

University Kicks Off International Education Week

UNC celebrates international studies

By JOELLE RUBEN
Staff Writer

The University kicked off its International Education Week on Monday with a private reception for applicants and past recipients of the prestigious Fulbright scholarship.

Provost Robert Shelton, who opened the event by speaking about the University's commitment to international affairs, first thanked his mother — whose birthday was Monday — for encouraging him to study abroad.

He then introduced speaker Harriet Fulbright, wife of the late Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark.

Her distinguished career in public service includes a former role as executive director of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and her presidency of the

Fulbright International Center.

Her late husband was instrumental in implementing public policy — including the resolution that led to the establishment of the United Nations — before founding the Fulbright Program for international education.

The private reception, held on the second floor of Wilson Library, was intended for applicants and past participants of the Fulbright Program. Nearly 80 UNC faculty, students and staff have received various Fulbright awards in the past five years.

International Education Week is sponsored by the U.S. departments of Education and State to promote greater understanding among students from different nations.

President George W. Bush distributed a letter last week that thanked participating schools and universities for their commit-

ment to worldwide educational exchange.

In Monday's speech, Harriet Fulbright focused on the career of her husband, who served on the Senate from 1945-74.

J. William Fulbright, who attended the University of Arkansas, first left the country when he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University in England.

The cultural sensitivity he gained during this experience would later influence his career in public service. Harriet Fulbright said her husband's trademark was his thorough research of a country's history and culture before presenting his position on political issues. "The single most important role of a legislator in his opinion was that of educator," she said.

Harriet Fulbright added that this respect for each country's viewpoint is especially important as the country stands on the brink of international conflict.

"Nationalism is the single most powerful force of contemporary world politics,"

she said. "It is also the most dangerous."

This is the second year the University Center for International Studies has coordinated on-campus events for International Education Week.

The week will include an international film festival and a forum on issues such as global justice and immigration identity. A complete list of events can be accessed at <http://www.unc.edu/news/newsserv/univ/nov02/internateduc110502.html>.

UCIS Associate Director Niklaus Steiner said the week showcases the increasing global emphasis of UNC's education and recent changes to the state — including an influx of migrant workers and international high-tech industries. "As a flagship institution, it makes sense that we would mirror the changes to the state and educate our students on these changes."

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Harriet Fulbright, the widow of former Sen. J. William Fulbright, delivers a speech Monday as part of International Education Week.

Campus Calendar

Today

10 a.m. — The Campus Y Health Focus will be holding a Bone Marrow Registry Drive until 4 p.m. in the ground floor of the new Student Union. Minorities are greatly underrepresented in the National Bank.
1 p.m. — The University Center for

International Studies is hosting an International Volunteer Internship Presentation: "Tales of an International Travel Addict (and How to Support the Habit)," in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

2 p.m. — Peace Corps will hold an informational workshop and panel discussion in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall. Interested in joining the Peace Corps? Get a personal perspective of Peace

Corps life as past members come together to discuss their international experiences.

3 p.m. — The University Center for International Studies is holding a Rockefeller Forum: "On Common Ground: Negotiating 'Otherness' Across Campus," in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

4 p.m. — The Department of Geography presents "Latino Spaces in North Carolina," a short talk and video, in 215 Saunders Hall.

6 p.m. — Come out to Masala's general body meeting in Union 224 today to learn about Sangam.

7 p.m. — Please join ChoiceUSA

members for a viewing and discussion of the film "If These Walls Could Talk" in 313 Dey Hall. Visit <http://www.unc.edu/choice> for more details.

7:30 p.m. — Hispanic Integration Program is having a general meeting in 222 Greenlaw Hall. The video "A Day Without a Mexican" will be shown. Come to learn more about the vital role migrant labor plays in the U.S. economy.

7:30 p.m. — You are invited to an evening of poetry with Polish poet Piotr Sommer in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall presented by Iowa Writers Workshop and UNC Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

9:30 p.m. — Zimfest '02, sponsored by Students for Students International, will be held at Avalon until 3 a.m. The concert will include performances by Only Midnight, Allday Afternoon and Satellite Down. All proceeds go to support scholarships for students in Zimbabwe.

Hashagen Proposes Honor Code Reform

SACC member has list of system changes

By LYNNE SHALLCROSS
Staff Writer

One student leader has created the first concrete student-drafted list of changes for the honor system since the chancellor-appointed task force reviewed the system last year.

In his report, senior Fred Hashagen, a member of the Student Advisory Committees to the Chancellor and to the UNC Board of Trustees, suggests

that the University more clearly define honor and integrity and make honor a more tangible concept on campus.

He also calls for disallowing students who are convicted of an honor violation to graduate with distinction or honors, creating an "honor distinction" for graduating seniors and bringing honor into the application process with a possible question asking applicants to define what honor is to them.

Hashagen sent the proposals to many members of the administration, faculty and Student Congress, and he said he has been pleased with the reactions so far.

"People have indicated positive responses to at least portions of my proposal," Hashagen said.

Although he gave the report to six students on the Committee on Student Conduct, Chairwoman Judith Wegner was surprised to hear of Hashagen's ideas. COSC is the committee heading the ongoing Honor Code review, but Wegner had not yet seen Hashagen's proposals.

Hashagen said that after giving the report to the student members of COSC, he left it in their hands whether to pass it on to Wegner.

In Hashagen's opinion, COSC isn't necessarily the right place to ultimately implement these changes because his proposal will not, for the most part, change the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance or the Student Code.

Wegner said although COSC welcomes all recommendations, the best time to investigate Hashagen's ideas most likely would be after COSC finishes its revision of the instrument, scheduled for completion at the end of the semester.

"If (Hashagen) or anyone else has thoughts, I say please pass them on," Wegner said. "It's not too late, but our commitment is to get something together and present it to the chancellor, the Faculty Council and Student Congress by the end of the semester."

Hashagen said that his proposals are far from finished and that he looks forward to input from members of the campus community. "There certainly is room for a lot of discussion with these proposals," Hashagen said. "Nothing negative can come from a serious dialogue on honor."

As a member of SACC, Hashagen said that he got the feeling much of the focus in the revision of the honor system is on making it more publicized but that he doesn't think publicity is the main flaw in the system.

"It's kind of like advertising for a product that you give a name to but you never see it or know what it does," Hashagen said. "I don't think people are unaware that there's an honor system. However, I do think that people are unable to put their finger on the broader concepts of honor and integrity, and that to me is where the discussion should start."

Hashagen also said he has been pleased with the amount of acceptance he and his proposals have received.

"For me, one of the most encouraging parts of this proposal has been everyone's willingness to let me join this discussion," Hashagen said. "That willingness to empower all students to join the process is a very encouraging sign."

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International Education Week

Interested in an international internship or working for the Peace Corps?
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Tuesday, November 19
Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

- 1:00 Tales of an International Travel Addict (and how to support the habit)
- 2:00 Peace Corps Informational Workshop
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