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WELCOME TO COSMICOS!

Greetings from Valdosta! Welcome to the latest edition of Cosmicos! This newsletter is a way for us to keep you updated and informed about Valdosta State University events and about how your fellow alumni are prospering. In order for us to continue to successfully publish this newsletter, we need your assistance. Please send us pictures, letters or anything else you feel is newsworthy about yourself. If you have changed careers, gotten married, or have an addition to your family please let us know. It is especially important that you keep us informed of your current address so that we can ensure that future mailings of Cosmicos are appropriately addressed to you.

INTERNATIONAL VSU COMMUNITY

The number of international students enrolled at Valdosta State University has been growing over the years. In Fall semester 2004, sixty-one new international students joined the VSU community. In addition to degree-seeking and exchange students, this group includes students sponsored by a variety of organizations, including the Georgia Rotary District, IREX, and CDS International, a German-American exchange program. There has been an increase in the number of students coming from Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Russia, and Turkmenistan. New Students met with the International Student Advisor, and they had an advising session and orientation on August 10, 2004. The purpose of the advising session and the orientation for international students was to prepare students for action, giving them the tools necessary to effectively engage in the collegiate culture. During the orientation week the new international students participated in a variety of activities like a campus tour, a welcome reception at the Center for International Programs, a movie night, and a dinner at the Christ's Fellowship Church. Some of the faculty who joined students at the welcome party included Dr. Barbas (Chemistry Department) and Mrs. Barbas, Dr. Kurt Keppler (Vice President for Student Affairs) and others.



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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAMS BRING OUTSTANDING FOREIGN STUDENTS TO VSU

VSU has again been selected as a host institution for a number of international organizations sponsoring international students for semester and year-long exchange programs. Some of the most popular programs include: Russian-U.S. Young leadership Fellows for Public Service Program, The Freedom Support Act (FSA) Undergraduate Program, and the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP). The Russian-U.S. Young leadership Fellows for Public Service Program is sponsored by the IREX Board and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Svetlana Kazakova from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Russia, is hosted by the Department of Social Work. The Freedom Support Act (FSA) Undergraduate

Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). VSU is hosting two FSA students this year: Nilufar Saidova, an Economics major from Samarkand State University in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, and Darya Mishyna, an Education major from Belarussian State University in Minsk, Belarus. Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) is sponsored by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS. The Department of Political Science and the Public Administration Program at VSU are hosting Ms. Victoria Antonova, Professor in the School of Humanities at Perm State Technical University in Perm, Russia.



Currently at VSU there are 221 international students representing 63 countries. The number of students and their respective countries are listed below:

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| Albania | 1 |
| Australia | 4 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 |
| Bahamas | 7 |
| Bangladesh | 1 |
| Belarus | 1 |
| Belize | 10 |
| Bolivia | 1 |
| Brazil | 3 |
| Bulgaria | 7 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 |
| Cameroon | 4 |
| Canada | 10 |
| Czech Republic | 2 |
| China | 7 |
| Colombia | 2 |
| Croatia | 1 |
| Cyprus | 3 |
| Ecuador | 2 |
| El Salvador | 3 |
| Fiji | 1 |
| France | 1 |
| Germany | 18 |
| Ghana | 1 |
| Greece | 1 |
| Honduras | 2 |
| Hungary | 2 |
| Iceland | 1 |
| India | 3 |
| Japan | 14 |
| Jamaica | 1 |
| Kenya | 8 |
| Korea | 3 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2 |
| Liberia | 2 |
| Lithuania | 3 |
| Mexico | 9 |
| Netherlands | 3 |
| Nigeria | 8 |
| Norway | 1 |
| Pakistan | 4 |
| Panama | 3 |
| Philippines | 1 |
| Russia | 12 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2 |
| Senegal | 2 |
| Slovakia | 1 |
| South Africa | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Suriname | 1 |
| Sweden | 2 |
| Tanzania | 1 |
| Thailand | 2 |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 1 |
| Turkmenistan | 11 |
| Uganda | 3 |
| Ukraine | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 11 |
| Uzbekistan | 2 |
| British Virgin Islands | 1 |
| Zambia | 2 |
| Zimbabwe | 1 |
| Total | 221 |

