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*Learning by doing since 1953!*
LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

It's hard to imagine that it was only ten years ago that we celebrated our 50th anniversary in Munich. And now this year marks 60 years of JYM – how time flies!

As you already know, JYM is the oldest study abroad program in Germany. JYM earned a special place in the history of study abroad when Wayne State University re-opened the program in 1953, thereby becoming the first junior year abroad program in post-war Germany. JYM became even more special in 1975 when the program was granted privileged status as an affiliated academic institute at Ludwig Maximilians Universität and an official course of study (Teil-Studiengang) approved by the Bavarian State Ministry of Culture (hence our name, the "Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München").

60 years later, JYM today continues to be unique among study abroad programs. At a time when more and more students are studying abroad, the vast majority are doing so for less than a semester. And they are going on programs where English is the language of instruction – even in Germany! JYM, on the other hand, continues to advance the cause of studying abroad at a German university in the German language. We're very proud of the fact that we can say of JYM: hier wird Deutsch gesprochen!

That's not to say that some things haven't changed at JYM. Students who go on JYM today are a much more diverse group than in the past. Only 15% are German majors. 29% have double-majors that include German. More than half of our students today are majoring in disciplines outside the humanities, such as business, natural & physical sciences, computer science and math, and the social sciences. We have responded to this change in student body by helping students find LMU coursework in an increasingly diverse array of disciplines. We also have introduced and encourage internships in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, and have developed a strong undergraduate research program that meets students' specialized interests and needs. I am confident about the future of JYM, because all-in-all, we do study abroad better than anyone else. As I like to say: all in Germany, all in German, all with JYM!

I hope you enjoy this anniversary newsletter! Special thanks go out to Sommer Forschner in our Munich office who has spent months putting it all together, and to Louise Speed in the Detroit office, without whom you would not have received it. I'd also like to thank everyone else who makes JYM such a unique and fantastic program. In addition to Sommer and Louise, let me also thank Patricia Thill in the Munich office, our eccentric yet incredibly talented resident director Hans-Peter Söder and his wife Elizabeth, and our dedicated instructors who teach the JYM courses. Last, but certainly not least, I wish to thank the Max Kade Foundation for its continuing support of JYM students through grant fellowships, and also thank the JYM family of alumni who respond so generously to our annual fall fundraising letter which enables us to provide scholarships to future JYM students.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen aus München und Detroit,

Mark Ferguson, Program Director
15,192  number of views of JYM's YouTube channel
4,784  number of JYM alumni since 1953
683  members of Junior Year in Munich Alumni Group on Facebook.com
514  number of schools represented on JYM since 1953
220  members of Junior Year in Munich Alumni Group on LinkedIn.com
129  average number of LMU courses JYM students take each year
102  number of students in JYM Class of 1969-70
62  average number of students on JYM today
56  number of pages in this issue of the JYM Alumni Newsletter
35  number of colleges & universities represented on JYM each year
15  number of video clips on JYM's YouTube channel
12  number of students in JYM Class of 1953-54
7  number of years in a row JYM has not increased its Program Fee!
Political and Cultural Events (1953-1959)
Berlin is center stage of the cold war between the soviets and the western allies, divided in to four sectors.

1. 17 June 1953 Soviet troops defeat the construction workers uprising in East Berlin.
2. 9 October 1953 Konrad Adenauer is elected to German chancellor for the second time.
3. 17 June 1954 „Day of German Unification“ celebrated for the first time.
4. 1 April 1955 Lufthansa starts airline operations.
5. 9 May 1955 Federal Republic of Germany becomes a member of NATO.
6. 3 May 1957 FRG turns equal rights for women in to law.
7. 1 October 1958 Elvis Presley is stationed with the US military in Friedberg in Hessen.
8. February 1959 Günter Grass publishes his first novel „Die Blechtrommel“.

Fun Fact:
Radio station AFN Munich of the American Forces Network of the US Army, nicknamed: "The Voice of Southern Bavaria"
Wirtschaftswunder

Amerika prägt Alltagskultur

JYM 1953-54

In front of JYM, 1954

JYM 1959-60

JYM 1957-58

In front of JYM, 1955

GRUSS GOTT!

JYM Illustrierte

GRUSS GOTT! 1958-59

In front of JYM, 1954
A BRIEF HISTORY OF JYM: 1953-2013

JYM: Pre-War Origins

In the aftermath of World War I, a new concept of study abroad was formed. Professor Raymond W. Kirkbride, a World War I veteran and instructor at the University of Delaware, spearheaded a plan to allow undergraduates the opportunity to study abroad—an opportunity previously reserved only for graduate students. With the establishment of a program in 1923 at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, the “junior year movement” gained popularity and the Junior Year Abroad tradition began. In 1931 the first Foreign Study Plan in Germany was created in Munich, referred to at the time as the German Junior Year Group, the Munich Junior Year, or the Junior Year in Munich. The program continued until the outbreak of World War II in 1939, at which time it was suspended for the duration of the war.

JYM re-opens 1953

After the war, the long process of re-establishing Junior Year Abroad programs in Europe began. Efforts to reopen the program in Munich were undertaken by former JYM director Edmund E. Miller and a former JYM student from 1935-36, Dr. John F. Ebelke. Dr. Ebelke had earned a Ph.D from the University of Michigan and as of 1948 was an Assistant Professor of German at Wayne State University. Dr. Miller had been running the Junior Year in Zurich and he invited Ebelke to return to Europe as Supervisor of Studies for a new Junior Year in Basel Program. During his two year stay in Basel, Ebelke began planning the reopening of the Junior Year in Munich. Wayne State agreed to sponsor the program, and with the financial support of the German-American community in Detroit, the Junior Year in Munich was re-opened under the sponsorship of Wayne State University in 1953.

The Early Years

In September 1953, the first group of 12 JYM students set sail for Europe on the Queen Elizabeth. Dr. Ebelke and his wife Marianne joined the group and ran the program out of Amalienstrasse 54 while Munich underwent a period of fervent post-war reconstruction. After its inaugural year, Dr. Ebelke returned to Wayne State to oversee JYM as program director from Detroit. Dr. Bernhard Valentini was hired as resident director for the years 1954-56, followed by Dr. Eitel Wolf Dobert for 1956-58.

By fall of 1958 enrollments had increased to nearly 70 students. While Dr. Conrad P. Homberger was resident director 1958-59, the JYM office moved to Akademiestraße 19 in order to accommodate so many students. But they still kept coming! With 97 students on JYM In 1959-60, JYM had reached its capacity. In response to the ever-increasing student interest, Dr. Carl Colditz, JYM resident director 1959-61, assisted Dr. Ebelke in opening a second program in Germany: the Junior Year in Freiburg. For the next 36 years, Wayne State University would sponsor two of the largest and most respected junior year abroad programs in Germany: the Junior Year in Freiburg and the Junior Year in Munich. With the closure of the Freiburg program in 1996, the Junior Year in Munich remains the oldest, continuously running study abroad program in Germany.

The “FDR” Era (1961-1994)

Dr. Marianne Riegler began her long career with JYM in 1955 as instructor and counselor. She earned her doctorate from the LMU in 1957 and received a Fulbright Exchange Professorship to Wayne State University in 1960-61. Upon her return to Munich in 1961, Frau Dr. Riegler (respectfully nicknamed “FDR” by JYM students) was appointed JYM resident director, a position she would occupy for the next 34 years. More than 2,500 students participated in JYM under Dr. Riegler’s supervision. An important part of her legacy consists of her tireless work to bring about a more formal cooperation between the two partner universities, LMU and WSU. And by 1967, just as the program moved yet again to new offices, this time at Leopoldstrasse 23, she had succeeded. Rector Dr. Ludwig Kotter, together with the WSU president Dr. William R. Keast, forged a formal affiliation whereby the JYM program was recognized by the LMU as the “Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München.” Furthermore, in November 1974 the Academic Senate of the University of Munich endorsed the proposal to make the Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München an official course of study at the LMU. And in 1975 the Bavarian Ministry of Education awarded JYM privileged academic status as an officially sanctioned “Teilstudiengang” at the LMU, assuring future JYM students wide access to courses at the university.

Dr. Riegler demonstrated steadfast dedication to the students, and at the same time enhanced the social and academic prestige of the program. In recognition of her many contributions to the program and transatlantic goodwill, Dr. Riegler was inducted...
as an honorary citizen of the Ludwig Maximilians Universität, and on the occasion of JYM's 50th anniversary celebration in the Grosse Aula of the LMU in 2003, Dr. Riegler was awarded an honorary doctorate from Wayne State University. Dr. Riegler passed away in 2008. But thanks to the initiative of the JYM class of 1968-69, her commitment to JYM and its students lives on through the Dr. Marianne Riegler Endowed Scholarship Fund. Continued support from JYM alumni has allowed this endowment to grow over time and benefit future generations of JYM students.

The “HPS” Era (1994 – present)

Professor Hans-Peter Söder was appointed resident director of JYM in 1994 and has been adding his particular brand to the program as a philosopher and traditionalist ever since. A native of Karlsruhe, Germany, Prof. Söder studied in the Great Books Program at St. John’s College in Maryland before going on to earn his M.A. in German Studies and Ph.D. in German Intellectual History from Cornell University. In addition to his publications on Nietzsche, Heidegger, Postmodernity and Cultural History, Prof. Söder (known as "HP" by students) also has written about such pressing topics as "National Literature in the Age of Globalization," "Writing in the Electronic Age," and the state of the German university. He is the author of the monograph That Way Madness Lies: Max Nordau on Fin-de-Siècle Genius (2009) as well as a book of his own poetry, Helena at War. Munich – Berlin: 1882-1945 (2010), which was featured on Bavarian television and can be found on YouTube.

For nearly 20 years Prof. Hans-Peter Söder has guided more than 1,900 students through the life-changing experience that is JYM. A lover of old books and old bicycles (all in large quantities), and armed with an abundance of innovative ideas and an ever-expanding Rolodex of contacts, Prof. Söder has successfully navigated JYM through a generation of change. His talents as a thinker of new ideas and builder of new things (aka academic entrepreneur) are best revealed through the formative experiences and new opportunities for learning abroad that are available to today's JYM students. He has expanded the practice of academic freedom within JYM to include not only a wider array of course options at LMU Munich and TUM than in the past, but also an undergraduate research and independent study program (often combined with internship experience) that is highly admired by German programs across the US.

Although many things have changed at JYM in the past 60 years, many things have remained the same. Yes, we moved again. In 1998 JYM moved from the Leopoldstrasse to our spacious new Art Deco premises at Richard-Wagner-Strasse 27, right behind the Lehnbachhaus which houses the Blaue Reiter expressionist paintings. But more importantly, JYM continues to provide students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for personal growth, exploration, and reflection – all within a foreign environment which they first had to learn to negotiate successfully, all experienced and expressed in a language not their own. And despite many changes, JYM has remained true to its original mission of German university integration, German language immersion, and transatlantic friendship and understanding. As long as we stay true to this path moving forward, JYM will continue to be recognized as the most prestigious study abroad program in Germany.

