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editorial

Welcome to Greifswald and to the fourth International Student's Festival under the motto «Mind a Change ? » in town! You did it! This week is going to be awesome, so many activities, workshops, events and people are waiting for you. During the next week this newspaper will inform you about everything, what is happening and what happened, maybe you will find your picture here as well. You arrived in Greifswald. Wow, maybe you are just asking yourself, where you are, but everybody does it, the first time they come to this lovely city. Greifswald (from German Greif, «griffin», and Wald, «forest») is a town in North East Germany. The town is situated approximately 200 km north of Berlin in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The population is roughly 55,000, including about 11,500 (!) students, so as you can see, you are in a real university town. Two years ago the university celebrated its 550 year anniversary. The University of Greifswald is one of the oldest universities in both Germany and Europe. If you want a real Hanseatic atmosphere go to the harbour and eat a real "Fischbrötchen" (bread roll with fish) and enjoy the view over the river and sailing boats. Enjoy your first days, take care and of course we wish you a lot of fun. By the way, watch out for the bicycles, 'cause they are everywhere.

by Maria-Silva Villbrandt

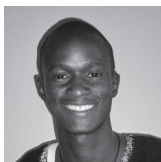


quick-fire Poll

by Maria-Silva Villbrandt

What is the most important thing you took with you except of your passport?

Dayo (26) from Nigeria



"My MP3-Player because of my music and its as well my 'digital library'."

Jaana (22) from Finland



"An open mind!"

Desi (20) from Bulgaria



"I took myself with me."

Julian (24) from Columbia



"I took my energy, experiences with me and the will to learn something."

Lotfi (22) from Algeria



"I took my background, culture and knowledge with me. I do believe in human kind and happiness."

Ouafa (24) from Morocco



"My Visa-Card!"

Victoria (21) from Russia



"My camera!"

Hicham (25) from Morocco



"I brought my mind with me!"



BEHIND THE SCeNeS

Say PROST on Monday Night of the Continents

It has been a tough, but exciting festival day and you feel like going out for a drink? No problem! You thought Monday is a bad day for going out - you are wrong! Though Greifswald is a rather small town there are plenty of opportunities to spend your time in one of over a hundred bars and pubs, whether you are looking for a cosy place to chill out with your new and old mates or you prefer extraordinary, funky locations. The town centre provides a wide range of bars which are located close to each other and can be reached by foot easily. Nevertheless, this day will be crazy for everybody because of the football game Germany versus Austria!

In fact the Germans are quite reserved and shy people, but when there is something about football they are getting weird. You will see, it will be amazing, especially if Germany wins, but against Austria it won't be a problem. So, prepare yourself! Many bars like the "Mitt'n drin" in the Domstraße are broadcasting the game. The bar will be decorated with flags and the music will follow the atmosphere.

The Night of the Continent gives you the chance to get to know most of them. Plenty of cafés, pubs and bars invite you to douse into the culinary and drinking habits from all over the world.

Have you ever heard of "Borschtsch"?

This red coloured meat and beetroot stew does not only belong to one of the most delicious Russian national dishes; it can also be tasted in "Café Ravic" in the Joh.-Seb.-Bach Straße. This cosy café and bar warmly welcomes you to the "Russian Night". Close your eyes and listen to original Russian music and when you imagine yourself freezing in the Siberian wilderness quickly warm yourself up with Stogram Wodka (authentically handed with onions and bacon). Nastarowje!

Only ten minutes walk and you step out of the Russian Sector right into the Canadian way of life at "Café Koeppen". Smell the great BBQ and have a taste of grilled burgers, sausages and sweet corn. If you fancy a desert try some original Canadian "Monster Cookies" and wash them down with tasty cocktails, which include typical Canadian ingredients like maple syrup and of course: Whiskey!

Maybe you prefer belly dancing and the smoke of the water pipe? Then "Sofa" in the Brüggstraße is your place! Or would you like to eat some Northern dishes and drink a cold beer on a boat? Then move on over to the harbour! Check out your festival guide for all bars!

