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## From The Director

Hi Everyone,

This fall represents a landmark in the history of the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS Program. It was 10 years ago that we welcomed our very first Lindner Honors-PLUS class to campus. Since then we have graduated 6 classes of students, and their successes and accomplishments have exceeded all of our expectations.

On November 8 we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary with a banquet in the Great Hall at Tangeman University Center. The reception begins at 6, and dinner is at 7. We are expecting a big crowd, and would love to have you join us. Invitations just went out, but if you didn't receive one and would like to come, please call Donna Fisher at 556-7099 and she can send you further details. We are truly looking forward to celebrating all of the

successes of the program with this event, and hope you can join us!

I know you'll enjoy reading the students' stories about their adventures on the International Trip this summer to Asia. This was our first trip to Asia, and I can say with certainty that it was a tremendous success, and the students learned more, and enjoyed their travels even more than we expected. Our next trip is in spring of 2008 to Austria, The Czech Republic, Geneva, Munich and Amsterdam. These trips are such a great opportunity for our students to study global business and experience other cultures. Thank you to all of the businesses, donors, and staff who make these trips such a positive experience.

We have two recruiting breakfasts coming up this month for high school

counselors, teachers, and promising junior and senior students. The first is October 19, and the second is October 26, both held at the Metropolitan Club.

These breakfasts have proven to be a great way to recruit students into our program and build relationships with high schools. If you'd like more information about either of these breakfasts, please call Amy Dulle at 556-7043.

As always, thank you for your interest in our program, and your support. It is truly appreciated.

*Jeri Ricketts*

## Welcome Class of 2012

by: Donna Fisher

September 19, 2007, saw 22 new Lindner Honors-PLUS students on campus. We are so excited to be able to add this newest class to our current group of outstanding Lindner Honors-PLUS students. Joining us for 2007 are:

Ryan Atkins  
 Monique Bernstein  
 Kelly Borman  
 Rachel Bucalo  
 Johnnie Buttelerwerth  
 Zach Fehr  
 Allison Gathof  
 Eileen George  
 Sam Geroulis  
 Nicole Green  
 Jack Habig  
 Molly Inderhees  
 Brian Jacob  
 Robel Kidane  
 Josh Kramer  
 Jon Litmer  
 Jesseca McDaniel  
 Joe Radloff  
 Mark Rooney  
 Andrea Ruckriegel  
 Athena Stefanou  
 Maria Sunderhaus

Upper classmen, please take time to seek out our newest students and welcome them to the program. Remember your freshman year, and what you have learned since then. There is a lot you can do to help ease the transition into University life, by sharing information you have gained over the past year or more.

For our new incoming class, remember that the Lindner Honors-PLUS staff is here to help you too

transition into college life. If there is anything we can do, just stop by and visit us in suite 103 on the first floor.

Judy Magazine is in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Since she is your freshman advisor, you will probably meet most with her. You can reach her at 556-7187 or email her at [judy.magazine@uc.edu](mailto:judy.magazine@uc.edu).

My office hours (Donna Fisher) are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:00am until 6:00pm. I am off on Tuesdays, but check my voice mail from home once in the morning and once in the afternoon, as well as my email. If you have a problem that can't wait until Wednesday, don't hesitate to leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP. You can reach me at [donna.fisher@uc.edu](mailto:donna.fisher@uc.edu) or 556-7099.

Since Jeri Ricketts teaches, as well as directs the Lindner Honors-PLUS program her office hours change a lot. It's easiest to call her at 556-7046 or email her at [jeri.ricketts@uc.edu](mailto:jeri.ricketts@uc.edu) and set up an appointment to see her.

Scott Gregory's office is in the Undergraduate Programs Office on the first floor, suite 105. You can reach him at 556-7037 or [scott.gregory@uc.edu](mailto:scott.gregory@uc.edu).

Scott asked me to give you a couple of helpful reminders at this point: If you have questions about housing, call the housing office directly at 556-6461. For problems with your

Cincinnati Scholarships, call Amy Fontaine at 556-6993. For problems with Lindner Honors-PLUS Scholarships, contact Scott.

