



The University of South Alabama's Model United Nation's Program has made some outstanding

achievements during the fall semester 2006 and has some very exciting things planned for spring 2007. The group attended the PAXMUN Model United Nation's conference in Las Vegas, Nevada in November of 2006 to discuss pressing issues in our world such as: Nuclear Energy and the Environment, the Situation in Lebanon, Funding for the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), and World Food Programme Responses to Natural Disasters: the Hunger Crisis in Guatemala. Only nine students from USA were chosen to participate and they all did an excellent job!



Richard Soto, former Head Delegate for USA's MUN Program, won an award for Distinguished Delegate within the General Assembly Plenary representing the Russian Federation. All of the delegates, however, gave an outstanding display of diplomacy.

### *Report from Model UN Club*

In February of 2007 the group has plans to visit New Orleans, LA. for their first conference of the new year! There they will represent the United States of America, Yemen, Brazil, Bangladesh, and Peru. At this conference they will have to discuss such topics as: The Threat of Terrorist Acquisition and use of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Espionage and Information Security, The Security Implications of Nanotechnology, The Impact of Desertification and Drought on Developing Countries, The Role of Biotechnology in Development, and the Response to the "Triple Threat" In Southern Africa. The group is also planning to host their own conference in March at USA. This will be to further interests of participating in a college level MUN program for incoming high school students and for freshman undergraduate students as well. If you have any questions about the Model United Nations or are interested in joining please contact Melanie Hart at [usamodelun@yahoo.com](mailto:usamodelun@yahoo.com) or Dr. S. Morris in the Dept. of Political Science (251) 460-7200.

### *Report from USA's Chapter of Amnesty International*

This semester the USA chapter of Amnesty International will be focusing on the continent of Africa. We will spotlight the issues going on in Darfur, Chad, and Uganda. For the month of February we will be participating in the Beautification Project along with Circle K International. We are also going to have a Bake Sale and a movie showing towards the end of the month. The week of March 26-30 is Amnesty's National Week of Student Action and we plan to do demonstrations around campus.

In other news our Vice President graduated last semester and we wish him well. However, we have a vacancy so if anyone would like to apply please e-mail Merribel McKeever at [mem308@jaguar1.usouthal.edu](mailto:mem308@jaguar1.usouthal.edu). The Vice President must attend all meetings. Our next meeting is going to be February 6 at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come.



### **News from IS majors/minors**

**Ana Zeiger (Caldwell Scholar, 2003 grad)** -- has completed her training to become a Diplomatic Security Special Agent at the New York Field Office.

**Erin McGough (2005 grad)** – upon graduation, received a position here in Mobile with Catholic Social Services, Refugee Resettlement program. Erin is seeking volunteers to help in the program. See bulletin board.

**Emily Horton (Caldwell Scholar)** – has recently finished her two years with the Peace Corps in Paraguay and is currently traveling through South America for a few months before returning home, doing free lance photography.

**Laura Price (2005 grad)** — is currently a second year student at the University of Mississippi School of Law, continuing her international studies through the law program. Last summer, she traveled abroad and studied public/private international law and international trade at Cambridge. Laura is also the vice president of the Gorove Society (the international law society at Ole Miss).

**Joshua Gibson (2007 grad?)** — who will be graduating in May, has been nominated by the Peace Corps for a program in Eastern Europe as a secondary English teacher beginning in mid-May.

## USA at the Mobile International Festival

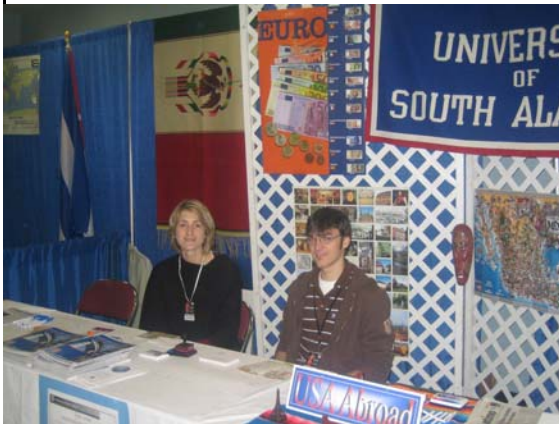
As it has done for the past five years or so, USA sponsored a booth at the Mobile International Festival to promote its various international academic programs and study abroad programs. The MIF hosted thousands of elementary, middle and high school students from the area on Thursday and Friday and the public on Saturday.



