



Executive Director's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is difficult to believe that we are preparing for the end of the spring 2007 semester. It is even more unbelievable to the OIP that we have been in our new space for nearly a full term. This semester has indeed been a busy one for all the members of the campus community who have been involved with international programming. Whether it's a group of UNC Charlotte music students singing at the Vatican over spring break, the wonderful Asian recruitment efforts of the Office of International Admissions or the signing of a new linkage agreement with an institution in Peru, UNC Charlotte is well represented around the world. On campus, we have co-hosted a number of engaging speakers; we welcomed the first meeting of the Office of International Programs Community Advisory Council; the College of Education has developed a wonderful beginning to internationalize their college; and we hosted a colorful event celebrating International Women's Day. It is clear that UNC Charlotte continues to recognize the importance of preparing our students to navigate as global citizens through an increasingly interdependent world. We hope to continue our joint efforts with you and welcome you to join us as we develop creative programs for our faculty and students.

Have a wonderful summer that will hopefully either take you to another corner of the world or, at the very least, provide you with an interesting opportunity to engage in an international activity at home. We are looking forward to the upcoming academic year with great enthusiasm and hope to increase our level of activity both on campus and in the community as we continue to meet the needs of an ever changing landscape.



As always, I hope that you find this newsletter helpful and informative. Please remember that your suggestions and recommendations are always welcome and do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in any way.

Sincerely,

Joël A. Gallegos,
Executive Director

College of Health & Human Services Building Dedication

The official dedication ceremony for the new College of Health & Human Services Building (CHHS) was held on April 13, 2007. The ceremony, which was attended by approximately 300 university administrators, faculty, staff and guests, included remarks from Dr. L. Allen Dobson, (Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Medical Assistance, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services), **Philip L. Dubois** (Chancellor of UNC Charlotte) and **Joan Lorden** (Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs).

The dedication provided an opportunity for the University to celebrate the addition of a distinctive new academic building to invited guests and the campus community. The 163,000 square-foot facility houses the College of Health and Human Services, the Office of International Programs and the Institute for Social Capital. CHHS is the fourth-largest building on campus. This \$31.2 million building contains 34 classrooms, six laboratories, and numerous conference & seminar rooms, all of which are equipped with state-of-the-art instructional technology.



UNC Charlotte Chancellor Phillip Dubois presents OIP Executive Director Joël Gallegos with an artist's rendering of the new College of Health & Human Services Building. (left to right: Joël Gallegos, Sharon Portwood, Chancellor Dubois, & Karen Schmalting)

OIP Hosts International Visitors

Nanjing Medical University Professor Visits OIP & CHHS

February-March, 2007

Dr. Zihao Zhang, professor in the Department of Pathogenic Biology and an Administrator in the School of International Education at Nanjing Medical University in Nanjing, China met with **Karen Schmaling** (Dean, College of Health and Human Services), **Mark Clemens** (Biology) and **Joël Gallegos** (Executive Director, Office of International Programs) to discuss programs at both institutions and the possibility of developing future collaborations and partnerships between UNC Charlotte and Nanjing Medical University.

Japanese High School Students take OIP-Led Tour of UNC Charlotte

March 28, 2007

Judy Case (Office of International Programs) led a campus tour for ten Japanese students from Nanzan High School in Toyota, Japan. The students are part of an exchange program with Hopewell High School in Huntersville, NC. They spent two weeks in the U.S., staying with the families of Hopewell students. This April, students from Hopewell High will go to Japan for a two week stay.

UNC Charlotte Hosts Oita University Professor

March 12-13, 2007

Kazuko Kumo, professor of English literature and cultural studies in the Economics Department of Oita University in Oita, Japan visited the University campus for two days this March to learn about UNC Charlotte's curriculum and meet with OIP administrative staff. Her visit will help her to advise Oita University exchange students who come to the UNC Charlotte. During her time here, she met with **Joël Gallegos** (Executive Director, Office of International Programs), **Marian Beane** (Director, International Student/Scholar Office), **Brad Sekulich** (Director, Office of Education Abroad), **Jeff Adams-Davis** (Director, English Language Training Institute) and **Susan Lambert** (Director, Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs), as well other University faculty and staff.



