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## *Fun at Team QUEST at Piney Lake by Pamela Harrod*



*Dicken Housman*

On the chilly Saturday morning of February 2, students from the international section of UNS 101 participated in the Team QUEST program at Piney Lake. Team QUEST's philosophy is based on experiential learning, with an emphasis on group trust, communication, creative thinking, problem solving, and leadership development.

The students from the UNS class who participated are Jiawei Chen (China), Ayman Hamze (Lebanon), Dickon Housman (England), Yaroslav Litus (Russia), and Donnae Ward (Bahamas). Jonathan Stutts (U.S.) the UNS PAL and instructor Pamela Harrod, Director of International Admissions, the instructor, also participated in the day's events.

The day began with a warm-up exercise. The team was instructed to throw a ball to another person, stating his or her name. This seemed easy enough, but then the fun started. Suddenly, other items, from small stuffed animals to a long, leggy rubber chicken, were mixed into the fray—this, indeed, warmed up the group.

The exercises progressed from fairly easy to challenging. As inhibitions subsided, group trust, problem solving and a good sense of humor took over. In an obstacle course exercise, classmates worked in pairs. One was blindfolded, the other was the guide. The guide had to give directions to the blindfolded student, who had to walk through obstacles without stepping on anything. Several techniques were used, from "go left, turn around", to "take a 40 centimeter step at a 10 degree angle to the left". All of the groups succeeded in completing the task and were happy with their accomplishments.

The next challenge for the class will be later in the spring. The group will be facing a greater (and higher) challenge when they return to Piney Lake for the Team QUEST Expedition course at 40 feet in the air!



*Ward, Housman, Cher, Litus and Hanze*

## *ISA's Team QUEST Challenge by Michael Elliott*

Bright and early Saturday morning, February 2, members of the International Student Association gathered to begin a day of leadership and team work challenges. ISA members arrived at Piney Lake where they were met by Team QUEST facilitators Cris and Beth. The day began with some fun, comfortable ice-breakers, including a "three questions about you" exercise followed by a trust-building activity outside near the lake. When Nicole Wright's turn arrived for the three questions game, her answer to "What's unique about your name?" drew a laugh from others. Nicole, I-Fellow and ISA member, explained that her parents had no name chosen for her when she was born. Nicole is a twin. Her parents were pleasantly surprised because up to the time she was born they were expecting only one baby!

During the second exercise, participants were encouraged to put their faith in other members of the team by allowing themselves to be 'caught' by a pair of spotters upon falling backwards. Cristen Bullock, ISA Volunteer Coordinator, was very trusting as she allowed her spotters to take several steps back so that her falling distance became much greater, while at the same time her comfort was decreasing.

A more thought-provoking team-oriented task required good communication and organizational skills. Angie Kapely, Vice President of the ISA, directed the group to a good start, especially since the activity was timed. Each of the 11 participants held several full-paged pictures from a children's story book, all of which needed to be laid out on the floor in exact chronological sequence. While the participants could not show but only describe to others the pictures in hand, the group was successful in working together to tell the story accurately in words and complex pictures.

The final major exercise of the program involved using a rope descending from the trees above to move each participant, one at a time, from a starting platform to a target point clearly outlined on the ground without dropping into the 'radioactive slime'. Michael Peters, the ISA Information Systems Manager, took charge by initially organizing the effort and leading the pack to victory.

Following the morning's Team QUEST challenges, the ISA members enjoyed a relaxing lunch and spent the remainder of the day planning for the organization's upcoming events, including the International Festival in April, the spring Semi-Formal for international students, and their end-of-year picnic. ISA members' Team QUEST experiences were exciting and unifying, and they are eager to return to undertake the higher challenges of the program next semester.