The JYM class of 2013-14 arrived this September, as usual just in time to catch Oktoberfest. They are the 61st class of JYM students. Let’s see what this new era and new decade of JYM brings!

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JYM Hall of Resident Directors

Resident Director Pencil Drawings by Darya Tsymbalyuk (JYM 2011-2012)
The Wayne State University Board of Governors awarded Dr. Marianne Riegler an honorary doctorate on the occasion of JYM’s 50th anniversary in 2003:

"For your unstinting dedication to excellent intercultural education, your skill in leading the Junior Year in Munich program to greatness, and your invaluable service to German-American relations, Wayne State University proudly bestows upon you, Marianne Riegler, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

– President Irvin D. Reid

Acceptance Speech by Frau Dr. Dr. h.c. Marianne Riegler

President Reid, verehrte Gäste, meine lieben Studenten,

The situation here demands that, for the first time in my Junior Year life, I break a taboo and speak English in front of my students!

Furthermore, the situation of being awarded a high academic degree normally demands a scholarly response. I would have met this expectation with great pleasure. Many of you know that, after I retired from JYM, I immediately became a student of CrossCultural Communication at the University. I wanted to find out whether the existing scientific theories in this field comply with my long time professional experience - and vice versa.

Most of these theories are based on the existence of so-called cultural standards:

– your own, which you consider to be normal ones (and therefore automatically use as tertium comparisonis),

– and those you are confronted with abroad. These you consider to be exotic (even when you are in the minority there!).

Theories have been developed which proclaim ways to solve related problems. Research demands that theories be validated, through repeated and repeatable experiments, with so called homogeneous groups.

In this respect, JYM students would have been the ideal homogeneous group: they are all Americans; they are all 20 years old; they all come with Junior standing from accredited US universities and colleges; they all have a grade point average of B or better; and they all have had two years of college German or the equivalent.

All this applies. But our longtime intercultural endeavors with our students have taught us that they are not a homogeneous group, that they are not even a group in this sense. They are individual persons, with individual motivations and individual expectations. Motivations and subsequent expectations are essentials which determine the selection of each individual’s perception of reality. Whenever it comes to an intercultural discourse in any form and in any field, in our case related to study abroad, you must take into consideration that - aside from obvious differences between cultural standards (remember "These Strange German Ways"?) - you are primarily dealing with an individual person’s subjective projection (or construction) of reality. By the way, this is not only an intercultural but also an *intracultural* issue. Otherwise, there would not be so many misunderstandings among people with the same cultural standards.

So much for the theories about the possibly overestimated role of cultural standards in intercultural situations.

Theories are products of reason. We all know that mere reason does not accomplish anything without emotional motivation. So let me speak about emotions which are involved in and move an institution like JYM.

I am not authorized to speak about the emotions which moved you students before, during and after your year of study abroad. I could quote 500 questionnaires which we sent out many years ago asking questions about still existing friendships, jobs related to the experience, etc. On 99% of the questionnaires, our former students wrote somewhere "This was the best year of my life." Or another quote similar to many others in our guestbooks, "You can get the student out of JYM, but you cannot get JYM out of the student."

I could speak about my own emotions: Whenever I look back on the decades of my professional life with JYM, I feel that not everybody - though having invested the best of his knowledge and ability in a job - has the satisfying feeling I gratefully enjoy that his or her endeavors somehow made sense and were not futile.

And this brings me to the point I actually want to express on this occasion:

We would not have this assembly in this venerable Aula, celebrating this 50th anniversary, we
could not refer, as President Reid has, to "the national and international reputation which Wayne State University's Junior Year in Munich enjoys", without the students with whom we had the privilege to share a special year in their young lives. They are the Junior Year in Munich!

They took the risk to study abroad, to face the academic and personal risks and challenges to study their third college year in a foreign language in a foreign university system and at the same time to survive in a foreign environment.

They represented their families, their schools and their country admirably in a foreign culture. The only thing we could do for them was to provide the academic, cultural and social opportunities in which they were able to demonstrate and profit from the true and real purpose of study abroad as it was meant by the founders of the program: to contribute to mutual understanding by deconstructing clichés and preconceived notions and by enhancing awareness and establishing genuine mutual respect - for themselves and for their hosts.

And with this, if President Reid and the Board of Governors of Wayne State University and the State of Michigan so agree, I accept this great honor in the name of and for the Students of the Junior Year in Munich. Thank you.

Dr. Dr. h.c. Marianne Riegler
12 June, 2003
Ein herzliches "GRÜSS GOTT" all denen, die als JYer in München oder Freiburg waren, und auch denen, die vielleicht einmal hieherkommen wollen! Die neue JYM- und die zweite JYP-Gruppe möchten den "alten" JY-Turn als Erinnerung und den neuen, Ihren Ehrern, Professoren und Freunden zur Information in einem "Almanach" die Schilderung eines Querschnittes durch den Jahreslauf des Programms geben.

Wayne State University veröffentlicht zwar jedes Jahr eine Broschüre, die in knappen Worten die Grundzüge des Programms erklärt. Was dieses Programm aber mit pthesisendem Leben und jedes Jahr mit einer neuen Individualität verbindet, sind unsere lieben, vernünftigen, wissensdurstigen, aber auch lustigen Studenten, die in erntehafter Arbeit und fröhlicher Anteilnahme am Münchner und Freiburger Leben aus dem Programm eine lebendige Institution machen.


In München oder Freiburg sind unsere Studenten für ein Jahr zuhause. Das Programm, entworfen und ausgearbeitet im Fenen Detroit, zum Leben erweckt durch unsere Studenten, gewinnt durch die beiden Städte mit ihren Universität und Umgebungen jedes für sich ein Gesicht, dessen spezifische Züge durch diese drei Faktoren bestimmt werden - eine große Erfahrung und ein unvergleichliches Erlebnis für jeden einzelnen.

So bleibt den Resident Directors, die auch für alle ihre Mitarbeiter sprechen dürfen, außer dem GRÜSS nur der Dank! Der Dank an alle, die dieses Programm ermöglichen, an alle Studenten, die zu seinem Gelingen beigetragen haben, und an diejenigen, die sich selbst, ihren Hoffnungen und Erträumen, ihren Freunden und kleinen "Problemen", ihren guten und weniger guten Erfahrungen durch unser "GRÜSS GOTT" Ausdruck verliehen haben.

Friedrich Hieber
Resident Director
Junior Year in Freiburg

Marianne Riegler
Resident Director
Junior Year in Munich

The "Junior Year in Munich", under the sponsorship of Wayne State University is a national program open to qualified junior year students from all accredited schools. Brochures describing the program may be obtained from Wayne State University, Detroit 2, Michigan.

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"GRÜSS Gott", the annual JY student newspaper, issue 1961/62 was arranged by Günther Bergmann.
Professor Karl Fischer (1929-2012), a scholar, a mountaineer, a loyal friend of JYM and a flagship in transatlantic friendships and German-American relations.

Excerpt from the eulogy written and delivered by Hans-Peter Söder:


Also, Charlie, so long, and... Good Bye.

Inside cover of a book on the Alps that Karl Fischer sent as a gift to the JYM students, the inscription demonstrating his ready sense of humor.

Karl Fischer in the 70's - He was always at home in the Alps.
Political and Cultural Events (1960-1969)
7 March 1960 First nonstop-flight of a Lufthansa passenger jet to New York.
13 August 1961 Wall erected in Berlin, two months after SED head Ulbricht’s infamous statement: „Niemand hat die Absicht, eine Mauer zu errichten!“
17 September 1961 Bundestagswahl: Die CDU/CSU loses an absolute majority reaching 45,9 % (SPD 36,2 %, FDP 12,8 %).
20 March 1962 FRG Marines put the first submarine in to service.
13 April 1962 The Beatles’ first show in Germany in Hamburg’s „Star-Club“.
26 June 1963 John F. Kennedy visits West Berlin and utters this famous sentence: "Der stolzeste Satz, den man heute in der freien Welt sagen kann, heißt: Ich bin ein Berliner."
24 August 1963 The German soccer Bundesliga is founded starting with 16 soccer clubs.
15 October 1963 Adenauer steps down and the new chancellor becomes Ludwig Erhard.
16 February 1964 Willy Brandt becomes the new SPD chairman and Ludwig Erhard becomes the new chancellor.
5 May 1966 First German victory in the European Soccer Cup; Borussia Dortmund takes the trophy.
7 January 1967 The Federal Republic of Germany consents to the USA waging war in Vietnam.
25 August 1967 The start of color television with the film „Cartouche, der Bandit“.
1 January 1968 A value-added tax of 10 percent is introduced.
11 June 1968 GDR introduces passport and visa requirements for travelers between West Berlin and the Federal Republic.
29 March 1968 Due to over-crowding at most universities, the numerus clausus is introduced.

Ende der konservativen Ära

Deutsche Schlager der 60iger – No. 1 in the German Charts
1960: CLUB HONOLULU
1961: NANA MOUSKOURI
1962: REX GILDO
1963: MANUELA
1964: BEATLES
1965: DRAFI DEUTSCHER
1966: ROY BLACK
1967: ROY BLACK
1968: PETER ALEXANDER
1969: HEINTJE

ITSY BITSY TEENIE WEE WEE HONOLULU-STRANDBIKINI
WEISSE ROSEN AUS ATHEN
KLEINER GONZALES
SCHULD WAR NUR DER BOSSA NOVA
KOMM, GIB MIR DEINE HAND
MARMOR STEIN UND EISEN BRIGHT
GANZ IN WEISS
MEINE LIEBE ZU DIR (Top Ten)
DER LETZTE WALZER
ICH SING EIN LIED FÜR DICH
An Interview with Frau Herta Wolf, Office of International Affairs at the LMU and Cathleen Muehleck (JYM 1969-70), Director of the Examination Office of Humanities and Social Sciences at the LMU.

Herta Wolf (left) is in charge of all incoming international students to the LMU and has been registering JYM students at the LMU for over four decades! She has been a loyal partner and friend to JYM all these years, working behind the scenes to make JYM possible. Her very first year on the job in 1969 she registered a JYM student, Cathleen Muehleck (right) of Skidmore College. Now they happen to be work colleagues at the LMU in separate departments but in regular contact. They both talk here about their positions and experiences, also reminiscing about JYM in days past. This interview was conducted in German in January 2013 and appears here in translation. – By Sonner Forschner

JYM: Frau Wolf, you have been working at the LMU since 1969 at the International Office and are responsible for the registration of all the foreign students at the university. That is 44 years now! How did you come to the position in the first place? Did you study at the university as well?

Wolf: I started here on February 1, 1969. Back then it wasn’t called the International Office but Senate Commission Council for Foreign Study and Study Abroad. I actually came upon the job via an ad in the Süddeutsche Zeitung. I didn’t study at the LMU myself but did a degree program training - I had a so-called “Mittleren Abschluss” and then studied Spanish and English at the Academy for Translators and Interpreters (SDI) and had a degree by the time I was 19. I was very young then and initially I only wanted to take on the position at the LMU for the interim. But, I enjoyed working with the students so much that I ended up staying on. In addition to my job, I also studied on the side at the Music Conservatory – no one knows this – and I learned to play the harp! I still play occasionally but only at Christmas parties or privately. Earlier, I played more publicly, for example, at the anniversary celebration of the Bavarian Institute of History or at weddings, but never professionally. For me it is just really important to have a counterbalance to all the administration through music or art. I highly recommend it!

