International Education Week (IEW)

International Education Week (November 14-18) was a once again a great success. On Monday, the information booths and photo exhibits raised both awareness and eyebrows, respectively. Throughout the week, the Bryan School of Business and Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall (I-House) kept the campus hopping with various information sessions, international film nights, and even International Jeopardy, which tested the knowledge of U.S. and international students alike.

The finale of the festivities included a very enlightening Swedish Friday Fest, an official recognition and public display of the new international flags of the I-House (donated by Housing and Residence Life), the results of the Study Abroad Photo Contest, and a talent show that packed the house. Performances included various songs and dances in addition to a martial arts demonstration and salsa lessons. The latter became a very contagious affair and resulted in an unforeseen dance party involving students, faculty, staff, and a number of community members. All in all, the week was grand!

Study Abroad Photo Contest Winners

This year twenty-three photos were selected from students who studied abroad for the final contest. Of those, five were selected for the categories of humorous, architecture, landscape, people and culture, and overall best picture. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to all those who won.
I-HOUSE: INTRAMURAL SOCCER CHAMPIONS 2005 ROAD TO GLORY

Submitted by Adam Campbell (Exchange Student from Hull University)

The idea of an International House soccer team was something that was being mentioned amongst the housemates from the moment I arrived at UNCG. Many of the I-House residents from various countries including England, France, Spain, Sweden, Mexico and the US made it clear that they would like to form a team and compete in this year’s outdoor soccer competition.

At the initial meeting it was decided that we had enough players to submit two 7-a-side teams in the men’s league. The teams were imaginatively called ‘International House’ and the ‘I-House’!

Once both teams were safely through to the playoffs it was time for the last 16 games. At this stage it was a knockout tournament and after a hard fought contest the International House lost on penalties to the eventual finalist, ‘G-Team’. The I-House was drawn against a fraternity team who called themselves ‘Drunken Rage’ and we completed a convincing 12-1 victory with my roommate Thomas (Lyon 3) stealing the show.

I-HOUSE met G-TEAM in the final of the intramural soccer championship. We knew the opposition was tough after watching them eliminate our other team the International House in the earlier stages of the competition. The stage was set and our fellow internationals came to support us in force which was by far the biggest crowd the intramural competition had ever seen.

The first half saw us under some real pressure as we battled against a very strong team. Our goal keeper, Arpan (Hull) kept us in the game with a string of good saves. After 25 minutes the referee called half time and we went in behind 0-1. From the moment the whistle blew we pressured the ball and dominated possession. After five minutes in the second half, we received a free kick on the edge of the area. An intelligent play from our French forward, Guillaume (Lyon 3) gave a quick free kick to me on the edge of the area. BANG! 1-1 and we were back in the game.

Five minutes later we saw a long free kick placed right under the keeper’s hands. Our forwards challenged, the keeper dropped the ball, and with a mad scramble we went up 2-1. After a tense ten minutes G-Team started to come back at us, they passed the ball well and with five minutes left in the match they grabbed an equalizer; 2-2. The introduction of Thomas and Andreas (Lund University) had strengthened our midfield and with two minutes left I moved the ball to David (ITESM), who kicked it to Guillaume, who then kicked it in to hand us the elusive victory. The final whistle blew and the crowd spilled on to the pitch to share the moment with us.

**Final result: I-HOUSE 3-2 G-TEAM.** Special thanks to the team and the loyal fans that came to support us throughout the competition.

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Kohler Award Fund

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the website listed below. The next deadline for applications in institutional linkages, internationalizing the curriculum, research, special projects, student programs, and teaching categories is January 27, 2006. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/jpc/fdp.html.

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Visiting International Scholars

Dr. Shelly Balbirer, MBA Program Director and Associate Director, Dr. Catherine Holderness, welcomed Paulo Zucfolatto, Professor of Business at PUC Campinas in Brazil on November 21.

On November 21, Viktor Mayster from the University of Surgut, Russia, visited UNCG with a delegation of Russian administrators. Thanks to Dr. Natalya Masyuk for her assistance in translating.

Recent Travelers

During the month of November, UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines: Veronica Grossi, Romance Languages (Mexico); Gwen Hunnicutt, Sociology (Canada); Lyn Lawrance, International Programs Center (Italy, Germany, Wales, and England); Nir Kshetri, Business Administration (Philippines); Colleen Krieger, History (Italy); Tom Martinek, Exercise & Sports Science (Portugal); Constance McKoy, Music (Canada); Christian Monaru, English (Romania); Eluza Santos, Dance (Canada); and Saundra Westervelt, Sociology (Canada).
**INTERLINK students visit the Zoo**

INTERLINK students enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the NC Zoo in Asheboro on Saturday, November 5. Some students researched animals before the trip and others discussed their experiences afterwards. Students from Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Italy, Mexico, Thailand, Taiwan, Jordan, and China went on the trip. Pictured in the front row (l-r) are Aki, Naif, Rayan M., Paul, and Lynn; in the second row (l-r) are Hae In, Nao, Mariko, Mandy, Hyeung Kyeung, Eri; and in the back row (l-r) are Jin, Anas, Sunny, Mohammed, Ahmed, Alex, Miguel, Kazu and Sedia.

**International Students Association’s New York City Trip**

Submitted by Milla Halttu (Exchange Student from Oulu Finland)

I celebrated my first real Thanksgiving in New York City on a trip arranged by the ISA. For four days, ISA took over 100 exchange students from UNCG to explore the city of New York. We had the opportunity to participate in the festivities of Thanksgiving. Most importantly, we were able to see the big and amazing Macy’s Thanksgiving day parade. We stood outside in the early morning to see all the big balloons bobbing above our heads and all the celebrities who we didn’t know at all. Still, the parade was a great experience. Our Thanksgiving dinner differed a bit from the traditional, that is, we ate dinner in the Hard Rock Café. Other attractions during our trip were of course the Empire State Building, Ground Zero and the Statue of Liberty. Although the weather was very cold, even for students from Finland, the trip was very successful in all aspects.

**Friday Fest**

Turkey, November 4

Austria, November 11

Sweden, November 18

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