Even though April weather in North Carolina may be unpredictable, one thing is guaranteed: an amazing International Festival at UNCG. This year the 25th Annual International Festival (I-Fest) was held in the Health and Human Performance building due to weather concerns; however, that didn’t stop the thousands of international festival goers from attending the event. The location turned out to be great and gave the event the atmosphere of a global village! 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 as well as the arduous task of cleaning up. A huge thanks goes to the International Students Association (ISA) for their work behind the scenes to make this year’s I-Fest the best yet.

Over forty countries from around the world were represented. 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 Zandona Hofmann
Congratulations to the following students who have been NOMINATED to Study Abroad for the Fall or Full Year of 2007-08!!

ARGENTINA: Isep Cordoba, Meredith Miller, HIS; AUSTRALIA: Australian Catholic University, Olivia Ros, EDU; Deakin University, Nathan Smith, ENG; Elise Duquette, THR; Anna Church, MKT; Edith Cowan University, Gordon Sutker, MUS; Amy Blakely, DCE; Macquarie University, Anita Daswani, ENG; Alycia Fulton, CSD; Justin Powell, BUS; RMIT, Meaghan Riordan, IAR; University of South Queensland, Katelin Row, EDU; AUSTRIA: University of Klagenfurt, Caroline Rohm, MUS; CANADA: Brock University, Benjamin Holmes, PSC; DENMARK: Aarhus School of Business, Keith Gruchacz, BUS; Erik Swensen, BUS; ESTONIA: University of Tartu, Michael Harding, ANT; Timothy Murdock, BUS; FINLAND: University of Oulu, Gabrielle Hoard, IAR; Erica DiCarlo, EDU; Leche Shmueli, INS; Danielle Kerchmar-Balmer, IAR; Andrea Waldon, ENG; Jason Rouse, ART; FRANCE: University of Lyon 3, Chelsea Litalien, BUS; David Vega, BUS; Kathleen Parnell, ART; Ko-Hui Yang, BUS; GERMANY: University of Mannheim, Meen Cho, ENG; Katy Thomas, REL; Allison Petruzzi, EDU; Jeremy Chapman, BUS; Dillan Bono, BUS; James Hedges, BUS; Doris Sanders, BUS; Thuy Duong, UND; Joshua Roll, ECO; GHANA: University of Ghana, Alexis Richards, THE; JAPAN: Nagoya University, Joseph Roth, INS; Seinan Gakuin University, Max McCarty, UND; Michael Peterson, BUS; MEXICO: Tec de Monterrey – Cuernavaca Campus, Renee Rich, MUS; Jessica Hinson, MKT; Maya Howard, EDU; Sarah Sanders, ENG; John Mobley, HIS; Tec de Monterrey – Mazatlan Campus, Lauren Ratchford, BUS; Kimberly Myris, ACC; Ronald Cox, BUS; Samuel Martin, BUS; Tec de Monterrey – Monterrey Campus, Marcus Ratley, RPT; Carolyn Comito, BUS; Jalissa Brown, PSC; Tec de Monterrey – Queretaro Campus, Tiffany Jamerson, SPA; Tec de Monterrey – San Luis Potosi, Sonja Dohse, SPA; Universidad de Guanajuato, Andrea Baker, SPA; Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Shanna Washington, INS; NETHERLANDS: Maastricht University, Alex Carroll, PSC/PHI; Utrecht University, Phillip Behrns, CHE; University of Twente, Matthew Burke, ERM; RUSSIA: Kazan State University, Anna Rand, SWK; Ian Tuten, INS; Trevor Ogle, LIN; SOUTH AFRICA: University of Cape Town, Kara Wade, DCE; Olivia May, DCE; Lauren Wilson, DCE; SOUTH KOREA: Yonsei, Lee Lor, IBIS; SPAIN: University of Castilla-La Mancha Toledo, Ryan Coster, SPA; Tiffany Hallenbeck, BUS; SWEDEN: University of Malmo, Issa Gakou, IGS; TURKEY: Yeditepe University, Benjamin Pates, ANT; UNITED KINGDOM: University of Keele, Samuel Grundman, MAT; Manchester Metropolitan University, James Stafford, RPM; Victoria Duggan, ENG; David Mitcheson, DES; Justin Loggains, IAR; Danielle Maxwell, CRS; Margie Wiggins, EDU; Plymouth University, Alva Jones, ENG; Caitlin Adams, MUS; University of Strathclyde, Ezra Ryu, PSC; Amy Albright, PSY; Trinity College, Valerie Wooten, ESS; Samuel Fornecker, EDU; Jacqueline Sprague, HTM.

**Visiting International Scholars**

UNCG would like to welcome, Zhang Lu, and Xiaohong Lu, visiting scholars from Shanghai Normal University, China. They are hosted by Dr. Sam Miller and Dr. Barbara Levin in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and are working with Dr. Ye He on teacher education, course design and material evaluation.
School of Nursing Visits China

Dr. Jie Hu, School of Nursing, led a delegation of seven Nursing students to Wuhan University’s HOPE SON School of Nursing, Wuhan, China, between March 14 -25. The trip’s focus was on community health nursing, with an emphasis on teaching content and clinical activities of community health nursing. The UNCG students visited three major teaching hospitals affiliated with the university; the People’s Hospital, Mid-South Hospital, and Zhongnan Hospital. The Hospital units visited include the emergency room, pulmonary unit, and cardiovascular unit. A physician director of emergency rooms gave the students a brief introduction to the Chinese ER and showed them around each area. In addition to these western style hospitals, the students also visited a traditional Chinese hospital. Two physicians demonstrated acupuncture treatment to patients with stroke, arthritis pain, and back pain. The students also observed treatment equipment used for cupping and moxibustion.