JYM: How has your position changed over the years? Is your job different now than then?

Wolf: Back in the day there was more of personal touch in the dealings with students - between us as an institution and the people who came to us. I am not saying we had private relations but we definitely met with the students outside of the offices. For example, we would be invited to festivities in the student dorms, like when we celebrated the Persian New Year with the Persians. If someone got married later or had a baby, then we would invariably receive the announcement and we would send our congratulations. It was more individualized, I think in terms of the work itself, things have stayed pretty much the same – you check the certifications and language skills; it is not a matter of the forms used. Unfortunately things have just become much more anonymous – mostly due to the sheer jump in numbers of foreign students.

Muehleck: Back then there was more consulting going on, in my experience. It wasn’t just about the registration but also advising the student on how to get along here, the office was a sort of welcoming committee as well.

JYM: Are there other bodies or offices that have taken over this role of consultation or have the needs of the foreign students changed?

Wolf: I believe the need is still there. In a certain regard the function of consulting has been split up: one segment is done by the Studentenwerk, and there is also People Management now, as well as buddy programs and we are just one authority acting in the midst of all this. I believe incoming students tend to be a bit overwhelmed and sometimes don’t know where best to turn. They don’t know which welcome breakfast to go to, that one or the other. It has become too diversified. Earlier, because we registered the students and they only knew us, when problems arose, they came straight to us for help.

JYM: During your very first year on the job, you registered a certain JYM student who now happens to be working at the LMU. Had you kept up contact over the years? What do you remember from back then?
Muehleck: We have only re-established contact since I started working here at the university. We had lost contact after my time at the university but we somehow figured it out in retrospect. I knew that there was this young Frau Wolf from back then. I remember her in a Dirndl at the JYM Thanksgiving celebration.

Wolf: That was always such the highlight! Frau Doktor Riegler did a really great job with that. It was held in the Hotel, Regina Palast. There was a wonderful dinner followed by pumpkin pie! The pies were always made and brought by the military kitchen of the McGraw barracks in Munich that used to be in the Tegenseer-Landstraße.

Muehleck: In my year, professors from the LMU were invited, as well as the JYM staff, of course and the rector of the university. Back then I got to sit at the same table with the rector. That was a great honor, because FDR always did assigned seating and her placing me next to the rector was recognition of my German language skills!

Wolf: Yes, the tables were always mixed. There were always a few students paired up with a few professors at each table. FDR was very clever in bringing people together – it was all to help the students. She knew the dean of medicine, for example, and if one of the JYM students got sick then she wouldn’t send the student just anywhere but would call on him directly. Of course, he didn’t administer care himself, but he mobilized his staff and found someone to care for the student. It wasn’t until many years later that I recognized how special FDR was. I saw with what tenacity she confronted our ministry, that her Junior Year be officially recognized as an integrated institution at the LMU (Muehleck: That is why it is called Junior Year at der Universität München). She fought like a lioness and I realized then all that she had done for JYM was quite an achievement.

Muehleck: I always invited Frau Dr. Riegler to the doctoral awards ceremonies and she was always happy to come. Later she was awarded the title of honorary citizen of the LMU by the Academic Senate. I think it is important to recognize her achievements. She was a true academic!

Wolf: What’s more, she belonged to the generation when it wasn’t just a matter of course for a woman to be in a leadership position.

Muehleck: And that was the reason she was affectionately called FDR.

Wolf: I remember too she always had this cat in the office that had the habit of sitting up in the file cabinet. An assistant to FDR often complained that the cat never wanted to move out of the way when he needed a file. There are lots of those kinds of stories.

**JYM: Frau Wolf, you are a self-proclaimed fan of JYM. Why is that?**

Wolf: My generation is the post-war generation and we always had a general feeling of gratitude toward America for what was done here to help bring back democracy. I went to the Theodolinden Gymnasium in Munich, Harlaching. The inscriptions there were all in English - everything was in English. We also listened to the US military radio station that played all the top hits. And yes we felt very positive toward everything which came out of the USA. This was in part because we were young and upbeat but also due to the fact that our parents said time and again, were it not for the USA, Germany would have turned out differently after the war. So that is how it was with my generation. We had a friendly interest and curiosity out of which friendships developed. I am not saying that everything that comes out of the USA is great, but yes, I am basically a fan of America. With JYM it has always been a very friendly cooperation and has always been smooth going, which is incredibly nice for us. It is good for the JYM students too, especially those that want to stay on or return to continue their studies here.

**JYM: About your job itself; how long is the registration period for each semester and how many students do you register in that time?**

Wolf: The number of registrations has grown over time. Last winter semester we registered around 1000 students over a 3 to 4 week registration period. In that time, I see an average of 30 to 40 students per day. If all goes well it is no problem, but sometimes there are problems and you take them home with you, like in cases of fraud, for example, which can get you down. We have an average of 7000 international students at any given time. That is the standard at the moment. The university wants to have even more foreign students though. This becomes a question of quantity versus quality. As an elite university we have to focus on quality but perhaps there tends to be too much focus on quantity at times.
JYM: What is your opinion on the controversy over student tuition?

Wolf: As to tuition, I believe we are both of the same opinion (referring to Muehleck). We have a saying in Bavaria: “Was nix kostet – ist nix wert!”

Muehleck: In many areas study at the university has improved. Information for students - more staff and faculty have been added to help manage the sheer numbers in the student body.

JYM: What goes through your head when you hear students protesting the tuition?

Wolf: I think that German students tend to be overly pampered. If I look at the world and see that there are some places like in Africa where the people have to pay for their high school education out of their own pockets, for them paying for school is a totally normal thing. Here the schools are tuition-free from grade school up to graduation, all the way through to Abitur not one cent has to be paid – I don’t think that it is appreciated enough.

Muehleck: It is a matter of ideology too. There tends to be a lot of misinformation as to what is done with the money from tuition, even though there is a website where you can visit and see what the faculties are doing. Also many parts of the public believe that it is a job of the government to completely provide a college education and pay the professors wages. I said to a student just yesterday evening that it is great to be able to see yourself as a customer, because you have a say. We have made so many changes at the university because we have come to view the student as a customer. The service-oriented mentality in the last years has improved enormously at the LMU. If the government takes over this role again, what will become of these additional services?

Wolf: The government would then dictate where the money goes and the democracy would be lost. You would have the State on the one hand and the petitioner on the other, taking whatever is handed out. If you pay tuition though, you also have a voice and a say. That is a very important aspect. (Editors note: Since the time of this interview, it has been decided that the controversial student tuition will be discontinued and as of winter semester 2013 students will pay a higher Studentenwerk fee but no longer any tuition)

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In addition to the interview questions, Frau Wolf added, that she happened to be born on Richard-Wagner-Straße in the clinic that used to be there on the same street where the Junior Year in Munich Office is located: Yet another tie to JYM!

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JYM: Frau Muehleck, how did you end up working here at the LMU? Did you start out at the Examinations Office?

Muehleck: After my Junior Year I stayed in Munich. My “home” university Skidmore College had a program back then called “University without Walls” whereby I could finish my bachelor degree from Skidmore in German literature at the LMU. Then I did my master’s degree at the LMU as well as my doctorate in philosophy. My published dissertation is on Schiller and Kant called „Schönheit und Freiheit. Die Vollarung der Moderne in der Kunst.” After living in Zurich for a while with my two children I returned to Munich and did a nine month course in IT and data processing, afterwards taking on a job as office manager at an insurance agency. When I learned that my predecessor at the LMU Frau Probst was going into retirement - she was director of the office of the Examinations Committee Dr. phil. and M.A. – I applied for the position here. Having both the academic background with a doctorate on the one hand and the practical organizational experience on the other hand, I was the ideal candidate and it landed me the job of director. Over the years I began integrating the examination offices (belonging back then to each of institutes) under one head such as sociology and communications. When I started I had three employees, meanwhile I have 21. I also implemented the bachelor and master degree programs. A big part of my job is dealing with the examination regulations. We now manage around 250 separate examination regulations, so at some point we were no longer just an office for the Examinations Committee Dr. phil. and M.A., and the LMU had to come up with a new name, hence the Examination Office of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Beyond that my heart always beat for anything international – not only was I a Junior Year student, I had also been an American Field Service student in 1966 in Steiermark, Austria. I still have contact with my host family to this day; my children have contact to the next generation. Before the time of bachelor/masters – a student had come to me discussing the possibility of a double doctorate program with a French university. At that time being surrounded by lots of the multi-lingual people at
the university, I always felt out of place that I could only speak German and English. My mother had always said that French is the most beautiful language so I decided to learn French. That was 12 years ago. Meanwhile, I am responsible for the doctoral examination procedure agreements with French universities. The French embassy has always been very friendly – they always send me invitations – but they have had a hard time understanding how it is that an American living in Germany, has made bi-national agreements between Germany and France! After that we expanded to Italy and Switzerland. We now also cooperate with Canada, Spain and Israel.

For me when it comes to exchange and intercultural communication, if no one wants to do it, then I feel obligated to do something because that is what I have always done! Just today we had an Erasmus Staff Mobility Program with the University of Manchester. For two weeks we had a staff member from Manchester here who worked for me. Also via my relationship to the International Office we always come up with new ideas and projects. As to Frau Wolf and her colleagues, we have always supported one another and I very highly value our close cooperation with their department.

JYM: Do you still have any contact with classmates from your JYM?

Muehleck: I have contact with a JYMer of a later class: Trisch Bissell, who came two years after me in 1971, also of Skidmore College. We first met here in Munich and we ended up having our children at the same time. I became the godmother of her daughter and she is the godmother of mine. She is back in the US now and my daughter went to stay with her during her senior year of high school. Her daughter Heidi was just here with us for Christmas. It is a very much like family between us, a special kind of relationship. In general I would say that JYM was a great preparation for me. Thanks to the orientation (back then we came over on a ship) my language skills were honed to a degree that allowed me to be accepted by my German peers as being at their same intellectual level. Of course everything was foreign and new, but in terms of language skills I was well-prepared for classes at the University and could keep up with the German students. I have a tremendous respect for Frau Doktor Riegler and her legacy, as I feel she built up something that was tremendous and for that reason she was always a role model for me.

