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International Athletes Give Wolfpack Global View

By Tim Peeler

NCSU Athletic Media Relations

Growing up in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Jorge Gonzalez always wanted to come to the United States for college. He even spent a few months as an exchange student in Minnesota when he was a freshman in high school, because he thought it would improve his English skills, the No. 1 barrier international students have in coming to an American university.

When Nandita Chandrasekar was playing tennis in Madras, India, she never really gave playing in the U.S. a second thought. She transferred from Charleston Southern to NC State when Hans Olsen became the head coach of the Wolfpack tennis team.

Now, only a semester away from a degree in business finance, Chandrasekar looks back proudly at her decision to come to America.

"It is probably one of the best things that ever happened to me," Chandrasekar said. "It is one of the best decisions I ever made."

There are about two-dozen international athletes who compete for NC State's athletic programs. While some teams have no international players at all, others have a high concentration of players from other countries. Five of the nine players on the women's tennis team hail from outside the U.S., part of Olsen's philosophy to have a diverse lineup.

"None of my teams have ever been such that all the people are from the same place," Olsen said. "I feel this has been a great part of the education for the international players. They have learned to work well with different backgrounds, to try to understand each other better, with their cultures, their leadership styles, communication styles."

The men's golf team has four international players, including three from South Africa, which coincidentally is the home country of one of the school's most successful professional athletes in decades, PGA Tour player Tim Clark.

Men's soccer, which is led by the only head coach born outside of the US, Argentinian George Tarantini, has always relied on a strong international presence on its roster.

There are obviously challenges for international athletes that American kids don't have to deal with, athletically, academically and socially. But, there are also many opportunities.

"Imagine you live in Turkey, with a complete full life in Turkey," said basketball player Engin Atsur, a native of Istanbul. "Then someone comes in and offers you the chance to live four years in America, go to school, play basketball, all the things you ever wanted to do. It's a whole different world."

It takes determination, of course. But the rewards can be great. Gonzalez will graduate in December with a degree in industrial engineering, and a minor in economics, something he has dreamed of at least as long as being a star soccer player.

"Overall, the academic performance of our international athletes is exceptional," said Phil Moses, the director of the NC State Academic Support Program. "They tend



soccer goalie, Jorge Gonzalez

International Athletes cont.

to be go-getters. They are committed. They are very dedicated to their studies.”

However, the transition to life at an American university can be difficult. Gonzalez was lonely in his first few weeks here, and he couldn't find any place in Raleigh that served his favorite meal, plantains and beans. Chandrasekar grew up speaking English in India. But it was British English, a far cry from the Southern American variety that greeted her. Apparently, there's no Indian – or British – word for “y'all.”

The key for all international student-athletes is to find a comfortable atmosphere. Usually, that means being with teammates, who have similar class schedules, study habits and social lives.

“First of all, if I didn't have my tennis family, I would be really homesick,” Chandrasekar said. “The tennis girls, we all have the same goals and our lifestyle is very different from regular students. We kind of understand each other better, even though we didn't know each other very well. We have a good feel for each other and know what each other is thinking.”

International athletes also enrich the college experience of American students. Lauren Barry, a junior on the women's tennis

team, had never really been exposed to students from other countries while growing up in Raleigh. But when she arrived on campus, she and her twin sister Allison were matched with Uruguay-native Agustina Arechavaleta to share an apartment.

Lauren Barry learned that despite their different backgrounds – a completely different way of playing youth tennis, the hardship of just getting to tournaments, all the difficulties of just getting into school – basically, she and her foreign teammates enjoyed the same things.

“I have learned a lot, playing with them, getting to know them,” Barry said. “I have learned about what it is like to play tennis in their countries and how they are able to come here. Also, I learned about their culture and what their day-to-day life is like.”

“It's fun. We make team CDs and we put on them songs from all different countries. We also taught them some American slang, which was a lot of fun.”

For the most part, international students found NC State to be an inviting atmosphere to study—and to play.

“I don't know what it is like at other universities, but I know that NC State has such good infrastructure,” Chandrasekar said. “It has a really good athletic support system. It has made a big difference for me.”

