

International Festival brings celebration of diversity



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Dance performances were part of the displays at the festival.

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Being indoors on a sunny Saturday afternoon may not sound like the ideal way to shrug off a week's worth of work and stress, but that's what many people found themselves doing April 1 in the Benson University Center. Participating in such activities as having elaborate designs tattooed on their hands with Henna ink to shopping for uniquely shaped Kisii stones from Kenya, hundreds of people from the Winston-Salem area took part in the university's second annual International Festival.

The festival, funded primarily by the office of the dean of the college, was started as a one-day event nearly a year and a half ago in conjunction with last year's university theme "The Year of Globalization and Diversification" and was coordinated by the Benson staff.

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nizations such as the Center for International Studies, the office of Multicultural Affairs, Career Services and Student Union, but also by an enlarged schedule of events that spanned nearly a week. This broadened schedule included a March 30 job fair sponsored by career services that showcased opportunities for work abroad and a March 31 session aimed at exposing students to international volunteer service opportunities and study abroad opportunities offered by the univer-

sity. Joanna Iwata, the director of Benson, was excited about student participation in these two events in their inaugural year. "I believe there was in excess of 150 students who attended the job fair. We think that's pretty good for the first year," she said.

These weren't the only two programs new to this year's festival. The evening of March 31, the spotlight was on the Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble who conducted an African Dance Workshop and West End Mambo returned, performing an array of Latin American music, including the salsa. Indeed, the whole week seemed to be successful in accomplishing the fair's purpose in what Iwata described as "the need to broaden and heighten our awareness of the different cultures that make up our community."

Although these events brought new life and involvement to the fair, once again it was the collage of culture that marked the culmination of the week. April 1 also featured a schedule jam-packed

with performances.

Surrounding all of this were different activities such as Chinese calligraphy, Japanese origami and taste tests from around the world. The stage was filled with presentations that often mesmerized the crowd. The Karate Club showed how the art embodied the dichotomy of violence and grace by splitting boards in half; the golden handkerchiefs waving from the hands of the university Indian Dancers brought to life India's rich and storied culture, the silky sashes of the Triad Irish Dancers bouncing and catching air as the group skipped and pranced embodied the Celtic tradition, and *Los Viajeros* brought the Mexican tradition of the Mariachi Band to Winston-Salem. Even an acupuncture demonstration was given on April 1.

An eclectic mix of experiences such as the International Festival shows that something can be found indoors as soothing and relaxing as the rays of a sunny, spring afternoon.

New bookstore features include cafe, expanded inventory

By Robert Mullinax
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On April 5, Buzz Moser, the director of university stores, gave the hundreds of customers who entered his establishment a free cup of coffee and a look at the newly brand-new university Bookstore.

Among the primary changes, Moser specifically cited an expanded book selection, additional periodicals, a new Starbucks complete with pastries, a newly formed partnership with Office Depot and a new sound system.

Perhaps the most striking deviation from the old set up can be found in the fact that a staircase has been created connecting the upstairs bookstore and the downstairs textbook store. Also, seating for twenty is now available in the store and room for up to thirty people has been provided outside the store's walls.

Those who abhor those pesky bookstore waits at the beginning of each semester can also take heart in the creation of an eight-lane checkout system. Additionally, the brand new functional fireplace and chessboard conspire to give the bookstore an almost homey feel.

Moser was quick to point out that the bookstore has had in place a recently created program that provides, an alternative to online bookstores.

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order their books immediately after online registration ends and are allowed to pay for these textbooks with Deacon Dollars. Students are allowed to choose between used and new books, as well as have those books delivered right to their doorstep.

These present improvements are not the only ones that customers can look forward to enjoying at the university bookstore. SPROUTS, described by Moser as a "books on demand publisher," is currently in negotiation with the bookstore to digitize books and make these books purchasable within a printing time of eight minutes. Moser added that a deal with SPROUTS promised to add vast amounts of inventory to the bookstore.

"It just made perfect sense to improve our bookstore," Moser said.

