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CHANGE

The beginning of every academic year brings with it changes of every kind. In the fall semester of 2008, UNCG will welcome a new Chancellor and a new Associate Provost of International Programs. In December 2007, Chancellor Patricia Sullivan announced her plans to retire and the next month, Dr. Lyn Lawrance announced her intention to leave UNCG and return to her native Australia. UNCG currently has approximately 17,157 students from 49 states and more than 70 countries which is proof of Chancellor Sullivan and Dr. Lyn Lawrance's dedication to creating a diverse community and supporting the International Programs Center at UNCG.



Dr. Lyn Lawrance with Chancellor Sullivan

August of 1995, UNCG saw 150 students participate in international exchange programs, making UNCG's the largest international student swap program in the nation. In August of 1997, the UNC Exchange Program was established as the system wide international exchange program and is administered from the UNCG campus. In August of 2006, the first students were admitted to the Lloyd International Honors College, expanding the Honors Program across all disciplines and integrating international perspectives to help prepare graduates for the global society of the 21st century. In the Sullivan years, exchange programs with universities in other countries increased from 13 to 65. The number of international exchange students grew from 59 to 257.

Chancellor Sullivan has welcomed hundreds of new International students to UNCG with her semi-annual Welcome Reception held at the beginning of each semester. She also just recently endorsed UNCG's Global Leadership Certificate Program, initiated by Dr. Lawrance.

Farewell to Dr. Lyn Lawrance



Dr. Lyn Lawrance in China

Lyn began her career here at UNCG in 1985 as Assistant Professor of Public Health Education. She ascended to Associate Professor in the same department, and in 1997 Lyn was named Associate Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance. In 2003 Lyn became the Associate Provost of International Programs. She served on the International Programs Advisory Committee and as Program Coordinator for Australian exchanges, as well as sharing in the development of the report, "The Future of International Programs at UNCG 2003-2008." Previously, Lyn had taught at the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, as well as Ballarat College of Advanced Education and Kambala Church of England School, both in Australia.

While at UNCG Lyn has worked tirelessly to build university partnerships abroad. When asked what her greatest achievement has been, Lyn hesitated, "I was very fortunate to come into an already very strong program with exceptional support from the administration and the faculty members. I have enjoyed helping to expand our programs in Asia, particularly China, in the last 5 years. The launching of the Global Leadership Certificate Program this year is the culmination of several years in planning and development." Since Lyn started at IPC, 26 new exchange partners have signed exchange agreements, nine of them in Asia, and the Global Leadership Program is concluding its first year with the number of new and enthusiastic participants growing each week.

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Lyn has no immediate plans in Sydney, but hopes to find a job doing something related to international programs at a university in Australia. Lyn looks back fondly on all the classes she taught and enjoys seeing the growth of the students who studied abroad. Two years ago, Lyn led a group of twenty faculty members, including the Chancellor and Provost, to China –“They experienced a new and different culture and came home smiling. Nobody got sick, nobody got lost,” so the trip was a success! “It was fun to steer faculty members through some of the challenges students experience when they study abroad.”



Dr. Lyn Lawrance at the Arctic Circle in Finland

Things that Lyn will miss about UNCG? There was no hesitation in admitting that she would miss the people. “It’s a very special university because of the environment in regards to the collaborative relationship between administration, upper levels of leadership, and the faculty. From Larry, the man who cleans the building at night, to the Chancellor: I’ll miss so many of my colleagues for so many different reasons.” Good luck with the future, Lyn, UNCG will miss you, too!