OIA Seed Grant Awards

The Office of International Affairs would like to recognize the following faculty members who are recipients of the annual International Seed Grants. In addition to the Seed Grants, this was the first year that OIA and the Committee on International Programs developed the Study Abroad Development Grants. (See page 7: “Grants and Scholarships” for detailed information on these grants). The next application deadline for these grants will be in March 2006. Please refer to our website periodically for these and other internationally related grant opportunities: www.ncsu.edu/oia/seedgrantsguide.html

2005-2006 Seed Grant Awardees:**Dr. Daniel Case**

Dept: Sociology/Anthropology
Project Title: Status differences and congenital defects in ancient Thailand.

Dr. Percy Hooper

Dept: Industrial Design
Project title: New masonry products using traditional Guatemalan skills.

Ms. Carol Kline

Dept: Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Project title: Assessing sustainable community tourism development on the island of Carriacou.

Dr. Orlando Rojas

Dept: Wood and Paper Science
Project title: Surface and colloid science resources in bio-based materials--an academy collaboration with Spain, Sweden and Finland.

Dr. Colby Schal

Dept: Entomology
Project title: Chemical basis of an anti-plant mutualism.--linkage with Universidad Nacional de San Antonia Abad del Cusco, Peru.

Dr. Larry Silverberg

Dept: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Project title: American-Mexican collaboration for the advancement of the axiomatic program in science and engineering.

Study Abroad Development Grant Awards**Dr. Michael Kanter**

Dept: Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Project title: Golf management in Scotland

Dr. Morgan Morrow

Dept: Animal Science
Project title: Australian Culture and Agriculture in Queensland, Australia

International Education Week**November 14-18, 2005**

The Office of International Affairs together with the Offices of Study Abroad, International Services, and the Committee for International Programs (CIP) will be sponsoring events in observance of International Education Week. Please join us in attending one or all of these events. **Visit:** www.ncsu.edu/oisss for an up-to-date listing of events.

- **Cross-Cultural Diversity Workshop: ACIREMA**
November 14, 8-10:30 am in Walnut Room, Talley Student Center. Faculty and staff must register to attend. Call OIS to RSVP at 515-2961.
- **Study Abroad Office 25th Anniversary Celebration**
November 14, 3-4:30 pm—Walnut Room, Talley Student Center
- **Passport Fair:** on-site enrollment and processing including passport photo taking for \$5. Travel safety information will also be provided.
November 15, 1:30-4:30 pm, Walnut Room, Talley Student Center
- **Fulbright Faculty Workshop**
November 15, 4:30-6:30 pm—Kamphoefner Auditorium; reception to follow.
- **Homelessness and Hunger Week:** sponsored by CSLEPS. Ray Buchanan from *Stop Hunger Now* will discuss the ethical issue of international hunger.
November 16, 7-8:30 pm, Witherspoon Auditorium. Contact 515-9248.
- **International Coffee** with the Provost
November 17, 10-12 am—Caldwell Lounge
- **World Food Day Teleconference: Reflections on Fighting Global Hunger.**
Featured speaker: Francis Moore Lappé. November 17, 5-7 pm 106 Scott Hall. Sponsored by CALS, contact Larry Nelson for more information, 515-2665.

NC State Physics Professor Made Global Impact

By Salley Ramey

Dale Edward Sayers, professor of physics, died on Nov. 25, 2004 following an unexpected illness. Sayers earned degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and from the University of Washington before joining the North Carolina State University physics faculty in 1976. His research centered on the development of a new technique for x-ray absorption. His contributions opened a new field of research that led to the formation of a new international scientific organization, the XAFS Society.

Recently, he was affiliated with a team that discovered a new x-ray technique, which may become a tool for mammography, osteoarthritis, and bone density studies. Sayers received a number of prestigious national and international awards. While at NC State, he was honored with the University Libraries Faculty Award and the Alumni Association's Outstanding Research Award. He was a Fellow of the American Physical Society, and he held positions as a visiting professor/scientist at several international institutions.

Although his vision in science was broad, his genius lay in his implementation of strategies and projects on a level that was responsive to immediate needs. His personal integrity, humor, and comfortable communication style permeated his life, from teaching students to leading world-renowned research teams.

To commemorate his life, The Dale E. Sayers Fund will support a graduate student award at NC State and an international award for young scientists, to be presented by the XAFS Society. The Sayers family will be notified of contributions.

