New OSU student group first in the nation

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"Do you care, Should you care, Can you help?" is the slogan for a new OSU student organization for UNICEF.

Ohio State is the first campus to have a student UNICEF organization which is part of the Campus Action Program sponsored by the U.S. Committee for UNICEF.

"The world is big and it is for you," said Arsalan Anwar, a junior from Lahore, Pakistan, and student ambassador — the equivalent of president — of the group. "There is a brotherhood between the rest of the world and you. I have a very strong desire to help people who need my help."

The Campus Action Program is an effort by UNICEF to include students in the struggle to aid children in their fight for survival around the world.

"I think people are aware of the problems but it is easy to sit back and do nothing," said Christopher Glikerson, a junior from Worthington, and associate ambassador of the organization. Every year, the lives of 7 million children could be saved by the use of four easy measures, according to UNICEF:

*First, the use of growth charts to detect early signs of hidden malnutrition.
*Oral rehydration therapy consisting of a simple mixture of salt, sugar and water to treat diarrhea dehydration, which is the biggest single cause of death among children in developing countries.
*Breastfeeding to provide the most nutritionally-sound infant food.
*And finally, immunization.

The Columbus group will have contacts and knowledge of fundraising techniques to help the students, but the campus program will be run entirely by students, said Eileen M. Collier, chairwoman for the Campus Action Program for UNICEF.
OSU-sponsored World-Fest promotes cultural awareness

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World-Fest, a week long cultural festival begins Friday on campus, with all proceeds being donated to the United States Committee for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

"We hope to promote intercultural awareness by celebrating the diversity of cultures represented on campus," said Christopher Gilkerson, a junior from Columbus and associate ambassador of OSU's Committee for UNICEF.

A Columbus American Rhythm and Blues band will perform 8:30 Friday evening at the Riverden, in Drake Union. "This should be a good start to kick-off our celebration of cultures with the 'true American culture sounds', a good way to start the weekend," Gilkerson said.

"Beer and refreshments will be sold with all proceeds going to UNICEF. The $1 admission will also go to the UNICEF children's fund," he added.

Programs planned for the rest of the week will include slide and cultural shows presented by OSU's International Students Association, featuring countries like Bolivia, Equador, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Poland. There is no charge for the shows and refreshments.

ODUA will donate all proceeds from the movie Gandhi, which is part of its international film series, to be screened on April 22.

Another feature of World-Fest will be an international dinner with food specially prepared by various campus nationality student organizations. Special dishes, native to these countries, will be donated by student organizations for the entire campus community to sample on an all-you-can-eat basis at Bradford Commons on south campus, April 25, the last day of the activities.

"Students will not have to pay anything but our committee is asking for a $2 donation which will go to the UN children's fund. After all, the food will be donated and the Baker Hall Council heeded us get the commons, so there is no overhead cost, hence, allowing us to channel 100 percent of all donations we get at the door to the needy children of the world," said Gilkerson.

Other events include a special presentation by Arnold Sattler, M.D. on "Medical Response to Nuclear War" based entirely on the medical point of view. Sattler is a member of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and has delivered speeches in Europe and the U.S. His presentation is scheduled for 8 p.m. on April 21 in the Hagerty Hall Lecture Hall. All donations collected at the door will go to UNICEF.

Arslan Anwar, a junior from Pakistan and campus ambassador of OSU's Committee for UNICEF, said, a group of foreign teaching associates have committed their time to informally discuss topics outside the classroom environment.

"We hope that students will take advantage of this session to get to know more about their TA's ethnic background, be free to express their concerns and bring up questions which they may not feel comfortable to do so at the TA's office or in the classroom. Refreshments will be served to help informalize the environment," Anwar said.

The World-Fest is organized and coordinated by the OSU Committee for UNICEF and supported by ODUA, International Student Association, Baker Hall Council, Taylor Tower, USG, and the English Forum.
World-Fest to celebrate cultures on campus

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In order to expose OSU students to the wealth of foreign cultures on campus, Buckeyes for UNICEF is presenting World-Fest '87, a five-day celebration of music, film, food, and people from other cultures.

World-Fest kicks off Saturday with a free concert by Europrogress on the Ohio Union West Lawn. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., with proceeds from beer sales benefiting UNICEF, an international organization designed to help feed and care for children around the world.

The World-Fest continues Tuesday with the showing of "Conrack." The 1975 film stars John Voight as an unorthodox teacher who brings his talents to a third-world island community, where the lack of educational progress stifles the island's progress.

Admission to the film is $1.50, with proceeds benefiting UNICEF. Students will have the opportunity to donate a dime to the Danny Kaye Memorial Fund, created to help eliminate the biggest killer of children today, dehydration.

Tanja Sattler, vice-president for Buckeyes for UNICEF, said much of the dehydration in third-world countries, which kills more than five million children each year, stems from poor nutrition making it impossible for the child to retain water.

A kit was developed which, when added to water, provides the nutritional sugars and salts a child needs to be able to retain water. This kit costs about a dime and can replace the need for intravenous therapy for about 95 percent of the recipients, according to UNICEF literature.

An International Slide Show and Cultural Display will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, in the Royer Activity Center. Music, art, costumes, and slides from more than 15 countries will be presented.

World-Fest '87 director Christopher Gilkerson said the event will give students a chance to meet people from other countries and learn something about their countries.

