The annual IS fall picnic will be Saturday, September 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the SGA Pavilion at the Intramural Fields. All Majors/Minors and Faculty are invited. We will cook burgers and dogs and supply the drinks. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert.

Come meet your fellow students and the faculty outside the classroom.

The former president of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Carazo Odio, will deliver a talk “Change, Peace and Religion” on Monday, November 24 at 2:00 in the Library Auditorium. Before serving as president from 1978 to 1982, Carazo was the director of the central bank and General Manager for RECOPE (Costa Rica’s state-owned oil company). During his term he founded the University for Peace, an institution focused and dedicated on the study and promotion of world peace.

A number of IS majors have participated in study abroad programs during the past few semesters. Israel Butt studied in Japan during the spring semester. During the summer, Megan Partin participated in the USA-sponsored program in Xalapa, Mexico, David Altmayer and William Sweeney studied in France, and Tania Morris Diaz took courses in Argentina. For the first time this summer we had a student study in Africa. Christiana Smart participated in the CCSA program in Ghana. And Hanne Anderson did back-to-back programs in Japan and then the Czech Republic.

This fall, two IS majors will participate in the exchange program in Worms Germany: David Altmayer and Narine Karapeteyan. We wish them both well.
**Caldwell Scholarship Recipients 2008**

**Laura Hosford**, a Mobile native, received the 2008 Caldwell Scholarship: an award of $3,000 to help cover the cost of study abroad. Ms. Hosford attended Phillips Middle School and Davidson High School and is currently a sophomore here at USA majoring in Spanish with a minor in International Studies. Laura is also a member of USA’s women’s soccer team. With the support of the Caldwell scholarship, Laura attended USA’s Mexico program in Xalapa this summer and hopes to do a study abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina this fall. After graduating, she would like to pursue a graduate degree in translation at Georgia State.

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**Murphy High School Caldwell Scholarship**, a $1,000 scholarship, was presented to **James Andrew Camp**. James an All-American Scholar At-Large, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, played tennis and football for the Panthers, and has participated in numerous civic and service oriented projects during his high school career. He begins here at South this fall.

**Mrs. Caldwell**

On July 22, Mrs. Ivel (Patterson) Caldwell, age 95 and long-time friend of the International Studies program, passed away. Though born in New Orleans, Mrs. Caldwell spent her childhood in Mobile and was actually one of the first graduates of Murphy High School. The Caldwell Scholarship was created in honor of her and her late husband, Dr. James Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell attended all the luncheons, warmly congratulated all the student scholars, and welcomed back returning scholars. Her pleasant spirit touched the heart of so many of our students. More than anything, she wanted to see young people go out and experience the world.

**Caldwell Scholarship — look for announcements in Spring 2009**

- The Caldwell Scholarship is given annually to a student to help cover the costs of a study abroad program. The award is approximately $3,000.
- The award is open to any student in the College of Arts & Sciences. Minimum requirements include a 3.0 in the major and FL courses. The award must be used to participate in an established study abroad program.
- For more information or an application, go to the internet site or the Dept of Political Science.

**Internships in IS**

More and more students, including IS majors, are including an internship in their college programs. This past spring, **Shelley Turner** completed an internship with the Mobile International Festival and **Megan Partin** participated in a special internship with the IS program. **Brooke Hider** completed an internship this summer in San Pedro Sula Honduras.

This semester, **Hisashi Kojima** will be interning with the Mobile International Festival and **Colin Campbell** with the IS program.

**Mobile International Project**

IS Interns **Megan Partin** and **Colin Campbell** are putting together a publication entitled “Mobile International.” The work will contain current information and statistics on Mobile’s international connections including data on trade, finance and commerce, the number of foreign born residents, languages in the Mobile area, international programs at USA, etc.
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work the USA booth/table at The Mobile International Festival, November 20-22. Free admission included! Please sign up with Dr. Morris.

IS-Related STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ...

Sigma Iota Rho
This past spring, the first cohort of USA students were inducted into the International Studies Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho.