Donations can be made by mailing a check made payable to PAMS Foundation to:

Dale E. Sayers Fund c/o PAMS Foundation
Campus Box 8201, Raleigh, NC 27695



the late Dr. Dale Sayers

Ambassador Seeks State's Technical Expertise

By Aranzazu Lascurain

Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Tanzanian Ambassador to the United Nations Security Council, spoke to an NC State audience on August 29, 2005. His talk focused on his participation in the UN's Millennium Project, a UN strategic plan for addressing poverty in the world's poorest nations. The Millennium Development Goals include addressing the many dimensions associated with poverty: overcoming hunger and disease, focusing on HIV prevention, environmental sustainability, gender equality, sound economic development and good governance. The UN's renewed interest in the Millennium Project asks the G8 to finally step up to their earlier commitment to allocate 0.7% of their GNP towards implementing the Project's goals. Mahiga said it is time for the world powers to live up to earlier promises of financial aid to Africa.

Dr. Mahiga explained ways in which NC State's expertise in technical fields could play a substantial role in the future economic development of the African continent. These areas include: agricultural extension (including food science and post-harvest handling), veterinary sciences, hydrology, environmental and mining engineering, tourism, and epidemiology. These are critical needs that have practical applications and could involve the capacity-training skills of NC State faculty members and their students.

Dr. Mahiga's visit illustrates the many avenues for international collaboration among NC State's faculty and students with countries such as Tanzania. If you have ideas for projects and would like to develop them further with the assistance of Dr. Mahiga and his staff, please contact the Office of International Affairs.



*Dr. Mahiga speaks to NCSU
photo courtesy, Build the Village*

Alternative Winter Break Sponsors 'Blitz Build' in Sri Lanka

The Center of Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service (CSLEPS) will offer its first 'Alternative Winter Break' this year. As part of NC State's tsunami relief campaign commitment, a team of 15 NC State students accompanied by Mike Giancola, Director of CSLEPS; Jerry Barker, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Director of the Student Health Services; and Vice Provost for International Affairs, George Wilson, will participate in a "Blitz Build" of five houses in Negombo, Sri Lanka, this December during the winter break.

An NC State team flew to Sri Lanka in June

to meet with local and international relief organizations to determine the on-the-ground needs of local communities impacted by the tsunami of December 2004. Housing was clearly identified as the most pressing need with which NC State can assist. The team has been supported primarily by the West Raleigh Rotary Club in the 7710 District and will work in partnership with the Rotary Club of Wattala, Sri Lanka. The NC State family will purchase materials to rebuild these homes at \$5,000 each. Monetary donations toward the cost of these materials and student travel are still needed and should be directed to CSLEPS at 515-9248.



new housing construction in Sri Lanka



Coastal destruction still evident in Sri Lanka, June 2005.

Culture Corps

More than fifteen Culture Corps presentations are scheduled this fall semester in which international students and scholars share with others about their country and culture. Culture Corps members volunteer their time to teach young children about culture and language in their native countries. Most presentations are held in Wake County schools, but Culture Corps volunteers also visit museums and other local organizations. NC State faculty are encouraged to invite a Culture Corps speaker to his/her classroom! More information about Culture Corp (including request forms) is available at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/oisss/programs/corps.htm>



Ms. Xiaojin Wang shared Chinese culture with a 7th grade class at Ligon Middle Magnet School

I-SSERV

Seven international students and scholars volunteered on October 1, 2005 for BIG SWEEP, a national coastal clean-up project. OIS coordinated this project through its I-SSERV program (International Students and Scholars Engaged in Reaching Out and Volunteering) in which international students and scholars volunteer in the community on an individual or group basis. I-SSERV has also been a great outlet for spouses of our students and scholars who can use volunteering as a way to practice English and use their professional skills and talents to assist others in the community. Other I-SSERV projects are scheduled in October and November in collaboration with Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.



Students and scholars clean up Beaver Dam Lake

SCOLA Update

Have you wondered how you might become more globally aware and competitive? Would you like to learn a foreign language for free? Or practice the language you are now studying? In the last issue of *GlobalEyes*, we introduced SCOLA, which brings to campus foreign newscasts and cultural programs from around the world on the Campus Cable network (channels 90 and 91). We are now offering the Insta-Class foreign language learning program available on the SCOLA website. Check out the free audio samples at <http://www.scola.org> and see if you like it. If you would like to use this online language learning feature or watch any of the SCOLA channels streamed over the internet, go to the OIS website and submit a brief online application. We'll email you a user-id and password for free. A note to foreign language instructors: we have also obtained the rights to download and embed SCOLA material for use in on-campus language classes. Please call OIS for more information, 515-2961.

