The International Students Association (ISA) invites you to attend
The 23rd Annual International Festival!

Date: Saturday, April 16th, 2005
Time: Noon – 5p.m.
Location: Fountain Area
Cost: FREE!

Outside your window the weather is improving, the trees and flowers are budding, and songbirds are returning from their winter retreat. Down the road at IPC, we are busy preparing for the 23rd Annual International Festival (I-Fest). I-Fest is FUN, I-Fest is FREE, I-Fest will take place on Saturday, April 16 from Noon until 5pm. Yes, I-Fest is just two weeks away! Mark your calendars, locate your cameras, invite family, friends and neighbors, and join us for the greatest international event of the year!

For those of you who have attended in the past, you can attest that I-h is an annual celebration of the diverse world in which we live and of the beauty that human cultures have to offer. I-Fest promotes cultural awareness, appreciation and understanding through music, food, crafts, demonstrations and entertainment from all corners of the globe. I-Fest is open to the UNCG family and the general public, during which you, your families, and friends will be able to see, hear, smell, and taste various cultures from around the planet! At I-Fest you will discover a “Global Village” of nearly 40 booths along the lawn of the Fountain Area and live entertainment.

We would like to offer YOU the opportunity to get involved! Host a booth, offer people a taste of your country, a little cultural display, a musical and/or dance performance, or simply an exhibit with some information that may help spread global awareness. All students, faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to participate. If you have any contacts with community groups, restaurants, and/or entertainers, please let us know so that we may reach them as well! This event is one not to miss! Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact us. See you there!

Contact: David Di Maria, International Festival Coordinator, at dldimari@uncg.edu or at (336) 334-5404.
It’s the small things…

By Johan Tyberg, husband of visiting doctoral student, Anna Thyberg (Växjö University)

It’s the small things that make all the difference between the American and the Swedish cultures.

As there is no family residence on campus at UNCG, we (doctoral student Anna, spouse Johan and daughter Lisa) set up life in a regular apartment neighborhood far away from the student life. Nothing wrong with that – living among normal people is a fun experience too :o)

Especially so here in North Carolina we’ve learned. It took a while to get used to the frequent “How are you doin’?” from strangers everywhere you go. A behavior like that would make you a very suspicious character in Sweden, where you do not greet strangers. It’s a very nice habit once you realize that people are just being friendly and polite. When you start talking with people, one of the most common questions asked is “Have you been treated nicely in the US so far?”, something a Swede probably wouldn’t ask a foreigner - perhaps because he might not expect that to be the case... Suffice it to say that Swedes are generally not as outgoing as Americans.

Grocery shopping at Harris Teeter is pretty much the same in both worlds, once you decipher what’s inside all the pretty containers, and learn how to convert all the ounces, pounds and “what not” to understandable metric values. The big surprise comes when it’s time to check out, and the cashier actually packs all your goods in bags for you! Back home in Sweden you’d have to toss your stuff in bags (which you’d paid for) really fast while the next customer’s goods pile up on the conveyer belt.

But really, what’s the deal with sidewalks over here? If you’d fancy a walk and get going on a sidewalk, you can be pretty sure it’ll end a couple of hundred yards later. Should you persist and continue walking on the grass or on the road, you might well find the sidewalk reappearing another couple of hundred yards down the road. Swedish sidewalks are more reliable I think – when they start they take you all the way most of the time. But again, with a gas price only a third of the Swedish gas price, why walk at all...

These are just a few of many observations of small cultural differences we’ve made so far, and they all contribute to making our stay here in Greensboro memorable and enjoyable.