Study Abroad Fair

On March 28, 2007 the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) held its Spring Study Abroad Fair. From 10AM to 3PM around the Belk Tower, the OEA hosted UNC Charlotte program leaders, affiliate study abroad providers and former study abroad participants at the study abroad fair. They all came together to share knowledge, pictures and advice with students interested studying abroad while at UNC Charlotte. The fair was a success, with many students attending and learning about study abroad opportunities and about how studying abroad can positively impact their education and their lives.



World Affairs Council of Charlotte University Initiatives

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) has partnered with UNC Charlotte on several initiatives during this past year. In November, over 100 students and faculty joined a panel-discussion on the future of Korea. Counselor Kim Hyoung-zhin from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Jordan Heiber from the U.S. Department of State and Mr. Charles L. Pritchard from the Korea Economic Institute spoke to the audience and answered questions. On April 5, Dr. Ted Galen Carpenter of the Cato Institute presented on "A Grand Bargain with Iran" to an audience of 100 interested faculty and students.

In addition to bringing speakers to the UNC Charlotte campus, the WACC has collaborated closely on other initiatives. **Rebecca Vincent** (WACC Programming and Membership Manager) co-chaired the International Women's Day celebration with **Denise Medeiros** (Asst. Director, International Student/Scholar Office). The WACC is working with the Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights on promoting events of interest to their respective communities. Finally, on April 16, **Jennifer Armentrout** (WACC Education Director), in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and the International Studies Program, coordinated a panel of professionals to discuss international career options with students at UNC Charlotte.

WACC is also working with Ambassador **Ed Brynn** (History) to offer a trip to Ireland in the fall. **Brynn**, who earned a Ph.D. in Irish History at the University of Dublin, will provide his unique perspective to participants. The trip will include a tour of Dublin University, a lecture on the history of Ireland by a local professor and a discussion of U.S.-Irish relations by the U.S. Embassy in Dublin. As this academic year comes to a close, WACC remains committed to developing relationships with the UNC Charlotte community in the year to come.

Latin American Studies Program

The Latin American Studies program had a very successful spring semester. Compared to Spring 2006, the number of majors increased by almost 50 per cent, and in late March, the UNC General Administration approved the establishment of the M.A. in Latin American Studies. The program expects to enroll its first graduate students in Fall 2007, and continues to build relationships with Latin American universities. This spring, the first UNC Charlotte students participated in the new ISA study abroad program in Santiago, Dominican Republic. In March, Professors **Dena Shenk**, **Jerry Dávila**, and **Jürgen Buchenau** visited Arequipa, Peru, for the purpose of establishing a new exchange program with the Universidad Católica de Santa María. This new program will focus on gerontology and Latin American Studies.



As in previous years, the Latin American Studies program hosted an annual spring conference. This year's conference was held February 24, 2007, in the Denny building, and the theme was "Race, Revolution, and Representation: New Perspectives on Latin America." It featured keynote presentations by Professors Peter Beattie and Erica Windler of Michigan State University, and was attended by more than 30 UNC Charlotte faculty and students.

Prof. Zhengfu Bian of China comes to UNC Charlotte's GIEES as a Visiting Professor



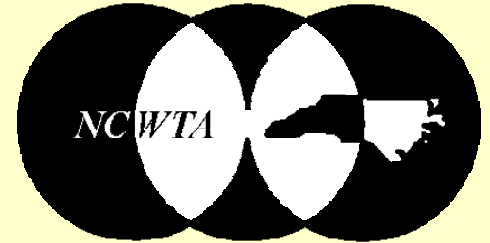
Prof. Zengfu Bian, the Chairman of the Institute of Land Resources and Vice Director of the Office of Science and Technology of the China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), Xuzhou, China has arrived at UNC Charlotte as a Visiting Professor at the Global Institute of Energy and Environmental Systems (GIEES). Bian is an expert on contaminated land reclamation, land subsidence analysis, ecological engineering and computer-aided land use planning, including the applications of GIS. His awards include the 2006 Chinese Science and Technology Award for Young

Scientists, the 2004 New Century Talent Award of the Ministry of Education of China and the ranking of his doctoral dissertation among the top 100 in China in 2000. He is a member of several organizations and serves as the Vice Secretary of the China Society of Land Reclamation. He is a member of the Board of Counselors of the International Society of Environmental Geotechnology (ISEG), which has been headquartered at GIEES since 2001. While at GIEES, Bian will deliver lectures to research students, collaborate with GIEES researchers on groundwater contamination and mining waste utilization research and coauthor research articles.