Have fun and PROST!

by Katharina Köckritz
and Maria-Silva Villbrandt



Stories of the infopoint

The first building you entered in Greifswald is for sure the train station and then the Infopoint in the IKuWo. Imagine how surprised the Organization Team was on Thursday when the first participants arrived a day early. But we are young and spontaneous! Really crazy is, that the Police called from Munich, because one participant didn't have enough less money to get to Greifswald. The Police

man was wondering about Gristuf, maybe this Bavarian never heard about Greifswald and its Student's Festival. Nevertheless, somebody arranged for the participant a lift share from Munich to Berlin. But because of misunderstanding and circumstances this stranger did not go to the train station, just waiting at the airport. For sure it ends up like in a fairy tale, because this guy from the lift share agency went to

the airport to pick this participant up. After spending one night in a Hostel at Berlin, our estray hopefully arrived. After so much stress it is time to relax, but crazy experience which will you keep in mind! Remember that the Infopoint is opened for you, so if you have problems or just want to say hello drop by!

by Maria-Silva Villbrandt

GrIStuF team

Here are some of the representatives managing GrIStuF from behind the scenes.



Inga

Workshop, living spaces/Art & nature.

Org-Team member since : January 2008

What do you like best about the festival ?

The team! To see the festival grows from small details at first until the first acts are realised.

What did you learn ?

Everything is possible, just do it! Good teams can achieve big things!

Best thing that happend to you while organizing so far ?

Seeing how many people work for the festival with so much fun and energy.

What do you accept from the festival 2008 ?

Many minds changing.

Jan S.

Jumper, Fete moderation, special operations, psychological assistance.

Org-Team member since : May 06-07//May 08

Special move : If you say "Cowboy" I do the pistol swinging move.

What helps you to survive the organization time ?

Not doing too much, beer and love.

How is it to organize a festival ?

Easy, I did nothing.

Did Gristuf change your life and how ?

Yes, it opened my eyes to hidden beauty.

What did you learn ?

That different cultures are different.



Dobri

Groupleader.



Org-Team member since : April 2008

Special move : Bike stuntman.

How is it to organize a festival ?

Fantastic.

What do you like best about it ?

Getting people together.

Is there something you don't like about it and what ?

Nothing is perfect.

Best thing that happend to you while organizing so far ?

I'm still waiting for that.

What do you accept from the festival 2008 ?

Good job, a lot of fun.

What helps you to survive the organization time ?

I have my own ways...

Svenja everything with participants, board member and workshop.



Org-Team member since : May 2007

Special move : raising my left eyebrow

What do you like best about

the festival ?

All the amazing people I hav met and will meet.

Worst thing that happend to you while organizing so far ?

An office at 8 in the morning with no coffee.

What did you learn ?

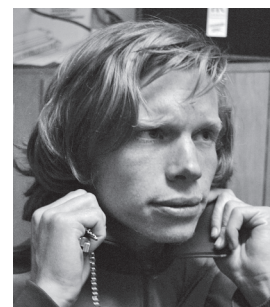
To create folders in my mail account so that thousands of incoming emails are automatically sorted into.

Would you do it again ?

I like the thought of experiencing this just once and not having to compare, but yes, I think I could, I would.

Charlie

duracell bunny.



Org-Team member since : 2008

Special move : watch the culture introduction video at opening ceremony.

Why did you join the Org-

Team ?

Say it with Micheal J. : heal the world.

How is it to organize a festival ?

Chilling and thrilling.

Why are you doing this ?

Because i am bored of studying.

Did Gristuf change your life and how ?

Nobody can change my life except me, but it helped to make it more interesting.

What do you accept from the festival 2008 ?

Nice days with nice people in a nice atmosphere.

Would you do it again ?

only if a nice girl like natalia asks me again.

Lost & Found GREETINGS

Katja (Russia) :

Hi to everybody.

Ropo (Nigeria) :

Hello. Let's have some fun.

