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***A Word From . . . Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Charles Lyons***

Colleagues!

What an eventful time April promises to be! At the start of the month ECU will bring to campus for interview finalists for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs. On April 2 members of our international faculty participated in a special seminar as part of research week. On Saturday, April 12, we will hold the annual ECU/City of Greenville International Festival. It is THE international event of the year. On Friday, April 25, the Office of International Affairs will host an end-of-the-year party for international students and friends. On Tuesday, April 29, our international faculty folks will be hosting a pot-luck dinner at the Murphy Center. And on Thursday, May 8, the Office of International Affairs will host a farewell celebration for graduating international students and exchange students returning home. Details on all of these events are provided below.

These activities are indicative that ECU has quite a global footprint. Please participate in these events: they promise to be enjoyable, educational, experiential, elevational, and non-fattening. Well, maybe that last isn't true, but all the other stuff is.

Cordially,

Charles H. Lyons  
Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenville International Festival Promises Entertainment for Every Taste!**

The Greenville International Festival is held each year to celebrate our community's diverse population through food, music, hands-on activities, and dance. Festival goers can come to the Greenville Town Common on Saturday, April 12, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and take a trip around the world! Last year over 5,000 people attended and enjoyed the festivities.

The event is hosted by the City of Greenville and East Carolina University's Office of International Affairs as part of the 2008 PirateFest celebration. Admission to the Greenville International Festival is FREE to the public.

The Toyota Amphitheater will feature diverse music and dance that spans the globe. This includes culturally inspired renditions such as traditional Scottish Highland Bagpipes and the African-inspired dance of a Kusun.

The International Food Court will boast taste-tempting cuisines from all over the world. Flavors from the Caribbean, Middle East, Bosnia, India, and China will be among the many exotic items for sampling.

We hope to see you and your family at this special event.

Dr. William Mallett  
Assistant Director of International Student Advisement

**Performance Schedule for the 2008 International Festival on the Greenville Toyota Amphitheater stage**

11:00 am	Wake & District Pipe Band – Scottish Bagpipes
11:45 am	American Turkish Association
12:30 pm	India Association of North Carolina
12:45 pm	Overtime – Bosnian group
1:30 pm	Kusun – African Dancers
2:45 pm	ECU Asian Student Association
3:00 pm	Mirage – Middle Eastern Dance
3:30 pm	Greenville Chinese School

**Herron Launches in Dublin!**

On Tuesday, March 11, Thomas Herron of the English Department launched his just-published book, Ireland in the Renaissance (co-edited with Michael Potterton) at a grand reception held at Trinity College Dublin. The wine wasn't the only purple thing at the launch as ECU was well represented by Charles Lyons, who by coincidence was visiting Ireland at the time, and Carrie Whitted Kearney, ECU '07, who is now a graduate student at Trinity. Congratulations, Thomas!

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**Ferarra Group Notoriety**

In February/March, a six-person ECU delegation (Tom Allen, Geography; Bob Christian, Biology; Steve Culver, Geology; Bob Edwards, Sociology; Charles Fantazzi, Foreign Languages; and Deirdre Mageean, Research) visited the University of Ferrara, Italy (ECU's oldest international linkage partner) to revive research cooperation. The story of the visit is reported in the latest issue of *Sixteen Bridges*, the General Administration's journal of international activities on UNC campuses. (Contact Bonnie Derr [bbderr@northcarolina.edu](mailto:bbderr@northcarolina.edu) for a copy.)

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**Search for the Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs**

The ten-member Search Committee, headed by David Condé, has identified a short list of finalists for the position. The candidates will be coming to campus this month for interviews. Please check Faculty Announce and the OIA Web site [www.ecu.edu/intlaffairs/](http://www.ecu.edu/intlaffairs/) for interview schedules. All interested faculty, staff, and students are invited to meet with the candidates.

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**Meet an International Faculty Member**

Dr. Qiang Wu, assistant professor in the Department of Biostatistics, received his master's and doctoral degrees in statistics from the University of Pittsburgh. As a graduate student, he taught and provided statistical consultation in post-mortem psychiatric research. His dissertation focused on clustering analysis of subjects with schizophrenia. His research interests include multivariate analysis, model-based clustering, and statistical applications in neurology. Dr. Wu joined East Carolina University in August 2007 as a joint faculty member of the Department of Biostatistics

and the College of Nursing. He has been teaching and providing statistical consultation mainly to the College of Nursing and the College of Allied Health Sciences.