No Worries, Mate! By Dr. Roberto Campo, Director of IGS

“No worries, mate!” You all know Lyn’s favorite Aussie motto—and what more reassuring words could you hope to hear as your van weaves precariously through the car and bicycle cluttered chaos of downtown Beijing or Shanghai, on your merry way to explore possible partnerships with another university in the great People’s Republic of China? None, I guarantee, from first-hand experience of having just returned from there with her and our intrepid little delegation of UNCG explorers in search of enriching new institutional ties on the other side of our ever-shrinking globe. But this is hardly the extent of my association with our tireless Associate Provost for International Programs. In fact, Lyn and I go back several years, to 2000, when I joined Charles Lyon’s Study Abroad Committee on which she was a representative for the School of Health and Human Performance. Little did I realize back then, though, what a true gem of a colleague, human being, and friend I was meeting. This became clear enough, however, once Charles made the “hand-off,” and Lyn darted away on the next leg of IPC’s race toward excellence, going far beyond the extra mile in making “international” the jewel in Minerva’s helmet that we now know it to be. Without exaggeration, Lyn has been both a visionary and inspiration for us all. Beyond all she has done to advance exchanges around the world, she has been a steadfast supporter of international research and a leader in connecting the University to international associations within and beyond the Greensboro community. I would also like to express a very special word of thanks for the support she has lent to the International and Global Studies Program I am privileged to direct. Her suggestions to develop the Global Leadership Program and a UNCG chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Scholars Honor Society—among other invaluable ideas—have done much to lift our Program to new heights of success and prominence. So here’s to you, Lyn, with an enthusiastic *GANBEI* (“bottoms-up” in Mandarin) to your countless accomplishments and heartfelt wishes for a future of “No worries” as you embark on the next leg of your incredible life journey.



Dr. Roberto Campo

Vegemite and Fly-Swatting Hats By Dr. Elizabeth J. Natalie

Gosh, what a great pal to have--Lyn Lawrance introduced me to Vegemite and flyswatting hats direct from the Outback! Even better, Lyn has been a colleague and leader in international programs where her unwavering dedication to students, culture, and all things international have increased the visibility of UNCG around the globe. We will all miss you, Lyn, but a hearty thank-you is in order now!



Dr. Natalie with Dr. Lyn Lawrance

Thank You, Lyn By Charlotte Ingles

I first came to UNCG in fall of 2005, for a study abroad exchange from England. Coming here was intimidating and I was anxious to finish my year as fast as possible so that I could return home. But I landed at Greensboro airport and was immediately greeted by IPC staff holding giant signs welcoming me. With the help of the IPC, I settled in, I started making new and interesting friends, and all too soon it was summer time and my year abroad had come to an end. I finished my undergraduate degree at home, but I couldn't shake UNCG from my mind. So I came back. I am now a full-time Graduate student, working my way through my Writing and Editing MA. I met with Lyn and was offered a Graduate Assistantship at the IPC as coordinator of the Global Leadership Program and editor of *Newsworthy*. I was nervous when I started my job, convinced that I was going to do terribly, but Lyn's constant enthusiasm and laid-back attitude brought out the best in me and now I, too, embrace the attitude that everything will be fine and that anything is possible. The IPC welcomed me back and I would like to thank Lyn for everything she has done for me – especially supporting an out-of-state tuition waiver!! I'm very lucky and, cliché as it may sound, I truly feel that I have a second home.



Charlotte Ingles, Graduate Assistant, IPC/GLP

There's Just Nobody Like Lyn By Grace Tan

I have been honored by this opportunity to reflect on my thoughts of Dr. Lawrance, although I am a little overwhelmed by this privilege. I am grateful to have the help of our dear friends in San Diego, Rebecca and Irma Jean, who in their own words say that, "there's just nobody like Lyn!" She has always got some place to rush off to: it could be China or Korea, Denmark or even Germany. You just never know! Wherever Lyn goes she makes friends for she is a very special person and people seem to recognize this. She has told us a number of stories that make your hair curl about some of her adventures around the world.



(R to L) Irma Jean Brooks, Dr. Lyn Lawrance, Rebecca Lloyd and Grace Tan

Lyn is an animal lover and has a cat she calls Sweet Pea. She is also a horse lover and stops by the grocery store to buy 10 POUNDS of carrots to pamper the horses when she goes riding. No wonder the horses are so glad to see her! At her home in Australia, a family friend of Lyn's operates a farm for lost and abandoned animals, including a tame wombat! Lyn and her Dad visit because they enjoy the farm and the animals. Lyn is truly looking forward to being with her Dad again, at home, in Sydney. Though Lyn doesn't have a job lined up, I predict that it won't be long before the bundle of energy called Lyn, will have a job she will give her all to, just as she has at UNCG.