Bian's professional interaction with **Hilary Inyang** (UNC Charlotte Duke Energy Distinguished Professor, Director of GIEES and Honorary Professor at CUMT) dates back to 2003 and led to the recruitment of a student, Dai Kaoshian, from CUMT into the UNC Charlotte's Doctoral Program in Infrastructure and Environmental Systems (INES). He is fully sponsored by the China National Science Foundation as part of a collaboration that involves a research visit to CUMT in China in the Fall of 2007 by a GIEES team to be led by Inyang. The GIEES Team will include **Jy Wu** and **John Daniels**, (both of Civil and Environmental Engineering), as well as Gustavo Borel Menezes an INES Ph.D. student working with **Inyang**.

North Carolina World Trade Association Annual Conference on China and India to be Held on UNC Charlotte's Campus

The North Carolina World Trade Association (NCWTA statewide) annual conference will be held on the UNC Charlotte campus on May 3, 2007. The theme of this exciting event is "China & India: New Market, New Opportunities...Huge Populations." Charge d'Affaires and Minister Zheng Zeguang of the



Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the U.S. will be the dinner keynote speaker. There will be panel sessions taking place all day discussing the strategic and cultural concerns when conducting international trade with China and India. Panelists include CEOs, Presidents, Vice Presidents, and leaders of government agencies. For information and to register, please visit www.ncwta.org. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact the Belk College of Business International Business Programs at (704) 687-4965.

Office of Education Abroad Luncheon

On May 1, 2007 the Office of Education (OEA) Abroad will hold its second annual luncheon to express its gratitude to those UNC Charlotte faculty and staff who have been supporters of the OEA and its study abroad students during the past year. "The Office of Education Abroad fully recognizes that without the faculty and staff who believe in our mission and help students study abroad, the education abroad process would be much more difficult," **Brad Sekulich**, Director, OEA.

Education Abroad Scholarships Awarded

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) awarded 25 scholarships this year to UNC Charlotte students to facilitate study abroad experiences. The scholarship The Education Abroad staff would like to express its thanks to the faculty members who served on the scholarship committee, and to the over 100 students who applied to the scholarship program.

College of Education Internationalization Efforts

Recognizing the need to internationalize its curriculum and equip its students with the knowledge necessary to compete and succeed in an increasingly global and interconnected world, **Mary Lynne Calhoun** (Dean, College of Education) formed an ad hoc committee to determine the best approach to achieve this important goal. Tapped for service on the committee were **Charles Hutchison** (Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education), **Clarrice Rapisarda** (Counseling), **Louise Baucom** (Reading and Elementary Education), **Bruce Taylor** (Reading and Elementary Education), **Victoria Jaus** (Office of Field Experiences), **Joël Gallegos** (Office of International Programs) and **Corey Lock** (Curriculum and Supervision). The ad hoc committee developed a three year plan for internationalizing the College of Education curriculum that includes development in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service. The ad hoc committee also recommended the formation of a permanent standing committee. The standing committee will be charged with providing leadership to assist the College of Education in meeting its goal that all students and faculty demonstrate knowledge of the interconnectedness of the world through systematic experience and study.



OIP Professional Activities

2007 Forum on Education Abroad Conference - March 1-3, 2007 in Austin, Texas

- **Joël Gallegos** (Executive Director, Office of International Programs), along with two colleagues, gave a presentation on “Developing Critical Skills for Careers in Campus Internationalization” for mid-career education abroad professionals. Utilizing survey data, the speakers discussed the skills needed to successfully move into leadership positions involved with overall campus internationalization.

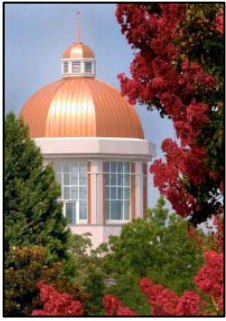
North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) State Conference - March 22-23, 2007 at Elon University.

