UNCG welcomes new international students for spring semester 2006

“The cost of a thing is the amount of what I call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.”

- Henry David Thoreau

Opportunity surrounds us and in the great effort of life it can be difficult to see where the decisions we make may take us. However, this was not the case when the University brought Dr. Charles Lyons to open the International Programs Center (IPC) here at UNCG. Dr. Lyons knew that by creating more opportunities for students to study abroad while bringing international students to campus, he would be contributing something great to UNCG. In its inaugural year of 1992/1993 the International Programs Center only sent abroad two students while also receiving two on exchange. Nearly a decade and a half later the exchange program has blossomed into a growing entity offering over 45 programs in more than 35 countries. In the calendar year of 2004/2005 UNCG sent abroad more than 290 students and received over 120 international exchange students from around the world. In all, IPC has provided approximately 2,700 UNCG students the life-changing opportunity of a semester or year on an exchange. We at IPC greatly value the support found within the UNCG community and would like to express on behalf of those who have passed through our Center, one way or another, that such an opportunity is priceless and lasts forever. IPC would like to warmly welcome all our new international students (including Interlink and degree-seeking) and applaud our UNCG students who have taken up the opportunity to explore life and our world.
New International Degree-Seeking Students!
This semester, we welcomed 24 degree-seeking students from 8 countries. Our new degree-seeking international students and their home countries are: **Benin:** Alimath Daouda (Biology); **South Africa:** Martin Redelinghuys (Hospitality & Tourism Management); **Bangladesh:** Humairia Islam (Media Studies), Anupam Kumar Nath (Information Systems & Operations Management); **Suriname:** Lakshminarain Sundaram (Information Systems & Operations Management); **United Kingdom:** Jonathan Leese (Communication Studies); **Pakistan:** Sheryar Tahirkheli (Business Administration); **South Korea:** Joo Han (Gerontology); **Germany:** The following students are enrolled in the Bryan School for Business Administration; Katrin Seitz, Franziska Franke, Jan Freudenberg, Konstanze Hartmann, Akito Suzuki, Lauri Wogschin, Stefan Hass, Lena Konietzko, Ina Hoopman, Alexander Waesch, Thomas Ohlinger, Oliver Langs, Lena Ossendorf, Ina Muehlberg, Marc Schumacher, & Dominik Sauer.

New 2006 International Exchange Students!
Joining our UNCG community are the new 2006 exchange students: **Australia:** Suzanne McDonald (English), Richard Howard (Exercise & Sports Science), Cecile Espitalier Noel (Tourism Management), Roxane White (Exercise & Sports Science), Rachel Churchward (Early Childhood Education), Ada Qinghua Ma (Early Childhood Education); **Finland:** Heikki Hihmala (Economics), Jenni Viippola (Communication, Broadcasting & Cinema); **Germany:** Lasse, Steiner (Economics); **Mexico:** Carlos Infante de Alba Davila (Communication Science), Ernesto Martinez De la Pena (Management), Miguel Ramirez Saeedra (Information Systems), Fernando Perdomo Abella (Business Administration); **New Zealand:** David Neild (Music-Classical Performance), Matthew Butt (Music); **Poland:** Sebastian Klaq (Sociology), Martin Wala (Creative Writing & Economics), Kamil Marcinkiewicz (International Relations), Lukasz Witzak (English & Political Science), Marta Nowakowska (Political Science, Human Rights and International Law); **Sweden:** Asa Olsson (Communication Science), Nina Hakansson (Communication Science); **Turkey:** Egemen Ercelelik (Hospitality & Tourism Management).

New International Programs Center Employees!
A heartfelt welcome to our new student employees who have joined the IPC team this spring semester! In addition, IPC would like to welcome our new International Student Association (ISA) coordinator, Cinnamon Hunter.

IPC Honorable Mentions
IPC would like to acknowledge Dorothy Davis, a UNCG Anthropology faculty member, on her recent approval and award for a fellowship from the National Faculty Development Institute. Dorothy, as a selected recipient will be awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship for Japanese Studies. This fellowship allows faculty without prior experience in Japanese studies the opportunity to learn from scholars, business leaders, artists and journalists about Japan, both past and present.
Recent Visitors
On Monday, January 9, Lyn Lawrance (IPC) welcomed Drs. Lauri Lajunen, Kari Laine, Taina Pihlajaniemi, Leila Risteli, Rauli Svento, Heikki Ruskoaho, and Kimmo Kuortti from the University of Oulu, Finland. During their visit, they met with various departments and heads in the effort to forge new collaborative programs. These meetings included: Drs. Rosemary Wander (Associate Provost for Research and Public/Private Partnerships), Dean Dale Schunk and Betty Epanchin (School of Education), Terry Nile, Elizabeth Lacey, David Remington, Bruce Kirchoff, Anne Hershey, and John O’Brien (Biology Department), Ethan Will Taylor, Phil Bowen, and Patti Reggio (Chemistry and Biochemistry Department), Dean James Weeks, Riad Ajami, Hamid Nemati, Kwasi Amoako, Catherine Holderness, Prashant Palvia, and Nick Williamson (Bryan School of Business and Administration), Jerry McGuire and Lisa Goble (Technology Transfer), Dennis Leyden (International Honors College), and Chancellor Patricia Sullivan. Also while on campus they enjoyed two luncheons with UNCG students and faculty. The Oulu delegation visit marked over a decade of cooperation between UNCG and the University of Oulu.

On January 10, Dr. Betty Flinchum (Professor Emerita) and Lyn Lawrance (IPC) welcomed Bruno Neil and Pierre Ferrando from the European Business School (EBS) in Paris, France.

Visiting International Scholars
During the month of January the following visiting international scholars included: Ishtvan Juhasz from Hungary, who was invited by the Mathematical Science Department and Kim Hyung Don from South Korea who visited with UNCG’s Exercise & Sport Science Department.

Recent Travelers
During the following months UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines. During: Sameh El Kharbawy, Interior Architecture (France); Richard Fabiano, Mathematical Sciences (Spain) & Sat Gupta, Mathematical Sciences (Malaysia). January: James Evans, English (United Kingdom) & Kittichai Watchavesringkan, Consumer Apparel & Retail Studies (Mexico).

Kohler Award Fund
The next deadline for applications in research and teaching is April 13, 2006. The Kohler Fund brochure, cover-sheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website located below.

International Travel Fund
We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded ITF grants in the following months. During: Elizabeth Leal, Art (Portugal) and Kittichai Watchavesringkan, Consumer Apparel & Retail Studies (Mexico). January: Susan Andreatta, Anthropology (Canada); Keith Cushman, English (France); Heidi Gazelle, Psychology (Australia) and Kelly Wester, Counseling & Education Development (Canada). The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the website located below.

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INTERLINK 2006
INTERLINK welcomed twenty-two new students to its program in January, 2006. New students reflect a good geographical balance with equivalent numbers from the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia. Total enrollment for Spring I term is 55. Debates, panel presentations, and school visits are some of the activities students will be involved in.

Many students traveled home or around the U.S. over the holidays. One INTERLINK instructor unexpectedly ran into several students—a mixed nationality group—when she went home to Chicago.

IPC Holiday Party December ‘05
Closing the 2005 calendar year, IPC hosted its annual Holiday party. A big thank you for all who attended and for those of you who could not make it we hope that you had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Friday Fest: Japan

Friday Fest Schedule*

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