Personally, I have been honored by Dr. Lawrance's friendship, flattered by her kindness, and guided by her advice. Just as she said to me "the mark of a successful person are the choices one has been given." Dr. Lawrance is certainly a very successful person given that "retirement, is a time to do what you want to do, when you want to do it, where you want to do it, and how you want to do it." Lyn has the opportunity to slow down and smell the roses, which we as college students can only dream about.

Let this not be a time to say good bye! Let it be a time to remember Lyn's kindness, and her loving touch. Let it be a time to reflect on her contributions and success at UNCG. Let it also be a time to celebrate who she is and how special she is to us. Let it be a time to say, "we will see you later!" Or, "we will be in touch!" Once a Spartan, forever a Spartan.

International Festival Success!! By Michael Elliott



Thank you to all who made UNCG's 26th Annual International Festival a success! Despite the intermittent rains which brought the event inside, approximately 3,000 people enjoyed the festivities. Over 50 country and organization booths and several ethnic food vendors provided international food, games, and other opportunities for learning about different cultures overseas and in the U.S. Adults and children alike carried their Festival issued passports "around the world", receiving country stamps along the way as they learned about each culture and country.

New this year, the Children's Corner volunteers painted flags on the faces of young visitors and offered other interactive activities, while the International Jeopardy game challenged the minds of older students with international focused questions and answers. A wide array of cultural entertainers performed throughout the day, including Chinese, Filipino, Brazilian and Palestinian dancers. The performances began with dancers from India and Pakistan (who also modeled their costumes) and finished off with an African storyteller and Saudi Arabian dancers.

This year's International Festival would not have been possible without the leadership of the International Student Association (ISA). From recruiting country booth participants and Festival volunteers to arranging the performance schedule and designing promotional materials, the ISA executive board did an amazing job. Also, we would like to express our gratitude to BB&T Bank and Nationwide Insurance for their financial support, and the International Programs Center staff for their efforts.

See you next year in mid April for UNCG's 27th Annual International Festival!



Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated to Study



AUSTRALIA: Australian Catholic University, Tammy Burkwald, *BUS*; Deakin University, Jamie Holt, *HIST*; Regetta Spearman, *ACCT*; James Cook University, Andrew San Juan, *BIOL*; Pamela Shepherd, *BIOL*; Macquarie University, Jasmine Dixon, *CMST*; Rachel Pound, *LARC*; University of Southern Queensland, Krista Webb, *THE/SPAN*; **AUSTRIA:** University Klagenfurt, Thomas Liles, *MUS*; Laurie Rominger, *MUS*; Cameron Ward, *MUS*; **CHINA:** Beijing Normal, Meredith Douglas, *BUS*; Sebastian Fernandez, *IGS*; Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shannon Bodsford, *CLA*; **DENMARK:** Aarhus School of Business, William Gilbert, *BUS*; Siddharth Patel, *FINC*;

