By Yan “Vivian” Kong

Over 100 international students, faculty members, and staff gathered together Jan. 25 at the UC Annex to celebrate the Lunar New Year. This celebration was hosted by International Programs.

In addition to American foods, there were traditional Chinese and Korean foods, such as dumplings, spring rolls, and kimchi pancakes. After enjoying food, 15 Chinese students and two Korean students gave the audience two presentations and power point. Though their presentation, the audience learned about the traditions of the celebration for Lunar New Year in China and Korea, such as Chinese people will fire the fireworks on Lunar New Year’s eve and Korean ceremony of ancestor worship.

The audience also participated in different activities during the celebration.

In China, there are 12 different zodiac signs that present one year, which are called Chinese zodiacs. The 12 animals are rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog, and boar, and they change in this order.

The year 2009 is the Year of the Ox. So International Programs prepared a game. They placed a paining of an ox on the wall and let the participants pin the tail of an ox with a blindfold. At the end, four participants won the prize, because they pasted the tail of ox near to the correct place.

Some other students and faculty sat around the table to learn and make Chinese traditional handicraft, such as Chinese knot. All of them experienced the oriental culture.

“Compared with last time, in this year there are more students attended and a lot of fun,” said David Su.

Dr. Yan Shi, the Asian Programs Coordinator, said, “The Office of International Programs sponsors this event for our students, because we want them to feel that UNCP is a home away from home for them. During this important holiday, we hope our students can celebrate and share this tradition.”

Unlike Asia Day, the Lunar New Year celebration was not an open event this year.

Professor Yan Shi, who comes from school of business, said that she had been in the USA for nine years. The difference between the celebration in China and in America is the atmosphere and excitement of celebrating the Lunar New Year. But she thought this celebration held at UNCP was good and she stated she would attend the celebration again next year.

International Programs hopes that next year the event will be open to the public and everyone can share the Lunar New Year experience.

By Michele Johnson

Starting at the end of February, the single stream recycling program will begin to take place on campus wide. That means all recyclables will go in one bin, cans, paper and bottles.

Blue bins will be placed in the lobby of each building. Some buildings will have more than one bin depending on how much traffic goes through the building, and in most residence halls a blue bin will be placed on each floor. Everything will go into a blue bin, and it will be sorted later and sent off to be recycled.

Steve Martin, assistant vice chancellor for Facility Management, said he hopes students will keep recycling going annually.

“Tt is great to have recycling bins on campus while celebrating the Lunar New Year.”

Several international students at traditional Chinese and Korean food while celebrating the Lunar New Year.

By Kayloni Wyatt

According to an e-mail sent from University Police a male student was charged with having a weapon on campus on Jan. 10.

A UNCP officer took place in the University Center. Two students who happen to be brother and sister had a dispute over a video game. Both were charged with disorderly conduct at campus level. Also on Jan. 8 a student was charged with underage consumption on Jan. 10. The students live in Oak Hall; they also had a beer pong game occurring in the room.

A student reported receiving harassing phone calls to University Police. The female student said she was receiving calls on her cell phone on Jan. 5. A student reported receiving harassing phone calls to University Police.

On Jan. 9 a male student was charged with fraud. The student was told to stop soliciting at the University Center.