That's it for the moment. We'll work on that for the next editions. What you probably don't know yet, is that at the infopoint there is a flipchart where you have the chance to write greetings or something else. Have you lost or found something? Need a travelmate for your way back or want to meet for a football match? We can publish it in our festival times. It's up to you, go ahead and write something.

The Happening

To be a host or not to be

It is Friday morning and Alex's phone is ringing- oh no, er, yes my guest has already arrived! Wow, so what to do in such a short time. Yeah, vacuum cleaning would be a good idea, but how is it possible that in the kitchen there is a tower of dishes which is nearly the size of the Cathedral of Greifswald?! Being pressed for time changes people! After his first panic attack, Alex managed to tidy up and he picked up his guest.

Recently internet networks like couch surfing and Hospitality Club hosting have become very popular. Every host is responsible for your breakfast and maybe to wake you up in the morning, if it is possible. Tiffany, Sarah and Franziska are hosting guests for the second time. "We are really excited about our guests! We will try to fulfill all their wishes and we hope to have a nice time" says

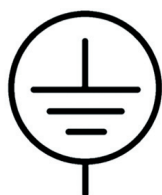


Tiffany. being in another country, and meeting new people is every time a really nice experience. It is so cool, that some participants are coming to Greifswald for the second time.

Jörn got a call to pick up his guests who had come from Saudi-Arabia and Algeria while the German team was playing football. He pleaded with the organizers to wait till the half-time to pick up his guests. They took some other guys as well and hurried up to make sure that they didn't miss a second of the second half.

Hanging around together in somebody's flat is really common. In Germany it is very popular to share flats among students. In Greifswald there are a plenty of dorms, but it's fantastic to have your own flat. Students meet to cook, to party and of course to study at home. Hopefully you as a participant will get an impression of the German way of life, because you are now a real flatmate!

by Maria-Silva Villbrandt



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Besser ~~am Abend~~
den ganzen Tag



what next?

Even though it is best to live in the present we can allow ourselves a retrospection but also a glance into the near future. Today we have a rally on our schedule. In Germany this is a typical game for children's birthdaypartys; it is, however, also a good way to discover the city. So take care and don't get lost. Then after running around all the time, you'll be able to sit down on a comfortable chair in the theater, sit back and enjoy the Official Opening which will hopefully entertain you.

On Monday it's your turn, twice even. First, you will have your first workshop. After that you'll perform at the Continental Congregation and show us typical, traditional dances and songs. That will definitely entertain everyone. From 9 pm on the bars will do all the work. With music, drinks and food, they are supposed to imitate different countries. You better go there and have a look, whether they succeed.

by Anna Blanke

8 - 10 Uhr	Early Bird	Euer Rückblick auf den gestrigen Veranstaltungstag!
10 - 12 Uhr	„God Dag“	Musik zum Aufwachen und lustige Beiträge versüßen den neuen Tag.
12 - 14 Uhr	Fahrplan	Euer Festival-Guide für den heutigen Tag!
14 - 15 Uhr	Siesta	Musik zum Entspannen.
15 - 18 Uhr	Playground	Wir sind für Euch live vor Ort!
18 - 22 Uhr	U-Rock	Live Übertragungen, Mitschnitte und andere Festival-Leckerbissen.
22 - 23 Uhr	Talk on Air	Wir wagen einen Blick hinter die Kulissen und stellen interessante Persönlichkeiten im Interview vor.
23 - 03 Uhr	L' auberge musicale	Partymusik für die Nacht!
03 - 08 Uhr	Nightrider	Spielplatz für Unerhörtes.



Exkursionen, komplexe Fluganfragen, Sprachreisen...

- Uni- und Studentenexkursionen (mit Referenzen der TU Darmstadt, TU München, Uni Greifswald...)
- Round-the-World, individuelle Flugbuchungen (mit vielen Sonder-, Jugend- und Studententartifen)
- Sprachreisen (als einer der größten Sprachreisenvergleicher)

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