Cathy Muehleck in 1969 in Peggau (Stiermark) at a Volksfest while visiting her former Austrian host family

Herta Wolf at her desk in the mid-nineties

Herta Wolf in Dirndl playing harp at a colleague’s wedding in 1987
Political and Cultural Events (1970-1979)

1 September 1971 BAFöG is initiated.
20 October 1971 Willy Brandt receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his Ostpolitik (Eastern Policy).
17 February 1972 15th million VW-Käfer rolls off the assembly line making it the most sold car in the world.
June 1972 Head RAF terrorists, incl. Baader, Meinhof and Ensslin, are arrested.
9 September 1972 An attack by Palestinian terrorists at the Olympic games in Munich leads to the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes, one police officer and five of the attackers.
10 December 1972 Author Heinrich Böll receives the Nobel Prize in Literature.
18 September 1973 Both German states become UNO members.
25 November 1973 First Sunday traffic ban for cars due to oil crisis.
7 July 1974 Germany becomes soccer world champion for the second time.
21 May 1975 The Oberlandesgericht Stuttgart begins proceedings against the Baader-Meinhof terror group.
19 June 1976 Silvia Sommerlath of Heidelberg marries Swedish King Carl XVI. Gustaf.
16 November 1976 GDR expatriates East Berlin song-writer Wolf Biermann during a tour in the West.
18 October 1977 Special operation GSG 9 frees the „Landshut“ hostages in Mogadishu; Baader, Ensslin und Raspe commit suicide in prison; RAF terrorists murder Hanns-Martin Schleyer.
13 July 1978 In Bonn the Grüne Aktion Zukunft (GAZ) is formed as the first national ecological party.
12 December 1979 NATO double-track decision for rearmament; as a consequence new American medium-range missiles are stationed in the Federal Republic.

Fun Fact:
Alice Schwarzer was the 1977 founder of the feminist magazine „Emma“ and has been chief editor ever since.

Deutsche Hits der 70iger – No. 1 in the German Charts

1970: PETER MAFFAY – DU
1971: PETER ALEXANDER – HIER IST EIN MENSCH (No. 2)
1972: WUMS GESANG – ICH WÜNSCH MIR ’NE KLEINE MIEZEKATZE
1973: BERND CLÜVER – DER KLEINE PRINZ
1974: ABBA – WATERLOO (German Version)
1975: UDO JÜRGENS – GRIECHISCHER WEIN
1976: JÜRGEN DREWS – EIN BETT IM KORNFELD
1977: BONEY M. – SUNNY / MA BAKER
1978: VADER ABRAHAM & DIE SCHLÜMPFE – DAS LIED DER SCHLÜMPFE

Fun Fact:
Kraftwerk, pioneers in electro pop, had two big hits in the 70s and in the top ten on the British and American Hit parade: Autobahn in 1974 and Das Model in 1978
Glitzer-ära

JYM 1977-78 Studentenstadt Party

JYM 1970-71

Ost-West-Konflikt

JYM Party 1970-71

Glitzer-ära

JYM 1970-71

JYM 1977-80 with Fr. Dr. Riegler and DSO Maestro Dorati

JYM 1977-78 Thanksgiving

JYM Student 1979-80

JYM 1979-80 with Fr. Dr. Riegler and DSO Maestro Dorati

JYM Student 1979-80
“Jeder Mann hat die Pflicht, in seinem Leben den Platz zu suchen, von dem aus er seiner Generation am besten dienen kann” - Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859)

Professor Dietmar „Tim“ Kunisch is a true old school “Germanist”. He taught generations of Junior Year students, making German literature accessible to the hearts and minds of non-native speakers. Ever popular he was able to illuminate and instill an appreciation of German poetry and novels alike through his own infectious passion. Courses with Kunisch were a weekly adventure into the otherwise elusive land where the Dichter und Denker reside. Kunisch himself lives in the Bavarian countryside and many students also had the good fortune to visit him at his home, often referred to as the “fairy-tale” house, in the idyllic surroundings of Iffeldorf near the Osterseen. Now retired, Kunisch enjoys time with his numerous grand-children and trips to his Ferienhaus in Austria. We checked in with Kunisch this last summer and present this interview here. On the following pages are reprints of articles written about Kunisch by former students. - by Sommer Forschner (translated from German)

JYM: When did you start teaching at JYM and what brought you to the program in the first place?
Kunisch: I started working at JYM in 1967. I had just finished my Staatsexamen (State examinations) to be a teacher but in the end I didn’t want to go to work for the school system. Instead I wanted to pursue my doctorate together with a good friend of mine. JYM was ideal because I could work part-time doing what I love, teaching, and earn a bit of money to help finance my further studies.

JYM: Where did you study and what was your major; what were your main academic interests?
Kunisch: I studied in Munich, Berlin and London (at King’s College) My majors were German and English philology. During my time at the University of Munich we were privileged to have wonderful professors and academics on board. With great enthusiasm we enjoyed academic freedom to its fullest, freedom according to Wilhelm von Humboldt. We studied anything and everything of distinction, like history with Prof. Schnabel, art history with Prof. Sedelmaier, music history with Prof. Georgiades, English philology with Prof. Clemen, Theology with Prof. Guardini, Philosophy with Prof. Müller and Prof. Deku, German philology with Prof. Kuhn und Prof. H. Kunisch.

JYM: Which courses did you teach over the years at JYM?
Kunisch: In the early days I taught German Classicism and German Romanticism. In more recent years I taught Introduction to the Study of German Literature as well as Masterpieces of German Literature.

JYM: You also happen to be a passionate cellist and have held numerous chamber music concerts in your home. Could you tell us a bit more about that?
Kunisch: I had a wonderful music teacher in Berlin, Helma Bemmer, who gave me cello lessons. More importantly, she instilled me with an intense enthusiasm for music. Then at home together with my brothers and my father we formed a quartet. The most important influence, however, has been my friend Jörg Holler, who directs a Chamber orchestra and from whom I learned all I know about baroque music. The tradition of playing music in my home together with friends and family has endured.

JYM: You enjoyed a rather close relationship to the late Frau Dr. Riegler who was often a guest in your home? What can you tell us about this friendship and this remarkable woman?
Kunisch: Frau Dr. Riegler was an intellectual and at the same time a great mother. You could talk with her for endless hours about literature or the human psyche. Here is an anecdote that best demonstrates the nature of our relationship: I was sometimes rather behind in correcting the student’s papers. One time she was so fed up, she literally locked me in the JYM office after hours so I would be forced to do my correcting. She called on the phone from home to see how far along I was. When I was finally finished she came out in to the night and let me out.
**JYM: You often invited students to your home for an afternoon, you would pick them up from the train station with your dog take them for a walk around the lake and your wife would make a wonderful lunch for all. Do you have any particular memories or stories?**

Kunisch: I have many fond memories of times with my students. I still have contact with some, in fact, I just received a letter from Craig Pearson (1969-70) who recalls some lively times we had – here is an excerpt from that letter which meant a lot to me:

> Am Jahresende waren wir den ganzen Tag für ein Picknick da. Bei uns war ein Freund aus Amerika. Er war gerade angekommen, um in Europa während des Sommers mit mir und Herr Oyer zu reisen. Vor ein paar Monaten schrieb er mir die folgenden:
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> ‘I remember a lot about that day. I thought he [Herr Kunisch] had about everything one could want in life. He had an idyllic home, he had a beautiful wife, and he had a fast little BMW, which, for a reason I do not remember, we went for a ride in. I have owned four BMWs because of that ride. We went swimming in the lake just behind his house. He had a loud speaker system that allowed music to be played outdoors. This was the first time I heard the Byrds album “Sweetheart of the Rodeo” – and the first song on side one was “You ain’t goin’ nowhere” – which I loved and was later blown away when I was told it was a Bob Dylan song. Still one of my all time favorite songs.’
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> Ich erinnere mich noch an Ihre wunderbare Unterrichtsstil – jugendlich, funkelnde Augen, sanftes Lächeln, sanfte Stimme, verliebt in deinem Thema.

**JYM: What is your favorite genre and/or period in German literature and why?**

Kunisch: My favorite genre is drama, specifically during the latter days of the Age of Goethe: Lessing, Schiller, Goethe, Kleist and somewhat later Georg Buchner, because here the writers approached the same level of greatness as their main inspiration William Shakespeare.

**JYM: Who would you name as your favorite German author or authors?**

Kunisch: My favorite author is Joseph von Eichendorff as a poet and also as author of *Aus dem Leben eines Taugenichts*. He has accompanied me my whole life. The two-part novel *Henry Quatre* by Heinrich Mann has also had a big influence on me. In these novels Mann highlights the noble characteristics that he found in the *Bon Roi* (the good king), demonstrating a living polar opposite to the dictator Adolf Hitler.

**JYM: Of all the wonderful poetry from the treasure trove of Deutsche Lyrik, which poem has inspired you the most?**

Kunisch: The poem that has most moved me, if you can call it that, is *Mondnacht* by Eichendorff. More than any other, the poet comes closest to capturing the essence of the eternal in this poem without giving any direct reference to his position in the finite.
Es war, als hätt der Himmel die Erde still geküsst...
von Katherine Morris

Ein Tag in Iffeldorf läuft ungefähr so ab: Fünf JYMers treffen sich um 13 Uhr um nach Iffeldorf zu fahren. Sie steigen am Hauptbahnhof in einer RB Richtung Tutzing ein und 25 Minuten später in einer S-Bahn nach Iffeldorf um. 45 Minuten nach dem Einstieg in München kommen sie in Iffeldorf an, wo ein herzenslieber, entspannter, und seelensglücklicher Mann mit seinem treuen Hund Rosi auf sie wartet. Mit auflachtenden Augen fragt er: „wollt ihr einen Spaziergang machen?“

Und so wandern sie durch Wald und Wiese, an wundersame Seen und kalte Quellen vorbei, bis sie an einem bescheidenen holzernen Haus mit Überblick über das ganze Landschaft ankommen. Hier ist Herr Kunisch, der inspirierter Dozent des Writing Workshops zu hause. Hier kommt auch schon seine reizende Frau der Gruppe entgegen und lädt sie zum Kaffee und Kuchen ein.

Langsam kommen andere alte Freunde und Gäste dazu und stehen und plaudern. Dann wird gerufen und alle sammeln sich für einen atmosphärischen Abend von Schubert Lieder und Vorlesungen. Zum Abschluß gibt es noch eine dämpfende und leckere haugemachte Suppe von Frau Kunisch, und die JYMers treten die Heimreise an, entschlossen so bald wie möglich wieder einen Ausflug nach Iffeldorf zu machen!

Die Luft ging durch die Felder, Die Ahren wogen sacht, Es rauschten leis die Wälder. So sternklar war die Nacht. Und meine Seele spannte, Welt ihre Flügel aus, Flug durch die stillen Lande. Als flöge sie nach Haus.
Junior Year in Munich: *The Art of Living Abroad*

**Iffeldorf and the Kunisch Haus**

This year students in Herr Kunisch’s German Literature courses were invited to visit him at home in Iffeldorf, which is a pleasant train ride away from Munich using a Bayern Ticket.

During the Winterferien he and his wife hosted four students who did not go home for Christmas for a lovely winter’s day of hiking, eating Christmas cookies, and a delicious dinner. Ty, Eleanor, Rachel, and Erin all had a great visit despite being improperly attired for a whole day’s worth of hiking in snow.