- **Denise Medeiros** (International Student/Scholar Office), along with two other members of the Council of Advisors to Foreign Students & Scholars (CAFSS), led a “Hot Topics Roundtable” on F1 and J1 visas and consular issues involved in assisting international students and scholars.
- **Marian Beane** (Director, International Student/Scholar Office) and **Judy Case** (Director of Administration, Office of International Programs) gave a presentation entitled “Looking Through New Eyes: A Cross-Cultural Workshop Model” regarding a cross-cultural workshop model designed to help college & university staff and community volunteers better understand the international students on their campuses.
- **Susan Lambert** (Director, Intercultural Outreach Programs) presented a speech on “Core Competencies for International Education Leadership,” in which she shared the results of a Delphi survey of leaders in international education on US campuses and engaged in conversation with the audience to discuss the implications of the findings.

2007 AIEA Annual Conference - Feb 18-22 in Washington, D.C.

- **Joël Gallegos** (Executive Director, Office of International Programs), **Judy Case** (Director of Administration, Office of International Programs) attended the 2007 AIEA Annual Conference, held in Washington DC. **Susan Lambert** (Director, Intercultural Outreach Programs) was both an attendee and a presenter. The conference was attended by nearly 400 international education administrators from over 30 countries around the world, who met to discuss “The Global University: Challenges and Opportunities.”

Office of International Programs Holds Open House



On Wednesday, March 14 the Office of International Programs (OIP) held an open house event to acquaint University faculty and staff with its new home on the second floor of the College of Health & Human Services Building (CHHS). The open house provided an opportunity for members of the campus community to join OIP in celebrating their new location and to explore the new building prior to the formal dedication held on April 13.



13th Annual International Education Award Winners

The 13th annual International Education Award Reception, held on the 18th of April, provided an opportunity to recognize excellence in international education and scholarship. **Jurgen Buchenau** (Department of History) and Gustavo Borel de Menezes, a PhD student in Infrastructure and Environmental Systems were recipients of this year's annual International Education faculty and student awards.

Buchenau is professor of Latin American History, director of the Latin American Studies Program and the author of three highly regarded books on Mexican history. He is recognized for his successful efforts in curriculum development and program building through two Department of Education Title VI grants that resulted in extensive curricular development in Brazilian and Caribbean studies. Portuguese is a regular language offering at UNC Charlotte largely due to his efforts and he has been the 'motor force' behind the creation of a successful Latin America Studies major and a new master's degree program in Latin American Studies slated for final approval this spring. His service to the University has included the hosting of several Latin American Studies conference events and he was instrumental in allocating the resources to bring the Secretariat of the conference on Latin American History to be hosted at UNC Charlotte for the next five years. He has also helped to bring the academic journal *The Latinamericanist* to campus.

Borel de Menezes is an international student from Brazil. He received an M.S. in Civil Engineering from UNC Charlotte in 2004 and is well on his way to completing his PhD concurrently with an M.S. in Computer Science. His graduate research and academic studies have centered on global sustainable development. In service he has been involved in several leadership positions including student editorial assistant on refereed international technical journals, primary rapporteur with senior leaders of the global alliance for Disaster Reduction and the International Society for Environmental Geotechnology. These organizations, in alliance with UNESCO and GIEES, held a major international conference in Charlotte in which Borel was significantly involved. Borel is co-founder and president of the Brazilian Student Association and has been very active on campus in promoting Brazilian culture and the practice of Portuguese.

Other individuals recognized at the Reception included the winners of the annual student writing competition on the theme of "Crossing Borders" (see page 6) and visiting exchange students and scholars. Finally, the annual reception provided an opportunity to say "thank you" to the many faculty, staff and students who on a regular basis contribute to the international experience at UNC Charlotte.

International Education Award (IEA) Recipients (left to right): Mehdi Miri (President of Phi Beta Delta); Gustavo Borel de Menezes (IEA Student Recipient); **Jurgen Buchenau** (IEA Faculty Recipient); **Joël Gallegos** (Executive Director, Office of International Programs)



The annual International Education Reception is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and UNC Charlotte's Mu chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor society for International Scholars. Funding for the International Education Awards was provided by the Office of International Programs and Belk College of Business International Business Programs.

