April showers bring May flowers along with droves of international festival goers! That’s right folks, if you let the rain keep you home on Saturday April 22, then you missed a spectacular event. The 24th Annual International Festival (I-Fest) was held in the Health and Human Performance building due to the wet weather. This turned out to be a great location and gave the event the atmosphere of a world bazaar! Additionally the enthusiastic and energetic students made the I-Fest a wonderful success. Thanks for the support from UNCG faculty and staff, and more so from all the volunteers who helped make the event run so smoothly. We greatly appreciated the team from Grimsley High School who volunteered to help with organizing the country booths and vendors. A special thanks goes to the International Student Association (ISA) and to the Student Government Association (SGA) for their work behind the scenes to make this year’s I-Fest the best yet. Forty countries from around the world were represented including all continents and regions (except Antarctica; the penguins were busy marching). Demonstrations highlighting dance, martial arts, and music provided an amazing array of entertaining performances. All the presenters did an amazing job, and we thank them deeply for their efforts. If you missed this fabulous I-Fest, not to worry, there is always next year!! Thank you again for all who made this event such a huge success!

-Sincerely, Anelise Hofmann

The World Bazaar in HHP

UNCG’s 24th Annual International Festival
Was Magnificent!!
Congratulations to the following students who have been NOMINATED to Study Abroad for the Fall or Full Year of 2006-07!!

**ARGENTINA:** Universidad del Salvador; Larissa Mañon, SOC; AUSTRALIA: Australian Catholic University, Katherine Stimpson, EDU; Deakin University, Queen Torres, BCN; James Cook University, Taylor Hayes, EDU; Macquarie University, Amy Boshek, ESS; Juliet Band, MUS; University of Canberra, Amanda Wilson, IA R; BRAZIL: Universidade Federal do Paraná, Christine Perry, ENG; CANADA: Brock University, Laura Smith, CST; Gina DelPrete, HHP; CHINA: Chinese University of Hong Kong, Steven Miller, IBS/ACC; Adam Landreth, IBS; Christopher Harper, ENG; DENMARK: Copenhagen Business School, Nathan Zimmerman, ECO; ESTONIA: University of Tartu, Jessica Bakas, REL; FINLAND: University of Oulu, Julie Halstead, A TY; Jed Brooks, Jr. IA R; Michelle Weathersby, PSY; Karin Aydelette, PSY; Valerie Stinson, A TY; Lee Medlin, UND; Jenny Halsey, IA R; James Peden, BIO; Tye Harris, ENG; Vulnavia Scales, HDPF; Leah Rowland, IA R; Dustin Britt, A TY; FRANCE: University of Angers, Rachel Brown, DCE; University of Lyon 3, Princedale Ngongmon, IBS; Abigail Uhrich, ENG; Andrew Archer, BUS; Sara Espinoza, BUS; Alexander DellaPenta, BUS; Jacob Fields, BUS; GERMANY: University of Mannheim, Laura Fox, GER; UND; Vincent Woolfolk, PSY; University of Heidelberg, Anny Peña, BIO; University of Tübingen, Frank Tesh, GER; INDIA: University of Hyderabad, Andrea Crouse, ART; David Myers, REL; JAPAN: Nara Women's University, Stephanie Perry, ENG; Seina Gakuan University, James Mazzurco, CSC; Ko-Yun (Claire) Yang, ACC; KOREA: Yonsei University, Jade Batstone, SWK; MEXICO: Tec de Monterrey - Cuemavaca Campus, Julie Johnston, SPA; Lisa Elrod, SPA; Sara Landreth, IBS; Sara Poole, SPA/RPM; Tec de Monterrey - Mazatlan Campus, Raymond Dawkins, ACC; Tec de Monterrey - Monterrey Campus, Isaac Johnson-Tyas, IBS/SPA; Parris Turner, PHI; Nicole Patrick, BUS; Laura Menzel, SPA; Tec de Monterrey - Queretaro Campus, Andrea Locke, SPA; Meghan Towler, SPA; NETHERLANDS: University of Twente, John Klaric, ERM; NEW ZEALAND: Massey University, Marissa Csanyi, IA R; Lovette Appleton, CRS; POLAND: Wroclaw University, Glenn Setliff, SOC; RUSSIA: Kazan State University, Jacky King, HIS; SPAIN: University of Granada, Anna Rozzo, FRE; University of Castilla-La Mancha Toledo, Anna-Patricia Lainfesta, IBS; Robert Montefusco, SPA; TURKEY: University of Yeditepe, Megan Parker, ART; Cory Shaw, MKT; Kristen Petry, A TY; UNITED KINGDOM: University of Hull, Nicolette Moinet, PSY; Sarah Post, ART; PSY; Catherine Patteson, PSY; Megan Adkins, PSY; Ashley Hauser, HIS; Teresa Gardner, INS; University of Hull - Scarborough, Lindsay Amato, THR; Manchester Metropolitan University, Caitlin Cunningham, IA R; Shanta Farrington, PSC; Ashley Millett, THR; Lindsay Hackett, PSY; Cherrie Avent, DCE; United Kingdom: UK Trinity College Carmarthen, Laura Langford, ESS; Katherine Waddell, ENG/ART; Ulster University, Hayley Carter, ENG.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumna Margaret Mitchell (Class of ’33), we have introduced a new Travel Grant Award. This year, the Margaret Mitchell Award has supported students in the College of Arts and Sciences participating in summer study abroad programs with $2,400. In all, approximately $78,000 in travel grants have been awarded for students participating in summer and fall programs for 2006.
Recent Visitors
April was a busy month for international visitors to UNCG. On Tuesday, April 18, we welcomed visitors from the University Putra Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Drs. Rahil Mahyuddin, Associate Professor in Educational Psychology, Zaidatol Akmaliah Lope Pihie, Professor in Business Management and Entrepreneurship, & Jamaliah Abd Hamid, Senior Lecturer in Knowledge Management and Educational Management. Their visit was coordinated by Dr. Stephanie Kurtts, Specialized Education Services, and included meetings with various staff and faculty in the School of Music.