In the summer seven students came to watch him play cello in his string quartet for a friend’s birthday, followed by lunch, conversation with his friends, and (for some adventurous souls) swimming. Lauren N., Dario, Brandon D., his visiting fiancée Melanie, Adam, Erin, and Eleanor were lucky enough to go this time. The Kunisches live in Iffeldorf, about an hour outside of Munich. Their home is near a nature reserve and surrounded by small lakes and forest. They have a view of the Alps, including the Zugspitze. His wife is a lovely woman and also a great cook! They also have a dog named Rosie who is very popular with guests. Herr Kunisch plans to have an extra class session at the end of Sommer Semester at his home, when hopefully most of the class can come to learn and swim in his lake.
The Junior Year in Munich

The Offices

1953-58: Amalienstraße 54

1958-67: Akademiestraße 19

1967-98: Leopoldstraße 23

1998-Present: Richard-Wagner-Str. 27

August 2012 Renovations
Jugendstil Facelift

The New "Old" Look
The Strange and Twisted Tale of the JYM Emblem
-By Hans-Peter Söder, Resident Director

When the Junior Year in Munich celebrated its 50 year anniversary we wanted to commemorate the occasion with anniversary porcelain beer mugs. Just having the name of JYM printed did not seem to fit the bill. After some deliberation, it was decided that we should use a reference to Munich. The “Münchner Kindl”, enjoying life in Munich was a good match. Like its namesake, the “JYM Kindl” could hold a book in one hand, and a mug in the other. Whereas the book in the hand of the Münchner Kindl is a bible (he is a Monk, after all), the book of the JYM Kindl was to be the book used most frequently by JYM students. No, I did not have The Lonely Planet in mind. As an incurable Romantic, I thought that it should be a German-English dictionary. And while the mug of the Münchner Kindl is filled with beer (even though he is a minor), that would not do for JYM. As an American program, we do not condone or encourage beer drinking (as you all know). The beverage in the mug is 3.5% milk. The froth on top of the mug is attributed to the fact that the milk is freshly poured.

My first attempt to draw a Kindl was a disaster. It looked more like the hero in The Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Luckily, my mother-in-law, Alice Kurs, was visiting at the time. An artist, bookmaker and weaver, she kindly agreed to help me. But what kind of face should the Kindl have? It should be a saintly, innocent face. Where is such a face found in this day and age? Mine would do, all agreed. But what should the motto be? Is there anything that all JYMers engage in? As the American philosopher John Dewey put it, at JYM “we are learning by doing”. But could we have an English phrase on a mug of a German immersion program? Consequently, I translated it. Into Latin of course. However, I was not happy with my Latin version and asked a JYM student, Michael Tsang, a student of Latin from UPenn, to check it. He found nothing wrong with it and sent it to his Latin professor at Penn who replied that although there was nothing wrong with it, it was inelegant. The philosopher and orator Marcus Tuillus Cicero would have put it thusly: experientia docet. Well then, that was good enough for us.

With that decided, all that was needed was a symbol to show that JYM is the king among study abroad programs. So we roughly copied the Bavarian lion and flanked the Kindl with two lions. All of this took some time and the deadline of the print shop approached quickly. What a shock it was to learn that the print shop refused to print the design. The lions looked too much like the official lions of the State of Bavaria. I rushed home to my mother-in-law. What could be done now? No problem, she said. We’ll make them Czech lions. I returned to the print shop on the same day and triumphantly submitted the new design. The clerk took a look and pronounced that they were still Bavarian lions, perhaps Frankonian, or Schwabian lions. I answered: What? Don’t you know your lions? They are obviously Czech lions. The claws go in a direction altogether different from those of any German lion. The clerk, defeated by his lack of lion heraldry knowledge, finally accepted the design. The rest is history. The mug with the JYM Kindl (not available in any store), is still with us today, and will be there tomorrow, and the next day, singing the JYM Blues. And the story of the JYM Blues will be told in the next newsletter.
The Schwabinger 7 was a popular hangout for several generations of JYMers, deriving its name from its location in the neighborhood of Schwabing on Föllitzstr. 7. The doors were opened in the 70's by owner Gerd Waldhauser and in recent years it had gained quite a cult status. This Kultkneipe, nicknamed Der Schwasi by its regulars, was known for its dark, dingy, and artistically unkempt atmosphere with mismatched real wood furniture, cheap drinks and good music in the otherwise chic surroundings of Schwabing - one of the few bars in town to counteract all the “Schick-Micki” in Munich. The bar was pure grunge and loved for it! When the bar was slated to be torn down to make way for luxury apartments a group of students protested and fought to keep it open. It was seen as the last of a dying breed. Der Spiegel (Spiegel 29. Juni 2011, Haarhaus) reported that Munich’s mayor Christian Ude unfortunately didn’t back the students and was in favor of closing the bar seeing no great loss in what he referred to as a mere „Saufkneipe...“ or a „finstere[s] Kneipenloch“ and a bad example of the fight against the gentrification of Schwabing. The fight was lost and the bar was torn down.

On August 27th 2012 while breaking ground at the new construction site a 250 kilo undetonated WW II aircraft bomb was found buried right under where Schwabinger 7 used to stand. It could have gone off anytime! The Süddeutsche Zeitung quoted Waldhauser as saying in jest that they just hadn’t parted hard enough and that is bad for S7’s image: “Offenbar haben wir nicht wild genug gefeiert, sonst wäre sie ja hochgegangen. Das wirft ja fast ein schlechtes Licht auf die 7!“ Since the mechanical bomb with chemical fuse couldn’t be defused, it was detonated on August 28th after a major evacuation of everyone within a 1 KM radius. Despite measures taken there was considerable damage to surrounding apartments and stores nearby: windows were blown out, facades damaged, and fires broke out on roofs. The damage amounted to millions of Euros. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Regarding the bomb and this old favorite hangout, JYM alumna Anna (Giesen) Hutton (2004/05) wrote “Man, just thinking about all those nights I spent in Schwabinger 7 makes me a bit nervous.” Sean Sanders (2006-07) posted this: “Hopefully they can defuse it safely instead of having to detonate it. ‘Das hier heute Nacht ist dafür jetzt die späte Rache.’ Stimmt! Still sad that Schwabinger 7 is gone”. Sarah McClure (2007-08) commented: “No worries, wherever the NEW Schwabinger 7 is (since they wouldn’t have found that bomb had they not shut down and torn down the old S7) it probably isn’t sitting on an old bomb. Unless that is generally part of the renovation plans for Kultkneipen”.

The good news is that the Schwasi lives! The new Schwabinger 7 is located now at Föllitzstraße 15, just a few doors down from its original address. It seems the new JYM hangout, however, is at burschwein one street over on Franzstrasse. There is also the dance club Max & Moritz, also in Schwabing.
DEUTSCHE WERBESPRÜCHE

Test your knowledge of German advertisements in the last decade! Which brand name goes with which slogan?

- O2
- Müller
- Duplo
- Haribo
- Bitburger
- BMW
- Saturn
- DB
- Ritter Sport
- Media Markt
- Clausthaler
- Dickmanns
- VW Käfer
- IKEA

- ...macht Kinder froh, und Erwachsene ebenso.
- Alle reden vom Wetter. Wir nicht.
- ...can do.
- Die wahrscheinlich längste Praline der Welt.
- Er läuft. Und läuft. Und läuft.
- Bitte ein Bit.
- Freude am Fahren.
- Mann, sind sie dick, Mann!
- Geiz ist geil!
- Alles ..., oder was?
- Ich bin doch nicht blöd.
- Wohnst du noch oder lebst du schon?
- Nicht immer, aber immer öfter.
IT ALL STARTED with a Flirt. One 35-cent soda and I was hooked. The first time I saw it I wondered how that could be. One-and-a-half liters for less than half a Euro? I looked around. What other wonders lay hidden in these aisles? I set off on an adventure of discovery that would last my entire stay in Munich. No more endless, stressful trips to Marktkauf. No, Alte Heide stood right on my way back from JYM, ever ready if I needed to get food. Before long, I had found my favorites: the chocolate Butterkekse, the Stapel-Chips, the Kokoa Eiskrem-Riegel, and of course the American cookies. The more I shopped there, the better I came to know the layout. Today, after nearly 10 months, I can tell you where almost anything is in that store. Now I won’t say that I’ve been completely faithful. There are times when Aldi just can’t deliver, and I stray into the foreign world of Edeka. But time and time again, I’m drawn back to my home-away-from-home-away-from-home. There’s just nothing like unrefrigerated milk, bread vending machines, and vegetables that you should really probably finish within a few days.

Now, I know some people never set foot inside Aldi. They call it “low quality” and “cheap.” But I know better. I know that the true spirit of a place is more than what’s inside: it’s what that place means to you. Aldi was my Studenten-Fütter, and I mean more than just the trail mix. Throughout my time in Munich, this one store fed both my body and my soul.

It’s a place where I’m proud to be a regular (some might say connoisseur), even though that one grumpy cashier still asks me for ID when I buy alcohol. I’ll remember it forever, my grocery store, my Aldi.

And in that spirit, a series of Haikus:

Aldi, what a place!
Many great deals await you!
What more could one want?

Aldi, what a place!
You’ll never find wine this cheap!
But don’t try the beer.

Aldi, what a place!
Edeka just can’t compare.
They don’t sell clothing.

Aldi, what a place!
Look how many potatoes you have to eat now.

Aldi, you’re the best!
No American store could ever replace you. <3
Das waren die 80iger!

Generation Golf

Mauerfall

**Political and Cultural Events (1980-1989)**

In the 80’s the Republic oscillated between extreme hedonism and an angst of the future. This decade saw the height of the arms race as well as the fall of the iron curtain.

- 14 April 1980 Volker Schlöndorff receives an Oscar for his filming of the novel „Die Blechtrommel“.
- 18 September 1981 Premier of Wolfgang Petrsen’s epic war film „Das Boot“.
- 16 April 1982 The first German baby born artificial insemination in Erlangen.
- 22. October 1983 German-wide protests against the stationing of new US-atomic weapons.
- 22 November 1983 Germany approves the stationing of new mid-range missiles (NATO resolution).
- 18 January 1985 First smog alarm in the FRG (Ruhrgebiet).
- 7 July 1985 Boris Becker wins tennis tournament at Wimbledon.
- 30 October 1985 US space shuttle „Challenger“ launched with two West-German astronauts in the crew.
- 26 September 1986 Bertelsmann purchases the US publishing house Doubleday & Co.
- April/Mai 1986 Following nuclear reactor disaster in the Ukraine at Chernobyl many areas in Europa show raised levels of radioactivity, a strong public reaction in Germany.
- 9 July 1986 RAF commander murderers Siemens manager Karl Heinz Beckerts.
- 16 August 1987 Tennis star Steffi Graf is first German to top the female world ranking list.
- 17 August 1987 Hitler’s former second in command Rudolf Heß dies in prison in Berlin-Spandau.
- 10 December 1987 Massive strikes of the steel workers in Duisburg/Rheinhausen begin.
- 2 May 1989 Hungary opens the iron curtain unleashing a tidal wave of East German citizens to the Federal Republic
- 9-10 November 1989 The GDR opens its borders to the west after mass demonstrations, signifying the end of the Berlin Wall.

**Fun Fact:**

Die Neue Deutsche Welle (NDW) refers to the German-speaking variation on Punk and New Wave music which began to appear in 1976 reaching its commercial peak in the early 1980s.