The booth provided general materials on USA and brochures on the International Studies program, the Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature, the study abroad programs in London and Mexico, and free pens. And for the first time, we engaged visitors with international trivia questions – though many (most –

all but one!) did not know the capital of Canada before their visit, they at least do now (btw – it is Ottawa).

Organized by Stephen Morris (Dept of Political Science) and Terri Wilbanks



(Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature), the USA booth was worked by faculty members Julie Biskner (Dept of Political Science) and Gloria Greenspun (Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature) and student volunteers Madilyn Gray, Chelsea Dean, Daniella Vasquez, Brittney Barnett, Tania Morris-Diaz, Memo Lumbreras, Beatriz Ben Ghorbal, Israel Butt, Kim Johnson, and Leah Dubuisson.

Amnesty International & International Studies Presents

## LOST BOYS OF SUDAN

A documentary by Megan Mylan and Jon Shenk

EMMY NOMINEE - INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARD WINNER



An award-winning documentary that follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America.

*"Fascinating!"*

Elvis Mitchell, New York Times

**February 28, 7:00 pm  
Room 150 HUMB**

## International Film Series

Sponsored by the  
Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature  
ALL FILMS 7:00 pm

**Schultze Gets the Blues** ( Germany, 2005 )(Unrated) Thursday  
February 1 -- Room 181 (German with subtitles)

**Untold Scandal** ( South Korea, 2003 ) (Unrated)  
Thursday February 8 -- Room 181 (Korean with subtitles)

**Los Olvidados** ( Spain, 1950 ) (Unrated)  
Thursday February 15 -- Room 181 (Spanish with subtitles)

**That Obscure Object of Desire** ( France, 1977 )(rated R)  
Thursday March 1 -- Library Auditorium (French with subtitles)

**Bratan Brother** ( Russia, 1997 )  
Thursday March 8 --Library Auditorium (Russian with subtitles)

**Paradise Now** (2005)  
Thursday March 29 -- Library Auditorium (Arabic with subtitles)

**Azúcar amarga** ( Cuba 1996 ) (Unrated)  
Thursday April 5 -- Library Auditorium (Spanish with subtitles)

For more information see the posters on campus or contact Maxanna Nichols-Lefebvre (461-1460) or Dr. Zoya Khan (461-1360).

**“What can someone  
with a degree in  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
actually do?”**

**Career & Graduate School  
Workshop**

Wed, March 27 at 3:00 pm  
Room 214 HUMB

We will talk about some of your options, answer questions and introduce you to the Career Services Center.



Pizza/Refreshments

## Experience the London Lifestyle

London Summer Studies: July 5-August 6, 2007



**The Lowdown:** We've teamed up with *Cooperative Center for Study Abroad* to offer you a unique learning experience.

**In a rut?** This is your chance to get cultured and experience London's diversity.

**The Sights:** Flash your London Travel Pass and your Britrail Pass as you journey with your classmates throughout Britain's hotspots... Imagine, you spending summer 2007 in London!

### COURSES:

#### **Literature / Cultural Studies: "The Crossroads: American Blues, Modern Literature and British Rock."**

Intersections of modern literature and popular music from the 1950s to the 1970s increasingly attract attention in English Studies. This course examines the crossroads of American blues, British rock, and modern literature through poetry by Hughes and Eliot, fiction by Baldwin and Bambara, blues lyrics by Hopkins, Johnson, and Rainey, and music by Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Etta James, the Beatles, Eric Clapton, and Traffic. Trips to London blues clubs and music venues in Liverpool and Leeds will complement class discussions about literature, music, and the transition from modernism to postmodernism.

#### **Communications: "Comparative Advertising Practices in the UK and US."**

The UK enjoys the largest share of the European advertising market with revenues totaling 3.3 billion in 2004. These revenues are projected to increase to 4 billion by the year 2009. This course examines advertising trends and practices in the UK and compares them to those in the US. Content includes analyzing advertising agency structures and client relationship, the use of on-line advertising, outdoor advertising and humor as a message tactic. Some visits to major advertising agencies are planned.

#### **History: "History of WWII."**

Students will learn about the Second World War from the vantage point of many of the major actors. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Allied Supreme Commander Dwight Eisenhower, and their subordinates directed the greatest war in history from London. This course will focus on the "Blitz" against London, the air war against "Fortress Europe," the invasion of Nazi-occupied France, and the "Grand Alliance" among Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union. The course will also place the European war in a global context.