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NEW VSU 1101 COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A Freshmen Seminar, VSU 1101, was created for new international students. The two-hour credit course was developed by Ms. Irina McClellan, Dr. Pat Burns, and Mr. Wing Lee, to help international students adjust to student life in the United States and

succeed in their academic career at Valdosta State University. The course addresses the needs of transfer students as well as new incoming freshmen. The transition from a foreign institution to an American institution can be daunting. This course helps students un-

derstand the American educational system, improve study habits, increase awareness and use of university facilities and support services, as well as grow personally, socially, and intellectually.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN MPA PROGRAM

The number of international students enrolled in the Masters in Public Administration program at Valdosta State University has been increasing over the years. There are around ten students currently participating in the program, including students from Albania, Turkmenistan, Russia, Kenya, China, Bosnia, and Germany. International students bring diversity in the discussions and a different perspective in classroom lectures. The program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and

Administration (NASPAA). The MPA degree is designed to provide students with basic administrative skills that may be used in a variety of administrative careers. The program consists of 36 semester-hours of coursework, divided into core/required courses, guided electives, and a concentration area. A concentration in Public Sector Management is offered at King's Bay Naval Submarine Base and at Moody AFB, while a concentration in Public Personnel Management is offered at Moody AFB as an evening program. The

City Management track is offered exclusively on-line, and is designed for in-service professionals. An outstanding faculty serves the MPA program. In addition to holding a terminal degree in their field, most of the faculty members have practical management experience in public and non-governmental organizations. For more information you can contact the MPA Coordinator, Dr. Nolan J. Argyle, at nargyle@valdosta.edu.



EXCHANGE PROFESSOR FROM YANGZOU, CHINA

The Center for International programs has been cooperating with universities abroad that support teaching, study, and research activities for faculty at VSU. Yangzhou State University is one of the universities that collaborates with faculty at Valdosta State University. This semester, the Art Department is hosting a professor from our partner institution in China. Hao Gu is a Professor of Art at Yangzhou University. His field of expertise is pottery sculpture and modern sculpture. He is teaching ART 4180, a special topics course in ceramics for senior level art students. Professor Gu is working closely with Professor Michael Schmidt in the Art Department. In addition to his class, Professor Gu also is giving presentations and lectures to students and faculty across campus, and in area schools.

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BROWN SCHOLAR SELECTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Dr. Vrnda Chaitanya, a professor of Sociology with expertise in the history of Indian religious and philosophical traditions, is serving as the Brown Scholar for the 2004-2005 Academic Year. Dr. Chaitanya holds a BA and MA in History from Bombay University and a second MA and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. During the past two and a half years, Dr. Chaitanya has been in residence at the Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Coimbatore, India. Her program includes intensive studies in Hindu Philosophy, Vedanta – one of the world's most ancient traditions – and Sanskrit with Swamiji

Dayananda Saraswati, India's foremost scholar of Vedanta. Dr. Chaitanya is teaching a course on Hinduism this fall semester and will teach another special topics course in spring semester 2005 from her areas of specialization. Dr. Chaitanya will also give public lectures, present at conferences, and speak during International Education Week at Valdosta State University. For the Spring semester, she is organizing a conference on teaching about India. She will also be available to lecture at other universities and colleges in the Georgia system and to meet with Valdosta community groups.



SERVICE 1-901 FEE PAYMENT

Starting September 1, 2004, new U.S. government regulations requires students and exchange visitors to pay a SEVIS fee in order to qualify for a non-immigrant F or J visa for an initial entry to begin a program of study in the U.S. Proof of SEVIS fee payment which is a \$100 is required before a student can apply for a visa to begin a new program of study. Students will use the I-20 issued

by the school where they intend to study in order to pay the fee online via the following website, <http://www.FMJfee.com>. Applicants who require a visa to enter the United States must pay the SEVIS fee before going to the U.S. embassy or consulate for their visa interview. For more information governing this matter you can contact Irina McClellan at ibmcclel@valdosta.edu.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The Center for International Programs continues its commitment to the English Language Institute (ELI) for a fourth year. The ELI provides English instruction intended to prepare students to enter VSU full-time. ELI students study intensive English grammar, listening, conversation, pronunciation, reading and writing designed to help them achieve the necessary 193 TOEFL score and to help them succeed in university-level classes. The program also serves as supplemental instruction for full-time VSU students who may be having difficulty with their classes because of English proficiency. The program is also open to members of the community who may wish to improve their English skills. If you have any questions about the English Language Institute, please contact David Starling at the Center for International Programs or email him at dstarlin@valdosta.edu.