- Hanne Anderson
- Israel Butt
- Brooke Hider
- Kristina Meduna
- Tania Morris Diaz
- Shelley E. Turner

Requirements:
- International Studies major or minor
- Have completed 21 hours in your field of study
- Junior or Senior standing
- maintain GPA of 3.2 overall and 3.3 in the major
- national dues of $35.00 (due a month before the induction)

For more information, see Dr. Morris. For an application, visit the international studies web site.

Model United Nations
Globalization has made the world a smaller place. In such proximity to others, in order to facilitate a profitable outcome, it is necessary to be conscious of and educated about customs and cultures other than one’s own. MUN, model United Nations, offers a unique and fun manner in which to learn about the many, varied states that make up the international community. In taking part in a model United Nations conference, you learn, in detail, about one country and, in generalities, about many countries. Each year, South’s Model United Nations Club takes part in two national conferences. For the past two years, members have travelled to Las Vegas in the fall and New Orleans in the spring to do so. In addition to attending conferences, in the upcoming academic year, we hope to again host our own high school conference. (Hanne Anderson, Club officer)

Watch for announcements of meetings....

Amnesty International

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SEMESTER HAPPENINGS...(CLOSE UP)

Distinguished cultural anthropologist Dr. Leo Chavez of the University of California, Irvine, will talk at Spring Hill and USA. His talk, The Latino Threat: How the Media Constructs What We Think We Know About Latino Immigrants, will demonstrate how stories about immigrants in the media are used to malign an entire immigrant population. The media nurtures and perpetuates the notion that Latinos are an invading force that is destroying the American way of life. Dr. Chavez, whose research on Latino immigrants in the U.S. spans some 20 years, offers concrete evidence that counters the myths that Latinos are a threat to the security and prosperity of the United States.

Dr. Chavez will be speaking on Thursday, September 11 at 2 p.m. in HUMB 150 on the USA campus and again at 7pm in Byrne Hall on the campus of Spring Hill College. Dr. Chavez’ lecture is sponsored by the Quest for Social Justice, a Mobile-based Social Justice organization, with pending support from the College of Arts & Sciences and Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work.

ROUNDTABLE ON FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Discussion of the foreign policy positions, experience and foreign policy team of the presidential candidates with USA profs. Entessar, Husain, Moberg, Morris, Williams.

Monday, October 6, 7:00 pm
News from IS majors (past and present)

Melanie Hart (2006). Shortly after graduation, I worked for a real-estate agency translating documents - trying to help the community prepare for the large group of Germans coming to the area with the newly-landed Thyssen-Krupp Corporation. Shortly thereafter, Mr. George Romano, the principal from Mary G. Montgomery High School, called and offered me a job as the German instructor. I have been employed by MGM since July 2007 and have also been working with the Pan American Model United Nations Program (PAXMUN). I am now serving on senior staff for PAXMUN at the upcoming conference in November which is held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Aside from this, I am the club sponsor for both the MGM German Club and the MGM Model United Nations Club. MGM's MUN group will be attending Davidson’s Invitational Model UN conference (DIMUN) soon and plans to do very well. Additionally, a colleague and I are planning a trip to Germany for the German students at MGM. We will depart in June of 09 and stay a total of 10 days. The students and I both are looking forward to the trip!

Vicki Fulton (2005). Since graduating from the University of South Alabama, I have been serving in Bolivia as a Peace Corps Volunteer. My experience in this country has taught me to open up even further to new cultures and better appreciate the people that make up our world. I have been working as an Integrated Education volunteer in Punata, Cochabamba. I mostly work with children in the areas of literacy, nutrition, health, and hygiene. My work here has been tough at times as I struggle to meet the needs of my community while implementing sustainable projects that may continue after my time here is over. That time is drawing near. I will be leaving Punata on July 30th of this year and I can’t help but wonder what difference I have made. I can’t say for sure if I have succeeded in forever changing the behavior of the children I have worked with. I can’t promise that each one will now wash their hands before eating, brush their teeth twice a day, eat nutritiously balanced meals, or remember the difference between the letter N and M. No, I can’t say for sure if I have contributed significantly to the development of my host community. So, why bother? One might ask upon my return to the U.S. Why bother? I bothered because the United States needs better representation abroad. Because, I can say for sure that I have made life long friends in Bolivia — with Bolivians that knew nothing of Gringos before me other than the greedy, warmongering, drug-addicted ideas they get from movies, media, or the actions of our government. U.S. and Bolivian relations have always been and continue to be shaky. We are thought of as spies and must overcome this by proving our loyalty to a culture that cannot help but suspect us. I feel confident that I have reached this goal in my community. That is the importance of my service. That is the value of Peace Corps. I return to the U.S. forever changed by my experiences here and forever grateful to Bolivia for that change.