Fraternities and sororities are participating in World-Fest '87 by sacrificing their desserts for a week. About half the fraternity and sorority houses will donate the money they would have spent on desserts for the week to UNICEF.

Gilkerson said Buckeyes for UNICEF hopes to raise $2500 from the fund-raiser, with $1500 coming from the "dessert fast."
World-Fest offers foreign fare

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Pastitso. Tabuli. Mint Chutney with Spiced Subji. Perhaps you’ve never tried these foreign foods, but you can have all-you-can-eat for only $2 today at the World-Fest International Dinner.

Proceeds from the dinner benifit UNICEF, an international organization designed to help feed and care for starving children around the world.

Jesse Turner, president of Buckeyes for UNICEF, said the open-air dinner, which wraps up World-Fest ’87 activities, includes food donated by Columbus restaurants and campus organizations.

Clark said other foods to be expected at the dinner are Peas Pulas from Taj Mahal; Pakora grains from the Society for Vedic Studies; Shao-my from the Taiwanese Association of America; and for dessert, Laddhu, donated by Hare Krishna of Columbus.

Christopher Gilkerson, director of World-Fest ’87, said the other World-Fest events this week have been moderately successful. “We had a good turnout for the Eurogression concert. Beer sales went pretty well even though the show started two hours late because of the sound crew.”

“The movie we showed on Wednesday, Conrak, flopped,” Gilkerson said. “Only about 12 people showed up. It’s a great movie but not many people have ever heard of it. It wasn’t what you’d call a glamour event.”

The Culture Splash on Wednesday went much better, Gilkerson said. People from all over the world showed slides from their homelands, and displayed their traditional costumes and artifacts.

“There were more than 50 people there at different times during the night, and we were able to let a lot of people know about UNICEF and what we do.”

Gilkerson said that in the past the dinner has been the most successful event of World-Fest.

“Last year more than 100 people came, and we expect about the same this year. We’re going to play music from different countries, and there’s going to be a UNICEF art show of artwork by children.”

The International Dinner starts at 5 p.m. in Scott Field by Blackburn House on North Campus and lasts until 7 p.m. The rain site is the Royer Activity Center near Jones Tower.
Starvation focus of fundraiser

By Kim Bates
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The Buckeyes for UNICEF raised $410 Tuesday to possibly help save a few hundred children from starvation for one day.

Members of the Buckeyes for UNICEF, along with Paddington Bear, collected donations and passed out literature for five hours from a booth on the Oval.

Drawings donated by the children at the OSU Day Care Center and Children's Hospital were displayed at the booth.

That evening, about 16 students from Buckeyes for UNICEF, Society of Women Engineers, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society, and Arts and Sciences Student Council went to homes around the Columbus area to pass out candy and collect donations.

Adina Tumageanian, a senior from Gahanna majoring in electrical engineering who is also president of the Buckeyes for UNICEF, said the group collected $160 on the Oval and $250 from homes.

Tumageanian said they collected more money than she had anticipated, and the student support was overwhelming.

According to a brochure from the United States committee for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, it takes only 25 cents to feed a child a day in an emergency. 80 cents to save five children from dehydration. $1 to buy Vitamin A to prevent 50 children from blindness, and $5 to immunize a child against disease.

Yet, 14 million children still die each year in underdeveloped countries of the world, the brochure said.

Tumageanian said Buckeyes for UNICEF, which has been on campus for six years, needs more students who are interested in helping out. She said she would like to attract more people this quarter.

"Forty thousand children die everyday," Tumageanian said. "We need to do something to help."

Dawn Goettler, a sophomore from Akron and a member of Buckeyes for UNICEF, said she got involved after watching a program on the TV show "20/20" about the children in Romania.

"People are throwing pennies away on the streets," said Cesha Szabo, a senior from Columbus majoring in civil engineering who has been a member of Buckeyes for UNICEF for four years. "They don’t realize that it takes so little to save a child’s life."

Results of the World Summit for Children on Sept. 22-30 in New York showed that a shift in the world’s priorities could save the lives of 20 million children over the next decade, said a brochure about the summit.

UNICEF estimates the programs necessary to prevent these deaths will cost $2.6 billion a year. Although this is a considerable amount of money, UNICEF thinks this is feasible because American companies spend $2.6 billion to advertise cigarettes, the summit brochure said. The Soviet Union spends this amount on vodka in just one month, the brochure added.

"We receive a lot of money from universities," said Katharine Hickey, the manager of constituent relations for the national headquarters of UNICEF.

Hickey said one college campus in Texas raised over $40,000 last year. She said college groups are usually successful in their drives because they emphasize creativity.

The United States committee for UNICEF has several main objectives to follow to save a child’s life, the UNICEF brochure said.

First, it tries to prevent dehydration with a sugar, salt and water remedy that costs only 10 cents.

The committee also stresses the importance of immunization, growth monitoring to watch for malnutrition, and breast-feeding of children at a young age.

UNICEF plans services for children, supplies equipment for the services, and funds and trains the needed personnel to work with the children.

Susan Wolford, the chairperson for the Columbus Committee for UNICEF, 20 E. Lincoln St., said UNICEF is important because it has volunteers who do both the delivering and administering of the donated money to the undernourished children. ...