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Briefly...

Finnish Scholar to Speak on globalization

Matti Savolainen, visiting professor of literature from the University of Oulu in Finland, will give a talk on globalization and literature on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Cameron Auditorium. The lecture is titled "Challenges of Globalization and Their Ramifications for Literary Study." Savolainen is visiting UNCW as part of an exchange program with the University of Oulu. He has published extensively on popular culture, William Faulkner, William Burroughs, Edward Said and Deconstruction. Savolainen will answer questions on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. in the University Union, room 100-B. Both appearances are free and open to the public.

Sigma Tau Delta sponsors concert

Kevin Gordon will perform his "primitive roots rock with a heavy dose of the blues" in the Hawk's Nest Nov. 9 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sigma Tau Delta, the Creative Writing Graduate Association, the department of English and the English club, Chapter One, are sponsoring the concert. Gordon's latest album, *Down to the Well*, is described by *The Washington Post* as "capturing the voice and dilemma of the Southern working class, caught between big dreams and shoddy surroundings." The album will be available for purchase at the concert.

Alpha Phi Omega holds national service week

Co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will hold its national service week from Nov. 6 to Nov. 12. It is one of the largest college service events held in the United States. The individual Chapters sponsor campus and community projects throughout the country to draw attention to a cause. This year's theme is "Nurturing the Leaders of the Twenty-first Century." For more information, call the Greek Affairs Office at 962-3119.

Latino Fest promotes cultural understanding

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The scent of spicy foods and the sound of brassy horns filled Hugh McRae Park during Saturday's third annual Latino Festival. Festival-goers could hear as many people speaking Spanish as they did English. The festival was started by a group of Wilmington residents of Hispanic descent who wanted to promote cross-cultural understanding and to help businesses and people who need services connect.

"It's a great service because it's only once a year that the Hispanic community gets all together," Amigos International Outreach Director Stefanny St. Laurent said. "This gives (the businesses) access."

The first thing a festival-goer saw was a line of food vendors. There were three booths serving Puerto Rican food, five Mexican, one each Cuban, Venezuelan, Costa Rican and El Salvadoran vendors,



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A booth selling Mexican food like tamales, tortillas and salsa

two Honduran and two Colombian booths. Senior Lauren Crawford attended to the festival last year, and said her favorite part was the food.

"I like the Mexican food the best," she said. "It has the most flavor."

The vendors were a mix of restaurants, like La Fondita, a Mexican restaurant, to the Joyce family. The Joyces, from Colombia, were selling empanadas, tortillas stuffed with meat and potatoes, to raise money so they could go to Colombia for Christmas.

"We haven't been there for Christmas for 20 years," Charles Joyce said. "I would really like to be there for Christmas."

Also among the vendors were the UNCW Spanish Club and Amigos International, a group that grew out of the Latino Festival last year.

The Spanish Club was selling nachos and sodas to raise money for their spring break service trip. President Almitra Medina said she wanted to keep the cost of the trip around \$1,000. Last year, the club went to Guatemala and helped with a "guardereria," which Medina described as a sort of a combination of a day care and a school, with

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Israeli major speaks on Mideast crisis

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Major Michael Oren of the Israeli military spoke in the Warwick Center Oct. 30 about historical and current issues in the Middle East.

Oren also has a Ph.D. from Princeton University in the history of the Middle East, and has written a book about the Six-Day War of 1967 in the Middle East.

Oren lectured about the Six-Day War, which took place in May and June of 1967, (referred as the June War by the Arabs), and how it relates to the recent outbreak of violence in the Middle East.

The Six-Day war started when Egypt blockaded the Gulf of Aqaba in southern Israel in mid-May, 1967. On June 5, the Israelis attacked the Arabs.

"Everything since then has been an attempt to resolve the conflict of those six days thirty-three years ago," Oren said.

The religious differences are a big issue with the Israelis and Arabs. The

Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, holy to both Jews and Muslims, is currently a Muslim mosque. The building is located on Temple Mount, the site of Solomon's Temple. Christians during the Middle Ages believed that the building was the same for the temple and the mosque. The building is home to the Wailing Wall, which is considered by the Jews to be the only remnant of the second temple. It is also sacred to the Muslims, who say it is the place where Mohammed ascended to heaven. The wall separates the old city of Jerusalem from the new.

According to Oren, the Israelis wanted to share the sovereignty of the city and agree to an international trusteeship of the temple. The Arabs rejected the offer. The Israelis have presented the Arabs with many treaties, which the Arabs have turned down. Oren said there will be "no peace between Israel and the Arab nation."

The Chancellor's office, Leadership Center and Student Affairs sponsored

Oren's lecture. Frank Block, a member of the UNCW board of trustees, is a personal friend of Oren. Block learned that Oren was going to be in the U.S. for a short time and asked if the university would be interested in having him speak.

Carolyn Farley of the Leadership Center said that Oren was brought to UNCW because of the "timeliness of his knowledge," and that with everything going on in the Middle East right now, many thought that Oren would be able to help inform the students. Farley says that Oren's lecture would be beneficial by "knowing that students are currently studying the issues."

"(The lecture) is an opportunity to provoke the level of thought for students," Farley said. "(I) appreciated his knowledge of the history of the region."

Farley added that the Leadership Center along with Dr. Don Habibi, associate professor in the department of philosophy and religion, and a few community members are putting together a forum of the Palestinian side.