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Hanne Anderson (Study Abroad, Summer 2008) My first venture away from home saw me half way around the world, spending a month in Japan. Japan was at the same time all I had expected and everything I had not. This seeming contradiction is none too fitting in a land where simple, natural beauty is juxtaposed to several of the world’s megacities, places that rival New York City in energy and Las Vegas in brightness. In Japan, I was for the first time in my life the minority. In one of the most homogeneous countries, everything about me from my height to my blue eyes to my blond hair served as a billboard telling others that I was foreign. It was a game of “Where’s Waldo” made very easy. Despite this, it was I alone that seemed to notice these differences. In a country and culture that is reserved, quiet, shy, the Japanese students were warm and friendly, eager even to get to know me and the other students in the same program as I. They stepped out of what I imagine to be their comfort zone to make us feel more comfortable. In returning home after a month in Japan, I returned a different person than the one who left, but I had little time to reflect on this fact, leaving for Europe only nine days later.

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Tania Morris Diaz at Iguazu falls during study abroad in Argentina
Many new faculty with an international interest are joining USA this fall...

- The History Dept welcomes Mollie Lewis, Ph.D. Emory University, who specializes in 20th century Argentina. Dr. Lewis will teach Latin American history courses, including a new course on Latin American popular culture in the spring.
- The Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature adds a number of faculty: Dr. Mihaela Marin, Ph.D. Tulane University, specializes in 19th century French Literature and Visual Arts; Dr. Christine Rinne, Ph.D. Indiana University, specializes in 19th Century German Literature and Culture; and Jenny Hall, M.A. University of Alabama, specializes in linguistics and will be teaching Spanish. The department also welcomes as adjuncts Dr. Arilyn Sturtz, Ph.D. Washington University, who will teach Greek, and Mirella Chavez, Greg Roper, and Courtney Dreibelbis who will teach Spanish and Roberta Biachenthinal will teach Italian: two new languages in the Self-Instructional Program.
- Rajiv Thakur is joining the Dept of Earth Sciences and will teach GEO 312 (World Economic Geography) and will probably develop a course on the geography of Asia.
- The dept of Anthropology welcomes Genevra Murray, who is completing her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms Murray has conducted extensive field research in Turkey and specializes in the state and human rights. Hopefully she will develop a course for the IS program.

FH-WORMS / USA MITCHELL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS — SUMMER STUDY ABROAD “DOING BUSINESS IN GERMANY” — May 14 – June 12, 2009*
A COLLABORATIVE USA STUDY ABROAD/EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, WORMS, GERMANY

COURSES (classes daily, taught in English):
• International Business – How to do Business in Germany (3 credits/Course Equivalent TBA)
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PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES: FH Worms fee: Euro 2,500.00*

Contact the Office of International Education for information on program advising and approval procedures. For more information come to Alpha Hall East 320, email or check the web at: intledu@usouthal.edu http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/exchange.htm

Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007… still pending…

The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007 (H.R. 1469, S.991) creates a program to significantly enhance the global competitiveness and international knowledge base of the United States by ensuring that more undergraduate students have the opportunity to acquire foreign language skills and international knowledge through significantly expanded study abroad. This legislation creates a national program that will establish study abroad as the norm, not the exception, for undergraduate students. (From NAFSA.news). The goal is to have 1,000,000 students participate in study abroad. In July, the Senate voted down an omnibus bill that included S 991. HR 1469 was passed by the House in 2007.
The following is a selected list of sources. If needed, ask a Reference Librarian for assistance, 251-460-7025, or email us at webref@jaguar1.usouthal.edu

