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## American and International Education Week begins on campus

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This year the American and International Education Week committee presents "Educating Across Cultures in the Global Society."

This is a week long campus celebration that will take place Nov. 16-21. It is a combination of American and International education weeks.

Traditionally celebrated separately, "we decided to join with American education week because they were being held the same time... it was very fitting to have the two together,"

said Office of International Programs, Program Assistant, Alicia Wallace.

American Education Week has been celebrated for 87 years. It debuted in December 1921. According to the National Education Association, "An education week...observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

International Education Week was first held in 2000 and today it is recognized in over

100 countries worldwide. It is an opportunity to highlight the benefits of international education and exchange globally. "Exchange programs broaden students' perspectives giving them the opportunity to make new friends, learn or perfect foreign languages, and adapt to unfamiliar cultures," stated US Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings.

Over the course of several days there will be events scattered around campus. They range from small intimate conversations in classrooms with faculty and students to an entire day dedicated to one country.

"All of the events are free and open to the public," said Wallace.

A few of the events featured are; "An Afternoon of Turkish Culture," Brown Bag Lunch series, and Darfur Awareness Day.

"Turkey continues to be a big focal point this year," said Wallace. "An Afternoon of Turkish Culture" occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 18th in Stallings Ballroom. "The main goal was to bring Turkish and African-Americans together. This event featured Turkish cuisine and former Ambassador of Turkey to the US Faruk Logoglu.

The Brown Bag Lunch series will occur Wednesday, Nov. 19th thru Friday, Nov. 21st from 12-1pm at the C.H. Moore building in room A-16. They are intimate conversations between faculty and students that will take place in the Office of International Programs. "Bag lunches are places that faculty and students have gone...so we really want to highlight those experiences to encourage more faculty to take students abroad, also highlight some of the research and experiences of faculty and students on campus," stated Wallace.

"One of the other events to highlight is Darfur aware-

ness which is being hosted by a UNST class."

"It was a class project...we were assigned to pick a position and put on the event and eventually it became more than a class project," said sophomore, Kaurie Daniels. She is a student in the UNST 216 Genocide in the Modern World course that was responsible for the Darfur Awareness day taking place on Wednesday, Nov. 19th in Stallings Ballroom from 6-9pm. "It was something we really wanted to do and we decided to go above and beyond what was

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