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CROSSING BORDERS — Members of the International Heritage Society are (from left): Bernardette Lesperance and Robert Mitton from Haiti; Chris Quander and John Quander from Barbados; Matthew Dixon, Donna Lee, Andrei Cuffe, Andre Russell from Jamaica; Laila Ghafur and Joel Street from Trinidad and Tobago; Kwabena Boakye from Ghana; Soyini Goodluck from St. Vincent; Palomita Moreno from Mexico; Abraham Walker from Liberia; and Abdoulaye Foula from Senegal.

Three faculty win Garner recognition

By MADELINE WALLS

North Carolina Wesleyan College announced three faculty recipients of the Leslie H. and Evelyn G. Garner Faculty Leadership Awards for 2000-2001.

The recipients are Drs. Marshall Brooks, Erica Kosal, and Carol Lawrence. They were recommended by the faculty's professional development committee and the vice president for academic affairs.

The joint proposal by Dr. Brooks, a professor of education and now vice-president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and Biology Professor Dr. Kosal, was to begin a campus "greening" initiative and to identify and organize environmental volunteer opportunities for our students. They requested funds to research and collect resources, receive training, identify and organize volunteer opportunities, and to organize campus forums.

"Our aim is to generate long-term programs on campus such as recycling, composting, and establishing a nature preserve, in which the students can help plan, facilitate, and train others," said Dr. Brooks. "This will not only provide valuable experience, but

it will strengthen our campus unity and potentially bring in outside community members. For example, we are interested exploring how Wesleyan's natural areas can be used as an environmental education resource for the community.

"We believe some of the campus' areas could be developed as a 'living laboratory.' We envision our students being involved in the planning and maintenance of such areas, and potentially lead tours for school groups," he said. "These areas would then provide the community and region a resource for learning more about sustainable environmental practices."

Dr. Carol Lawrence, professor of mathematics, received her Garner Faculty Leadership Award for her proposal to fund software to incorporate technology into existing mathematics classes. She has purchased computer algebra software.

"People who pursue mathematics-related careers are using the computer in the process of 'doing' the quantitative analyses needed in the workplace," said Lawrence. "For instance, students

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'After Thanksgiving' dinner feeds exchange of cultures

By LAILA GHAFUR
President, IHS

After a busy semester, the International Heritage Society finally undertook its first activity of the semester. President Charles Glassick was kind enough to extend a warm invitation to the group to have its annual international dinner at his home.

This event took place on Nov. 28 as an After Thanksgiving Cuisine. There was a variety of traditional dishes served at the dinner.

Each member prepared a dish from his or her native country. There were dishes from Haiti, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad, Ghana, St. Vincent, Mexico, Liberia, Senegal, and lots more.

Vice President Palomita Moreno prepared a typical Mexican dish called "Quesadillas." President Laila Ghafur and Joel Street prepared the traditional dish from Trinidad called "Roti" which is curried chicken, curried potatoes, and chana all wrapped in a flour pastry.

Abraham Walker and Demar Payne prepared "Jellof Rice" which is a traditional dish from Liberia that is served every Thanksgiving. Soyini Goodluck prepared a dish from St. Vincent called "Pelau" which is brown rice mixed with peas and chicken. This is just a taste of the many dishes that were served at the dinner.

Also, Vice President Palomita Moreno is in the process of developing a web page for the developing group.

'Nutcracker' will turn Dunn Center into ice

Come see the Dunn Center Stage transformed tonight into a professional ice rink made of real ice when the "Nutcracker on Ice" is performed at 7:30 p.m. by the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet.

This magnificent production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" made its world premiere in the United States in 1996. The full-length production is the largest

theatrical show of its kind. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$38 for seniors and students 17 and under. Tickets are available from the Belk Box Office, or by calling 985-5197.

Before the performance of "Nutcracker on Ice," from 6-7 p.m. join in celebrating the holiday spirit with the lighting of the 40-foot Christmas tree, singing

carols, and a visit by Santa Claus.

A company of 35 champion ice dancers in the tradition of the world-renowned Kirov Ballet in a unique combination of art and entertainment will grace the stage with more than 100 costumes and full opera house sets in the grand Russian tradition. The production appeals to audiences of all ages with its special magic that is cre-

ated as the theatre is transformed into a skating paradise. Since 1967 The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet has performed more than 5,000 performances of "Swan Lake," "Sleeping Beauty," "Romeo and Juliet," and "The Nutcracker" worldwide.

"The production recalled the grand traditions of Russian ballet with lush production values, lav-

ish costuming, and exquisite choreography. "The performance was at once intimate and larger than life," said American Skating World.

The performance is produced by Park Avenue Theatrical Group, out of New York City. It is sponsored in part by Oldies 107.9 FM and Roanoke Valley Ice Company in Roanoke Rapids.