Ingrid Olson, *BADM*; Kevin Boger, *BUS*; Michael Overby, *MKTG*; William Griffin, *BUS*; Maria Hernandez, *INTB*; **University of Roskilde**, Ashley Weinberger, *ART*; **FINLAND:** University of Oulu, Daniel Partridge, *UNDC*; Sarah Gennosa, *ACCT*; Kristen Yakamavich, *ART*; Eric Kaguyutan, *LARC*; Dora Rosser, *EDU*; Melanie Grigg, *LARC*; Gabriel Morgan, *ART*; **FRANCE:** Universite d'Angers, Natalie Kohn, *ART*; Universite Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Delisha Brown, *CMST*; Ryan Byers, *PSC*; Corey Fitzgerald, *CARS*; Lindsey Raeburn, *IBS*; James Peden, *ANTH*; **University of Montpellier**, Kirsten Kinne, *SOCI*; **Université Rennes 2 - Haute Bretagne**, Walter Elliott, *UND*; Laurel Hopper, *WGS/IGS*; Kyrielee Hampton, *IGS*; Alexis Richards, *THE*; **GERMANY:** Universitaet Heidelberg, Ruth Hock, *IGS*; Fachhochschule Heilbronn, Chelsea Godbey, *IBS*; Universitaet Mannheim, Jacqueline Furlong, *INTB*; David Stott, *HIST*; Robert Adams, *BUS*; Matthew Breen, *PSY*; **ITALY:** Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Stephanie Webster, *ART*; Ashley vonClausburg, *IGS*; **University Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC**, Stephen Nashed, *FIN*; **JAPAN:** Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Erica Coogan, *IGS*; Maleah Parrish, *CSD*; Seinan Gakuin University, Harley Hamby, *ENGL*; Isabella Fuchs, *ANT*; Russel Nelson, *ENGL*; **KOREA:** Yonsei University, Satoshi Tanjo, *BADM*; Giles Taylor, *CST*; **MEXICO:** ITESM Cuernavaca, Nicholas Brady, *SPAN*; Keeley Hawkins, *IGS*; Raffinee Archible, *AFS*; Timothy Barbee, *SPAN*; Mazatlan, Katie Hardison, *HTMT*; Megan Gift, *BUS*; **Queretaro**, Angelica Kapely, *BIO*; **San Luis Potosi**, David Payne, *SPEC ED*; **Monterrey**, Iuliana Diaconescu, *HDFS*; Tabitha Bethelmy, *INTB*; **University of Guanajuato**, Jessica Stone, *SPAN*; **POLAND:** The University of Wroclaw, Sarah Vlkovan, *ENV*; **RUSSIA:** Kazan State University, Elizabeth Marvin, *ELED*; Kristen Moorefield, *IGS*; Valeria Osipova, *ART*; Hampton Vaughan, *IGS*; Julie Auxier, *IGS*; Brian Wilson-Walls, *IGS*; Gwendolyn Fargis, *PSCI*; **SPAIN:** Universidad de Granada, Rita Endara, *PSCI*; Elizabeth Moore, *SPAN*; **Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha-Toledo**, Maria Giraldo, *INTB*; **TURKEY:** Yeditepe University, Louis Herman, *GEOG*; **UNITED KINGDOM:** Keele University, Erin Keith, *UNDC*; Manchester Metropolitan University, Stephen Maloy, *SOCI*; Samantha Abbott, *ENG*; Robert Norris, *SOC*; Mark Treiber, *ISM*; Nicholas Melton, *MUS*; Sherrill Roland, *DES*; Chenhui Yu, *ISOM*; Shari Tate, *CMST*; Andre Thompson, *INTB*; **University of Strathclyde**, Emily Watkins, *SPEC*; **Trinity College**, Mallory McComas, *HDFS*; **University of Ulster**, Patricia Whiting, *HIST*; Susan Melton, *LARC*; **URUGUAY:** Universidad Catolica del Uruguay, Lindsay Armistead, *IGS*.

Recent UNCG Travelers

The following UNCG faculty members have traveled overseas in pursuit of international perspectives in his/her various disciplines during the following month of *April*: **Keith Cushman**, English (France); **Diane Gill**, Exercise & Sports Science (The Netherlands); **Nir Kshetri**, Business Administration (Italy); **Thomas Kwapil**, Psychology (France); **Susanne Rinner**, German, Russian, Japanese & Chinese Studies (The United Kingdom); **Eugene Rogers**, Religious Studies (Italy); and **Eluza Santos**, Dance (Finland).

Kohler Award Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded a Kohler grant in the category of Research in the month of *April*: **Elizabeth Bucur**, Religious Studies (Italy) and **Anthony Fragola**, Broadcasting & Cinema (Sicily).

International Travel Fund (ITF)

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in *April*: **Nir Kshetri**, Business Administration (Italy); **Stephanie Kurtts**, Specialized Education Services (Austria); **Eva Nwoka**, CSD UNCG Speech & Hearing Center (Italy); and **Jacquelyn White**, Psychology (Hungary).