## *Academic Excellence Award Reception*



*Michael Elliott Presents Kyung Min Kim  
With His Award*

On February 19, Michael Elliott and Dr. Alan Boyette hosted the Academic Excellence Awards Reception. Certificates were awarded to exceptional International students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the fall semester. Congratulations to all those who earned awards for their great academic achievements! **ANGUILLA:** Amethyst Davis; **ARGENTINA:** Andrés Milá-Prats; **BANGLADESH:** Anupam Nath ; **BELARUS:** Alena Kharoshka; **BHUTAN:** T'shering "Toby" Tobgay; **CANADA:** Quynh Nguyen, Zhaoxi Wang; **CHINA:** Wai Ting Chiu, Hua Dai, Zhuoli Huang, Ruiying Liu, Xiaoying Liu, Yanjuan Zhu, Yiwen Bi, Huixin Luo, Huaibo Xin; **ETHIOPIA:** Berhanu Aschenaki; **GERMANY:** Carolin Feierabend; **GHANA:** Irene Acheampong, Reem Disu; **INDIA:**

Navneet Gill, Rachana Karnik, Grishma Kulkarni, Koel Majumder, Spandana Nimmagadda, Kalpesh Padhye, Amrita Patel, Ravi Thambusamy ; **IRAN:** Sana Mojdeh; **JAMAICA:** Stacy-Ann Lewis; **JAPAN:** Mayumi Osada; **KENYA:** Bellah Kiteki, Dickson Wambua; **KOREA:** Kyung Min Kim, Cho Seung Moon; **NIGERIA:** Kenneth Onyejose; **PAKISTAN:** Amna Latif; **REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** Yong Im Lee; **ROMANIA:** Mariana Mereoiu; **SAUDI ARABIA:** Rayan Al Maghrabi; **SENEGAL:** Doudou Fall; **SIERRA LEONE:** Rosemarie Madinda; **SINGAPORE:** Evangeline Tan; **TAIWAN:** Chih-Hsin Shen; **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:** Raedene Copeland; **VIETNAM:** Ngoc Le.

## Disney Update by Katie Ostrowka

UNCG's Disney Exchange Program has reached a new height of popularity. The latest orientation brought 57 new students to Orlando, Florida. In addition, at Disney there are eight exchange students and ten INTERLINK students who spent the fall 2007 semester at UNCG, 22 Colombian students, two students who are continuing from the fall semester at Disney, and one student from Tec de Monterrey who is doing a Professional Internship at Disney. The total number of UNCG international students at Disney right now: 100!



Katie Ostrowka, Koh, and Ajaya Francis at Animal Kingdom

For February's orientation, IPC staff members, Dr. Penelope Pynes, Ajaya Francis, and Katie Ostrowka went to Orlando to meet the international students and to impart important information regarding the details of their exchange. The IPC staff also met with the students who were at UNCG in the fall to assure that everything is going smoothly. Faculty from the Bryan School of Business led by Dr. Bud Miles met with the students to discuss their courses and assignments. One international visitor, Dr. Conrad D'Souza from the Singapore Polytechnic University, arrived with his students and assisted with the orientation.



New Disney Students Arrive

We have a variety of countries represented by the UNCG Disney exchange students this year: **BRAZIL, IBMEC:** Guilherme Costin, Bruno Freitas, Julia Martins and Mayara Rodrigues; **Pitagoras:** Gabriela Porcaro; **UNA:** Gustavo Nogueira and Monique Queiroz; **CANADA, Brock:** Nicholas Currie; **COLOMBIA, Politécnico Granno:** Romel Amador Gonzalez, Pedro Atehortua Amaya, Oscar Bautista Teran, Andres Cala Rey, Sandra Chacon Baron, Yuri Garcia Camargo, Oscar Gomez Ramirez, John Hernandez Pabon, Oscar Mauricio Lopez Mantilla, Camilo Lozano Pachon, Maria Muñoz Seña, Liliana Ochoa Paez, Jaime Rios Silva, Natacha Robledo Montealegre, Heidi Rodriguez Castro, Oswaldo Rodriguez Martinez, Andrea Rodriguez Rodriguez, Federico Rodriguez Sanchez, Luis Rojas Perez, Catherin Rubiano Cardenas, Miguel Sanchez Morales and Angela Spell Quintero; **JAPAN, Kyoto Sangyo:** Shingo Itano, Ayako Kimura and Rie Kita; **Miyagi:** Kimi Goto, Mika Honda, Saki Igarashi and Koh Omiya; **Nagoya City:** Tomomi Hayashi, Nanako Mizuno and Tomoko Ushida; **Ritsumeikan:** Reiko Izushi, Sayana Nakajima, Ami Fujino, Mie Sugai and Yusuke Tomita; **MEXICO, ITESM Monterrey Campus:** Yesui Aranda Gonzalez, Fernando Perdomo Abella, Dayra Ramirez Diaz and Samantha Sanchez Resendiz; **ITESM Queretaro Campus:** Juan Garcia Morales; **ITESM San**