On Monday, April 24, Professor Paul Kellermann, arrived from Alpen-Adria-Universität, Klagenfurt, Austria. Dr. Kellermann met with various staff and departments including the Sociology Department and the School of Music.

On Tuesday, April 25, Keiko Kobayashi, and Keiko Saito, visited from the Japan Forum for Work Integrated Learning. They discussed opportunities regarding exchange and the Disney College program at UNCG.

On the 26th, Dr. Jo Catling, Lecturer in German and Creative Writing, came from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England. Dr. Catling enjoyed a luncheon and discussion with staff and faculty.

International Travel Fund
The following faculty members have been awarded ITF grants in April: Ginger Hinton, Communication Sciences & Disorders (Canada); Jerrie Hsieh, Recreation, Tourism, & Hospitality Management; Lili Sahakyan, Psychology (Australia); and Nadja Cech, Chemistry (Canada).

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html

Graduating IPC Student Assistants
It is with great pride that the International Programs Center honors its graduating assistants: From Thailand, Nantida Jirurawong, MBA; Casey Thomas, MS/Ed.S. Counseling; & Carmel Pynes, BS in Textile Design from H.E.S. Nantida has wonderfully served IPC for two years and has also participated in a short term program abroad to Germany. Casey, a world traveler and recipient of the 2006 Graduate Assistant Employee of the Year award, has devoted three years of service to the IPC and will be missed dearly as she departs for her new life in Australia. Carmel, a nominee for Undergraduate Student Employee of The Year, has generously dedicated two years of service to the IPC and has studied abroad for a year at Mexico’s Tec de Monterrey.

Student Fulbright Awards
Congratulations to the following UNCG students who have been awarded Fulbright scholarships for 2006: Caitlin Cornwell, (Canada) "Forum Theatre as Means for Empowering Adolescents"; Dionne Griffiths, (Trinidad) "Caribbean Dance Fusion: Redefining Contemporary Dance"; Lauren Olliver, (France) "Francis-Alfred Moerman: Jazz gitano-parisien", Richard Richards, (Austria); Cynthia Blanco (Andorra - alternate) Linguistics.
**Faculty Fulbright Award**

UNCG is proud to announce that Dr. James A. Anderson has received a Fulbright award for his intended work and research to be conducted in China. Dr. Anderson is a professor of History at UNCG who has specialized in 10th-13th Century Sino-Vietnamese Tribute Relations and the Traditional Chinese Notion of World Order. Dr. Anderson’s dissertation involved a study of tribute missions, court ceremonies, and other state rituals associated with the mechanism of Sino-Vietnamese tribute relations. His Fulbright research will examine the trade network of the Southern Silk Road spanning from southern China to present day Burma and the systems that supported and legitimized the Chinese claim to regional control. Congratulations, Dr. Anderson, we wish you the best!

**International Honorable Recognitions**

Macquarie University (Australia) is one of our strongest exchange partners. Their Pro-Vice Chancellor (International), Professor Tony Adams, was presented with one of international education’s highest honors at the AIEA 2006 conference in San Diego. Mr. Adams was joint winner of the Charles Klasek Award for outstanding service to international education. Professor Adams, the first Australian, and only the second non-American citizen to win this award, commented that, “It was completely unexpected! I have joined a group of (previous prize winners) that I uniformly look up to.”

**Student End of Year Recitals**

International students participating in the School of Music’s end of semester piano recitals were: Pablo Gusmão, (Brazil); Mayumi Osada, (Japan); David Neild, (New Zealand); and Ianthe Lim, (Australia). IPC would also like to congratulate recitalists, Paola Savvidou, (Cypress), and Jonathan Kouskoski, both of whom studied abroad at Massey University, New Zealand.

**Friday Fest:**

It is hard to believe that another semester has come to an end! IPC and the ISA would like to thank all of the students, staff, faculty and friends who participated or joined the fun of the weekly Friday Fests. You provide UNCG with much of the rich cultural diversity we have grown to love! Below are some pictures from the final Friday Fest of the year, South Korea.

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