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African Student Association (ASA)

2005 SEP Students, Illinois Wesleyan University

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“Me and my pikin dey go yankee, I wan make in know book so te na im dey teach me”
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Me and my child are going to American. I want him to be so smart that he would be able to teach me.
African Student Association (ASA) Since 2001
Mission Statement

- To unify IWU African students
- To create awareness of diverse issues affecting the African continent
- To promote both cultural and social awareness of Africa through the organization’s activities
African Culture Night
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Challenges of ASA

Membership – largely dependent on the # of African students attending IWU

Suggestions for recruiting more African students:

- Increasing grant packages for students
- Sending recruitment counselors to high schools in Africa
- Increasing the awareness about IWU.
- Using current African students to help recruit more African students
International Society (I-SOCIETY)
Since 1979
Purpose and Goals of I-SOCIETY

- Promote cultural awareness on the IWU campus
- To unite students of different ethnicities
- To encourage study abroad
Kemp Hall was designated the “International House” (I-HOUSE) in 1987. It is a residential small hall for IWU students from all backgrounds who share an interest in international learning.
Students Studying Abroad for at Least One Semester

(does not include May Term Travel)

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Preliminary as of 10/28/04
I-SOCIETY Activities and Events

- International Float
- Vegetarianism program
- Diversity Workshop
- Global Cafe
- International Carnivale
I-CARNIVALE

Darcy Greder, first conceived the idea for the International Carnivale in 1987 with the help of the International House.
Challenges of I-SOCIETY

- Low membership
- "Bridging the cultural gap"
Full Time International Students: 33

Countries Represented in Enrollment: 18
Suggestions For Improving Recruitment Abroad:

- Increase the amount of grants international students receive
- Create updated websites for every department and professor
- Send recruitment counselors abroad
- Increase awareness about IWU
- Advertise in foreign newspapers
- Conduct workshops abroad
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