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Greetings From The Director

Greetings Everyone

I am sure you will all agree that summers go by too fast, and this one is no exception! We have been busy here on campus with several things, which I would like to share with you. Our next freshman class is preparing to move into the Honors dorms this September for the start of classes on the 24th. This past July 9th, we held our annual summer party for the incoming students and their parents at Coldstream Country Club. It was great to see how the students all seemed to get to know each other so quickly, and were soon talking with their prospective roommates about who was bringing what to their dorm rooms! The new dorms got rave reviews from this year's freshmen, who

were the first class to live in them, so we expect next year's freshmen to enjoy living there as well.

All of our students were working full-time this summer, with the exception of the pre-junior class. They were taking classes here on campus in preparation for their international trip. They left for Europe on August 6th, and stopped in Paris for a few days en route to Tampere, Finland, where they will study for two weeks. Then it is on to Amsterdam and Geneva where they will visit about 10 – 12 companies and institutions. Over half of the students are staying on in Europe for about 10 days after the conclusion of the trip on September 4th. I am sure they are having the time of their life, and I am

anxious to hear all the stories when they return. Dr. Baker and Dr. Mehta will be with the students for the entire month of their trip, with Susan Sadlier and me joining them for parts of the trip also. So much work goes into planning these trips, but it is all worth it when you talk to the students about how great the experience was for them.

Please help us promote the program to any promising high school seniors you know who are interested in business and have the qualifications to be considered for Lindner Honors-PLUS. We count on all of our friends to get the word out! I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Jeri Ricketts

UC Bookstore Expanding

We're pleased to inform you that the UC Bookstores will open a satellite location in the Alumni Center's Hunter Room at the beginning of Fall Quarter in order to provide convenient shopping for business and engineering students.

The store will stock text-books for Business and Engineering classes, as well as school supplies and UC insignia items.

Dates and operating hours are as follows:

Sat. Sept 20 th	10:00-4:00pm
Tues. Sept 22 nd thru Thurs Sept 25 th	7:30 - 7:00pm
Fri. Sept 26 th	7:30 - 5:00pm

News From Germany

by: Robert Flaig



Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz

"There are two main features that make this experience extremely unique from any other study abroad..."



Olympic stadium from the Olympic tower

Dear Classmates:

There are so many opportunities to go abroad while at the University of Cincinnati that you could fill your entire college experience with them and not even scratch the surface. I get that feeling, as I am about halfway through my third study abroad at UC. The program that I am currently involved in is the International Co-op Program or ICP for short. It typically involves learning a language from August to April and then getting a job in that country for about six months. The program begins very intensively with a six-week crash course in one of three languages, slows down for fall and winter quarters while students take classes for their majors, and then intensifies again at the end of winter. At the beginning of the spring quarter students begin co-op work abroad that lasts until the middle of September.

At the present time I am half way through my six months of co-op work in Germany. I was able to get an assignment with General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati in the International Sourcing department. This department is responsible for scheduling parts for delivery with different international suppliers. I work in the part of this group that works with MTU Aero Engines in Munich. Before coming to Germany, I began this assignment at GE in Cincinnati for a month to learn International Sourcing's general operations. I met the people that I would be working

with at GE and learned what would be expected of me while I was at MTU. After everything was in order at GE, I left the Evendale Plant to come to MTU in Munich, Germany for my co-op abroad. Working in Munich has been the most exceptional experience of my college career.

There are two main features that make this experience extremely unique from any other study abroad. The first difference is the work experience. On a daily basis I interact almost entirely in German. From the first day I was confident in expressing whatever I wanted to say in German. The same cannot be said about understanding what people were saying to me in German. I still find understanding others to be a daunting task at times. There are just so many words that I don't know. For example there are multiple words that mean to build in German. I know a couple of them but when a coworker uses a different one that I am not familiar with I can miss what he or she is trying to say. While my coworkers have a great command of the English language, I insist that we speak in German as much as possible. It is the single most effective way to learn the language, and it is a big part of why I wanted to participate in this program.

The German language can be frustrating at times, especially when I sit in a meeting where I have difficulty understanding the

speaker. However, I can see a difference in my comprehension ability as the assignment continues, and the difficulties are worth the effort.

In addition to the language, another large difference at work is with the culture. Working with many Germans daily allows me to see differences in the way business is run. Hierarchy is very visible here. The managers wear a tie just about every day and VP's wear suits, while typical office employees wear jeans. The factory workers have a uniform that they must wear as well. Vacation is something that is extremely important and prevalent in European businesses. People in my division consistently take three-week vacations. Additionally, MTU has seven paid holidays between May and June, which allow employees here a lot of time to vacation. Unfortunately, I do not have the luxury of any vacation days, but I have enjoyed the multiple holidays very much.

