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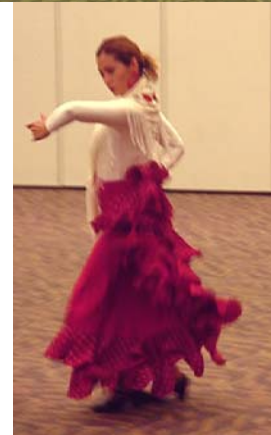
International Education Week: Welcomes Faculty, Staff and Students to the World!



UNCG and IPC celebrated **International Education Week** during the week of November 15-19, 2004. This year's International Education Week provided an excellent opportunity for UNCG's faculty, staff and students to involve themselves in many entertaining and educational events. During each event, participants shared personal experiences, while gaining an appreciation for the international experiences of their peers. And maybe danced a little bit, as well!



Events included the International Education Week Reception, dance performances and lessons, a study abroad fair, cultural simulation games, the New York Trip Raffle, and the annual Study Abroad Photo Contest (please turn to page 7 for winners).



A Warm Welcome in Greensboro!



The new international students received a “warm welcome” - literally—when they arrived to North Carolina during the first week of January! The new students were pleasantly surprised by the spring-like weather that Greensboro has experienced since the first of this year. Comfortable temperatures provided the students an opportunity to explore UNCG’s campus and nearby entertainment offerings during Orientation Week.



In addition, students participated in several events organized for them by IPC. During the week, new students received a great deal of information to help them adapt to their new surroundings. They also enjoyed shopping for household necessities, accompanied by the I-Fellows and returning UNCG study abroad students.



At the end of the first week, IPC staff took the new international students out for an evening of bowling and getting acquainted with one another. This was also a wonderful chance for the “old” students from fall semester to get to share their expertise with their new friends.



The Chancellor’s Welcome Reception on January 11 culminated the orientation events. **Chancellor Patricia Sullivan** greeted students and challenged them to be ambassadors: both for their home countries while at UNCG, and for UNCG upon returning home. She also presented them with new IPC caps—which the students proudly wore for the rest of the reception!

Coming Soon: The 2005 UNCG International Festival!

IPC is excited to announce the 2005 UNCG International Festival, which will take place on Saturday, April 16 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Once again, this fun-filled event will be held in the fountain area behind the dining hall.

As in previous years, I-Fest will include live entertainment, delicious food, and cultural activities from all over the world.

Now is your opportunity to *get involved!* IPC needs several volunteers to help the day run smoothly. If you are interested in hosting a booth, performing, or just helping out, please contact IPC Graduate Assistant, **David DiMaria** at 334-5404 or dldimari@uncg.edu.



Welcome to Our Spring 2005 International Exchange Students!

Our new exchange students are: **AUSTRALIA: University of Canberra**, Kali Birks (Television/Film Production); **FINLAND: University of Oulu**, Minna Palosaari (Computer Science); **FRANCE: University of Angers**, Pauline Aussel (Recreation, Parks & Tourism) and Emilie Masset (Recreation, Parks & Tourism); **MEXICO: ITESM-Ciudad de Mexico Campus**, Roberto Barrera Barrios (Business



Administration), Marisol Camargo Martinez (Business Administration), Gabriela Cordova Macias (Communication), Daniela Fuentes Cummings (Business Administration), Laura Garcia Nava (Business Administration), Luis Guerrero Ordonez (Business Administration), Priscilla Lamont Cortazar (Business Administration), Odet Reyes Rosas (Business Administration) and Maria Velasco Carrero (Business Administration); **ITESM-Monterrey Campus**, Dalit Bielaz Sclar (Interior Architecture);



ITESM-Queretaro Campus, Jesus Estrada Trejo (Business Administration); **ITESM-Sinaloa Campus**, Maria Cota Mendia (Business Administration); **ITESM-Veracruz Campus**, Mariana Ramirez Mantilla (Business Administration); **NEW ZEALAND: Massey University**, Carsten Grimm (Psychology) and Mark Mazengarb (Music); **SWEDEN: Växjö University**, Anna Thyberg (and family, Johan and Lisa) (English Literature).



New International Degree-Seeking Students Arrive!