ISA Trip to Hanging Rock
Congratulations to the following students who have been NOMINATED to Study Abroad for the Fall or Full Year 2005-06

ARGENTINA: Universidad del Salvador, Elias Hickman, PSC; Australia: Australian Catholic University, Paula Delgado, TDM; Deakin University, Anne Bauso, ENG/HIS; Edith Cowan University, Kathleen Kerner, DCE; James Cook University, Alison Kelkenberg, ENG; Macquarie University, Frank Griffin, ECO; Caroline Gulick, SES; Erin Leatherman, ENG; Debra Lyons, SES; Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Amy Helander, LAR; Alexis Klein, ATY; University of Canberra, Maggie Richardson, LAR; CANADA: Brock University, Justin Pierce, ISM; DENMARK: Aarhus School of Business, Joseph Frinzel, ISM; Copenhagen Business School, David Johnson, ECO; ESTONIA: University of Tartu, Anthony Calandro, ENG; FINLAND: University of Oulu, Stephanie Kline, LAR; Scott Lisle, BUS; Megan McClung, LAR; Graham Pettigrew, ATY; Sarah Petty, SES; FRANCE: University of Angers, Joshua Lunsford, FRE; Lynnwood Titchener, ENG/FRE; Andrew Weisbecker, INS; University of Lyon 3, Hanni Bissell, IB5; Aubrey Girard, INS; Adam Grant, BUS; Oliver Johnson, PHI; Lanedra Lee, BUS; Gregory Levy, INS; Amanda Yates, BUS; GERMANY: University of Heidelberg, Sharon Kelly, GER/ENG; University of Mannheim, Christopher Biggers, INS; JAPAN: Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Mary Ann Khamdy, MGT; MEXICO: Tec de Monterrey – Cuernavaca Campus, Techeeyaw Anderson, IB5; Anjanee Bell, SPA; Julia Bland, SPA; Candace Blount, SPA; Emily Coates, SPA; Robert Upfield, HIS/INS; Tec de Monterrey - Mazatlan Campus, William Clarke, BUS; Christopher Gormley, BUS; Tec de Monterrey – Monterrey Campus, Charity Campbell, SOC; Brantley Malone, MKT; Brian Matthews, LAR; Shayna Wiggins, IB5; Juliet Williams, BUS; Tec de Monterrey - Queretaro Campus, Lorie Brown, ACC; Ryan Burns, ATY; Natalie Galtieri, SPA; University of Guanajuato, Amanda Black, ART; NETHERLANDS: University of Maastricht, Kara Boothe, ECO; University Van Amsterdam, Jessica Emerson, INS/FRE; NEW ZEALAND: Massey University, Erin Connarn, BCN; Julie Price, MUS/BUS; RUSSIA: Kazan State University, Drury Fulcher, MUS; SPAIN: University of Castilla-La Mancha Toledo, Laurence Bezy, INS; Seyed Ghiassi, IB5; SWEDEN: University of Lund, Nomalangaehle Mpofo, ART; TURKEY: University of Yeditepe, Ekatherina Osman, HEA; UNITED KINGDOM: Glasgow School of Art, Heather Miller, LAR; University of Hull, Jorge Musalem, ISM; University of Keele, Kelly Idacavage, INS; Jenny Kimmel, ATY; Megan Miller, MUS; Sarah Santaloci, HDF; Hilary Stewart, BIO; Stephani Utt, INS; Manchester Metropolitan University, Jasmeen Baidwan, MKT; Katheryn Comfort, BCN; Erin Davis, LAR; Ajaya Francis, HDF; Blair Harris, HDF; University of Strathclyde, Rebekah Hickey, ENG; Joseph Miller, BUS; Elizabeth Winborne, FIN

Lynnwood Titchener and Andrew Weisbecker

IPC Undergraduate Assistant, Techeeyaw Anderson

Laurence Bezy, Kat Osman, Jasmeen Baidwan, Ajaya Francis, and Stephanie Kline

Alexis Klein with Nell Pynes
Congratulations to UNCG Faculty, Staff, and Students!

Fulbright Scholars

Cheryl Logan (Psychology) will conduct research at the University of Vienna, in Austria for four months during 2005. Logan’s research will focus on “‘Productive’ versus ‘Selectionist’ Eugenics: Paul Kammerer and Social Welfare Programs in Interwar Vienna.” This project will explore the effects of Kammerer’s research on politics and on the eugenics movement.