For complete information about the Summer London Program and other CCSA offerings, visit: [www.ccsa.cc](http://www.ccsa.cc)

**Strapped for Cash?** No problem. Check out the financial aid link on USA's homepage to apply for scholarships. Or ask the program director about CCSA scholarships.

Yes, the program cost is \$4,895.00, plus tuition and registration fees.

Not only can you get tuition credit, you can also expect roundtrip airfare, room and board at the Hampstead Campus of King's College, and some meals. Plus, excursions to Stonehenge, Salisbury and a London subway/bus pass for 28 days.

**Application Deadline:** FEBRUARY 28, 2007.

**Further Information:** Grab a CCSA view book and application.

**Contact:** Dr. Woody Hannum ([ehannum@usouthal.edu](mailto:ehannum@usouthal.edu)), Program Director, Alpha East, Room 101. Or, contact Ana Burgamy ([aburgamy@usouthal.edu](mailto:aburgamy@usouthal.edu)), Programs Specialist at the USA International Programs Office, 320 Alpha Hall East, Main Campus.



### Faculty News

- **Dr. Isabel Brown** (Dept of Foreign Languages & Literature) is organizing the 54th annual conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies to be held in April in San Jose, Costa Rica.
- **Dr. Nader Entessar** (Dept of Political Science), published *Power Mafia: An Exploration in Kurdish Nationalism* (Tehran: Amir Kabir Publishers, 2006) [in Persian]. He also participated in a roundtable on "the Regional Aspects of Kurdish Nationalism" at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Boston in November.
- **Dr. Stephen Morris**, IS Director, will be giving two talks on Mexico at the University of Florida this February at the invitation of the Center for Latin American Studies.

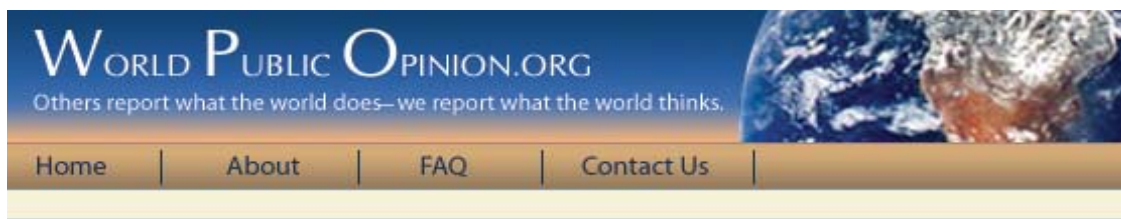
### Consultants Report on Study Abroad

The two consultants, Drs. Henthorne and Hudson, who visited last semester presented their report on international programs and study abroad.

The report made the following recommendations:

- Include international and study abroad education as an institutional priority.
- Establish the Office of Study Abroad and International Initiatives.
- Incorporate international and study abroad programs into faculty evaluation and reward system
- Use study abroad as a tool for recruitment, retention and development of faculty
  - Offer a variety of study abroad programs
  - Establish clear accountability for programs
  - Act now.

**“What nations don’t know can hurt them. The stakes involved in study abroad are that simple, that straightforward, and that important. For their own future and that of the nation. college graduates today must be internationally competent.”**  
**-The Lincoln Commission-**



## World View of US Role Goes From Bad to Worse

The global view of the United States’ role in world affairs has significantly deteriorated over the last year according to a BBC World Service poll of more than 26,000 people across 25 different countries.

As the United States government prepares to send a further 21,500 troops to Iraq, the survey reveals that three in four (73%) disapprove of how the US government has dealt with Iraq.

The poll shows that in the 18 countries that were previously polled, the average percentage saying that the United States is having a mainly positive influence in the world has dropped seven points from a year ago--from 36 percent to 29 percent after having already dropped four points the year before. Across all 25 countries polled, one citizen in two (49%) now says the US is playing a mainly negative role in the world.

Over two-thirds (68%) believe the US military presence in the Middle East provokes more conflict than it prevents and only 17 percent believes US troops there are a stabilizing force.

The poll shows that world citizens disapprove of the way the US government has handled all six of the foreign policy areas explored. After the Iraq war (73% disapproval), majorities across the 25 countries also disapprove of US handling of Guantanamo detainees (67%), the Israeli-Hezbollah war (65%), Iran’s nuclear program (60%), global warming (56%), and North Korea’s nuclear program (54%).

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