New Disney Students with Dr. Penelope Pynes



INTERLINK Students with Ajaya Francis and Katie Ostrowka

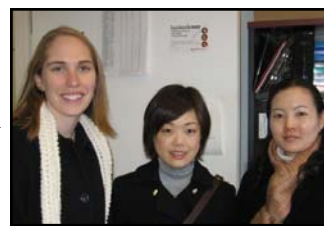
**Luis Potosi Campus:** Pedro Luis Dominguez Ruiz; **ITESM Santa Fe Campus:** Ana Estefania Ceardi Barragan; **SINGAPORE, Singapore Polytechnic:** Zi Wei Chew, Zhi Ling Fu, Weida Goh, Jessy, Jiarong Lim, Cheng Mun Loke, Weicong Ng, Sherlene Tan, Shaun-Ren Teo, Zi Jian Teo, Minyi Xu and Cuixia Xu; **SWITZERLAND, HIM:** Harsh Agarwal, Ching Yu Leung, Kin Yee Leung and Bich Nguyen; **IHTTI:** Vincci Ho, Ho Yi Hui and Ruslan Shalagin; **SHMS Caux:** Chou Im Chan, Wei Ju Huang, Umair Iqbal, Eun Hye Kang, Wing Yan Lam, Sunera Millar, Ka Ying Sum, Vicky Suviana and Pui Man Tam; **SHMS Leysin:** Sunjung Baek, Sing On Chan, Shun Chun Chan, Yin Man Ch'ao, Maitrai Joshi, Yiu Lam Kwok, Ying Hui Lien, Hussain Mithaiwala, Arjun Pawani and Tat Ki Tse; **TAIWAN, Yuan Ze:** Chun-Yi Chang, Amy Gwo, Ai-Shen Hu, Yi Ting Huang, Tzu Jung Huang, Hsiao-Ling Lu, Juei Lin Ma, Ya Hui Tang and Yun

## Recent Visitors



*Drs. Lyn Lawrence and Penelope Pynes  
with Michael Elliott and guests Kathrin  
Paul and Dr. Gerhard Raab*

On February 26, UNCG welcomed **Kathrin Paul** and **Dr. Gerhard Raab** from Mannheim University, Germany. While here they met with **Tuisha Fernandez** and **Drs. William Tullar** and **Catherine Holderness** with the Bryan Business School and IPC staff.



*Kristen Blanchard, Ms. Akane Ohse and  
Dr. Chie Iguchi*

On February 27, **Dr. Chie Iguchi** and **Ms. Akane Ohse**, lecturer of International Business with the Faculty of Business Administration, from Ritsumeikan University, Japan, visited UNCG. They met with **Drs. Bud Miles** and **Don McCrickard**.

## Recent UNCG Travelers

The following UNCG faculty member traveled overseas in pursuit of international perspectives in her discipline during the following month:

*February:* **Elizabeth Bucar**, Religious Studies (Hungary).

## International Travel

Omissions for *January* issue: **David Lefkowitz**, Philosophy (United Kingdom) and **Jennifer Grotz**, English (France).

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in *February*: **James Anderson**, History (China); **Janet Boseovski**, Psychology (Germany); **Elizabeth Bucar**, Religious Studies (Hungary); **Phyllis Hunter**, History (Romania); **Thomas Kwapil**, Psychology (France); **Stuart Marcovitch**, Psychology (Germany); **Susanne Rinner**, German, Russian, Japanese, & Chinese Studies (United Kingdom); **Sandra Westervelt**, Sociology (Spain); and **Cybelle Wilkens**, Romance Languages (Belgium).

