rose, South African citizen;

■ March 3: "China and the United States: Emerging Relations" by Steven Levine, a professor at American University;

■ March 17: "The Pacific Basin: Alliances, Trade and Bases" by Wallace Rowling, New Zealand's ambassador to the United States;

■ March 24: "Dealing with Revolution: Iran, Nicaragua, and the Philippines" by Barry Rubin, senior fellow, Johns Hopkins University.

Groups to hold elections

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While the deadline for entering most major campus elections was 5 p.m. Thursday, other campus organizations, including the Black Student Movement and the Campus Y, will hold voting at later dates.

Applications for offices within the Campus Y are due Feb. 11. According to Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, the organization is looking for students with "proven leadership ability," but a requirement of previous Campus Y experience "is not written anywhere."

The Campus Y is responsible for the South African Scholarship Fund, the Big Buddy program, STAND, and a number of other campus activities.

"It's a center of student activism," said Hatcher-Wilson, "that works for local and world peace."

The positions available include two co-presidents (one male and one female), two co-treasurers, a secretary, and five members-at-large. According to Hatcher-Wilson, the Y is "looking for diversity, both racially

and in terms of gender."

According to BSM Vice President Eric "Wacko" Walker, BSM elections will be held the first or third week in March.

The only qualifications for officers are membership in the BSM and an interest in the organization, Walker said. "Traditionally, we have not found a great deal of people running, and therefore have not found a need to impose monetary or academic restrictions."

According to Walker, the BSM has three goals. The first is to be the political voice for black students. If the University or someone else is abusing black rights, Walker said, the BSM says "this is wrong and you need to shape up your act." The second goal is to be a cultural base through speakers, the Ebony readers, Opeyo dancers and the BSM gospel choir. Finally, the BSM is to be a base of identification for black students.

"Being one of eight out of a hundred students can be very disconcerting," Walker said. "We want

to provide a situation that is an alternative to being lost."

Providing support for blacks without being a segregated group is "the most important goal and the hardest goal to achieve," Walker said.

"All the projects we do are also to help whites to feel comfortable too," Walker said. "It's not only a matter of pride but to answer questions about how black people act."

According to Walker, the most important qualities for a BSM leader is to have the ability to work with everyone and be open to many opinions, and to be able to be seen and be recognized. "You have to be able to step forward."

The position of student body president will be decided Tuesday, Feb. 3. It involves approximately 40 hours a week and a variety of roles, including chief student advocate, ex-officio member of 10-12 committees and boards — including the Board of Trustees — and management of student government.

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