

# International Bulldawg Newsletter

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## Welcome from the Center

As November and cold weather creeps up on us, the colors of autumn start changing the landscape of Mississippi State. International games, Diwali (Festival of Lights), International Education Week, and Thanksgiving are all happening this month. Some of the Day One Leadership program students are working with HCDC on the International Education Week as their service learning project. This week (Nov. 12-17) promises to be exciting and full of different activities that will appeal to a wide cross section of people. The week will kick off on Nov. 12, with an international exhibit at the John Grisham room in the Mitchell Memorial Library. Later in the afternoon, a Russian presentation will also be held at the same location. The day ends with Global Dance Forms at the new Taylor Auditorium in McCool. The endearing quality of dance serves to bring people together through a language of universality. The program will be conducted by Kinesiology instructor, Deborah Funderburk. The dances will include American folk, Country, Chinese, South Asian, modern American dance, hip hop, Middle-Eastern, and Latin American. All the dance demonstrations will be performed by students.



Other events include a Carnival de Mundo on November 13 on the Drill field. We will have food, henna, and exhibits from around the world. On Wednesday, learn about the world's reliance on crude oil, via an environmental movie that will hopefully make our students think about creating a more just and sustainable world. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion conducted by graduate students. Other events include Gypsy presented by Lyceum Series, an international film and the Turkey Trot across the Globe.

The International Education Week logo competition came to a successful end in October. We had a lot of exciting entries, showcasing the talent and creativity of our MSU students. Mr. Trey Jones, a senior in Biological Sciences, with a pre-dental concentration, was the winner. Congratulations to Trey for sharing his artistic talents with us. Students will be selling t-shirts and posters with that logo. It will represent the official logo of IEW 2007 for MSU. Our runner up for the competition was Ms. Brittany Dong, an Honors Program Freshman, with a Biological Sciences major concentration in pre-medicine. Congratulations to Brittany also for sharing her artistic talents with MSU. Both students will be awarded gift cards courtesy of Barnes and Noble.

## International Campus Games

International Campus Games started on Oct. 26. The weekend of Oct. 27 – 28, the Sri Lankan and Indian team competed in the Cricket finals. It was a beautiful day with perfect cricket weather. "One...two...and running to excited cheering from the crowd....oh no.....howzat...and you are out!"



## Special Days for the Month

### Native American Month

### International Education Week

| November 2007 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- Nov. 1 Antigua and Barbuda Independence Day
- Nov. 3 Dominica Independence Day
- Nov. 3 Deepotsav - 2007  
Diwali (Festival of Lights)
- Nov. 4 International Games Closing Ceremony
- Nov. 8 Fall Harvest
- Nov. 9 Cambodia Independence Day
- Nov. 10 Home Game Tailgate for Counselors
- Nov. 10 International Tailgate for Day One
- Nov. 11 Poland Independence Day
- Nov. 11 Angola Independence Day
- Nov. 12-17 International Education Week
- Nov. 12 International Exhibit
- Nov. 12 Global Dance Forms
- Nov. 13 T-Shirt and Poster Sale
- Nov. 13 Carnival de Mundo
- Nov. 14 Movie: Crude Impact (G)
- Nov. 14 Let's Speak On It
- Nov. 15 Gypsy – Lyceum Series
- Nov. 16 Movie: Spanish Fly (PG-13)
- Nov. 17 Turkey Trot across the Globe
- Nov. 18 Latvia Independence Day
- Nov. 22 Lebanon Independence Day
- Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Nov. 25 Suriname Independence Day
- Nov. 26 Mongolia Independence Day
- Nov. 28 Panama Independence Day
- Nov. 28 Mauritania Independence Day
- Nov. 28 Albania Independence Day
- Nov. 30 Barbados Independence Day
- Nov. 30 Yemen Independence Day



### Poland

The colors of the Polish flag are based on the colors of the national coat of arms that is a white eagle on a red shield and dates back to 13th century. The red symbolizes the blood shed in the country's fight for independence and the white symbolizes peace. (*wikipedia*)



### Angola

The red in the flag represents the blood shed by Angolans during oppression, the national liberation struggle and the defense of the country. The black represents the Continent of Africa. The emblem's cogwheel represents the laborers, and industrial production, and the machete represents peasants, agricultural production and the country's armed struggle. The star symbolizes international solidarity and progress while the color yellow represents the wealth of Angola. (*wikipedia*)