According to Dr. Wu, Greenville is similar to his hometown, Suzhou, China in both geography and climate. Since moving to Greenville Dr. Wu has met great friends and colleagues. He enjoys fishing and playing sports such as basketball and ping pong with his friends.

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### **Meet an International Student**

*Kaisa Miikkulainen is an ISEP (International Student Exchange Program) exchange student from the University of Kuopio in Kuopio, Finland.*

"My name is Kaisa Miikkulainen and I am an international exchange student from Finland. I am pursuing my second degree, a Master of Health Sciences with a concentration in Health Services Management at the School of Allied Health Sciences. It was actually my major that brought me to ECU, as it is not a very common area of study. The courses I have attended at ECU have been more interactive compared to my previous studies. I always seek new academic challenges, which ECU has definitely offered me during this past spring. Overall, my one semester stay at ECU has proven to be a lifetime experience that I will not forget!"

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### **ECU Study Abroad Alumni Awards and Recognitions**

Justine Henderson (spring 2007, Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K.), a senior in the Department of English, has been chosen to appear in the Institute for International Education (IIE) Passport calendar for 2008-2009. The calendar will debut at the annual NAFSA Conference in May 2008.

Vladim Bobrovnikov (2006/2007, Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K.) has received the Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award and will be recognized at the spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10, 2008 along with four other recipients.

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### **Committee on International Curricular Initiatives Conducts Survey**

The Committee on International Curricular Initiatives has been collecting information about faculty and staff international expertise using an on-line survey. Faculty in the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Human Ecology, the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and the College of Health and Human Performance have already begun using the form, which can be accessed at (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/international/surveyform.cfm>). Faculty in the College of Nursing (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/international/surveyformNursing.cfm>) and in the Brody School of Medicine (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/international/surveyformBSOM.cfm>) are completing a slightly different form that includes college specific questions. The Committee on International Curricular Initiatives would like to thank all the faculty members who have already completed the survey and encourages faculty and staff across campus to participate. Completing the form should take less than ten minutes.

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### **Dr. Kazim Abdullaev Visits ECU**

Dr. Kazim Abdullaev visited the ECU campus March 25-27. Dr. Kazim Abdullaev is Director of Research of the Institute of Archaeology at the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and is a Visiting Fulbright Scholar from the Institute for Advanced Study at the School of Historical Studies of Princeton, NJ. He spoke to classes in art history, anthropology, and Asian studies about his archeological work and about Central Asian history in general. He also made a presentation on "Buddhist Art and Archaeology of Bactria in the Kushan and Post-Kushan Periods." His visit was sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the International Studies Program.

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### **ECU Representatives Present at State Conference**

On March 7, 2008, Dr. Rosina Chia and Monika Wojciechowski gave a presentation on "Creating a virtual classroom and attracting international students with the help of technology" at the North Carolina Association of International Educators Annual State Conference.

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### **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- **Saturday, April 12, 2008**

The annual ECU/City of Greenville International Festival will be held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Greenville Town Common.

- **Saturday, April 19, 2008**

The Office of International Affairs will host the outgoing exchange student pre-departure orientation for all students participating in ECU exchanges and study abroad. The event will take place from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Rivers West Auditorium.

- **Friday, April 25, 2008**

The Office of International Affairs will host an end-of-the-year party for international students and friends from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the International House.

- **Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

The Annual Faculty and Staff International Potluck Dinner sponsored by the International Faculty and Staff Committee will be held from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Murphy Center. For more information contact Dr. Charmaine Glegg ([gleggc@ecu.edu](mailto:gleggc@ecu.edu)) or Dr. Kaysia Campbell ([campbellk@ecu.edu](mailto:campbellk@ecu.edu)).

- **Thursday, May 8, 2008**

The Office of International Affairs will host a farewell celebration for graduating international students and exchange students returning home at 6:00 pm in the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center.

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We want to hear from you and encourage you to submit accounts of your international activities in teaching, research, service, or other areas. Please send your comments and suggestions to our editor Julie Williams at [williamsjul@ecu.edu](mailto:williamsjul@ecu.edu).