OIS Expands Walk-In Hour Services

OIS is expanding the scope of advising issues we can offer on a walk-in basis. International students, scholars and faculty may stop by Daniels 320 between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 Monday through Friday to ask general questions and drop off forms. For CPT and OPT, students must first attend a weekly information session. Please see the advising schedule at <http://www.ncsu.edu/oisss/about/schedule.htm> for more details (including which topics are suitable for walk-in and which need an appointment).

NC State's New Global Training Initiative

One of the most exciting new programs we have put forward yet is taking shape in the new Global Training Initiative, which will debut in the spring of 2006. With generous support from the Provost, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, and the Office of Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development, OIS is developing an international training program designed to assist both university units and off-campus partners. Beginning Summer 2006, we can say, "Yes," to these exciting research and training opportunities. If you are an NC State faculty member interested in hosting international trainees - or if you are with a state agency or company in North Carolina that plans to host groups of short-term international trainees - and you would like to find out more about the Global Training Initiative, please contact Michael Bustle at 515-2961 or michael_bustle@ncsu.edu

International Tea and Coffee

Around 200 tea drinkers showed up September 16th for the third International Tea to drink hot and cold teas from around the world! The College of Natural Resources (CNR) sponsored last month's Tea at NC State, a traveling tea series that has already visited Caldwell Hall and Talley Student Center within the past year. Dr. Erin Sills was instrumental in recruiting CNR students to sponsor tea tables that also offered delicious ethnic food and tea recipes. The next International "Coffee" will be sponsored by the Provost on Thursday, November 17th in Caldwell Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm. NC State colleges and departments are encouraged to bring the International Tea series to their academic building. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this event in 2006, please contact the Office of International Services at 515-2961.

How Well Do You Know... Our International Community?

- Do you know how many international students there are at NCSU?
- Do you know what the most popular departments are for internationals?
- Do you know what the top five countries represented by our international students are?
- Do you know what graduate departments have the highest percentage of international students?



For the answers, visit our website at <http://www.ncsu.edu/oisss/about/stats.htm>

The London Experience

By Ingrid Schmidt, SAO Director

The name of NC State's long-running summer program in London, "The London Experience," took on new meaning in 2005. The 27 students and their director (Sharon Johnson, assisted by faculty members Fred Gorelick and John Herold) arrived on July 2 for four weeks of stimulating classes and cultural activities, not imagining how things would change with the terrorist attacks on July 7 and 21.

Within hours of the incidents, the NC State community knew that all our students were safe and unharmed. Through detailed handbooks, training for faculty directors, and pre-departure orientation for students, all the participants knew what to do. Parents were contacted and reassured before they even heard the news broadcasts, directors were in communication with the SAO, and the Study Abroad Emergency Response Team was fully informed, ready to handle any potential media inquiries.

In other types of emergencies, more help may have been needed. All students are provided with special identification cards which include contact information for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate, and also the telephone number for our Campus Police, who have instructions for contacting members of the Response Team at any time of day or night. Study abroad participants throughout the UNC-system are also covered by an excellent international medical insurance policy, which includes medical evacuation if needed.

Despite assurances that NC State would work with any withdrawing students to refund recoverable costs and ensure completion of their coursework, the students all wanted to stay. Director Sharon Johnson wrote:

None of them wanted to leave; they were very concerned with events as they came to light and were concerned about the British people. I believe many of our students thought of this as Britain's 9/11 and were very sympathetic....

Taking our cue from the locals, we were determined that terrorists would not disrupt our lives any more than could be helped. After all, that is their goal and running scared only empowers them....To paraphrase Robert F. Kennedy, we are living in interesting times, whether we like it or not.

Student Austin James described the scene in class that morning. "At around 9:45, while talking about the differences between 'gender' and 'sex' in class, we heard a loud noise [the bus blast]. ...A few comments were made to the effect of 'that sounds weird,' and, 'that sounded like someone just dropped a big dumpster.'"