HOUSING

The Valdosta State University family gathered Tuesday, June 29, 2004, on Sustella Avenue for the ceremonial groundbreaking of Centennial Hall East. This construction will be offering private suite-apartment style accommodations. Ambling Companies Inc. worked to prepare the foundation for the 348-bed apartment-style student living and learning community. Student housing emerged from the two-year Strategic Planning Initiative as the University's top priority. "This is a landmark day in the history of Valdosta State as we implement the first piece of the strategic planning process," said VSU President

Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari. A project of this magnitude is the result of partnerships on many levels. Centennial Hall East is scheduled to open in January 2005. A second building featuring 170 beds, Centennial Hall West, is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of Fall semester 2005, in August. Centennial Hall West and Centennial Hall East were named in honor of the university's upcoming 100th birthday in 2006. Both buildings are located on eight acres of land on Sustella Avenue, adjacent to VSU's Student Recreation Center.



LANGDALE HALL – NEW HOME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Langdale is the largest and tallest residence hall on campus, and is unique for a variety of reasons. This year it has been renovated and it now includes an international floor with displays. The building has five floors with three wings on each floor. Langdale houses three honors wings (one male and two female) from Fall 2004 houses two international wings (one male and one female). The building also has

nine non-smoking wings as well. All 260 rooms are designed for two students and provide each resident a movable bed, a closet, storage drawers, a bookshelf, a desk, and a desk chair. The RAs plan a variety of programs within the residence hall to encourage residents to develop social, educational, recreational and cultural diversity.

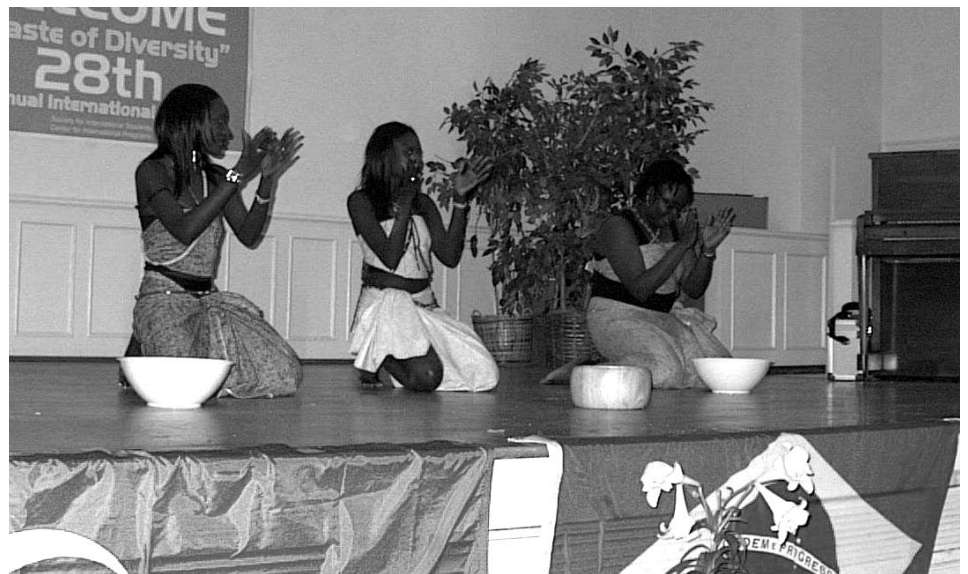
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Students brought an international experience to the Valdosta Community on April 17, 2004 at the Park Avenue United Methodist Church when they hosted the 28th Annual International Dinner. The International Dinner is a cultural learning experience that transcends the dishes served and the entertainment presented. The dinner started in the late 1970s as a celebration of cultural diversity in Valdosta. Two hundred and fifty citizens of the Valdosta community attended the event. This year's menu included almost fifty dishes from over 25 different countries. The dinner theater style evening showcased many dances, songs, and fashions from the participating countries. Guests also had a chance

to win international gifts from drawings during the dinner. Saori Kitabatake performed a Japanese martial arts presentation, Andrey Asadchev from Russia played guitar and sang a beautiful song, and Olga Poroshkina from Russia picked VSU President Ronald Zaccari to dance. The evening ended with

Mami and Absa Mboup from Senegal and Isatou Conateh from Gambia inviting the audience to join them in their Senegambian dance to celebrate the harvest. The lively performances, the delicious dishes, and the colorful costumes made the evening a huge success.