While work is the main intention of the ICP program, the ability to travel and experience the culture is another feature of this program, probably the most exciting. Munich, Germany is an ideal location to experience culture as well as travel. Munich is traditional Germany at its best with pretzels and beer that are so large it boggles the mind. Munich is full of chocolate, beer gardens, lederhosen, and pretty much anything

Germany, cont.



German beach on Ruegen Island (cold!!)

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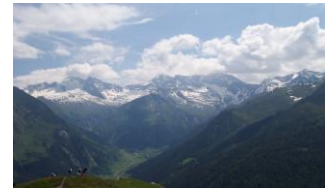
that an American would associate with traditional Germany. There is so much to do here that you could easily never leave the city. On the flip side Munich is centrally located in Europe and close to many interesting and historical places. Austria and Switzerland are less than two hours away by train and Italy is four hours away. On a clear day I can see the Alps from my apartment window. It is simply amazing. There is so much to see and do here. By the time I return home at the end of the summer, I will have been to seven different countries: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland. Short trips fit well into the weekend, and there is so much to see and do.

The experience that I have had with the ICP program

has been unbelievable, and I encourage anyone with even the slightest interest in studying or traveling abroad to try to make this program fit into his or her college experience. I have learned so much while being in Europe and have never enjoyed a co-op so much. I feel that we all should try to do something different in college that really sets us apart from other students. Quite a few students will study abroad, including everyone in Honors-PLUS, but very few students get the opportunity to work abroad. The ICP program has been going to Germany for over 10 years and only 2 business students have ever taken part in the German program. The rest of the students have been engineers. While I believe that a number of business students

have gone elsewhere through ICP, it has been primarily an engineering program. I have enjoyed my experience, and I hope that more Honors-PLUS students can take part in the future.

There is quite a large time investment, including six months abroad, but I definitely believe the experience is worth the work.



Austrian Alps from Germany

Event Tickets Available through University Honors

The following events are available to you as University Honors students as per Dave Meredith's Newsletter:

1. Tall Stacks Riverboat Festival
Thursday, October 16, 6:15pm
1 1/2 hour cruise on the Island Queen PLUS
Admission to all on-shore festival activities, October 15-19. Cost: \$18.00
2. Stomp (Aronoff Center)
Wednesday, November 12, 8:00pm
Front balcony seats, \$24-more than half off!
3. The Full Monty (Aronoff Center)
Tuesday, January 27, 8:00pm
Front balcony seats, \$24-more than half off!

If you want tickets to any of these events, please send a check made out to UC for the total amount. Write what event in the memo line. Ticket orders should be mailed to:

UC Honors Program
PO Box 210007
Cincinnati, OH 45221
ATTN: Ticket Order

Include a letter indicating:

Your name
Event
of tickets

Lindner Honors-PLUS Offices “On The Move”

The staff of the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program is “On The Move”. Our offices will be moving in August & September. Listed below is where you can find us, and the dates of our moves:

Donna Fisher will be moving on **Monday, August 25th** to the first floor in, Room#**102**. The phone number will remain the same, 556-7099. Email stays the same as well, donna.fisher@uc.edu.

Dr. Ricketts will be moving on **Tuesday, September 9th**, to the first floor, Room #**102**. The phone number will remain the same, 556-7046, and the email will also stay the same, jeri.rickets@uc.edu.

Future moves will consist of **Judy Magazine** relocating to the first floor, Room #**102** as well. Her move

will tentatively be some time the end of Sept. She’ll be moving into Scott’s old office.

Scott Gregory will be moving sometime the end of September as well to the undergrad office, 1st floor, Room#**105**.

We’ll let you know the dates for Judy and Scott’s move as soon as we have them. We know there may be a little confusion for a while, but this move is meant to put all the Lindner Honors-PLUS staff in the same area so that we may serve you better. Please drop by to see us *often*. You know the candy dish is always full!

Fall Quarter Update

If you did not register during priority, the last day to register without incurring late fees is Sept. 24th.

Fall quarter starts up on Wednesday, September 24th, and the last day of class is December 7th. Final exams are the week of December 8-14th.

The University observes the Thanksgiving Holiday, and will be closed on November 27th and 28th.

Your break between Fall and Winter Quarter will be, December 14th until Monday, January 5th when classes start for Winter Quarter.

Priority registration for Winter Quarter will be from October 20th through November 2nd. *Please make sure you register during priority. As Honors students you automatically get preference for classes, but only if you register during priority registration!*

August Birthdays

Mary Young	August 3
Harry Steinkamp	August 13
Cynthia Huang	August 15
James Olds	August 17
Kristen Koch	August 17
Andrew Laskey	August 18
Andrew Wong	August 25

