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Save the Date:

November 16-17, 2006

**The 4th GAME Kansas City Conference
Combining the UN Convention on the
Rights of the Child (CRC) and the UN
Convention on Elimination of all forms
of Discrimination Against Women
(CEDAW).**

CRC and **CEDAW** are both fundamental conventions guaranteeing minimum requirements of human rights for children and women across the globe. These two conventions are powerful tools that assure all nations regardless of their cultural, religious, social or political differences to advance the minimum requirement of civil society by offering children as well as women and girls universally accepted minimum rights.

The GAME biennial conferences since 2000 have actively advanced the awareness and educated the public to separate the reality and misinformation about the children's convention. By combining the two issues, in cooperation with the UMKC Women's and Gender Studies, we will focus on four major issues: poverty and hunger, trafficking women and children, drug abuse, focus on meth., and Juvenile Justice.

Haumana Johannsen, Vice President

Activism for Human Rights

This year Senator Charles Wheeler and GAME are proud to host our 4th biennial conference supporting the Rights of the Child.

For the first time, we have decided to expand the purview of the conference to include an emphasis on women's rights as identified in the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This year's conference theme expansion will highlight the strengths and talents of Conference Chair Senator Charles Wheeler, M.D., Co-Chair Reverend Bob Meneilly and Co-Chair Dr. Barbara Bonnekessen. Dr. Bonnekessen, (a UMKC Women and Gender Studies professor), has shown a great deal of dedication and enthusiasm that mirrors our team's track history and assures a great success of this conference.

Featuring topics of Drugs, Poverty, Trafficking and Justice issues, we will be able to analyze local problems that impact women and children throughout the world. To encourage local student participation, we will accept student poster submissions in addition to our discussion oriented, multi-generational breakout sessions.

According to the Missouri Department of Mental Health, 12 % of the 11,000 kids in state custody are there due to Methamphetamine problems in the home. With relation to trafficking, the national center for Missing and Exploited Children identified that of the offenders actually

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Recent News and Events Internationally Speaking



The U.N. General Assembly, in an historic vote, voted overwhelmingly on a resolution to establish a new Human Rights Council to replace the much-criticised Human Rights Commission. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 170 in favour with 4 against – the United States, Israel, the Marshall Islands and Palau – with Venezuela, Iran and Belarus abstaining. The new Council's membership has gone down from 53 to 47 and is to be elected by an absolute majority. Candidates will be elected on their human rights commitment. De facto permanent membership is eliminated; a new provision gives the GA the ability, through a two-thirds majority vote, to suspend the membership of a Council member that commits gross and systematic violations of human rights. The Council is to hold three sessions per year for no less than ten weeks with the ability to hold special sessions upon request of a Council member with support of one-third of the Council. On May 9, the UN will elect its first Human Rights Council. The Council is scheduled to hold its first session on June 19, 2006.

COMMUNITY DAY AT G.A.M.E.



Twice a year, several students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Community Service volunteers to provide support for G.A.M.E. by assisting in the organization of G.A.M.E. Resource center, designing banners and related tasks.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: Role of Women in Decision Making

In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a Resolution proclaiming a UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its Resolution, the General Assembly recognised the role of women in peace efforts and development and urged an end to discrimination and an increase of support for women's full and equal participation. In his yearly message, Secretary-General Kofi Annan noted: "the world is starting to grasp that there is no policy more effective in promoting development, health and education than the empowerment of women and girls. And I would venture that no policy is more important in preventing conflict, or in achieving reconciliation after a conflict has ended."



FIRST-EVER WORLD SUMMIT OF YOUTH LEADERS PLANNED AT UN HEADQUARTERS THIS FALL

In an effort to mobilize young people to work toward international development goals, delegates from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean have agreed on plans for an unprecedented world summit of youth leaders at United Nations Headquarters in New York in October, 2006. The purpose stated is to facilitate an inter-generational dialogue between global leaders and youth at the Summit, the youth generation in support of the MDGs (Millennium Development Goals) and the search for peace and compassion for those suffering from poverty and injustice.



**Maira Wentworth, G.A.M.E. Intern
from William Jewell College**

For spring and summer 2006, I am doing a volunteer internship here at the G.A.M.E. center. My name is Maira Wentworth and I come from a small town in Nebraska. I am the daughter of a Physics Professor and Hospice/Alzheimer's Nurse. I am also the younger sister of a brave young man currently serving in the military in Iraq. I am currently a sophomore at William Jewell College, and am pursuing a Psychology and Philosophy degree with a minor in Non-Profit Leadership. On campus I take part in clubs such as Amnesty International, UNITY and American Humanics; I am also the president of the group: Progressive Students for America.

Recently over a winter vacation I was involved in a two-week wilderness excursion in the Florida Everglades. It was over this time that I realized that I wanted to turn my love for service and human rights into a career. I am enrolled in a Service Learning class and part of the curriculum is a volunteer internship at a local Non-Profit. Although many of my classmates are interning at churches and shelters, I wanted to do something a little different. Previously I have done a lot of work with the Humane Society as well as the Audubon Society. Going through a local list I found the Global and Multicultural

Education Center, a grass roots organization that wants to promote cultural and international understanding. This was where I was supposed to be.

I have been here at G.A.M.E. since early February, helping out at the center undertaking various tasks, including organization of the center's library, and involvement with the CRC and CEDAW conferences.