Student Writing Contest Winners Announced

The 2007 Student Writing Contest on the theme “Crossing Borders” invited students to write about how their international experiences have affected their view of the world. From the fifty-two papers that were submitted the following were selected for special recognition:



(From left to right): Katie Moore (Phi Beta Delta Vice President); Marc Petrequin (Undergraduate Writing Award Winner); Ashwin Subramanian (Graduate Honorable Mention); Deise Vilela (ELTI Honorable Mention); Theresa Isibor (Phi Beta Delta Vice President); Adrian Acuna (ELTI Writing Award Winner); Jianyu Kang (President of International Club)

Venezuela to Monterrey, Mexico, Salamanca, Spain and Rome, Italy, back to Santiago, Chile and finally to the United States of America. “I never thought that wanting to know what was beyond the mountains of the Guarenas valley would lead me to all these experiences and finally bring me to the United States...”

Deise Vilela (Brazil) received ELTI honorary mention.

The full text of the winning papers can be found at: <http://www.uncc.edu/oip/pbd>. You will find them all to be a ‘good read’ and likely your heart will be touched.

The Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta and the UNCC International Club, co-sponsors of the annual writing competition, are grateful for the financial support of the following: The Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Provost, Belk College of Business International Business Programs, College of Computing and Informatics, the departments of Biology, Electrical Engineering, English, History, Political Science, International Studies, **Rick Lejk** (Computer Science), **Ed Brynn** (History), **Robert Reimer** (Language & Culture Studies), and the UNCC German Club.

Prashanth Ramu (India), graduate winner, began his paper as follows: “‘Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.’ It is not only crossing the state border, but crossing of international borders that have made all the difference. I come from a distant land called India known for its diversity in languages, religions, cultures and traditions, the hallmark of an ancient civilization...”

Ashwin Subramanian (India) received graduate honorary mention.

Marc Petrequin (United States of America), undergraduate winner, observed: “It’s amazing how secluded we all see ourselves in relation to the rest of the world. Each day we adjust, or adjust to, a routine in places, time and actions that we think will best fit our interests for the present and future; everything else, like where our luxuries come from or where our weapons go is a distraction that has no relevance to the here and now.... Particularly with regards to this observation and my parents’ insistence, I decided to spend a summer semester abroad (in Poland) ...”

Amila Dzebic (Bosnia/Herzegovina) received undergraduate honorary mention

Adrian Acuna (Venezuela), ELTI winner, wrote about his experiences in different “homes” from his town of Guarenas,

“Berlin in the Mirror of Time” Art and Photography Exhibit



The UNC Charlotte German Club and members of this spring’s “Berlin in the Mirror of Time” study abroad program joined together to sponsor an exhibit of their experiences from the trip. The “Berlin in the Mirror of Time” Art and Photography Exhibit was held on April 15, 2007 in the College of Education building. The students showcased everything from tickets to souvenirs, even posters of photographs taken of Berlin and pictures taken on side excursions. The event concluded

with a movie created by Danilo Loor, one of the group’s participants. The movie



included photographs, video footage and a very moving musical score throughout. The event continued into the evening with dinner at the Waldhorn Restaurant attended by participants, friends, family, and the UNCC German Club.

The Office of Education Abroad thanks all the participants in this program, and the faculty director, **Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau** (Languages & Culture Studies), for organizing this event.

International Women's Day Celebrated at UNC Charlotte

On Thursday, March 22, 2007, UNC Charlotte held its second annual International Women's Day Celebration in the Storrs Gallery. The event was sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center with support from the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Women's Studies Program and the Department of Music. Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attended the event honoring individuals who have made an impact on the lives of women locally and globally. Inspirational words of welcome were shared by Ms. Elisa Rodriguez Gordon of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce. Also, the Women's Glee, in its second year at UNC Charlotte, sang pieces in both German and Spanish.



In the weeks leading up to the event, faculty, staff, and students were invited to nominate individuals from our campus community who embody the richness of internationalism and whose contributions make a difference in our lives everyday. Twenty women with different backgrounds, cultures, and roles on campus were nominated, and all were recognized individually in the ceremony. For more information, including a full listing of the honorees and photos, visit the OIP website at <http://www.oip.uncc.edu/intwomenday.htm>.