The opportunity to share research in health education was a great success. UNCG students partnered with Chinese nursing students and faculty to present projects on diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and issues concerning diet and exercise to the residents at the five community health stations in Wuhan. After the presentation UNCG students provided blood sugar check-ups to the participants. Additionally, UNCG students participated in a health fair that was organized by the Community Health Service Center at Shuikuo Hu community in collaboration with Wuhan University. The fair provided services to the local residents and included check ups of blood pressure, blood sugar, height, weight, and waist circumference. Three hundred residents participated in the health fair, held jointly with Shuikuo Hu Community Service Center, Wuhan University, HOPE SON and UNCG SON. The event was highlighted through local media in Wuhan including, two newspapers, the Wuhan Morning News and Wuhan Business News, as well as on TV and the Wuhan Radio program.

The excursion was not all business as it included visits to the cities of Beijing and Shanghai, where the UNCG students took the opportunity to enjoy local cultural highlights such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, the Yu Yuan Garden Market, Bound (Huangpu River), Nanjing Road, and the famous Yellow Crane Tower. In all, the delegation felt that the trip was too short; however, they had an amazing time working with the Chinese students, providing wellness checkups to Chinese residents, visiting both western and Chinese traditional hospitals and experiencing Chinese culture. “The trip helped students to understand nursing and culture from a broader perspective. It also served as a bridge to build a friendship and possible future academic exchanges between Wuhan University, HOPE School of Nursing and UNCG School of Nursing.” - Dr. Jie Hu
UNCG at the Model Arab League

Dr. Jerry Pubantz, Political Science, led a group of eleven UNCG students to participate and represent the government of Kuwait at the Southeastern Model Arab League, held at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina (March 16-18, 2007). The delegation participated on seven Arab League Councils at the Special Arab League Summit on Reform, and the Arab Court of Justice. The endeavor was made possible through funding from UNCG’s Kohler endowment. One of the delegates, Michael King, was recognized for his outstanding performance during the Council on Palestinian Affairs. Two other delegates were elected as the rapporteurs for their respective Councils. The delegation worked and competed with eighteen other delegations from colleges and universities in the southeast region. Student evaluations of the experience were enthusiastically positive, with many requests to repeat the experience next year. For more information contact Dr. Jerry Pubantz at: j_pubantz@uncg.edu

Recent Visitors

On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, UNCG welcomed Alex Azcuy, and Peru’s former Minister of Tourism, Ramiro Salas-Bravo, from the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIL). Their visit provided the opportunity to discuss future collaboration between USIL and UNCG’s Hospitality and Tourism Management Program.

Recent UNCG Travelers

The following UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines during the month of April: Chad Eby, Music (China); James Evans, English (United Kingdom); Gregory Grieve, Religious Studies (Singapore); Steve Haines, Music (China); Jane Myers, Counseling (Germany); Hope Hodgkins, English (United Kingdom); John Salmon, Music (China); and Sha Li Zhang, Library (Hong Kong).

International Travel Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in April: Moses Acquaah, Business Administration (Netherlands); Richard Barton, History (France); Nikki Blair, Art (Denmark); William Crowther, Political Science (Romania); Susan Keane, Psychology (United Kingdom); Kevin Lowe, Business Administration (Australia); Jerry Pubantz, Political Science (Turkey); Rahul Singh, Information Systems & Operations Management (India); Jeffrey Soles, Classical Studies (Greece); and Elizabeth Van Horn, Nursing (Austria).

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

Kohler Awards

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded Kohler grants for research in April: Mary Ellis Gibson, English (United Kingdom); Sebastian Pauli, Mathematics & Statistics (Mexico); Eugene Rogers, Religious Studies (Italy); Linda Rupert, History (Netherlands); Filip Saidak, Mathematics & Statistics (Mexico); Takahashi Tsukamoto, Political Science (Japan); and Jonathan Zarecki, Classical Studies (Italy).
Vamos Sentir Sua Falta, Anelise! We Will Miss You, Anelise!

It is with bitter sweet emotion that we bid a heartfelt farewell to Anelise Hofmann, Director of International Student and Scholar Services, as she returns to her native Brazil. Anelise has been an exemplary colleague in International Programs Center (IPC) and citizen of the UNCG community since 2003. Her background in social work, a master’s degree in international education and her interpersonal and intercultural communication skills contribute to her amazing professional effectiveness. She has skillfully navigated her complex role as student advocate while ensuring that UNCG is always in compliance with the intricate US visa regulations.

Anelise has worked tirelessly to promote internationalization at UNCG through campus and community events that showcase UNCG. These events include the International Education Week in November and our Annual International Festival in April. (This year the festival marked our 25th anniversary hosting this event.) She has been instrumental in the leadership development of many students as the faculty advisor for the International Students Association and is considered a mentor to a broad range of students who will forever remember her fondly.

All of us in the IPC and across campus feel extremely fortunate to have known Anelise as both friend and colleague (and her husband, Daio) during her four years at UNCG. Anelise will return to Brazil, and to Daio, to fulfill one of her dreams: to develop her own international education consulting business. We like to think of her departure not in terms of losing a critical team-member but in terms of gaining a UNCG onsite representative in Brazil. We wish her every success and happiness in her future endeavors.

IPC—ISA End of Year Farewell Picnic at Lake Daniel Park

Friday Fest—Mexico

ISA—Semi Formal

Mexican Fiesta!

Students Getting Ready for Semi-Formal

Students Waiting on the Limo

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