The project was not entered into hap-

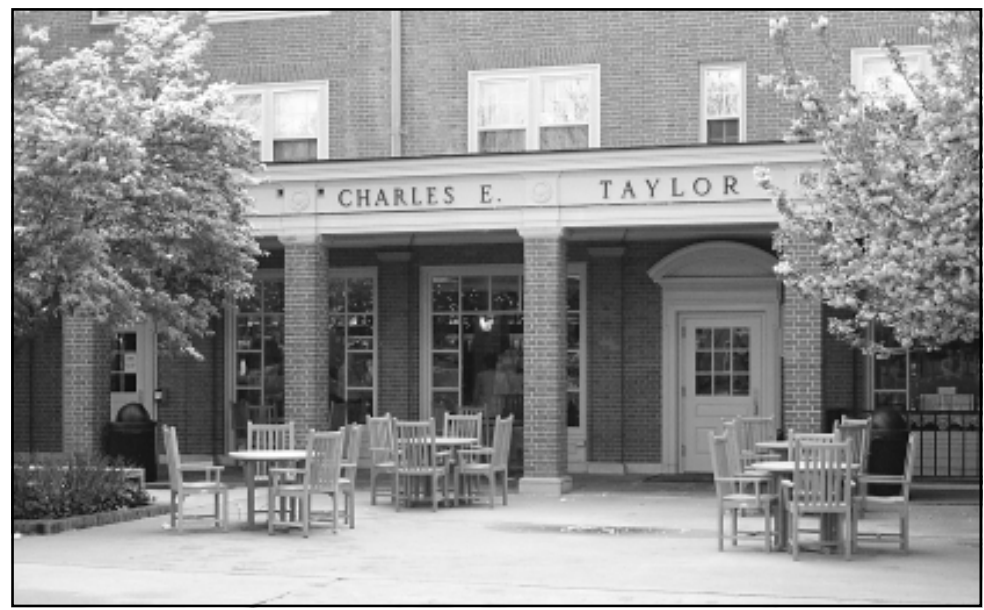
azardly. Moser painstakingly visited 20 universities around the nation over a period of several months collecting information and different ideas from their bookstores. Once the project was decided upon, the construction was swift.

Moser said that for some schools, projects of this caliber often take a little over a year. Here at the university, the project was completed almost three months to the day the decision was made to renovate the bookstore.

Moser quickly exalted the construction crews for working evenings and weekends with the singular goal of opening the improved store as soon as possible.

In spite of the much-needed improvements, some have suggested that perhaps a summer construction period was most convenient for everyone. However, Moser replied to these suggestions with the argument that even in summer, students, faculty and visitors need to use the bookstore. "There really is no good time to do this. It was not convenient, but we tried to make it as convenient as we could," Moser said. Despite the occasional critic, Moser says, "Anybody who has been in it says it is one of the more remarkable transitions they have seen."

Moser sees several advantages to the new additions, not the least of which involves a friendly customer service. "Anytime you improve your quality of



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The remodeled bookstore in Taylor House also features wood outdoor furniture to accommodate additional visitors.

life ... even if it's just with happier people, you feel better about things and that will translate into better customer services," Moser said.

These improvements pose a new challenge to the bookstore staff. Moser said that both he and other bookstore employees were going to have to be creative in dealing with the increased customer volume that is sure to follow improve-

ment. In spite of this challenge, Moser sees the new additions as promising for the bookstore itself and its role in the greater university community. "It'll be a place where people converse. A student and teacher in the same section may start up a conversation," Moser said.

"We are genuinely interested in improving and doing the things we need to do to improve," he said.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

Royall Scholarship recipients announced

Sophomore Jack Lynch, a Greek major, and junior William Walker, a classical studies minor, are the recipients of the 1999-2000 William Royall Scholarship Fund. Next fall, Lynch will study at Casa Artom, and Walker will participate in the College Year-in-Athens Program; both will use the cash awards to assist travel to sites at Athens and Rome.

Princeton math professor to lecture on wavelets

At 8 p.m. April 12 in Calloway 17, Ingrid Daubechies, a professor of mathematics at Princeton University, will lecture on the principles and applications of the wavelets, a new approach used in the analysis of sounds and images. Daubechies' speech, "Surfing with Wavelets" is the 1999-2000 Gentry Lecture.