If you have any problems with your class schedules, call me (Donna Fisher) and see if I can help before you stand in long lines at the One Stop Office. I can't fix everything, but I usually know someone who can! If you don't know where to go or who to ask about anything, stop and see me. I am willing and eager to help in any way I can, and I can direct you to the right person to see and save you a lot of wasted time. (PLUS, I always have candy on my desk to encourage you to stop and visit with me!) Once again, my direct line is 556-7099.

Please don't hesitate to stop in when you have any problems or if you just need to talk. We really mean it when we say we have an open door policy. We're here to help in any way that we can. We want your college experience to be the best that it can be!

Have a great quarter!

*Donna Fisher*

## Buenos Aires

With big Beaux Arts residences, busy pedestrian traffic, and famous boulevards, the outdoor cafés make a nice respite for city goers craving an espresso and croissant to start their day. Or perhaps, later in the afternoon, the same businessmen and fashionable women will pause for a glass of wine and a cigarette as they exchange ideas about the literature, politics, and other de rigueur café topics. But with grandiose museums, old-fashioned antique fairs, abundant city parks, and a growing economy, denizens of this cultural hub could be discussing any number of topics.



(From the central gathering place in Buenos Aires, La Plaza de Mayo, you can see historic Beaux arts architecture in addition to modern businesses)

Proudly known as the “Paris of South America”, Buenos Aires, Argentina compares with its French counterpart as a cultural epicenter in numerous ways, but also counts as influences its Spanish settlers and Italian immigrants. It is the combination and subsequent

## The Paris of the South

assimilation of these and many more cultures that have created a melting pot mentality similar to that of the United States. One of the most famous and appropriate representations of this blended Argentinean culture is the tango because it synthesizes differing cultural traditions of music and dance into one national symbol of its diverse heritage.

During my three week study of Argentinean culture and film in Buenos Aires, I learned about the tango both historically and through actual practice, along with fourteen other students from the University’s Honors Program. The fifteen of us were led through this cultural survey by two professors, Cristina Kowalski and Alejandro Solomianski, who challenged us to engage in Argentinean culture through every outlet available. In addition to participating in tango classes, we students personally interviewed political protestors, cheered at a soccer game, visited a working estancia (cattle ranch), and sipped the popular tea yerba matté.

Activities like the ones listed and many more helped us to immerse ourselves in Argentinean culture, gaining valuable insights into a country with which we had little previous knowledge.

Now, after learning so much

by: Brian Meyers

about South American history, I have a new appreciation for Argentina and its neighbors. I found touring this one South American country to be interesting, fun, and cheap, and look forward to exploring more of the continent in the years to come. Similarly, I would encourage any one interested in discovering Buenos Aires to visit now as the economy remains stable and prices remain low.

Brian Meyers  
Class of 2008



(Fellow Lindner Honors-PLUS student Jen Schuster and I in the colorful immigrant barrio, La Boca.)

## Argentina: Rich History and Culture

by: Jennifer Schuster

As part of a UC Honors Program study abroad course, I, along with thirteen other Honors students, had the opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires for three weeks this summer to study Argentinean culture through film. Having previously studied in Europe I was eager to experience South American culture, but I was surprised by the European flare of the city. Whether it was enjoying a glass of wine at a nearby café, sitting in the park watching as



(Local Café)

the people pass by, or the slower pace of the city, it soon became obvious why Buenos Aires is so often referred to as “The Paris of South America.” Originally modeled after Paris’ famous grid system Buenos Aires conveniently allows one to walk and explore the many historical sites, while enjoying the architectural structures. Adding to the city’s rich culture is the strong Italian influence stemming from the early immigrants as well as the many theaters, museums, world famous opera houses, zoo, botanical gardens, and churches that have shaped Buenos Aires into the cultural hub that it is today.

During the three week study abroad we were fortunate to not only study the culture through watching films, but we had the opportunity to truly immerse ourselves in Argentinean traditions.