One of the keys to the success of this event is the collaborative efforts of the International Women's Day Planning Committee, because it unites the campus community in this important celebration



International Women's Day Celebration Attendees

Denise Medeiros (International Student/Scholar Office) and Melissa Chambers (formerly of the Office of Education Abroad) will highlight this campus-wide collaboration with a presentation at the national NAFAA: Association of International Educators conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota in May. Joining in this presentation will be colleagues from Medeiros' former institution, Cornell University, from whom UNC Charlotte has borrowed this tradition, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Washington.

For more information on International Women's Day history and celebrations around the world go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day.

UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Honorees 2007



For a full listing of the honorees please visit the OIP website at <http://www.oip.uncc.edu/intwomenday.htm>

UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Planning Committee & Featured Speaker (left to right)

Coral Wayland (Women's Studies Program)
Veronica Sichivitsa (Department of Music)
Sharon Jones (Multicultural Resource Center)
Rebecca Vincent (World Affairs Council of Charlotte)
Elisa Rodriguez Gordon (IWD Speaker)
Melissa Chambers (formerly of Education Abroad)
Jumanah Khan (Department of Electrical Engineering)
Denise Medeiros (Office of International Programs)



OIP Forms Community Advisory Council for International Programs

As part of its continuing work to advance the cause of internationalization on our campus through the community perspective, the Office of International Programs has formed a Community Advisory Council for International Programs. Its membership is drawn from a range of individuals in the Charlotte community representing both the private and public sectors. Their contributions will guide our program development both on and off campus. The council's main objective is to assist the University in preparing and graduating a global citizenry with a greater understanding of and appreciation for their interconnectedness to the world around them.



The group will serve in the following ways:

- Identify funds for education abroad scholarships;
- Articulate specific ways in which we can better prepare our graduates for a career in a multicultural and global context;
- Develop internships and service learning opportunities both in the community and abroad;
- Identify community leaders, speakers, and resources available to UNC Charlotte from the community;
- Advise on service projects for a global certificate program or other initiatives involving cooperation between international students and U.S. American students;
- Generate ideas for programs that engage the community with the UNC Charlotte campus;
- Identify ways in which the community can be involved with international events and how to encourage participation.

The Advisory Council had its inaugural meeting on March 3, 2007, and is composed of the following members, pictured above (left to right):

- Jennifer Watson-Roberts (Chair, Mecklenburg County Commission & UNC Charlotte Adjunct Faculty - International Studies)
- Catherine Hansen (Chief of Protocol, City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County)
- Ljubomir (LJ) Stambuk (Executive Director, World Affairs Council of Charlotte)
- Joan Brigham, M.D. (Community Member)
- David Stewart (Executive Director, International House of Charlotte)
- Alina MacNichol (Executive Director, Charlotte Sister Cities)
- Joël Gallegos (Executive Director, Office of International Programs)
- Kurt Waldthausen (Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic Germany) [Not Pictured]
- Michael Teden Esq., OBE (Honorary British Consul) [Not Pictured]

Study Abroad Participants Speak at Nihon Club Meeting

The Nihon Club (a group for UNC Charlotte students who share an interest in Japanese language and culture) recently invited former study abroad participants who had visited Japan to speak to club members and interested students about their experiences abroad. On April 18, 2007 Michael Eagle, Kyle Raub, and Jaime Singh presented their experiences at Gakushuin, Oita, and Obirin Universities (respectively). They shared pictures and experiences, and answered questions from students.



Kyle Raub, Michael Eagle & Jamie Singh
Speak to the Nihon Club

Kyle Raub, who studied at Oita University, in Oita, Japan, shared his experiences in a town far removed from bustling Tokyo. "There are a plethora of traditional houses, veggie/fruit stands, terraced hillsides, bamboo everywhere, awesome scenery, and

most importantly, seriously interesting locals who are a real treat

to engage." He also shared advice on studying at Oita, "Dr. Ishii's course 'Employment and Industrial Relations in Japan' ... awesome

class. Students are supplied with everything that they might need on campus above the usual (good [student] shop, travel agency, barber, etc.). They do a really good job. But keep in mind, the more Japanese you know here, the better. They speak English, but you'll move faster and more problem-free with Japanese. Oh, and the hiking, is amazing. Do partake."