As time went on and the true nature of the event became clear, students were instructed to stay inside the building until further notice. They were deeply moved by what they saw in the news and later in person. Austin wrote, "On the news, they showed a man who had survived one of the train bombs, and his story was pitiful. He never

lifted his head to camera level, because he was in complete shock. Tony Blair then gave a short speech, and was obviously very troubled and his words were heartfelt ... We were really sad that we had to live through such an event a second time [referring to 9/11]."

Prof. Johnson wrote, "It is only natural to be a bit nervous in this situation," but added that "the Brits are remarkably resilient people. By July 8, most of the tube stations had been reopened... We had to cancel planned activities...for that day, [but] have rescheduled them."

Our students experienced first hand the evil of terrorism and its impact on innocent people. But they also had first hand experience of this resiliency, this sense of hope that motivates people to carry on. These are life lessons that are sure to stay with them, and help shape their empathy, their leadership skills and civic engagement, and their ongoing interest in world affairs. They have truly become global citizens, better prepared for the century ahead.



High Tea at the Savoy Hotel

NC State Faculty Lead Spring and Summer 2005 Programs

Please help us thank the many NC State faculty members who offered our students life-changing experiences by leading programs abroad this past spring and summer:

Akram and Jodi Khater, Alexandria, Egypt; **Glenn Voss**, Aix-en-Provence, France; **Ted Shear**, Costa Rica; **Anne Schiller and Alex Miller**, Florence, Italy; **Charles Joyner, Carol Kline and Kofi Boone**, Ghana Art & Design; **Theresa Edwards, Erin Banks and Niambi Hall-Campbell**, Ghana Humanities; **Craig Brookins**, Ghana Spring Break; **Scott Fitzpatrick**, Grenada; **Tim Wallace**, Guatemala Anthropology; **Linda Williams**, Guatemala Social Work; **Afroz Taj and John Caldwell**, India; **William Shaw**, Ireland; **Gary Weinberg**, Japan/Singapore; **Diane Beckman**, Lille, France-Humanities; **Roby Sawyers and Greg Jenkins**, Lille, France-Business; **Sharon Johnson, John Herold, Fred Gorelick**, London Experience; **Robert Kochersberger**, Melbourne, Australia; **Werner Dörgeloh and Hal Heatwole**, Namibia; **Janice Odom, Wilton Barnhardt, and Jim Pressley**, Oxford; **Kay and Leo Villa-Garcia and Olga and Bob Nagel**, Peru; **Dana Bartelt, Angelo Abbate, Kathleen Rieder, and Wendy Redfield**, Prague Institute; **Ana Kennedy, Nancy Gustke, and Philip Carter**, Segovia, Spain; **Gary Blank**, Sweden; and **Morgan Morrow**, Victoria, Australia.

Faculty-led group programs remain a very popular way in which NC State students gain international experience. We encourage faculty to consider creating new programs in a variety of countries and disciplines. If interested, please call us at 515-2087.

NCSU Study Abroad Turns 25!

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the Study Abroad Office's 25th anniversary. A reception will be held during International Education Week, on Monday

November 14 at 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Walnut Room, Talley Student Center. Students who have participated in study abroad programs and also faculty members who have led groups abroad will be sharing some of their most interesting stories and photos. Please come and share stories of your own, or become inspired to explore more of the world.



STUDY ABROAD

College Highlights

College of Natural Resources

Fred Cabbage, professor of Forestry, completed a four-month Fulbright Scholar visit to Argentina and Uruguay in December 2004 that focused on intensive forestry and forest certification. He is cooperating with graduate students at NCSU and colleagues from the Southern Cone on projects in silvopasture systems and Sustainable Forest Management Criteria Indicators in the Americas. Cabbage was appointed Editor for a new Encyclopedia of Forests and Forestry in the Americas that will be published in about two years. In the Fall of 2005, Fred will lead a jointly taught course on Global Forest Sustainability and Forest Certification that will include tele-video broadcasts with the principal university in Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, and Korea.

Gary Blank, professor of Forestry, has been leading a summer course in International Sustainable Use of Natural Resources since 2000. Taught by faculty from NC State University, Purdue University and the Swedish Agricultural University (SLU), the course mixes Swedish and American students in teams examining natural resource practices and the sustainability of resource use. In odd calendar years SLU hosts the course in Sweden, combining classroom studies and fieldtrips in southern Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Czechia, and Austria—stopping at Celtic hill forts, ancient oak and beech forests, managed spruce forests, and hiking through Alpine meadows. The field experience allows students to observe and interact with practitioners engaged in studying managing European landscapes. NC State will host the program in summer of 2006.