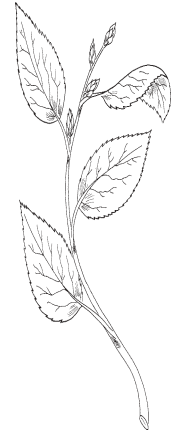
Although I am unsure of what the future holds for me, I would like to go into the Peace Corps for a few years after college and work in the Non-Profit sector hopefully in the human rights sector. For now, I am looking forward to continuing serving at the G.A.M.E. center and working towards intercultural and international understanding.



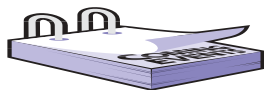
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convicted of rape or sexual assault, two-thirds have a victim who is younger than 18, with the vast majority of these victims being 12 or younger. Missouri's 2000 child poverty rate was at 16.2% while, comparatively, the poverty rate for married couples was 4.7%. Additionally, in female-headed households it was 24.7%. With regards to justice issues, Missouri is one of 50 states that still has the death penalty for children under the age of 18. Our goal at the conference is to raise awareness of these issues and encourage our local citizens that we can take responsibility for our community and change these horrible statistics for the better. We aim to empower individuals to make Kansas City a noticeably safe place for women and children.

If you are interested in attending or helping with the planning and administration of this event, please contact Manny or Haumana at the GAME office (816-960-1546).



Upcoming Events Local and National



March 29, 2006, 7:00-9:00 GAME Adult Education Class: Activism for Human Rights: CRC/CEDAW project, All Souls Unitarian Church, 4501 Walnut, KCMO.

April 1, 2006, 8:00-12:00 a.m. UMKC Community Day, student volunteers at GAME Resource center

April 2, 2006, 4:00 -6:00 p.m., Land Mine Survivor-Activist, Dr. Kenneth Rutherford, sponsored by UNA-GKC and All Souls UU-UNO; at All Souls Unitarian Church 4501 Walnut, Donations \$10 adult \$5 students

April 8, 2006, 9:00 -3:00, G.A.M.E. Boy Scout Merit badge, Citizenship in the World, Mid-Continent library/Boardwalk Branch, 8656 N Ambassador Drive

April 8, 2006, 10:00 -4:00 Barstow High School, International Fair Day, GAME is invited to participate.

April 13, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC Women's and Gender Studies Conference Room, 51st and Rockhill Road

May 11, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC Women's and Gender Studies Conference Room.

May 17-20, 2006, Washington CRC Coalition Summit, American University, Washington, D.C. For more info, contact Manny Pedram at G.A.M.E. office.

May 21, 2006, 2:00 p.m., GAME Board of Director's meeting and election of officers.

June 8, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC Women's and Gender Studies Conference Room.

November 16-17th, 2006, G.A.M.E Biennial Conference on U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Kauffman Foundation Conference Center.

Facts from 2006 Calendar for Peace Did you know....?

March 5, 1970, International Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear weapons took effect.

March 7, 1989, Treaty on Ozone Protection signed in Montreal, Canada.

March 10, 1987, Conscientious objection to war was declared a human right by the U.N. General Assembly.

March 11, 2003, First installation of judges of International Criminal Court, in The Hague.

April 3, 1946, First meeting of the International Court of Justice, took place in The Hague.

April 7, 1948, Founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

April 20, 1903, Andrew Carnegie gave fund to build Peace Palace at The Hague

May 17, 1919, Save the Children was launched by Dorothy Buxton and Eglantyne Jebb, following devastation of World War I.

May 18, 1972, U.N. Treaty on the Sea Bed went in to force.

May 21, 2006 is World Day for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue and Development.

May 29, Peacekeepers celebrate the first U.N. peacekeeping mission in 1948.

May 31, 1976, UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat I) was in Vancouver, Canada.

A world mired in poverty
can not be a world at peace.

U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan



**May 31st is WORLD
NO TOBACCO DAY**

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES OFFERED

The Global and Multicultural Education Center and the UU-UNO have embarked upon a jointly sponsored educational forum that focuses on eight of the most significant and far-reaching challenges facing the world. These classes will be offered at All Souls, 4501 Walnut, at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, beginning on April 20 and concluding on November 16. Different facilitators will lead the sessions every month.

Following are the dates, topics and facilitators who have already signed up. We invite others interested to call and sign up for the topics needing moderators

April 20	The United Nations: Post Summit Outlook Haumana Johannasen
May 18,	The U.S. and Iran Manny Pedram
June 15	The Energy Policy Conundrum
July 20	Brazil: Invented Past & Hoped-for Futures
August 17	Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism Greg Brown
September 21	India and China: Partners or Competitors? Joyce Cox
October 19	Turkey: On Europe's Verge ?
November 16	Pandemics and National Security Dick Dawson

Invitation to the CRC Summit
May 17-20, 2006
American University
Washington, D.C.

If you have attended the Biennial conferences on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Kansas City, the Summit in Washington D.C. is for you. The Campaign for U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child's Summit is May 17-20, 2006 on the campus of American University. The conference promises to be "an historic Campaign to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child." Its focus is on "Educating and Mobilizing Communities for Ratification" of the Convention. Lodging and meals are at American University and are reasonably priced. Registration forms and conference rate and fees are available at <http://childrightscampaign.org> or you can contact Manny at G.A.M.E.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD:

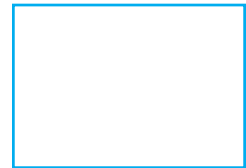
A Merit Badge for Boy Scouts



During the past year Citizenship in the World has become another project of the Global and Multicultural Education Center. The coming event is scheduled for April 8, 2006 at Boardwalk Midcontinent Library with the support of merit badge counselor Marlena Boggs.

Pictured is the GAME instructional team Bill Thebo, Teri Chu and Hattie Williams making preparation for April 8th session.

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