

# Live from the U.K.: Senior has dream intern

*Senior Sarah Clapp had the rare opportunity to spend her summer internship with the British Parliament.*

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**M**arietta College senior **Sarah Clapp** spent this past semester working as a research assistant under British Parliament Member, Geraint Davies. Clapp is the daughter of **George** and **Margaret Clapp** from Mantua, Ohio, and is a graduate from St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

While in London, Clapp investigated newly proposed pharmaceutical legislation that was hurting small businesses, and dealt with issues caused by the war in Iraq. As a governmental intern, Clapp had unadulterated access to more than 50 parliamentary buildings, and made many powerful contacts.

"I found myself eating lunch and debating with different members of Parliament almost every day," Clapp said. "I even crossed paths with (Prime Minister) Tony Blair."

Marietta and Central College in Pella, Iowa, teamed up to make the experience happen for Clapp. **Dr. Richard Danford**, head of MC's study abroad program, spoke about the trip, "I'm proud we can put students in such an enlightening atmosphere. They get course credit, learn about the world, and as in Sarah's case, get an international internship under their belt."

Clapp said the college experience in the U.K. is different than what American scholars are accustomed to.

"Classes meet once a week, students come when they want, and panels of professors evaluate course work. Everything is much more relaxed."

Clapp's favorite class, Introduction To British Theater, required her to attend one the-

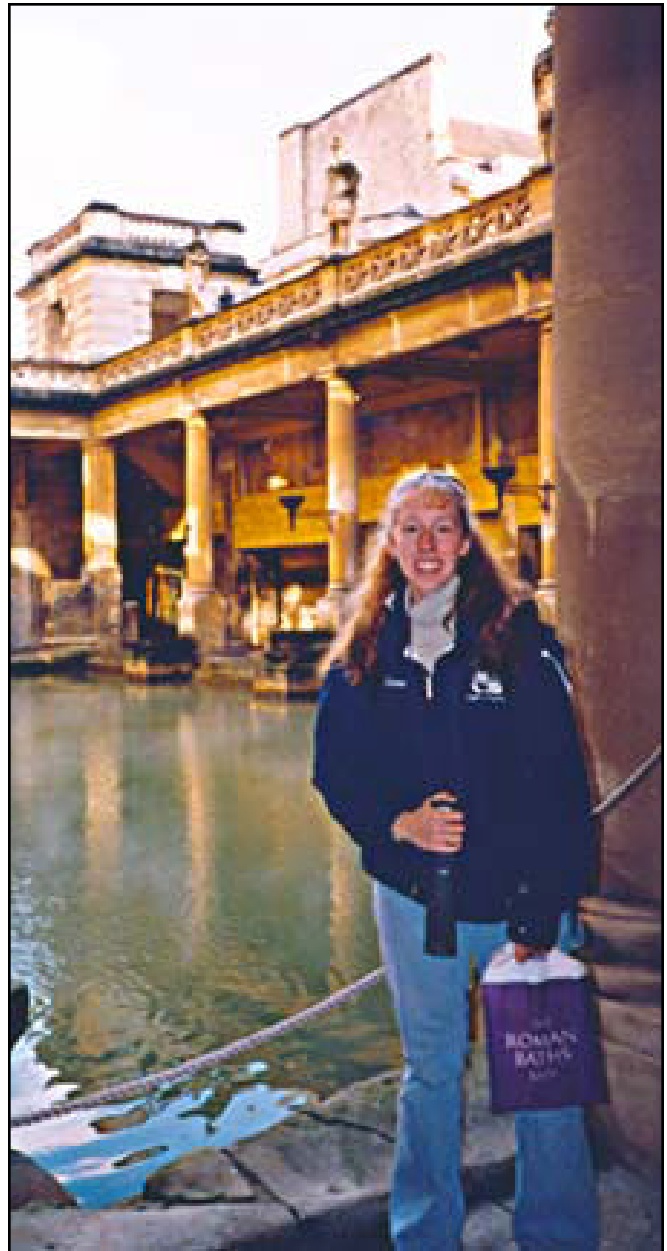


Photo submitted by Sarah Clapp  
Marietta College senior Sarah Clapp visited Bath, England, while interning for the British Parliament this past summer.

ater performance a week and then evaluate and discuss in depth the atmosphere, symbols, and characters in the productions.

Clapp summed up her experience saying, "It's not a matter of if I will return it's a matter of when."