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the IPC website at [www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/fgoingabroad/travelfunds.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/fgoingabroad/travelfunds.html)

## Kohler Award Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded a Kohler Award in the following categories for the month of *February*:

**Internationalizing the Curriculum:** **Ann Dils**, Dance (Balinese Dance Project) and **Sharon Morrison**, Public Health Education (Developing a Service Learning Course).

**Research:** **Allen Aaron**, Music (Italy); **Billy Lee**, Art (China); **Arndt Niebisch**, German, Russian, Chinese, & Japanese Studies (Germany); **Eugene Rogers**, Religious Studies (Italy); **Kailan Rubinoff**, Music (The Netherlands); and **Joan Titus**, Music (Russia).

**Special Projects:** **Kathleen Ahern**, German, Russian, Japanese, & Chinese Studies (Russian Studies Film Series); **Gavin Douglas**, Music (Russian 'Guitar Poets' Lecture/Recital); **Fabrice Lehoucq**, Political Science (Governance, Democracy, & Development Lectures); and **Susanne Rinner**, German, Russian, Japanese, & Chinese Studies ("Transnationalism" Symposium).

**Student Programs:** **Jerry Pubantz**, Political Science (Model Arab League Conference).

The next deadline for Kohler applications for Research and Teaching will be April 11, 2008. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at [www.uncg.edu/ipg/](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/)

## Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange by Denise Bellamy



*Left to right: Team leader Pamela Freeman Ray (Kernersville Rotary Club) Denise Bellamy, Samuel Becker Sejfert (Reynolda Rotary Club), Abigail Suzanne Eaton (High Point Rotary Club), and Kimberly Jo Herzog (Gate City Rotary Club).*

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business-people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. This year, I am excited to have been selected to represent District 7690 as a GSE Team Member in Taiwan.

On our four-week tour, the team members will participate in five full days of vocational visits, fifteen to twenty club presentations, ten to fifteen formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

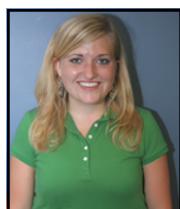
The Foundation will provide the round-trip airline ticket between North Carolina and Taiwan. Rotarians in the Taiwan and will provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

During the Group Study Exchange, I will visit several Taiwanese universities (including Yuan Ze, a partner school). My main objective is to learn more about the role of international education in Taiwanese higher education systems and to uncover the contemporary issues and opportunities facing administration and programming. My adventure will begin on March 22 and I am excited about my upcoming journey!



*Yuan Ze University*

## Fulbright Award



Fulbright award winner Kathleen Engart is currently teaching English in Germany. Kathleen first studied abroad in Mannheim, Germany, spring 2004, before returning in the spring of 2005. Kathleen has returned once again to Germany on a Fulbright Award. This August Kathleen will return to Hickory to teach. Congratulations, Kathleen, and safe travels!

## Dr. Jie Hu at Wuhan University



*Dr. Jie Hu with Faculty and Students at Wuhan University, December 2007.*

Over the Christmas break, Dr. Jie Hu, of UNCG's School of Nursing, taught a 36-hour community health nursing course to thirteen graduate students and ten faculty members at Wuhan University, HOPE School of Nursing, China. Dr. Hu accompanied Chinese graduate students to the communities in Wuhan, China for home visits and community assessment.

Dr. Jie Hu will return to Wuhan University in April 2008, along with Dr. Susan Andreatta. Eleven senior nursing students will participate on the Study Abroad Program in China. They will visit hospitals where they will gain first-hand, clinical experience, and work with Chinese senior nursing students in the Wuhan communities.

## *Letter from Abroad by Victoria Duggan, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK*

For the past few months I have been living in Manchester in a small room that looks out onto the bustling streets of an interesting metropolis. There is a park that promises good times, as soon as the weather warms a bit, and down the street there is a fresh produce stand that never fails to deliver a wide range of delicious fruits and vegetables-rain or shine.