This semester, we welcome 26 degree-seeking students from 15 countries. Our new degree-seeking international students and their home countries are:

BRAZIL: Luciana Silva Godoy de Carvalho (Information Systems & Operations Management); **CANADA:** Sandra Sokoloff (Library & Information Studies); **CHINA:** Shaozhong Liu (Curriculum & Teaching); **GERMANY:** Christian Budis, (Business Administration); Alexander Gerding (Business Administration); Sabine Guenther (Business Administration); Christoph Hofmann (Business Administration); Torsten Krause (Business Administration); Phillip Kuepper (Business Administration); Torsten Tischingler (Business Administration); **INDIA:** Hari Kaylan Paila (Chemistry); Manish Patel (Computer Science); **ITALY:** Carlo Costa (General Studies); **KENYA:** Christine Nganga from Kenya (Education Leadership & Cultural Foundation); **NIGERIA:** Oluwaseyi Adu (Business Administration); **ROMANIA:** Andreea Schiopu (Business Administration); **RUSSIA:** Ioulia Smirnova (Accounting); **RWANDA:** Maurice Murenzi (Economics) **SOUTH KOREA:** Kichul Ahn (Business Administration); Keun Sook Kim (General Studies); **TAIWAN:** Yuan-Fang Ho (Business Administration); Pei-Hsuan Kuo (Business Administration); Wen Hsin Yen (Business Administration); **THAILAND:** Supavich Pengnate (Information Systems & Operations Management); Ekkalak Runganachai (Textile Products Design & Marketing); **WEST BANK:** Najib Yaser (Business Administration)



Aussie Adventures

By UNCG study abroad student, **Meagan Stobie**



After spending almost six months studying abroad in Ballarat, Australia, I know that I would not have done my junior year any differently. Studying abroad is one of the most amazing, enriching and eye opening experiences that you could participate in while in college. You get to travel to a gorgeous far away country and learn about a culture different from your own. The adventure is a separate class all its own. You will learn new things about yourself you never knew before, and you will make friends that you will know for the rest of your life (plus it gives you even more countries to go visit!) My greatest experience was scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. I had never gone diving before and doing it there was gorgeous. The water was so clear in the pictures. It looks like a pool, and you could see straight down to the bottom. I got to put my hand in a giant sea clam, hold a sea cucumber, pet an enormous fish named Wally and I even found “Nemo”! Though I never figured out if the toilets flushed a different way on that side of the world, I would not have traded my experience for anything. Everyone should take the opportunity while they are still young and can at least use the excuse that they are “studying” there!

Thanksgiving in New York City



ISA Fall Semi-Formal



IPC Holiday Party



New for Spring

IPC is thrilled to welcome the newest student assistants to the join the staff! **Chris Howell**, a Linguistics major spent 2003-2004 as an exchange student at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Japan. **Xiaoying Liu**, from China, is a Doctoral Candidate in Counseling. **Minna Palosaari** is studying Computer Science from the University of Oulu, Finland, whose support from the Finnish Ministry of Higher Education enables her to work with us.

We're excited to have you all in the IPC!



Chris Howell



Xiaoying Liu



Minna Palosaari

Welcome New International Fellows

I-Fellows assist with the students' transition into the University/Greensboro community and provide opportunities for international and American students to interact. Two new International Fellows living in the International House this semester are **Jarek Barć** and **Shannon Ganthner**. They will join the ranks of I-Fellows, **David Di Maria** and **Sandy Dempsey**. Jarek, who is originally from Wroclaw, Poland, was an exchange student at the University of Klagenfurt, Austria in 2001-2002. Shannon, from Garner, NC, was an exchange student at the University of Oulu, Finland in 2002-2003. We welcome you both on board!



David explains a new game to the students



Sandy rations pizza slices during orientation



New I-Fellows: Jarek Barć and Shannon Ganthner



Hanni Bissel, ISA Vice-President

Best Wishes to Our New ISA Officer

This semester we welcome our new ISA Vice President, **Hanni Bissel**. Hanni is a US student originally from Pinehurst, NC and currently majoring in International Business. Hanni was introduced to the international community via her former German roommate and has been active since. Welcome Hanni!

ISA's former Vice President, **Paola Savvidou**, is currently studying abroad in New Zealand. We all wish her the best!

Congratulations to IPC Staff and Students!

Newlyweds!



Pablo & Carmel (Pynes) Torres,
married on October 30, 2004



**Paul & Casey (Niemeyer)
Thomas,** married on December 2, 2004

In recent months, two of IPC's student assistants, **Carmel Pynes** and **Casey Niemeyer** have each married their international sweethearts!

Carmel met **Pablo Torres** (Mexico) while studying on exchange at ITESM in Monterrey, Mexico. They married on October 30, 2004.

Casey met **Paul Thomas** (Australia) while travelling in Africa. They married on December 2, 2004 in Puerto Rico.

Graduated!

Anelise Zandona Hofmann completed her Master's in International Education from the School for International Training, SIT, in Brattleboro, Vermont in October. Her capstone paper explored the topic *Transformative Learning: A Framework for Outcomes Assessment of University Study Abroad Experiences*. As a component of her research, Anelise interviewed recent UNCG study abroad students, who had studied in Mexico, in order to identify transformative outcomes resulting from their experience



Anelise and classmates, Sara Friedman and Mariana Syrotiak on graduation day

UNCG Students Win Award at Southern Regional Model United Nations!