**Walkman**

**Zauberwürfel**

**Deutsche Hits der 80iger – No. 1 in the German Charts**

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Grunge-hype

Aufbruch ins globale Zeitalter

Political and Cultural Events (1990-1999)
In the 90s, Germans celebrate their unity – the market economy conquers communism: It is the beginning of the global age.
18 March 1990 First free parliamentary elections in the GDR, CDU wins, leading „Alliance for Germany“.
June 1990 East German Police arrest ten former RAF members living under false identity in the GDR.
1 July 1990 German-German state treaty establishing a monetary, economic and social union. The German Mark is introduced in the GDR.
3 October 1990 The GDR joins the Federal Republic of Germany.
November 1990 Rötger Feldmann’s „Werner – Beinhart!“ introduces a new era of German comic films.
30 April 1991 Last Trabant rolls off the assembly line in Zwickau.
11 May 1992 First UN deployment of Bundeswehr to Cambodia.
30 August 1992 Michael Schumacher wins his first Formula 1 title driving for Benetton.
20 March 1993 Boxer Henry Maske of Frankfurt (Oder) wins world championship in light heavy weight.
2 July 1993 Bundeswehr takes part in the UN mission to Somalia.
17 December 1993 Bundesbahn and Reichsbahn are privatized.
17-23 February 1994 Skier Markus Wasmueller becomes double Olympic champion in Lillehammer.
23 May 1994 Roman Herzog (CDU) becomes the new president.
30 June 1995 Bundestag sanctions the deployment of German soldiers to Bosnia.
18 January 1996 Arson attack on refugee shelter in Lübeck (ten dead).
18 November 1996 Deutsche Telekom goes public.
27 July 1997 Jan Ullrich is first German to win the Tour de France.
1 October 1998 The „Potenz-Pille“ Viagra arrives on the German market.
11 October 1998 Martin Walser holds a highly-respected and highly-criticized speech against the “exploitation of the Holocaust” in Frankfurt’s Paulskirche.
23 March 1999 German troops enter the Kosovo war against Serbia under NATO.
12 April 1999 Newly elected chancellor Gerhard Schröder (Oct. 1998) becomes head of the SPD party.
JYM ALUMNI CHRONICLES
THE ART OF MIXING BUSINESS WITH BASEBALL - BY STEVE WALKER

Steven Walker, JYM class 2006-07, started playing baseball during his Junior Year with a local baseball club. He now lives and works in Munich with his newlywed Sophie. After graduating and returning to Munich he continued playing with the team and with time went from player to coach. The Munich Caribes have had quite a bit of success under the watch of Mr. Walker and he has appeared in local papers including Hallo München and the Süddeutsche. He writes here about how German language skills have been directly tied to his success.

Each year that goes by after taking part in the JYM program, I appreciate more and more the benefits and foundation that JYM set for my current life in Germany. In my full year experience of 2006-2007, I was able to develop a solid technical background of the German language through the in-depth language courses at JYM. In addition, I was able to collect invaluable business experience during the year by taking part in a student internship, as well as cultural experience through further pursuing my personal hobby in Munich.

The best lesson I learned to get the most out of the time spent here was to become integrated into German culture as soon as possible, also meaning venturing out beyond JYM activities. Doing this provided me more opportunities beyond the language courses to practice the language and to understand the culture in my free time.

Without question the key for me and the best decision I made when arriving was to pursue my favorite hobby after arriving in Munich, which is baseball. I found a great club in the city called the Munich Caribes, which welcomed me with open arms, basically like a family. I developed great friendships throughout the year, as I was able to connect with locals and other cultures through our love for the sport. Baseball is a very international game, but it was clear from the beginning that German was absolutely necessary to communicate within the club. So, the social interaction I had with friends and teammates about our shared interests allowed me to have a lot of fun, and at the same time improved my speaking skills. My role in the club started out as being a player, now six years later it has developed into being a coach of the first team and prominent member of the club. I am grateful that I took the initiative to seek out my hobby here in Munich and I have benefitted tremendously from it.

The other outside experience that significantly helped me was getting a business internship during the year. JYM helped me to get a position at a technology consulting company, where I first got to experience German business culture. The entire experience, from the job interview to the day to day work, prepared me for a future in the German business world. This helped lead me to my current career at Munich Re as a Finance Controller, where I have been for almost five years now. The company hired me not only for my business degree, but most importantly for my cross-cultural knowledge and of course language skills in both English and German. From day one at the workplace I decided to speak only German with my colleagues, which was a challenge at first, but quickly advanced my skills and now allows me to be fully comfortable conducting business in German.

Looking back, my appreciation keeps growing for the foundation JYM set for me and the doors it opened in the other aspects of my life in Munich. I learned that if you engage fully in the program and have the courage to walk through some of these open doors and put yourself out there, the rewards in the long term can be priceless. Thank you Junior Year in Munich for making my life abroad possible and helping to make my previous visions become reality!
Schwere Schläge für Caribes

Münchens einziger Baseballverein strebt in die 2. Bundesliga – und kämpft ums Überleben


Offiziell Pächter des Areals, das dem Freistaat gehört, ist die Stadt. Und genau dort möchte man nun Druck machen. Diana Stachowitz, die sportpolitische Sprecherin der SPD-Landtagsfraktion, sowie die Sportstadträfin Verena Dietl (SPD) versprechen der Vereinspräsidentin jetzt bei einem Ortstermin, sich persönlich für einen langfristigen Pachtvertrag einzusetzen. Bis dahin wollen Steve Walker und Co. zumindest sporadisch alles geben, um den Sprung in Liga Zweitrunde zu schaffen. M. Litzbauer

„Ein Stück Heimat in der Fremde“


Wann haben Sie mit dem Baseball angefangen?
Sobald ich stehen konnte. Und zu meinem 2. Geburtstag bekam ich meinen ersten Schläger. Das ist absolut typisch für die USA.

Wie erklären Sie sich, dass Baseball bei uns nach wie vor nur das Da-sein einer Randsportart führt?

Wie wichtig war Ihnen Baseball, als Sie nach München zogen?
Sehr. Ich habe gleich im Internet gesucht, wo man in München und Umgebung spielen kann. Die Caribes haben mich sofort herzlich empfangen, waren sofort eine Art Familie für mich.

Ist Baseball ein Stück Heimat in der Fremde?

Wie realistisch ist die Meisterschaft?
Sehr. Wir haben sie fest im Blick, müssen aber weiter hart arbeiten und gesund bleiben. Ich bin zuversichtlich, dass wir es aus sportlicher Sicht schaffen, wie es dann logisch aussieht, steht auf einem anderen Blatt.
In 1997, while I was a student at JYM, my wife and I spent a lot of time at the Flohmarkt. We would go to two Flohmerkte each Saturday – the one at the Containerbahnhof and the one at Ostbahnhof. It was hard to feel like a foreigner at the Containerbahnhof, as it was more or less an international mix of different languages and interesting characters. Der Ostbahnhoflohmorkt was more like something from PBS’ “Antiques Roadshow” – the second, third and fourth hand stuff cost more and the sellers were more Bavarian.

It was at the Ostbahnhoflohmorkt that I found the most incredible bicycle of all time – the fabled Obelisk Luxus (circa 1950). It was matte black with giant balloon tires. It was heavy, but the Schweinfurt Dreigang made it something akin to a late 60’s Pontiac Bonneville with a 455 engine – a boat of a car built for speed. However, it was missing some things. The seat was all wrong – cheap plastic with foam rubber sticking out. The pedal crank slipped. The lights didn’t work. None of that mattered. This was the bike of my dreams – no Schwinn Phantom in North America could hold a candle to it. My car back home was not worthy to carry it on a bike rack to Belle Isle. 80 DM and an U-Bahn ride back to Studentenstadt and it was in the Werkstube of the HSH for new tubes and adjustments.

The first test ride did not disappoint. It was the land yacht of bicycles. The Bosch Lichtmaschine had almost no drag. Bumps on some of the unpaved trails in the Englischer Garten were smoothed over by the balloon tires. Still it was not in the shape it needed to be and so the search went on to try and restore it to its former glory.

The simple things were easy – sand paper and paint at Obi, new rubber for the front brake that pressed down on the front wheel from the bike shop – but the proper tool kit, air pump, seat and bell would be the challenge and even more challenging, how was I going to find these things with my fresh off the plane German and lack of connections? I knew the junk yards, second hand shops and hardware stores of Detroit’s eastside – but this was a long way from Detroit, far safer and cleaner, but somehow more daunting. I got yelled at one day by an older lady in the U-Bahn because I was carrying a used black and white TV with me. I told her, “Ja. Den habe ich gerade von meinem Professor gekauft. Ich habe 30 DM dafuer bezahlt.” My sad attempt to explain war irgendwie egal. It wasn’t allowed in the U-Bahn I guess, but let me tell you Die Simpsons and Eine Schreckliche Nette Familie offer more for the non native German speaker than “Neue Horizonte” ever did.

The next Saturday morning came and by 8am it was off to the Containerbahnhof. It had a unique but pleasant smell – light diesel exhaust from the buses that dropped off the Bosnian refugees, mixed with Bratwurst and a note of old must. The first 30 meters were always somewhat heartbreaking – white sheets on the ground with toys and household articles. It seems that standard procedure after getting off the bus from the former Yugoslavia was to sell anything that you could – I don’t remember seeing anyone buying anything though. That day, I bought a huge chain and a lock – the kind one would use for a motorcycle. I wore it around my neck just for fun. A Turkish guy asked me, “Wie war es im Stadelheim?” I had to look it up to get the joke.

It was then off to the Ostbahnhof Flohmarkt. In a display case I found the perfect bell for the bike – it was a St. Christopher bell. It was gigantic, with the St. Christopher medal pressed into the top half of the bell and it was loud. I paid 10 DM, borrowed a screwdriver and immediately put it on the handle bars.

The next week at the Containerbahnhof I found the perfect leather seat for the bike. I also bought an East German holster for a Makarov Pistol from the same gentleman from Poland who sold me the seat. He asked me if I had one back home– which I did and still do. He then invited me to the back of the table. He thoughtfully outlined a plan in which I would send it to him, piece by piece, for 700 DM. I politely declined and slowly backed away. I never went back to his table, but he always waved at me as I walked by on Saturday mornings.

In the next couple of weeks I found the perfect tool kit, air pump and saddle
bags. Small optimizations followed, but it was the coolest bike in München in 1997, driven by a guy from Detroit who had practically lived in a car since 1988. Die Weltstadt mit Herz and its Flohmärkte had me actually believing that life without a car was not just possible, but preferable.

Looking back to my JYM days, the Obelisk Luxux is really my icon for that time. It took me to school, to work, to the Zoo, to pick my wife up from the Hauptbahnhof when she was returning from Italy or Spain or somewhere else in Europe. It carried groceries, Bierkasten, tools, books and my guitar. It was faster than many a 12 speed I came up against in the Englischer Garten. It always struck up a conversation at the Biergarten and at the Containerbahnhof. Der Obi-Lux was always my favorite discussion topic with Dr. Soeder.