Karla Henderson, professor in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, will present a paper next spring at the World Leisure Summit in Hangzhou, China, entitled, *Leisure Education and Advocacy*. The purpose of the Summit is to draw together the scientific evidence about the role of leisure in social, economic, and cultural development. The summit is part of the first World Leisure EXPO devoted to leisure in all of its forms. The Summit will gather together heads of state and senior ministers from as many countries as possible along with key leisure business and organization leaders. A Global Declaration of Leisure will be written from the academic papers presented and plans are to sign the Declaration to affirm the role of leisure in people's quality of life.

Erin Sills, professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources is strengthening linkages with the leading forestry universities in Chile through an International Science and Education grant from USDA CSREES. One motivation for this program is the recent free trade agreement with Chile, which creates new opportunities and challenges for the US forestry and environmental sectors. Chile is highly competitive in the plantation forestry sector and faces many parallel environmental concerns similar to the southeastern US. The grant is supporting Spanish classes, travel grants for faculty, funding for students to conduct research and study in Chile, and support for visitors from the universities of Concepción and Austral. Through this program, faculty will build their research and extension programs, students will expand their international understanding, and the US private, government, and non-governmental sectors will benefit from lessons learned in Chile.

CALS

CALS at NCSU has been exchanging short-term faculty visits with the State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAUM) for the past five years. At present, a three-year grant from the U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, funds a program of collaboration between NC State and SAUM. The grant focuses on post-harvest technology, development of an undergraduate curriculum, and travel to support scientists involved in the project.

This past year CALS shipped computers and peripheral equipment to SAUM. These materials were donated by the SAS Institute of Cary and the Goodwill Community Foundation of Durham. They are being used to set up computer laboratories in several colleges and in the main library. NCSU has also sent 18 tons of books and journals to help enhance SAUM's library system. These printed materials were donated by current and retired NCSU faculty and some were purchased with new funds donated by Pi Alpha Xi in the Horticultural Science Department.

CALS will also be involved in sending 283 computers to the schools in the Chisinau region of Moldova. These were donated to CALS by the Goodwill Community Foundation of Durham. The North Carolina National Guard shipped them to the region. The Kanuga Foundation provided financing for the shipment and Counterpart International assisted with packing and meeting them on the Moldova end. They will be distributed to the school system in Chisinau by Sun TV.

CHASS

CHASS International Programs and the CHASS Office of Academic Affairs and Interdisciplinary Programs have taken a lead role in developing a partnership with Alexander Global Village (AGV), NC State's on-campus international residence hall. The first effort of the CHASS/AGV initiative is the "CHASS@AGV Speakers Series." The series features presentations by CHASS faculty members to AGV residents, as well as opportunities for residents to join CHASS faculty on excursions to local events of international interest. The 2005-2006 schedule includes talks by CHASS faculty on ethnic conflict in Melanesia; indigenous activism in Indonesia; health campaigns in East Africa; and democracy in the Middle East and South Asia. At the October 1 lecture, Professor Tim Wallace spoke to residents on "The Arts and Social Change in Contemporary Latin America." Afterward, AGV advisors accompanied them on an excursion to Exploris Museum where they enjoyed a Columbian dance performance entitled, *From Bambuca to Breakdancing*. For more information about the program, contact Dr. Anne Schiller, anne_schiller@ncsu.edu



AGV Residents at Exploris

Engineering

The *Brazil Engineering Exchange* program, led by Professor Bob Young, is designed to provide Industrial and Mechanical Engineering students an eight-month living and learning experience in Brazil along with gaining proficiency in the Portuguese language. Students spend eight months in Brazil, first learning Portuguese and then taking engineering courses at either the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro or the Federal University of Juiz de Fora. These courses satisfy the NCSU requirements so that the Brazilian courses count toward graduation. This allows engineering students to do a study abroad without extending their graduation schedule. All student expenses, including airfare, housing and meals, are covered by the program. For more information on the program visit: <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/places/s-america/brazil.html>

University Standing Committee on International Programs

Grants and Scholarships

By CIP Chair, Charles Joyner

The University Standing Committee on International Programs (CIP) has scholarship funds available for a number of \$500 awards. Eligibility: undergraduate students participating in credit-bearing research or study programs abroad. Qualified applicants must have completed two semesters at NC State prior to participation in the experience abroad. Applications will be judged on academic performance, communication skills, potential to promote international awareness on campus, how the activity complements the student's goals, creativity and originality of the proposed activity for the applicant, and character of recommendations submitted. Information regarding study abroad scholarships is available at www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad.