Last week I had a Pomelo, the largest of all the citrus fruits, which is basically a cross between a Grapefruit and an orange. It has twice the skin and is twice the fun. It is a fruit from Singapore, and the fruit stand was selling it in honor of the Chinese New Year. The rest of the city is paying tribute to this cultural event as well. The streets glitter with paper lanterns and multi-colored lights and near the city centre there is a part of town that is sending off fireworks. I walked through with some of my friends and munched on rice candy, trying to absorb some of the magical smells.

Outside of this city there are more cities, stretches of road lined with trees, connected houses, sheep, and lots of big buses and little cars. In Newcastle, after a six hour bus ride, I saw Hadrian's wall at its finest. We went to a stretch of beach that is called South Shields, Black Gate, with little museums. A quick car ride takes you to the largest mountains in Great Britain and straight into the beautiful wide open sky. I climbed to the top of one of the mountains and found a crystal clear lake teeming with fish!



*The Peak District, UK*



*Eiffel Tower, Paris*

I also went to Paris and it was everything I had imagined. The best thing I did was walk for fifty minutes from the Louvre to Notre Dame. While both places were alarmingly beautiful on the inside, the walk was rejuvenating and effortlessly charming. Men sat with their paintings, trying to make money by the large flowing river. The buildings and the street lights, budding with flowers in pots, vines dripping down, cast shadows on the streets and people. There was the smell of roasting chestnuts sold by little smiling boys, and the occasional dark alleyway where the sun doesn't quite reach and makes you feel alive to just step back into the warmth of the sun.

I traveled to London and visited the National Gallery. It was so stunning that people just stood and stared and I couldn't help but do the same. The metro in London is a piece of cake and you can zip on and off. You can get a Metro card for barely nothing and see everything. I stumbled upon Westminster Abbey in pursuit of a ferry ride up the river. Easy and free to see!



*The London Eye, UK*

Living in Manchester has taken me all over Great Britain by bus. Next semester I hopefully will be traveling Europe via plane. I don't think a year is enough time to explore these amazing lands and people. I don't see how anyone who has the availability to study in a different place wouldn't take the opportunity to explore. Observing other people and their cultures creates an understanding and compassion for people's differences, and it is worth one's time to take a look at what is going on in the world.

**Coming Soon!**

## **UNCG's 26th Annual International Festival**



**It's FREE!!**



**Saturday, April 12, 2008, 12:00-5:00pm (Fountain Area)**



More information coming in April's *Newsworthy*

## ISA goes to Winston-Salem



*The Adventurous International students at Old-Salem Gate*

On Saturday, February 16, thirteen adventurous international students and one intrepid driver set off for the city of Winston Salem, NC. After only a few “are we there yet?”, they found themselves thrown back in time to the late 1700s. Historic Old Salem provided a bounty of things to see and people to meet. The gunsmith and shoemaker shared their trades. Historically dressed characters provided welcome to the tavern and some local homes. Rusty, the carriage horse, enjoyed many pats and photos. After a delicious final stop at the bakery, the bold group was off...



*Man Pumping Water From Old Well*

To the Downtown Arts District of Winston-Salem, where they finally settled on dining at the Sweet Potato Restaurant. There they tasted fine southern cuisine - from fried chicken to meatloaf, grits to sweet potatoes and friend green tomatoes to okra. The coffee shop next door provided a comfy place to digest until show time. The final leg of the journey was to the North Carolina School of the Arts to take in a play called “Bus Stop”. Despite a mix up in locations, the group made a successful sprint to the performance center. Many agreed the play was the best part of the evening. Others enjoyed the time travel earlier that day. Either way, a good time was had by all.



*International Students enjoy Old-Salem*

## Brazil's Friday Fest and Friday Fest Schedule



*Joao Gazeta*

Feb. 29	-	<b>Bhutan</b>
Mar. 28	-	<b>Ireland</b>
Apr. 4	-	<b>Poland</b>
Apr. 11	-	<b>TBA</b>
Apr. 18	-	<b>Egypt</b>
Apr. 25	-	<b>TBA</b>
May 2	-	<b>Mexico</b>



*The Brazilian Cultural Center demonstrates the art of Capoeira: a type of Martial Arts*

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