### Latvia

Dr. Karlis Ulmanis, the last President of Latvia before the Soviet invasion in 1940 described the meaning of the Latvian flag as this: "White stands for right and truth, the honor of free citizens and trustworthiness. But the maroon/red reminds us of the blood that has been shed in the recent past. It has been shed at all times in the remote past and we are ready to offer it again for freedom and independence, for our nation and country." (*wikipedia*)



### Lebanon

The cedar tree is a prominent feature of the Lebanese flag. It has been used as a symbol by the Maronite Christians of Lebanon since the 18th and 19th centuries. The tree represents peace, immortality and tolerance. The red stripes symbolize martyrdom and self-sacrifice, and the white represents the snow-capped peaks of Lebanon's mountains. (*wikipedia*)



### Suriname

The red stripe represents the country's progress and struggle to achieve a better quality of life. The white stands for freedom and justice. The green symbolizes the fertility and natural resources of the land, as well as hope. Originally, the colors also represented three of Suriname's political parties. Red was for the Hindu Vatan Hitkari, white represented the People's Party and green stood for the National Party. The star represents a golden future for Suriname, achieved through unity and hard work. The individual points represent the country's five main ethnic groups of the nation which are Creoles (mixed African and Native American descent), Asian Indians, Chinese, American Indians and Europeans. (*wikipedia*)



### Mongolia

Blue is a traditional Mongolian color and it represents the sky. The red stripes initially represented Mongolia's socialist beliefs, but a modern interpretation means liberty and progress. The soyombo is a national emblem that contains individual symbolism within it. The fire at the top of it represents prosperity, contentment and regeneration. The three flames represent the past, present and future. The sun and moon symbolize the universe and are believed by Mongolians to be the mother (sun) and father (moon) of their nation. The triangles pointing at the ground are arrowheads and represent Mongolian's willingness to defend their nation. The horizontal rectangles stand for honesty, justice and righteousness. The middle circle can be interpreted as the Buddhist yin and yang symbol, which represents complementary opposite forces existing together in the universe - such as positive and negative, male and female, passive and active, fire and water, etc. The circle can also be interpreted as two fish that never close their eyes, representing the watchfulness and vigilance of Mongolians. The vertical rectangles represent pillars which symbolize strength, resolve and hardness. (*wikipedia*)



### Albania

The Albanian flag consists of a black, two-headed eagle in the center of the red base. The eagle is taken from an Albanian folk tale. The eagle faithfully watches over and guides the king or the "son of the eagle." (*wikipedia*)

## Events and Announcements

### Diwali Festival – Deepotsav: Nov. 3, 2007

Enjoy authentic Indian cuisine followed by a cultural show full of music, dance and song.  
Dinner: 5:30-7:00 pm at Perry Cafeteria  
Cultural show: 7:30 -10:30 pm at Lee Hall Auditorium  
Dinner is \$8.00 per person while the cultural show is free and open to all.  
Diwali is an important occasion for Hindus, Jains and Sikhs.



Diwali lights lit in London's Trafalgar Square -BBC

### International Campus Games Closing Ceremony: Nov. 4, 2007.

The program will consist of food from different countries, a multicultural closing ceremony and medal distribution.  
Time: 5: 00 – 9:00 pm  
Location: Wise Center Auditorium  
This event is free and open to everyone

### International Education Week (IEW): Nov. 12 – 17, 2007 – multiple events

#### Nov. 12:

International Exhibit at the John Grisham room from 9:00 – 5:00 pm  
Russian presentation at the John Grisham room from 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
Global Dance Forms at the Taylor Auditorium, McCool building, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

#### Nov. 13:

Carnival de Mundo on the Drill field from 2:00 – 6:00 pm  
IEW t-shirt and poster sale on the drill field from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

#### Nov. 14:

Movie called 'Crude Impact' (G) at the Taylor Auditorium from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. The film tries to promote positive, hopeful change in the way we source and use energy - changes that will create a more just and sustainable world. It highlights the global reliance on crude oil, as well as providing insight into ongoing alternate fuel research being conducted in the United States.

#### Nov. 15:

Lyceum Series presents a Broadway musical 'Gypsy' This program recognizes IEW at MSU.  
Location: Lee Hall Auditorium  
Time: 7:30 pm  
This event is free for all MSU students with ID, \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for accompanied children (ages 3-12 years).

