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Upcoming Events:

February 9, 2006, 2-3 pm
**Recruiting & Retaining
International Students**
KSC 318

February 15, 2006, 10am-12 pm
Understanding Misunderstanding
KSC 303

February 16, 2006, 9-11 am
**Teaching & Learning Across
Cultures**
KSC 309

February 21, 2:30-3:30 pm
Internationalizing the Curriculum
KSC Conference Suite

March 22, 2006, 10am-4pm
F?? Study Abroad Fair
KSC 204

April 11, 2006, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
F?? Awards Ceremony
Henderson Hall Auditorium

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International Affairs to Host Internationalization Workshops

by *Dr. Ken Cushner*

The Office of International Affairs was recently awarded a grant from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, to facilitate system-wide internationalization. These workshops are designed to achieve the following objectives:

To improve the skills of faculty and staff communicating across cultures and in understanding the international student and scholar experience; To improve understanding of the processes and experiences of teaching and learning across cultures; To increase understanding and involvement of faculty and staff in the recruitment and retention of international students; and, To increase student and faculty awareness and participation in study abroad.

Workshops will be offered once per month on the Kent campus and for one day on each regional campus that address the following topics: "Understanding Misunderstanding: Barriers to Cross-Cultural Communi-



The Sprite Gap is one of the narrowest streets in the world and can be found in Bursa, Turkey. Locals describe the street as mysterious and scary.

cation," a session on cross-cultural communication that includes a brief simulation; The International Student Experience: Recruiting, Welcoming and Retaining International Students in a Campus Community; Study Abroad Opportunities through Kent State University; Strategies to Internationalize your Campus; Teaching and Learning across Cultures; and a session on Internationalizing the Curriculum.

A schedule of times and locations is available at www.kent.edu/oia, or by calling 27980.

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Spring Study Abroad Fair to be Held in Kent Student Center

Phi Beta Delta has teamed up with KASADA (Kent Academic Support and Advising Association) to host a Study Abroad Fair on March 22, 2006. The Fair will be held in the Kent Student Center Room 204 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.. As a part of Phi Beta Delta's mission we would like to encourage students at Kent State to broaden their horizons through study abroad experiences. We are excited about this opportunity to work with KASADA on this endeavor.

STUDENTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA SETTLE IN AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Kent State University is very excited to have a new addition to our international student population – students from Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Arabian students were recruited and brought to campus through a new program and relationship with the country.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is sponsoring a significant number of their students to come to the United States to study and learn English. The United States is cooperating with Saudi Arabia and intends to issue 5,000 student visas to Saudis each year for the next five years. This cooperation will enhance internationalization efforts at American universities.

For Spring 2006 the Office of Admissions received 45 applications which translated into 9 enrolled students. It is anticipated that approximately an additional 40 students will join the university in Fall 2006.

Upon speaking with Hazim Al-Saleh, one of the new recruits about his experience thus far at Kent State, he feels that the people he has interacted with have all been very



A market in Puebla, Mexico adjacent to Universidad de los Americas. It is a common gathering place for students of UDLA.

helpful. Hazim stated, "Kent State is a well organized university and I feel like I know it from a long time ago, the people here are all so helpful."

Hazim has never before been to the United States and is thus far enjoying his stay as he studies English as a Second Language to prepare for his goal of acquiring a Masters of Business Administration. He chose Kent based on the safeness of the campus and the availability of his major of interest. He is looking forward to what the semester has in store and his time spent at Kent State. We are very excited and honored to have a new group of students such as Hazim join the Kent State University community.