The Internationalization Seed Grant program funds NCSU faculty members who seek to initiate research and other scholarly professional activities that address international topics and enhance internationalization of the university. Awards should serve as "seed money" leading to support from other granting agencies. CIP expects to award a total of \$30,000 through the Internationalization Seed Grant program. Each award is limited to no more than \$5,000. The upcoming deadline will be in March 2006.

The Study Abroad Development Grant program funds NCSU faculty members who wish to initiate new study abroad programs to enhance internationalization of the university. CIP expects to award a total of \$5,000 through the Study Abroad Development Grant program. This funding will allow faculty members to make site visits necessary for the development of new study abroad programs. The award will primarily cover travel-related expenses, plus others related to the new program. Each award is limited to \$2,000.

Applications for the Internationalization Seed Grant and the Study Abroad Development Grant will be forwarded to deans, directors and department heads in mid-spring. Information will also be available at www.ncsu.edu/oia.

CIP is also sponsoring the Second Annual Passport Fair taking place in the Walnut Room of the Talley Student Center on November 15 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. On-the-spot passport processing is being offered. Passport photos can also be taken on-site for \$5. Applicants must bring an original, embossed birth certificate for a new passport, or the existing/expired passport for a renewal. Fees may be paid **only** by personal check. Please consult the State Department's website for additional information: www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

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Visit www.ncsu.edu/oiss for up-to-date information.

The Master in Forestry Program: Combining Peace Corps with Graduate Study

By Kelly Jones, Research Assistant

Many recent graduates are interested in serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, but at the same time, they would like to continue their education in graduate school. The Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources in collaboration with the Peace Corps Office offer them the opportunity to do both concurrently through the Masters International (MI) Program. Students in the MI Program complete a year of graduate courses, go overseas to serve as Peace Corps Volunteers, conduct graduate research abroad, and return to NC State to finish their master's degrees in Forestry or



Gill Green with traditional herder in Cameroon

Natural Resources. The program allows students to gain international experience, volunteer needed services to a developing country, put their graduate training into immediate practice, and conduct meaningful and useful graduate research. Nevin Dawson, a MI student who served in Senegal, explains that "the MI program was the opportunity to integrate a master's degree program and a Peace Corps tour of duty and get the most out of both of them. I do not think that either would have been quite as valuable without the other."

Since launching the program in 1998, the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources has attracted seven MI students. Although Peace Corps Volunteers are placed around the world, all MI students at NC State have been placed in agroforestry or environmental education programs in West and Central Africa. Kelly Jones, a recent graduate of the program, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in northern Togo, where she investigated which households choose to adopt soybean cultivation. Her research was unique in considering 'disadoption' (abandonment) of soybean cultivation as well as adoption, and in comparing villages across the Togo-Benin border. Another returned MI student, Gill Green, served in Cameroon and investigated natural resource use by traditional herders whose trans-human routes pass through a proposed protected area. He collaborated with Birdlife International on this research.

Students interested in the MI program should apply both to the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources and the Peace Corps. For more information students should contact Professor Erin Sills, sills@ncsu.edu, or the Peace Corps Recruiter, Evan Baker at peacecorps@ncsu.edu or 515-5340.

International Studies Master Draws Student Interest

By Heidi Hobbs, Director

NC State has had a graduate program in international studies for many years. That program today is housed in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. MIS replaced the Master of Technology and International Development (MTID) program in 1998. Since that time, annual enrollment has grown from less than 10 students to almost 50 today. The current student body represents several different countries, including India, Russia, Thailand, Zimbabwe, Senegal and Mexico, and many different states across the U.S. The MIS program now boasts over 70 alumni around the world.