GRAND BAY TRIP

VSU 1101 students and other international students escaped to the beauty and wilderness of the Grand Bay Wildlife management Area on Friday, October 1, 2004. Located ten miles north of Valdosta, this exclusive, pristine wetland is the perfect nature getaway. Plant communities within these bays are a mosaic of wet savannas, shrub bogs, cypress-gum ponds, prairie and black gum-cypress swamps, practically indistinguishable from habitats found in the Okefenokee. The students relaxed and enjoyed the neat boardwalk that extends about three-quarters of a mile into the Cypress swamp. They watched the lovely plants, the exotic birds, and even alligators. The students also took advantage of the observation tower to enjoy the superb view of the landscape, and they concluded their trip with a wonderful picnic.

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STONE MOUNTAIN TRIP

The international students benefited from fostering relationships with American students as well as other international students across Georgia by joining the Baptist Student Union students on a Stone Mountain trip in Atlanta on Saturday, October 16. International students shared their cultures with other students and they sang traditional Ameri-

can songs during dinner at Stone Mountain. The students saw the attractions at Stone Mountain, climbed the mountain, and saw the laser show at night. Stone Mountain is an enormous granite rock with a town located at the base of the mountain named New Gibraltar.



SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Society for International Students (SIS) has planned many activities this semester. The SIS provides a social haven for the 200 plus international students at VSU. SIS officers for the aca-

demical year 2004-2005, elected at the beginning of Fall semester, include Sarah Tshila, President; Kendall Belisle, Treasurer; Bhoke Chacha, Secretary; and Claudette Dakers, Assistant Sec-

retary. The SIS has organized movie nights, cookouts, pool nights, bowling nights, meetings with community based volunteer organizations, participation in Hunger Day, and a trip to Stone

Mountain with Baptist Student Union members. The SIS members will also participate in the International Education Week 2004 and the Azalea Festival in March 2005.



WORLD HUNGER DAY

The World Hunger Day celebration took place at the West Side Baptist Church on Sunday, October 10, 2004. The International Student Advisor, Irina McClellan, with several international students participated in the annual celebration of the World Hunger Day at the West Side Baptist Church. Students who participated in the event included Nozomi Kyan, Yukari Goto, Nanami Cunningham, and Saori Kitabatake from Japan; Arely Tamayo, Rene Frias, and Israel Saucedo from Mexico; and Zeh-

ra Malik from Pakistan. The students cooked dishes from their home countries, wore their national dresses and made country displays. "It was the best celebration of the World Hunger Day we ever had, and we look forward to having even more international students next year," said Mrs. Judy Friis, member of the West Side Baptist Church. Students became acquainted with church members, and they made and strengthened friendships with people from the Valdosta community.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

International students made their presence known during the Homecoming Week as they participated in the different activities. "Torch the Tigers" was the theme of this year's Homecoming

Week because the VSU Blazers faced the West Alabama Tigers at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium. Students participated in the bake off contest, sidewalk chalk contest, oozeball competition, lip-sync competition, and homecoming parade. Students also met at the Center for International Programs where they decorated the float for the Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 14. The float was decorated with flags and posters from different countries. The students who participated in the Dessert Bake-Off Contest were Andreas Vliittis from Cyprus, Peter Shearer from Australia, and Kenta Sakuramoto from Japan. Congratulations to Nilufar Saidova from Uzbekistan, Bet-sabe Ocasio from Mexico, Rene Frias from Mexico and others for the second place in the Sidewalk Chalk Contest!! Students also played music from various countries during the Homecoming parade! Ayna Meredova had graciously agreed to represent the SIS and run for the title of the Homecoming Queen. The highlight of Homecoming Week was the football game where the Blazers played against the West Alabama Tigers at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium on Saturday October 16, 2004.