Michael Eagle, who studied at Gakushuin University, had a very different story to tell, "Tokyo is the center of modern Japanese culture, and Gakushuin is the Imperial School, in the center of Tokyo." He emphasized that Gakushuin is a beautiful school, "especially in April. Tokyo is an international city. You can get food from all over the world, some of the best ramen places are in Gokokuji right next to Gakushuin."

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English Language Training Institute Faculty Professional Activities

In the last issue of *Global Perspective*, it was noted that faculty members in the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) provide the University, the community and their field with a strong resource in English as a Second Language (ESL). This is evident in the following recent professional activities in which they participated.

In November, **Nancy Pfingstag**, **Meriam Brown** and **Jill Morin** presented "From Classroom to Community: Activities for Authentic Communication" at the NAFSA Region VII conference in Charlotte, NC. In January, **Pfingstag** and **Brown** joined **Meg Morgan** (English Department) to present "Preparing Students to Succeed in U.S. MBA Programs" at the Thailand TESOL/Pan-Asian Consortium International Conference in Bangkok.

Denise Alvarez presented at two conferences recently: the 4th Annual TALGS (TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Students) conference at East Carolina University in February ("Supporting College-Level ESL Students in Academic Writing Development") and the 41st Annual TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Convention in Seattle, Washington in March ("ESL College Students' Difficulties with Research Writing"). Denise also presented in April an Instructional Technology Showcase for UNC Charlotte's Language Resource Center on an ESL pronunciation website in Canada.

At the recent TESOL conference in Seattle, **Rosemary Schmid** and Karen Stanley (Central Piedmont Community College) presented "Supporting Non-Native Speakers in College Composition Classes" and both were part of a colloquium, "Working for Job Security for Part-time Faculty." **Schmid** also led the discussion session, "Where Adjunct Faculty Are Treated Equitably." In addition, **Schmid** was elected to a three-year position on TESOL's Caucus Leaders Council, which acts as a liaison for the caucuses to the TESOL Central Office and to the TESOL Board of Directors. **Schmid** continues to teach a series of citizenship classes with the International House of Charlotte.

Allie Wall is on the Myers Park High School International Baccalaureate Leadership Committee (MPHS IB), helping bring workshops and presentations to IB students. She has coordinated several workshops with the Writing Resources Center at UNC Charlotte on the college application essay writing process for MPHS IB students. **Wall** is also a member of Ambassadors for International Studies at Charlotte Country Day School (CCDS), helping with CCDS's international exchanges with sister-cities and schools throughout the world.

In April, **Jeff Adams-Davis**, (Director, ELTI) and Denise Medeiros (International Student/Scholar Office) presented a brown-bag lunch discussion for the English Department on working with international students in writing classes.



ELTI Reception Area

For more information about any of these topics or areas of interest, please contact the faculty members listed above or **Jeff Adams-Davis** (see ELTI Faculty & OIP Staff contact information on page 10).

Study Abroad Participants Speak at Nihon Club Meeting (continued)

Jaime Singh tells yet another story of her time at Obirin University, in Tokyo, Japan. "I found that most of my



Aerial View of Tokyo, Japan

stress was a result of struggling with the simplest of tasks, such as laundry, cooking, and even taking a shower!"

She describes the University as "very different from ours." While it may come as no surprise, Jaime described the Japanese

language courses as "challenging." She talked about how easy it was for her to travel, and of the many places she visited while studying at Obirin, including Seoul, Kyoto, Osaka, Naha, Okinawa, and Nara. Her last bit of advice and reassurance was



Study Abroad Students Speak at
Nihon Club Meeting

"the important thing is that no matter how horrible you think your trip was, you'll always come back a changed person with a brand new perspective on life, and that's definitely worth a few minor mishaps."

Calendar of Events

May 1, 2007

The UNC Charlotte Office of Education Abroad
Faculty & Staff
Appreciation Luncheon
For more information, contact
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May 3, 2007

North Carolina World Trade Association (NCWTA)
2007 Annual Conference
UNC Charlotte, McKnight Hall
For Registration Information, visit: www.ncwta.org.

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The OIP Staff attends the College of Health & Human Services Building Dedication on April 13, 2007.



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