#### Nov. 16:

International movie at Rogers Auditorium, McCool from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

#### Nov. 17

Turkey Trot across the Globe. This 5K will be run across the globe marked by all the names of the countries represented at MSU. It will be an exciting adventure. The run starts from Sanderson Center at 8:00 am. The international campus game runners will also compete in this run and awarded medals after the run.

### Thanksgiving holidays: Nov. 22-23



### Cambodia

The flag of Cambodia consists of three horizontal stripes - the top and bottom stripes are blue and of equal size; and the center stripe is a larger red one with a white emblem representing the towers of Angkor Wat in the middle of it. The blue color symbolizes the country's royalty. The red represents the nation and the white represents the religion, beginning with Brahmanism, and the current major religion - Buddhism. The emblem of the temple represents the structure of the universe. (*wikipedia*)



### Panama

The Panamanian flag's colors represent the two political parties of Panama, the Liberals (red) and the Conservatives (blue). The white symbolizes peace between them and the equal division of the colors states that they both govern the country at different times. The colors of the Panamanian flag also have alternative meanings. The blue represents the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea and red stands for the blood spilt for Panama's independence. The blue star represents the civic virtues of purity and honesty and the red star symbolizes the authority of the law. Together they represent loyalty and resilience. (*wikipedia*)



### Mauritania

The national flag of Mauritania was adopted on April 1, 1959. The colors of green and gold are considered Pan-African colors. Green also symbolizes Islam, and the gold also represents the sands of the Sahara desert. The crescent and star are also symbols of Islam, which is the major religion in Mauritania. (*wikipedia*)



### Barbados

The left blue stripe represents the sky and the yellow/gold stripe symbolizes the sand. The right blue stripe represents the sea. The trident in the middle of the Barbados flag represents Barbados independence from the British, with each point of the trident representing the three principles of democracy. (*wikipedia*)



### Dominica

The ten green stars, which are the traditional symbol of hope, represent the ten parishes of Dominica. The Sisserou Parrot is the national bird of Dominica and symbolizes flight towards greater heights and fulfillment of aspirations. The Parrot also comes from the Dominica Coat of Arms, representing the official seal of the country. The Dominican flag's stripes form a cross representing the Trinity of God. The cross itself demonstrates belief in God. An official Dominican announcement also stated: "The yellow stripe represents the sunshine of our land, our main agricultural products: citrus and bananas and also a symbol of the Carib people, the first inhabitants of the Island. The white stripe represents the clarity of our rivers and waterfalls and the purity of aspiration of our people. The black stripe represents the rich black soil of our island on which our agriculture is based and also our African heritage. The general background of dark green symbolizes our rich verdant forests and the general lushness of the island." (*wikipedia*)



### Yemen

Red, white, black and green are called the pan-Arab colors and have been historically linked to the Arab people and Islamic faith for centuries. The red stripe represents the blood shed during the country's struggle for independence. The white symbolizes hope for the future, and the black stripe represents an end to the country's dark past. (*wikipedia*)

### Thanksgiving Dinner for international students and families hosted by the WNA and the First Methodist Church

Location: First Methodist Church, 200 Lampkin Street.

Time: 11:00 am

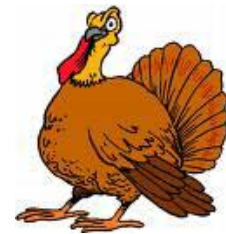
This event is free and open to all.



### The First Thanksgiving

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony after a harsh winter. In that year Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. The colonists celebrated it as a traditional English harvest feast, to which they invited the local Wampanoag Indians. Days of thanksgiving were celebrated throughout the colonies after fall harvests. All thirteen colonies did not, however, celebrate Thanksgiving at the same time until October 1777. George Washington was the first president to declare the holiday in 1789.

A typical Thanksgiving dinner includes roasted or baked turkey, cranberry sauce, bread, rolls, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole and corn bread dressing. The desserts include cranberry, apple, pecan and pumpkin pies.



### Antigua and Barbuda

The national flag of Antigua and Barbuda was adopted on February 27, 1967, and was designed by a school teacher named Reginald Samuels. The sun symbolizes the dawning of a new era. The colors have different meanings; the black is for the African ancestry of the people, the blue for hope, and the red for energy. The successive coloring of yellow, blue, and white (from the sun down) also stands for the sun, sea, and sand. (*wikipedia*)