Karin Baumgartner (German, Russian and Japanese Studies) will research "German Woman Writers and the Construction of Historical Memory, 1789-1830." Baumgartner will spend 10 months researching at the library in Corvey, Germany, which has the most complete collection of books published between 1815 and 1830.

Second Language Poetry Contest

As part of the International Poetry Conference hosted by the UNCG Romance Languages Department, students were invited to submit poems in the languages they are studying for the Second Language Poetry Contest. The following students were recognized for their poems:

First Prize English as a Second Language to Enitan Soluade (current exchange student from UK) for “A Mother’s Call”

Honorary Mention English as a Second Language to Almira Brkic (exchange student to Germany, 2004) for “Tears”

First Prize French Poetry to Tiffany Hopple for "Octobre"

No Honorary Mention

First Prize German Poetry to Dorian Arnold (IPC, exchange student to Germany, 2000-01) for “Er und Sie”

Honorary Mention German Poetry to Okla Elliott (exchange student to Germany, 1997-98, Poland, 1999) for “Eintritte und Ausgänge”

First Prize Italian Poetry to Tanner Borskey (exchange student to UK, 2003) for “Cinque anni fa”

Honorary Mention Italian Poetry to Marcella Moon for “La cucina di mia madre”

First Prize Spanish Poetry to Monique McCullough (Summer in Spain, 2005) for “Cuando me miras”

No honorary mention

Student Recitals

On January 27, 2005, Jonathan Kuuskoski performed a piano recital one month prior to departing for study abroad at Massey University in New Zealand. Kuuskoski felt that this recital helped him focus during a busy semester. Upon returning to UNCG, Kuuskoski will work toward completing a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Principle and a Masters in Business Administration. Following graduation, he hopes to study abroad again and eventually earn a Masters in Piano Performance or Ethnomusicology.

On March 2, 2005, international degree-seeker Frederic St-Pierre from Canada performed his Master recital to fulfill requirements for a Masters of Music in Violin Performance. Chenny Gan (forte-piano and piano) and Jayson Snipes (organ) accompanied him on selected pieces. Following graduation, St-Pierre hopes to play in an orchestra, teach and take time to practice by himself.
**Recent Visitors**

On Tuesday, March 1, Catherine Holderness (MBA Office) and IPC welcomed to UNCG Rektor Wolfgang Anders, Kathrin Paul, and Gerhard Raab from the Fachhochschule Ludwigshafen in Germany. During the visit, they also spent time with BiP students from Ludwigshafen, who are completing their MBAs this semester.

On Friday, March 18, we were pleased to welcome to the UNCG campus Dr. Mark Ellis, Senior Lecturer in United States History, Vice Dean (Academic) from our partner University of Strathclyde. The purpose of Dr. Ellis’s visit was for research in his field and to strengthen the ties of our exchange program in Scotland.

**Visiting International Scholars**

During the month of March, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Luis Miguel Ruiz, visiting scholar from University of Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo, Spain. The Department of Exercise & Sport Science hosted Dr. Ruiz during his visit to UNCG.

**Recent Travelers**

During the month of March, UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines (destinations in parentheses):

*March*: Ahmad Aqueil, Sociology (India); Michelle Dowd, English (Bermuda); John Maggio, Art (Canada); Christian Moraru, English (France); and Nancy Nelson, Textile Products & Design (Russia).

**International Travel Fund**

Correction from last March Newsworthy edition: James Anderson did not receive an International Travel Fund in February.

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded ITF grants in March (destination in parentheses): Moses Acquaah, Business Administration (South Africa); Leandra Bedini, Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management (Canada); Guy Capuzzo, Music (Ireland); Sandra Shultz, Exercise & Sports Science (Norway); and Valerie Trollinger, Music (Germany).

**Kohler Award Deadline**

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty member was awarded a Kohler grant in March: Carmen Sotomayor, Romance Languages (UNCG Poetry Symposium).

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.
Spring Break Travel

Friday Fests

Pakistan, February 25

Russia, March 18

Upcoming Friday Fests

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