Amnesty International, SEAC host event

The Student Environmental Action Coalition and the campus chapter of Amnesty International will hold an Earth Day celebration April 7. The event will be held 5p.m to 8 p.m. on the Magnolia Quad. The celebration will feature music, poetry and speeches focused on environmental themes. Booths will be set up by the local Sierra Club and the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project, as well as campus groups.

Institute of Literature hosts Princeton professor

There will be a guest lecture by Elaine Fantham, a professor of Latin at Princeton University, at 8:00 p.m. April 13 in Benson 410. Her subject will be "The Deviant Women in Virgil's *Aeneid*." This event is sponsored by the Institute of Literature.

D.C. financial consultant to lecture for Babcock series

At 2 p.m. April 7 in Worrell 1312, Marijke Jurgens-Dupree, an independent financial consultant in Washington, D.C. will give a lecture titled "From Concept to Reality: How to Raise a Billion Dollars."

The lecture is the fourth and final event in the Babcock Leadership Series; the lecture presentation is free and open to the public.

VSC sponsors carnival for Special Olympics children

From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 19, the Volunteer Service Corps will sponsor a carnival for children between kindergarten and the fifth grade who are involved in the Special Olympics program that is scheduled to be held at the Kentner Stadium.

Students that would like to help with staffing or creating booths, should contact senior Kelly Eckhardt at Ext. 6310 or freshman Sarah Mastalir at Ext. 1392.

Venice applications available until April 28

The application deadline for the 2001 Spring Semester in Venice, Italy, has been extended until April 28. Application forms are available in East 323. For more information, contact Candelas Gala, chairwoman of Romance Languages, at Ext. 5485 or email galacs@wfu.edu.

Student health sponsors panel with health experts

At 6:30 p.m. April 18 in Reynolds 308, the Allied Student Health Association is sponsoring a panel discussion with health professionals, including a physical therapist, nurse, dentist, athletic trainer and nutritionist. Students should attend to learn more about the application process, classes in post-graduate work and the daily routine. Any questions should be directed to senior Abby Wing at Ext. 1294.

Deacon Days will feature games, food and concert

Deacon Days will commence at 5 p.m. April 13 with a "Big Kids Game on the Quad." Festivities also include a Greek Step Show at 6:15 p.m. and a cookout on the patio Benson University Patio. A free concert with a mainstage act will conclude the event. Contact Paige Wilbanks at Ext. 4549 or e-mail wilbanp@wfu.edu for details.

Information session held for Worrell House

All students interested in learning about the fall 2001 Worrell House program should meet with faculty director James Barefield, a professor of history, and Paul Orser, London program coordinator and associate dean of freshmen, April 12. The meeting will begin 4:00 p.m. in Tribble A102.

Bahamas Field Research positions available

Places are still available for students considering enrolling in Anthropology 381A and B, Bahamas Field Research May 27 - June 25 on San Salvador Island. Students will be trained in the basics of archaeological excavation, survey and laboratory research.

An information session will be held 4:30 p.m. April 12 in the Museum of Anthropology classroom. For applications, students may contact Mary Jane Berman, an associate professor of anthropology, at berman@wfu.edu or download them at www.wdu.edu/~berman/.

Undergraduates asked to complete survey

This month, freshman, sophomores and juniors are being asked to complete the College Student Experience Questionnaire and seniors are being asked to complete the High Education Data Sharing Consortium Senior Survey. A large number of students are needed to complete the surveys in order to obtain valid results. Any questions about the surveys should be directed to Ross Griffith, the director of institutional research and aca-

democratic administration, at Ext. 5020 or e-mail griffith@wfu.edu.

Speakers visit campus for environmental symposium

As part of the State of the Environment Symposium held April 11-27, two speakers will be visiting campus to discuss the environment. Jan DeBlieu, whose book won the John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Natural History Writing, will speak at 9:30 a.m. April 11 in Winston 236 and then will read the same day from "Wind: How the Flow of Air Has Shaped Life, Myth and Land" 7 p.m. in Scales 102.

John Graham, a professor of policy and decision sciences at Harvard University, will discuss "Environmental Risks: Facts, Fears and the Unknown" 4 p.m. April 13 in Carswell 101. Later, Graham will speak on "Enriching the Precautionary Principle for Environmental Policy Makers," in Winston 234.

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