I can’t say enough about the wonderful education I received at JYM – I wouldn’t have had the career I have had so far without it (I get to go to Germany now and then, but Mannheim and Stuttgart are not München). But Saturdays at the Flohmarkt and the quest to restore my bike were the best education. I learned to be an Auslander with the rest of the foreigners at the Containerbahnhof with a second language as our common thread. I have used this to my advantage in my professional life. It is better than being a once upon a time exchange student – I learned to be foreign in a sometimes all too American world and at the same be proud of where I came from. Authenticity has served me well: Ich denke auf Deutsch aber mein Herz schlägt Amerikanisch.

The time was drawing short and it was soon time to go – but the cost of taking the bike with me at that time was one I could not afford at the end of my Aufenthalt. I left it in the hands of Hans-Peter Soeder – who loved the bike as well. Hopefully it is still cruising around München, enjoying the sights and Biergärten and occasionally the Flohmarkt too.

**JYM Alumna Learns and Loves in Germany**

- **BY WSU ALUMNI MAGAZINE STAFF**

When Sheila Schuette (JYM 1979-80) got on the plane to Munich, she sat between two other JYM students, Leni and Bob. One would become her lifelong friend, and the other, her husband.

These relationships are a few of the many great things Sheila gained from studying abroad. After growing up in metro Detroit, she studied chemistry at Wayne State University and commuted to class. She wanted to study abroad to have an opportunity to experience campus living. “I didn’t really have that college experience of going away and being on my own,” she said.

Sheila was taking German to fulfill a foreign language requirement and learned about the JYM program through her professor. She had only completed German 101, so she took a crash course in German the summer before leaving for JYM. She said the hardest part of going abroad was “not actually being able to speak the language when I went there.” Still, this challenge had a silver lining—it brought her closer to Bob, who lived on her floor in the Studentenstadt and was fluent in German. She said, “That’s kind of why I latched onto him!”

Being immersed in German life improved Sheila’s language skills, but she found many German students wanted to speak with her in English. Although it’s tempting to speak English while abroad, she advises current JYM students not to fall into that trap.

Sheila took one chemistry course in Munich, and the rest of her classes counted toward her general education requirements. She remembers the JYM classes being rigorous compared to other study abroad programs. One of her favorite classes was the art history course she took at LMU Munich. She said it was interesting to study architecture while surrounded by old buildings where she could see that architecture first hand.

After Sheila graduated from Wayne State, she went on to get a Ph.D. in chemistry on the advice of one of her favorite professors. Today she and Bob live in St. Louis, and she has a successful career at a biotechnology corporation.

Sheila said that students today should jump at the chance to study abroad with JYM or another program. “There’s nothing like being exposed to another culture and to become immersed in it,” she said. “You realize that people are the same everywhere.”
JYM ALUMNI
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS!

Living with a German roommate in Oekumenisches Studentenwohnheim with students from 38 different countries - Rita Jacobs, JYM 1964-65

After going by boat to Europe in 1967 for JYM on the SS Rotterdam, we did a bus tour from Amsterdam to München in two buses - both stopped and FDR ran into the woods and returned shortly. Then we drove on... - Heinz Brinks, JYM 1967-68

My JYM year defined my life. I entered as a Chemistry major and left a German major. Taught HS German; got my first sales job because I spoke German; met my German wife in Munich; worked for German and Swiss companies; now working for an Italian company who hired me because of my international perspective. - Don Verity, JYM 1968-69

I remember the 1971 Thanksgiving Banquet in the Hotel Regina Palast, which is no more. Some of us students were seated with honored guests from the city of Munich and the Uni. I was seated next to a university professor and his wife. They had lived in the States in the late ’40s and ’50s, and he had taught at the University of Arkansas before being “blacklisted” by the McCarthy and HUAC hearings and forced to leave for Germany. Ironically, one of his fellow professors at Arkansas had also moved on and was the head of the literature department at my small college in Florida. Es ist doch eine sehr kleine Welt. - Steven Stambaugh, JYM 1971-72

We bought some trout at Hertie’s and did not have them clean them out for us. “We can do that ourselves...” (famous last words). We found out that there was no sharp knife in our apartment on Biedersteinerstraße and we had to try to clean them outside the back door in the dark! We will never forget that one, ever. I also met my husband at the Oktoberfest. We are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this year. I then worked in the office with FDR 1973/74 and a few other years - getting too old to remember exactly when! - Kathy Braener, JYM 1971-72

Hearing the roaring crowd from my apartment window at the Olympic Village when a goal was scored by Bayern Munich; Taking the train out to see the abbey and enjoy a beer at Kloster Andechs; A weekend soccer trip to a mountainside field in Austria with FC Teutonia; The stupidity of taking a language I didn’t understand (Spanish) in a language I was still learning; The revelation in Hannover that I could understand what the people next to me were saying on the bus (because of Bayerisch, this didn’t happen in Munich); Learning of my brother’s engagement by telephone during a trip to France; The disgust of my fellow JYM’ers when we were fed beef tongue on our inaugural trip to see the castles of Bavaria; The monthly debate whether or not to buy a subway pass and risk being caught and humiliated. - Jim Hamilton JYM, 1976-77

Riding fat-tired bikes with Nan Hussey and Ron Strube (may he rest in peace) through the Netherlands during spring break. - Julie Carter, JYM 1978-79
Dancing down the street with Stephen Harding after watching "Faust": hiking in the Alps with Eve Bostic, Sidi Noor and Ron Strube (peace indeed, Ron); the crazy trip to Salzburg with Michael Bieber, Alan Lareau, Eve Bostic, Ron Strube, Schnellstein, Sidi, and Cathy. - Nan Hussey, JYM 1978-79
Cross country skiing at the Arctic Circle; dreaming in German; my amazing neighbors on the 10th floor of the Olympic Village who took me home with them for the weekend in rotation; climbing the Zugspitze. - Stephen Harding, JYM 1978-79

The memorable starry nights at Schloss Elmau. - Sarma M. Taylor, JYM 1976-77

I recall singing on a street corner in Ost Berlin with Ari Hoptman. The songs included "King Tut," "Those were the Days," and "Back in the DDR. - Jeff Hoag, JYM 1989-90

I had many adventures during my Junior Year, but the most unusual was undoubtedly the weekend I spent cat-sitting for Fr. Dr. Rieger when she went away for a conference. The cat was quite skittish but she used to bring it in the office every Monday & I would stop by and ask to see it, because I missed my own cat back home. FDR explained the cat absolutely loathed being left alone & asked me to stay the nights for this weekend. It was a modest but lovely place off Leopoldstrasse lined with endless bookshelves. I remember how enchanting it was to be so close to downtown & hear all the church bells peal on Sunday morning. - Carol Brennan, JYM 1986-87

I remember riding the overflowing party train all night to Berlin for the Wiedervereinigung and getting screamed at by a restroom matron at the train station in Berlin when I tried to freshen up by splashing water on my face. - Mary Soule, JYM 1990-91

I will always remember the great discovery toward the end of my year that I had been using fabric softener instead of detergent for my entire stay up until that point. My clothes smelled so nice, but they were falling apart. I had assumed it was the nature of German laundry facilities. Ever since then, I have never forgotten the translation of the word "Kuschelweich." - Rachel Alexandra Antman, JYM 1990-91
I haven't been back to Richard-Wagner-Str. in 13 years, despite having lived in the area that whole time! :) IJYM actually moved to Richard-Wagner-Strasse the year I was at JYM. I remember filling up the bookcases that spring, and thinking how awesome it was that the Agnes-Adelheid kids (that was me!) no longer had the long commute to get to classes and that is where I met my husband! - Amber Ries, JYM 1997-98

I remember the first time I stepped into the Englischer Garten and headed to the FKK section :) - Amy Long Wulke, JYM 1998-99

Staring up at the Franziskaner label on the side of the Oranges Haus, eating a Schweinshax'n at the Loewenbraeukeller, getting slapped on the hand from a lunch lady at the Mensa for trying to take my own parmesan cheese. - Emily Grosvenor Diesburg, JYM 1999-2000

Cooking Thanksgiving dinner for 45 people with Sandi Conklin Campbell, Carrie Andrews, Lauren Dunnington and I think Katie Allard McGrath too, and when it came time to cut the turkey, in a room full of Americans, the task was left to 2 Germans; babysitting the Soder kids (I am still trying to convince my husband that we should name our baby Johann); driving to Jena in a snow storm with HP and then staying in a Kindergarten-Cafe; Danachen-Aerobic classes at StuStadt with a trainer who looked like Brian Austin Green and wore really short spandex shorts; too many to mention but the best part was meeting the people who have been my best friends for almost 13 years now and knowing that that will never change regardless of where we live or how often we see each other! - Dana L. Kirby Ettmayer, JYM 2000-01
...and Lauren Dunnington cutting off the turkey neck with a woefully inadequate knife :-) - Carrie Andrews, JYM 2000-01
...and plucking turkey feathers for hours! Not to mention about three hours of dishes afterwards. - Katie Allard McGrath, JYM 2000-01

Meeting cool people through Sprachduo.de. I just visited them both in Germany this summer–ten years after JYM! - Cori Peet, JYM 2003-04

October 18, 2006, the day my future husband walked into my ballroom dancing class. I felt butterflies in my stomach the first time we danced together. - Lenore Bartko (Cebulskei), JYM 2006-07

Keeping a tally of how many times the Starbucks barista actually responded in German when MaryEllen Van Wie LeBlanc and I ordered coffee and a walnut brownie. - Rene Remy, JYM 2005-06

Hearing stories from my boyfriend's father is something I won't forget: he was in the Hitler Youth toward the end of the war, ran away, wound up digging up mines in a French POW camp, and then escaped from said camp because he and one of the guards spoke the same dialect. - Brianne Wilson, JYM 2007-08

Having every professor cancel class when there was a World Cup game on! The incredible Stimmung on Leopoldstrasse after Germany won almost every game! Seeing Germans proud to fly their flag for the first time in many, many years! - Jessica Salzinger (Smith), JYM 2005-06

Silvester atop the perilously slippery Olympiaberg was pretty insane. I think the fireworks gave me some odd form of PTSD. - Dan Playstead, JYM 2007-08

My favorite memory is being in Berlin with HP, and having him get off the bus at a random stop, leaving the rest of the JYMers and myself to find our way to our destination (the Flöhmarkt) where he eventually reappeared. It is the perfect example of my JYM experience; loving guidance, but we had the independence to create our own paths. - Brandy Wilcox, JYM 2008-09

Having the train doors close on me before I exited in Jena Paradies, separating me from the rest of JYM, riding alone to Leipzig and back through small East German towns and finally meeting up with everyone again at a castle on top of a hill in Bad Kösen! We then had a Ritteressen and wandered down a country road at night with candles in beer mugs while reciting "Der Erlkönig". - Krsna Santos, JYM 2008-09

I thoroughly enjoyed cooking an entire American Thanksgiving Dinner in the JYM kitchen for 24 members of our class with Julia Kelley and Bethany Triana (despite having to really hunt for so many of the traditional foods.). - Audrea Ihlenfeldt, JYM 2006-07

Streaking during the StuStaCulum! - Erin Franklin Hutton, JYM 2007-08

Going with Prof. Söder to Weimar and Berlin! Especially Weimar, it was Thanksgiving, so we had knight's style Thanksgiving dinner and it snowed too! - Susan Sexton, JYM 2010-11

A fellow JYM-er and I decided to do our first 1/2 marathons during our semester abroad. The race was in Füssen, so we toured Schloss Neuschwanstein during the day and ran our race in the evening. Our friends came out to support us, and it is definitely an experience that I loved and will never forget. - Sarah Finder, JYM 2010-11
Ein Rückblick: Die 2000er und 2010er!