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/fgoingabroad/travelfunds.html

Visiting International Scholars

UNCG would like to welcome **Dr. Rodrigo J. Carcedo Gonzalez**, a short-term scholar from Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, who is working with Professor **Daniel Perlman** in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Southeastern Model League of Arab States By Dr. Jerry Pubantz



(Left to right) Letitia Jones, Josh Patton, Michael King, Cameron Faulkner, Christian Fichtel and Katherine Watkins

A delegation of six UNCG students represented Lebanon this year at the Southeastern Model League of Arab States. Held March 14-16 at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the Model Arab League attracted college and university teams from as far away as Boston, Massachusetts. Delegates represented their respective governments on the working councils of the League, drafting resolutions and white papers on critical Middle Eastern issues. Given the 2006 war in southern Lebanon and other developments in Lebanese politics, the student delegates found the preparation to represent Lebanon a fascinating exercise. They researched Lebanon's position on issues ranging from defense policies to environmental affairs and trade liberalization.

The UNCG delegation included Letitia Jones, who served as the team's Head Delegate. Joining her as Lebanese representatives were Josh Patton, Michael King, Cameron Faulkner, Christian Fichtel, and Katherine Watkins. Josh Patton and Christian Fichtel won awards for their performances on the Council on Political Affairs and the Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers, respectively. Dr. Jerry Pubantz in the Department of Political Science served as the faculty advisor for the group.

Health and Hope for Honduras, 2008 By Dr. Jennifer Sandoval

From April 2-13, 2008, three School of Nursing faculty, nine senior nursing students, three nurse practitioner students, one local pharmacist, and one pediatrician spent time in Limon, Honduras running a health care clinic for the people of this poor, remote community. The group performed 610 assessments and exams on local residents and worked in the laboratory identifying malaria and parasites with the help of a native laboratory technician. Students used their limited knowledge of Spanish to work in the pharmacy and teach the patients about their medications. On one day, students visited the local elementary school and worked hard to provide fluoride treatments and distribute toothbrushes to all the children.



Students providing fluoride treatments at the orphanage

One of the most rewarding experiences for the group was to visit the local orphanage where 50 children under the age of 16 live in harmony and love. They had fun watching the children dance and sing and blow bubbles for their enjoyment. At the orphanage the volunteers distributed flip flops, coloring books and crayons and gave everyone fluoride treatments.

Interlink Update!!

The new semester at INTERLINK started on March 17 with the arrival of twenty-eight new students from a variety of countries. New students were joined with returning students on March 19 and everyone has been working hard ever since. Many Communication Skills (CS) classes have already started on their core projects, with CS4 recording the first of a series of debates. CS3 have been devising various tours and outings in order to become better acquainted with UNCG and the Greensboro area. These events included a campus tour and a trip to the Greensboro Historical Museum — students were excited to see how Greensboro has changed over the past 200 years! CS1 also got to know the area better by taking a tour of the Recreation Center and exploring the shops on Tate Street. INTERLINK students especially enjoyed sharing their cultures at I-Fest on April 12.



CS3 at Greensboro Historical Museum

Polish Friday Fest



Students from Poland explain what a typical Polish boy looks like

Exchange students from the University of Wrocław led the Polish Friday Fest on April 4. They projected maps of Poland onto the wall and showed the geological range of Poland. With almost ten thousand lakes, Poland has one of the highest numbers of lakes in the world. Poland is the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, Marie Skłodowska Curie, Kazimierz Pulaski, Nicolaus Copernicus and Frederic Chopin. Some traditional Polish foods include Polish sausage, red beet soup, Polish dumplings, cabbage rolls, Polish pork chops and Polish traditional stew, some of which were served to students at Friday Fest.



Students from Poland serve traditional Polish food

A Change for Newsworthy

A new Associate Provost will not be the only change occurring at the International Programs Center. *Newsworthy* is proud to announce that in the fall it will be going electronic in our small effort to save some trees.

Friday Fest Schedule

April	25	Uruguay
May	2	Mexico

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