With the growth of the program has come an expansion of activities, including an active internship program, a separate graduation ceremony and most importantly, impressive job placement. Recent internship placements have included the Croatian Embassy in Washington, DC; the Afghanistan Embassy in Cairo, Egypt; the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna, Austria; the National Defense Council Foundation in Alexandria, Virginia; Disney Worldwide Services in Florida; and the U.S. Export Assistance Center of the U.S. Department of Commerce located here in Raleigh.

To learn more about the program and its many activities, visit the website: <http://social.chass.ncsu.edu/mis> or contact, heidi_hobbs@ncsu.edu, 513-4389.

Upcoming Events

International Education Week

See *page 2* for a listing of week-long events running November 14-18.

Study Abroad

November 12: Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for students studying abroad in spring 2006. Check the Study Abroad website for more information concerning study abroad opportunities: www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/

Islamic Awareness Week

November 14-18: Sponsored by the Muslim Student Association. There will be a full week of events, classes and speakers. Please visit their website for programming details www.ncsumsa.org

North Carolina & Japan Trade and Investment Conference

December 2: Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP. Sponsored by the NC Japan Center and the College of Management, NCSU. For registration information contact the NC Japan Center at 515-3450 or email tony_moyer@ncsu.edu. Registration deadline is November 28.

Kwanzaa Celebration

December 2, 5-8pm

African American Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room. Free admission. See their website for more info. www.ncsu.edu/aacc/index.php

International Seminars in Environmental Forestry

2024 Biltmore Hall, 4pm.

November 14: Phil Doerr; *Wildlife, and Wildlife Conservation Issues in Uganda and Rwanda*.

November 28: John Frampton, Fikret Isik, & Dennis Hazel; *Perspectives on Forestry in Turkey*. For a listing of the 2006 lectures, consult: www.cnr.ncsu.edu/for/forestry.html

Peace Corps Information Session

February 1, 2006, 6-8 pm, Cameron Village Regional Library, 410 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh.

Interested in working for the Peace Corps? Contact Evan Baker, NCSU Peace Corps Recruiter, at peacecorps@ncsu.edu or call 515-5340 for more information.

Vusi Mahlasela Concert

February 25, 2006— Stewart Theatre, 8 pm

South African singer-superstar, Vusi Mahlasela, an accomplished guitarist, percussionist, composer and poet — with a pure and commanding voice — sang a message of peace during the antiapartheid movement. Vusi's music is uplifting and beautiful, blending folk, pop, and traditional African music. Contact the box office for ticket information: 515-1100

CHASS: Exploring the Global Political Landscape

2005-2006 Speaker Series at Alexander Global Village Residence Hall

February 25 at 6:30 pm: Prof. Ken Vickery (History): "Political Developments in S. Africa"

March 16 at 7 pm: Prof. Anne Schiller (Sociology and Anthropology): "The Indigenous Struggle in Indonesian Borneo".

International Travel Tips

Fast Track Through Security

You can speed up the process of airport security by being prepared. Have a zip top plastic bag handy so while you're waiting in line you can empty your pockets and place any jewelry, belts, phones (anything that might set off the alarms) in the bag--that way your items will travel through the x-ray machine securely and you can reassemble yourself later--out of the fray. *Source: Automobile Assoc. of America (AAA).*

Beat Jetlag

If possible, sleep well for several nights before your trip—an unstressed body is your best friend! Set your watch to where you are going and start training yourself to that time zone as soon as the trip is under way. In flight, drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages (water is best), eat lightly, and exercise or stretch as much as possible. Upon arrival, avoid napping and try to jump right into the local eating and sleeping schedule. *Source: AAA*

Travel Website

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have an excellent travel preparedness website. You can query the site by the country you are visiting and find up-to-date travel recommendations. In addition, it lists any recent disease outbreaks. Check it out before departing for overseas travel: www.cdc.gov/travel

NCSU Travel Clinic

For Faculty & Staff: There are certain forms that must be filled out before scheduling a travel clinic appointment. It is best to schedule travel appointments well in advance of your travel date, in order to provide more complete immunity from travel vaccines. We encourage you to try and schedule an appointment at least 4-6 weeks prior to departure. Visit the travel clinic website at: www.ncsu.edu/student_health/Travel/travel.html for details. For questions email: travel_clinic@ncsu.edu

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