Digitale Revolution

Globalisierung

Terroranschläge

Klimaerwärmung

Political and Cultural Events (1990-1999)
7 November 2000 George W. Bush narrowly becomes 43rd US President.
11 September 2001 Terror attacks in the USA.
7 October 2001 US led war against the Taliban in Afghanistan.
2001 In Germany same-sex civil marriage made legal.
2002 Introduction of the Euro in the EU.
20 March 2003 US and UK led war on Iraq, start of the so-called “coalition of the willing”.
June 2003 JYM celebrates its 50th anniversary with an alumni reunion in Munich.
2003 Heat wave - Jahrhundertsonnen with record-breaking temperatures in Europe.
1 May 2004 EU Eastward expansion: EU incorporates 10 new former “Eastern block” states.
2005 European constitution is presented but only ratified by 18 of the then 25 states.
2 April 2005 Pope John Paul II dies and is succeeded by Joseph Ratzinger as Benedict XVI.
2005 is „Schillerjahr“ in Germany (for the 200th anniversary of Schiller’s death).
18 September 2005 Angela Merkel becomes first female chancellor and builds a grand coalition.
23 August 2006 Natascha Kampusch finally flees her kidnapper after 8 years in captivity in Vienna.
2007 Luxury tax in Germany is raised from 16 % to 19 %. 4 November 2008 Barack Obama is elected the 44th US President and becomes first African American in the office.
October 2009 The major debt in Greece comes out in the open – break out of the Euro crisis.
2010 Following the Euro crisis, a budgetary crisis of a number of EU zone states (PIIGS), a European stabilizing mechanism is set in place.
17 September 2011 The first protests in the Occupy Wall Street movement in North America, leading to similar protest actions in other countries including Germany.
2011 US Armed Forces withdrawal from Iraq.
14 October 2012 Red Bull stratosphere free fall of Felix Baumgartner from 39 kilometers broadcast live.
11 February 2013 Pope Benedict XVI resigns from papal office on grounds of old age and failing health.
June 2013 One-hundred-year flood in Germany / Protests in Turkey against Erdogan’s authoritarian regime.

Casting shows: DSDS

Finanzkrise

Energiewende

Sozial-Netzwerke

Smartphones

HD-TV, Blu-ray Disc

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2000: DJ ÖTZI
2001: NO ANGELS
2002: HERBERT GRÖNEMEYER
2003: RZA FT. XAVIER NAIDOO
2004: JULI
2005: TOKIO HOTEL
2006: SPORTFREUNDE STILLER
2007: SILBERMUND
2008: POLARKREIS 18
2009: ICH + ICH
2010: LENA MEYER-LANDRUT
2011: ROSENSTOLZ
2012: DEICHKIND
2013: GLASPERLENSPIEL

ANTEOR AUS TIROL
DAYLIGHT IN YOUR EYES (Top Ten)
MENSCH
ICH KENNE NICHTS
DIE PERFEKTE WELLE
DURCH DEN MONSUN
‘54, ‘74, ‘90, 2006
DAS BESTE (Top Ten)
ALLEIN ALLEIN
PFLASTER
SATELLITE (Eurovision Song Contest)
WIR SIND AM LEHEN (Top Ten)
LEIDER GEIL
NIE VERGESSEN

BFFs: Freunde fürs Leben!
It is common for JYM to have at least one class trip during the year to another region or city in Germany or even neighboring countries - it is rare however to make a weekend trip all the way up to Hamburg to spend eight hours in the theater watching a full production of Goethe’s Faust I and II. As part of Professor Söder’s Goethe course it was clear that such a production of Goethe’s masterpiece, which Goethe spent 60 years of his life working on up until his death in 1832, was a must. What’s more, in celebration of 60 years of JYM, it was decided that this trip would not just be for course participants but rather a class trip for the whole group including the entire JYM staff. After all, exposure to Goethe is essential for anyone studying the German language and this would be a chance to see another side of Germany as well – albeit in Blitztour form.

In the cold of winter, from January 11-13, 2013, JYM embarked on the journey “nach Norden” at 6 am on an ICE train direct to Hamburg. Friday’s noon arrival in Hamburg was delayed by two hours due to someone jumping on to one of the tracks - it happens. Finally arriving at the Generator Hostel near the Hauptbahnof in Hamburg the group was met by former JYM instructor Maresa Winkler, now a resident of Hamburg, who gave us a walking tour of the Alster, Jungfernstieg, St. Johanniskirche Torn, Hafen, and Shanzenviertel where the tour ended with a group dinner at the Schanzenstern student restaurant.

On the following morning everyone had free time and many got up early to take a boat tour of the port. Others did walking tours of the city, or visited a museum. Still others had to sleep off their after hours tour of the Reeperbahn. The entire group then met back at the hostel at 2:30 pm to leave for the Thalia Theater. The production of Faust I & II began at 3:30 pm and would last until around midnight, including two short breaks and one longer break for dinner. The very modern production included only six actors to play and speak the 200 different parts and the 12 111 lines of Faust.

Shortly after midnight mostly bleary-eyed from so much theater, everyone stumbled back to the Hostel for a night cap and then it was off to bed for most. Once again though, the draw of the Reeperbahn proved irresistible to some of the younger and more robust. Either way, the next morning called for an early breakfast as the group was checking out at 9:15 to catch the morning train back to Munich. By 4 pm on Sunday afternoon, some mere 58 hours after departure the group was back in Munich, weary but that much wiser. Most agreed that the trip, although quick for the distance, was well worth it. It was a chance to juxtapose two very different big cities in Germany. Not all were fans of the very modern production of Faust for all of its post-modernity and strongly avant-garde elements, but most agreed it was an experience that neither the instructors nor students will soon forget.
"I thought our class trip to Hamburg was nothing short of an adventure! Although I wasn't able to understand most of what was happening in Faust between all of the crazy costumes and dance scenes, I found it to be a great experience to laugh about with my classmates and teachers. I believe everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the city."
Dominique Osterman (Hood College)

"Ich wollte nur sagen, das ich Hamburg sehr cool und interessant fand. Es war viel anders als München weil es ein sehr "artsy" und "bustling" Stadt war. Ich könnte mich vorstellen in Hamburg zu wohnen. Ich dachte Faust war auch interessant, aber vielleicht ein Bisschen zu avant-garde für mich. Aber jedenfalls es war eine sehr schöne Erfahrung und ich will euch danken für die Organisierung."
Kevin Ramos (Cornell University)

"Personally, I really enjoyed Faust I. The scenes were clear and emotional and portrayed brilliantly by the main characters. The Gretchen actress did a phenomenal job, especially in the jail scene. The first actor that played Faust (and God/Devil in heaven) was marvelous! Part II was as I would say...interesting. Even though I knew what was supposed to happen in each act, I completely felt lost in Acts 1 and 2. I understand the need for a modern adaptation, but I thought that especially the party scenes at the Kaiserhof were absolutely overdone and not true enough to the Goethe text. However, Goethe appearing as a woman on stage was a great way to bring in the gender issues! Starting in Act 3 to the end, I found that the Theater did a much better (and understandable) job in presenting the story. Overall, I completely understand that it was nearly impossible to put both parts on stage, so Bravo! from my end!"
- Morgan Seller (George Washington University)
ON HISTORY AND CONTINUITY

-By Hans-Peter Söder, Resident Director

A tribute to Professor Alfred Cobbs of Wayne State University and to all the unheralded language teachers who believe that American students can still learn German.

2013 is a special year for JYM. Founded in 1953, JYM has the longest history of any study abroad program in Germany. We have had thousands of graduates, and they have gone on to do great deeds. Some stayed with German, others pursued different careers. However, all were changed by the experience, including myself. All of us, teachers, alumni and the class of 2013 would agree that your time in Munich was not only worthwhile, but that it also affected you in ways that are difficult to characterize. And this difficulty is what in philosophy we call an essential problem. The essence of a thing is that attribute by which it is necessarily. So here is our first problem. How can we possibly describe to others what our time in Munich has meant, if all of our experiences differed? They differed by necessity, yet there is a common denominator. For me, this continuing search for the soul of the Junior Year in Munich is a steady companion in my work.

All over the globe English-language programs are popping up. They call these programs “Global Education”. But at JYM we know that Global Education begins with humility towards the local language. With humility comes respect, and this respect is the first step towards a “global education”. Studying German in Germany is difficult. It is cumbersome, and students would learn so much more, if they could understand it in English. For us at JYM, life would also be much easier if we could explain everything in English. But Oscar Wilde said it best: Everything worth learning cannot be taught. I think that many JYMers understand this intuitively, but often they are at a loss to justify their time abroad. This year a student wrote a poem about this conundrum. Thomas Bixler, who came just for the Wintersemester but then decided to extend his stay to the Sommersemester. At the end of the year he wrote this poem for the yearbook.

A POEM

by Thomas Bixler (JYM 2012-13) American University

Vielleicht haben Sie ein paar Fragen?
Warum haben Sie heute Lederhosen getragen?
Obwohl ich das nicht ganz kann erklären,
kann ich eine Geschichte erzählen.
Dieses Semester habe ich viel Spaß gefunden.
Ich bin jetzt mit vielen Freunden verbunden.
Ich habe ein paar große Fehler gemacht,
und ein bisschen Pech gehabt.
Aber wenn ich an die ganze Erfahrung denke,
Würde ich nichts zurück verschenken.
Was gut ist, was schlecht ist, was ich erwartet hab‘
sind zusammen gekommen, hier in dieser Stadt.
Jedes Wochenende war ein großes Abenteuer,
und jeder Tag brachte mir noch etwas neuer.

Wir haben zusammen doch viel gelernt,
obwohl wir manchmal einander haben genervt.
Meine Freunde zu Hause haben mich oft gefragt,
„Was machst du denn da? Nur trinken und Tracht?“
Und ich sage, nein, wir lernen doch viel,
weil eine gute Bildung ist unser Ziel.
Ich freue mich auf unser nächstes Semester,
und unsere neuen JYM Brüder und Schwestern.
Aber jetzt ist meine Geschichte vorbei:
Im Gegensatz zu Faust gibt es keinen Teil zwei.

Let us then celebrate your achievements here in Munich. Let us raise our glasses not only to JYM, but also to you, who have experienced Global Education first hand. Cheers to 60 years of JYM!
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE...

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Professor Bernhard V. Valentini and JYM Students on Class Excursion to Rome, 1955

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Professor Hans-Peter Söder and JYM Students on Class Excursion to Bologna, 2012
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