VSU 1101 CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

On Friday, October 22 international students from VSU 1101 class learned about Halloween and the tradition of pumpkin carving on the lawn in front of the Center for International Programs at VSU. The pumpkin carving session was a part of the VSU 1101 class designed especially for international students as an introduction to American culture and college life. The Halloween activities were a fun way to introduce the new international students to this American holiday. The session was conducted by Ms. Kimberly Godden from the Access office. Thanks to Mrs. Debra Sikes of the Advising Center, Mrs. Shana Yorkey of the Financial Services and Mrs. Judy Friis of the John Friis Company, Inc., who donated



10 pumpkins for this event, each international student got a chance to carve a pumpkin. Among the students who took

part in the pumpkin carving session were students from Japan, Mexico, Russia, Czech Republic, UK, Cyprus and other

countries. Pictures from the international pumpkin carving session are available at www.valdosta.edu/sis.

CIP STAFF

MS. JILL CLEMMONS

from Columbus who was the Coordinator of the European Council of the University System of Georgia is now pursuing her graduate degree in International Relations at Louisiana State University. She has also received a graduate assistantship in the Academic Programs Abroad Office. Congratulations Jill and good luck!!

MS. VALERIE SHEPPARD



has taken Jill Clemmons' position as the new European Council Administrative Coordinator. Valerie has experience in the travel industry and the financial sector. She also has experience in study abroad programs and has previously worked with inbound and outbound programs. You can reach Ms. Sheppard at vsheppard@valdosta.edu.

MS. ANGELA D. DANIEL

from Atlanta, GA has also joined our Center as a work study student. Angela is studying English at VSU and she plans to become a lawyer.

MS. RACHEL LEE MORGAN

from Homerville, GA wanted to gain experience working with people from different countries so she joined the CIP. Rachel is studying sports medicine and she would like to become a physical therapist.

MS. JENNIFER M. SPARKMAN

who is pursuing a business degree with a minor in Spanish, has also joined our team. Jennifer was born in Thomasville, GA. Jennifer plans to pursue a doctorate and would like to become the head of a team for an international marketing corporation. Jennifer appreciates diversity and enjoys learning about other cultures and that is the reason why she chose to work at the CIP.

DR. JANE ZAHNER



Professor of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, has joined the CIP as Faculty Associate in 2004-2005. Dr. Zahner takes part in meetings, fairs, conferences and classes, both on and off-campus, and undertakes a number of special projects related to the internationalization of the University. A focus of Dr. Zahner's interest is to hear directly from faculty and students about their international experiences. She hopes to use her communications and instructional technology expertise to document these experiences in ways informative and inspirational. She will conduct the 2nd Annual Study Abroad Photography Contest and will initiate other projects with students and faculty to capture and promote international experience through multimedia.

As a member of the College of Education (COE), Dr. Zahner is interested in documenting current internationalization activities of departments and individuals in the COE, with plans to organize workshops for faculty on internationalizing existing courses, and developing new courses, investigate demographic shifts in the U.S. population which have connection to internationalization issues, support incorporating an international dimension into teacher education training, and communicate/promote COE faculty and student participation in international experiences.

ALUMNI NOTES

JAHMOR LOPEZ

2004 from Belize who was a graduate student at the Curriculum and Instructional Technology department was invited to speak at the local Rotary Club's luncheon meeting on the role of Rotary in Belize. He also remained in this country for an extra month after graduation, to work with Dr. Elise Martin on the Teacher Quality Grant, which focuses on the teaching of Math in Echols County. He then returned to Belize as Associate Dean of Wesley College. Mr. Lopez began teaching Integrated Science and Information Technology at the high school in 1993 and became the head of the IT department in 1995. While at VSU, he is designing an Associates degree program in Information Technology which is scheduled to be offered this fall at Wesley College. Jahmor hopes to return to the US with his family in about 3 years to pursue his doctorate. You can contact Jahmor at jahmor@yahoo.com.