Submitted by **Bob Griffiths**, Department of Political Science

UNCG students representing Angola won an honorable mention award at the *15th Annual Southern Regional Model UN* held in Atlanta November 18-20. **Matt Winslow**, **Ben Anderson**, and **Maria Romme*** represented Angola in the General Assembly and the Security Council. Eighteen other UNCG students represented three additional countries. They included: **Jennifer Smith**, **Stacey Harvin**, **Wendy Pagoaga** (representing Madagascar), **Dan Nash**, **Rachel Mandragona**, **Amanda Regan**, **Jessica Osborn**, **Jonae Wartel**, **Megan Connolly**, **Ryan Radford**, **Katie Hughes***, **Katie Kelly** (representing India) and **Rob Wilson**, **Jonathan Thiel**, **Louie Fader**, **Haitham Ramadan**, **Ann Ali**, **Amie Martin** (representing Kuwait). The simulation involved approximately 500 students from forty-two schools from throughout the southeast and beyond.

UNCG graduate **Laura Merrell**, currently a Graduate Program Assistant in the Bryan School, was director of the simulation of the UN High Commission for Refugees and has been selected to serve as the Deputy Director General for next year's conference.

- * Fall 2004 Exchange student from Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Currently on exchange at Macquarie University, Australia

International Degree-Seeking Student on Winning Team!

On December 4th, 2004 eight teams of student from Bryan Business School competed in the Fall 2004 BB&T Marketing Game Challenge, a computer simulated competition where teams make product, distribution, pricing, and promotion decisions for a fictional company; competing to earn the highest net income for their respective company.

The fall 2004 winning team members were **Andrea Baldwin, Eric Hunter, Paul Noah and Eric Whitten**. Each student took home \$100 in prize money. The second place team of **Donna Brady, Stefanie Cox, Amy Massey, Ryan Patterson and Yan Shi***. Each took home \$50 in prize money.



International Degree-Seeking Student, Yan Shi (second from left) and teammates

Congratulations to our 2004 International Education Week Study Abroad Photo Contest Winners!



Humorous: Sean Cain, Peacock, Mexico



Landscape & Architecture: Stephanie Jones, Canal, Italy



People & Places : Sara Laramie, Bagpipes, United Kingdom



Overall: Heidi Houtz, Carnival, France



Lyn presents IPC caps to the delegation from China



OSEAS advisors before regional NAFSA



Professor Zdzisław Latajka from Wrocław University in Poland becomes acquainted with UNCG and IPC staff and students who will study in Poland

Recent Visitors

From November 2-November 4, a group of leaders from the field of Science and Technology in Beijing, China met with members of the School of Education's SERVE program. The delegation included **Chunying Liu**, Vice-Director, Dewai Sub-district Office; **Hong Li**, Staff, Department of International Affairs, Beijing Association for Science and Technology; **Jiangmin Zhang**, Director, Department of Popularization for Science and Technology, Beijing Association for Science and Technology; **Ping Kou**, Vice-Director, Beitapingzhuang Sub-district Office; **Qiaoyun Zhang**, Standing Vice-Chairman, Zhongwen Association for Science and Technology; **Qingzhong Zhu**, Chairman, Fangshan Association for Science and Technology; **Xiulan Lei**, Director, Guangnei Sub-district Office; and **Yinzhu Wang**, Vice-Chairman, Chaoyang Association for Science and Technology.

Also in early November, a group of visiting international overseas educational advisors (OSEAS), sponsored by the U.S. State Department paid a visit to UNCG and some other nearby universities on their way to the NAFSA Regional Conference: **Akram A. Al-Baghdadi**, Education Adviser/ Testing Services Officer, America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. in Palestine; **Alice Carla Beirão**, IRC Assistant Educational Advisor, American Embassy in Luanda, Angola; **Luz Dione Casilimas-Sanchez**, Education Adviser, Centro Colombo Americano in Colombia; and **Maya Dafinova**, Head of Center of International Exchange & Education Norteamericano in Chile.

Professor Zdzisław Latajka, the Rector of Wrocław University in Poland, visited UNCG on December 13. During his visit, he met with IPC staff and students bound for Poland. **Chancellor Sullivan** also welcomed Professor Latajka at a luncheon in his honor.

In December, UNCG's Center for Legislative Studies (CLS) hosted Deputy Foreign Minister **Eugenia Kistruga** of Moldova and the visiting delegation for the 2004 North Carolina-Moldova Bilateral Committee Meeting. CLS co-director **Bill Crowther** and IPC co-hosted a reception in honor of the visitors.