**BOOK STACKS**

- *Careers in International Affairs.* Book stacks JZ 1238 .U6 C37 2003
- *Careers in International Law.* Book stacks KZ 1238 .U55 C37 2001
- *In the Know in Mexico and Central America: ...Guide to Working and Living Abroad.* Book stacks F 1210 .P46 2001

**REFERENCE BOOKS**

- *Directory of International Internships.* Ref. Directories LC 1072 .I58 D57
- *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad.* Ref. Directories LB 2375 .F574
- *Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers.* Ref. Career P 60 .R25 2005
- *Study Abroad.* Ref. Directories LB 2376 .S788

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES** (Search for University Library Electronic Books in SOUTHcat)

- *Careers for Travel Buffs and Other Restless Types.*

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**Courtesy of USA Library**
My latest travels saw me for 5 ½ weeks in Europe, primarily in the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, a city with as many names as beautiful sites. Though I came for educational purposes, the education I received did not come oddly enough from any of the classes I took, any of the strictly academic components. I do not mean to discount their value, only to say that they pale in comparison to what I learned from the people I met. While I took a great deal away from Czech culture and people, those who made the most significant impression on me was a group of girls from a place as removed from me as possible, Kazakhstan, the country so unflatteringly portrayed in the movie *Borat*.

While I knew Kazakhstan was likely not even a small bit like the movie that brought it Western visibility, I had no real idea what it might be instead or, what is more, what its people were like. Born into the Soviet Union and communism, these girls the same age as I, now dream of a life outside of Kazakhstan. However, due to the system of government in Kazakhstan, something completely beyond their control, their dreams may never come true. Freedom to travel was something I took for granted prior to this trip. I had never realized what a luxury it was until I met people that did not enjoy the same. For me it as simple as applying for a passport; for much of the rest of the world, it is far more complicated, more difficult and arduous. After only a month together, I do not presume to suppose that I understand this vast country and diverse people, but at the least, I have had a glimpse into their lives, a chance to see the world through their eyes. They accepted me as if I was one of them. They opened their hearts to me and opened my eyes to the world around me and for this I will be eternally grateful to them. I had no idea what to expect of people from Kazakhstan, but they exceeded any expectations I could have had. Their character is something which is difficult to describe, but impossible to forget.

I have at the end of any and all of my travel ventures an odd dual sense of complete fulfillment and utter emptiness. Though I learn a tremendous amount in my time spent away from home, I realize still how little I know, that I have taken things for granted and, what is worse, had previously failed even to realize that I did so. Study abroad is an educational, but more importantly, enlightening experience, for even short visits to countries offer more insight into the true culture, sentiments, and politics of the state than all the reading in the world. It is for this reason that I hope and strive to take part in as many study abroad programs as possible.
Special Classes for SPRING 2009

- GEO 312 World Eco Geography (W), TBA
- HY 104 Asian Civ. II, MWF 10:10 & R 6:00, Miller
- HY 368 Japan, MWF 9:05, Miller
- HY 429-Latin American Popular Culture, MWF 2:30, Lewis
- HY465 Stud History of Islamic Civ.: Orientalism and Western Historiography of Islamic Civilization, TR, 2:00 Williams
- IS 492 Seminar on Terrorism, S 9:00, Husain
- IS 495 Senior Seminar, TR, 11:00, Morris
- LG 431 Hispanic Civ , TBA
- PSC 250 Comp. Pol , MWF 9:05, Morris
- PSC 251 World Leaders, M 6:00, Husain
- PSC 270 Inter. Relations , ON LINE, Entessar
- PSC 368 Pol South Asia (W), W 6:00, Husain
- PSC 470 Adv Stud IR: IRAQ, S, 1:00, Husain

Study Abroad Workshop October 21, 3:30 pm, Room 214

This is your chance to learn more about Study Abroad opportunities like the where?, the how?, the when?, and the how much?. In addition to meeting Ana Burgamy of the Office of International Education, fellow students who have studied abroad and lived to tell the tale will be there to offer a brief presentation.

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PIZZA/ refreshments...

Check the Web Site for information on the IS program, the Caldwell scholarship, links to information and more.

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