SAMEER TAHER BAGABER

1995 from United Arab Emirates is a supervisor at Ernst and Young LLP in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. His career started after graduation in December 1995 at City Hall in Hazlehurst, Georgia. He then moved to Georgia Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta and then back to his hometown, Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates. He currently works for Ernst and Young LLP where he does statutory audits of major corporations and conducts financial courses to the corporate clients. He married his wife Fawzia, and they are expecting their first child in August 2004. He truly believes that his education and experiences at Valdosta State University have equipped him to handle just about anything on a professional or personal level. You can contact Sameer at sbagaber@hotmail.com. Congratulations Sameer. We wish you the best!!

NEIL GREENWELL

2002 from Sunderland was studying at Valdosta State University as an exchange student for the academic year 2001-2002. He came from the University of Sunderland, England, majoring in History. He had a wonderful time at VSU and in the United States and was very sad to leave such an amazing place where he made so many good friends. He graduated from the University of Sunderland with honors in June 2003. As part of his degree, he had to write a 12000 word dissertation with the title Anti-Catholicism and Americanization in the United States: 1875-1914. He received a First Class grade for the dissertation and a 2.1 overall. Since he graduated, he moved to London where he is working at Roehampton University of Surrey as their Alumni Development Officer. He has been accepted to the University of Leeds to study a History post-graduate certificate of education, starting in September. He plans to become a history teacher. Neil would like to thank everyone for the wonderful time and experience he had at VSU and in the United States. He particularly enjoyed the many trips and excursions he went with the SIS, and he has extremely fond memories of the International Dinner. Thank you Neil for your kind words. Congratulations and good luck in the future. You can contact Neil at n.greenwell@roehampton.ac.uk.

PEGGY SCOTT



from Germany got married recently, and she has moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She works for a German finance/accounting firm in Atlanta. Her job description includes front desk work, doing the cash receipts, and learning how to do the internal bookkeeping for the firm. She enjoys speaking in German every day. Congratulations Peggy. We wish you the best! You can contact Peggy at pscott@roedlusa.com.

ALUMNI NOTES

PAUL FLOWERS

2004 from Belize who was a graduate assistant at the Curriculum and Instructional Technology department has been awarded a graduate assistantship for Fall 2005 with the Florida State University Learning and Performance Group. Paul was pursuing an Instructional Technology graduate degree in the Technology Applications Option at Valdosta State University. His work includes a research project with the U.S. Navy. In addition, he has received an education grant from the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports of Belize to pursue his Ph.D. at Florida State for the years 2005 and 2006. This summer, Paul will be assisting Dr. Laurie Sommers in her work on a grant from the South Georgia Folklife Project. You can contact Paul at dal-p@yahoo.com.

MAKI KATOH

1996 Maki from Japan worked for Doctors of the World in New York for five and a half years after graduation, and shortly afterwards she worked with a local organization assisting torture survivors in Rwanda. Since March 2004, Maki has been working with the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), a Minneapolis-based NGO, as a Country Director in Guinea, West Africa. Her base is in Kissidougou, which is a 9-10 hour drive from Conakry, the capital of Guinea. The program of CVT is for Liberian refugees who are living in refugee camps near the Kissidougou area. Maki helps train scores of psychosocial agents (PSAs) to become paraprofessional counselors through classroom teaching as well as hands-on lessons on group counseling. With one of the four expat clinicians, PSAs

interpret, observe, and co-facilitate small group counseling of various age groups. Her job as a Country Director includes a wide range of tasks: approving purchase requests, attending security meetings, writing reports, and managing databases. Maki is facing many challenges in Guinea, but work continues to be a learning experience for her. Her biggest challenges include French and Politics. Despite all the difficulties she faces in Guinea, Maki enjoys her work. She has the pleasure of meeting and working with some of the most dedicated and talented local staff in the rural town of Kissidougou. Maki would like to thank the people who supported her throughout the years. You can contact Maki at mkk1210@hotmail.com.

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Fax: 229-245-3849

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

TEL _____ FAX _____

Email _____

Major at VSU _____ Graduation Date _____

Current Employer _____ Current Position _____

Honors, Awards, etc. since graduation _____

You may give my name to prospective students in the area so they can contact me with questions.

Other information we can publish about you:

Comments about the Cosmicos publication:

Information received will be included in the next edition of Cosmicos, scheduled for publication in March 2005.