Visiting International Scholars

During the past several months, various academic departments have been privileged to host several visiting international scholars. Please join us in welcoming our new guests! We welcome **Torsten Fauth**, a research scholar from Germany visiting the Department of Biology; **Dr. Jong Chill Kim**, a professor from South Korea visiting the Department of Business Administration; **Peter Girg**, a research scholar from the Czech Republic visiting the Department of Mathematical Sciences; **Soon Yee Park**, a professor from South Korea visiting the Department of Dance and **Yanghee Kim**, a professor from South Korea visiting the Department of Women's Studies.

Recent Travelers

During the previous months, UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines:



Kathleen Ahern (German, Russian and Japanese Studies), and **Farit Khaidarov** and **Sergei Yerofeev** of Kazan State University in Russia

November: **Hazel Brown**, Nursing (Brazil); **Anthony Fragola**, Broadcasting & Cinema (Italy); **Ana Honatilla**, Romance Languages (Spain); **Andreas Lixl**, German, Russian and Japanese Studies (Azerbaijan); **Mark Smith-Soto**, Romance Languages (Costa Rica); and **Jeffrey Soles**, Classical Studies (Greece).

Gupta, Mathematical Sciences (India); and **Nir Kshetri**, Business Administration (China).

In early December, **Kathleen Ahern** (German, Russian and Japanese Studies) traveled to Kazan, Russia, to discuss the new study abroad program, in which two students are currently participating.

Dennis Leyden (Honors Program) traveled to London for a week in January with Honors students, who have now moved on to their study abroad destinations.

In addition to faculty travel, **Lyn Lawrance** attended the China Education Expo 2004 in Beijing, China in late October. During her trip, Lyn also visited our partner universities in Japan, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies and Nara Women's University.

International Travel Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members were awarded ITF grants in November, December, and January (destination in parentheses): **Ahmad Aqueil**, Sociology (India); **Christopher Hodgkins**, English (United Kingdom); **Brett Ingram**, Broadcasting & Cinema (Spain); **Nir Kshetri**, Business Administration (China); **Steve Lucas**, Business Administration (Greece); **Bud Miles**, Business Administration (Greece); and **Jeffrey Soles**, Classical Studies (Greece).

Kohler Awards

The next deadline for applications in the research and teaching categories is **April 15, 2005**. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html

Summer Study Abroad Deadlines

March 15: Travel Grant applications for students going on 2005 UNCG Summer Abroad programs.



Former ITF recipient, **Stephanie Kurtts** (Specialized Education Services) and friend in China



Lyn enjoys a beautiful view of the Great Wall of China

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Submitted by **Wendy Jones-Worden**, Department of Romance Languages

Do you know any good students who cannot fit in study abroad during their degree program? What about graduating students who would love to study abroad again? How about a penniless graduate student who has a burning desire to study abroad? The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is the perfect solution.

For more information about this scholarship, please go to the website: www.rotary.org (Click on *The Rotary Foundation, Educational Programs* then *Ambassadorial Scholarships*.) For study abroad **2006-07**, applications must be submitted by **March 1, 2005** to Summit Rotary in Greensboro. Summit has a particular interest in UNCG students, since it sponsors the UNCG Rotaract Club. If the application proceeds to the district level, the applicant must be available for an interview on April 16, 2005. Summit Rotary would like to hear from potential applicants soon if they are seriously considering this scholarship. Please contact Rotarian, Roger Stanley at 336 282-5670.

As a former Ambassadorial Scholar to Buenos Aires, Argentina, I know the immediate and lifelong benefits of a Rotary scholarship. Ten years after my scholarship, I am still in touch with my Rotary host or "padrino" in Argentina as well as with Rotarians in the Greensboro area. If you are a past recipient of a Rotary scholarship, please contact Dorian Arnold of IPC at dcarnold@uncg.edu. IPC would like to know how many alumni of these scholarship programs there are at UNCG.

Friday Fests

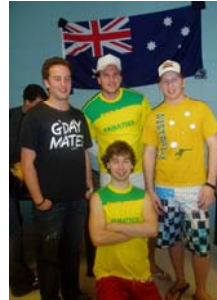
Japan, October 29th



India, November 5th



Australia, November 12th



Spring 2005 Friday Fests

February

- 4 New Zealand and Australia
- 11 Thailand
- 18 Egypt and Liberia
- 25 Pakistan

March

- 18 Russia

April

- 1 Eritrea and Somalia
- 8 Mexico
- 22 China
- 29 Korea

Israel, November 19th



Spain, December 3rd



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