One of the more interesting memories from the trip came during our visit to working cattle ranches, commonly known as estancias, where we were able to learn more about the gaucho culture. Leaving the city for the quieter life on a ranch we observed a typical polo match and enjoyed a traditional Argentinean meal which means beef, beef, and more beef. To cap off our wonderful and relaxing day we enjoyed taking canoes out on the lake, playing a soccer match with the locals, and drinking the popular tea yerba mate. To further experience Argentina we took tango lessons and even went to a milanga (tango dance club) to practice with the locals.



(LaBoca Junior “football” game)

A truly memorable moment that can’t go without mentioning was our outing to a “football” match with one of the local teams, La Boca Juniors, which was like nothing I’ve ever experienced before. There is

honestly nothing in the United States that can compare to Argentinean fans supporting their team.

This study abroad experience really enhanced my cultural awareness, expanding upon everything I learned from the Lindner Honors-PLUS Europe trip. Within just three weeks I fell in love with the city, found a deeper appreciation for Argentina, and now I’m realizing how much I miss South America. Not only would I encourage everyone to take advantage of this program, or any study abroad experience, but I’m already looking forward to my next trip to South America when I can further explore Argentina and the surrounding countries.



(Argentinean Polo Match)

Jennifer Schuster  
Class of 2008

## International Trip to Asia, August 2007

by: Various Students

This past August, the pre-junior Lindner Honors-PLUS class left on their International trip for 4 weeks abroad. The students were accompanied on various legs of their journey by UC professors, Dr. Raj Mehta (who stayed with the students all 4 weeks), Dr. Jeri Ricketts, Dr. Yong Kim and Dr. Susan Sadlier.

I had the opportunity to talk to Kiana Herron and Alex Huang upon their return from the trip. I was eager to hear all about their journey and found they were also very eager to share it with me, along with several hundred pictures, I might add!

I asked for 4 volunteers from the class to write about a specific leg of the journey, and as always happens with this group, had 4 volunteers within the first day of my asking. Below are their short stories and a couple of the pictures they took along the way. I hope you enjoy reading about this as much as I've enjoyed listening to them!

Donna Fisher

### **First Stop: South Korea August 8-15, 2007 By Dan Cremons**

After a grueling 13-hour airplane ride, complete with on-demand movies, exquisite international cuisine, and at-your-beckoning service, the 23 Lindner Honors-PLUS Marco Polo's descended upon Incheon Airport, positioned 20 miles from the South Korean capitol: Seoul. Moderately jet-lagged and hungry for familiar Clifton chow, we strolled out of the hectic airport and immediately into the hospitable arms of a few of our friends from Soongsil University, who greeted us with a round of applause and a far-from-subtle 20-foot welcome sign. What an unexpected, but welcomed greeting, a foretelling of the hospitality that we would be extended on a daily basis during our 8-day stay.

Initial impressions of Seoul were mixed: some longed for familiar surroundings, while others embraced the cultural and lingual disparity. Regardless, all variations in perception carried a common thread: we weren't in Kansas anymore, Toto.

As we moved to our lodgings, the upscale Palace Hotel, all seemed excited for this segment of the trip. Most anticipated was the opportunity to meet our Korean buddies from Soongsil.

Upon arriving at the University on Day 2, we were once again met with open arms by our Korean counterparts, and began to develop the bonds with our Korean buddies that would solidify over the coming 7 days. Through the duration of the trip, we spent every waking hour being escorted around Seoul by the students, soaking up Korean business, education, and most importantly, the rich Korean culture.

On the educational and business fronts, our days were spent in educational sessions, with topics ranging from the Korean nuclear crisis to the Korean financial system, and at company and government visits, including excursions to the Hyundai factory in Southeast Korea and the Cheongwadae (the Korean equivalent of the U.S. White House). Additionally, we had the opportunity to put our American business education to the test when we participated in the heralded BusinessGame, a comprehensive analytical competition in which our cross-cultural teams, or virtual "companies", went head to head in the cutthroat battle for market supremacy. Surely, the language barrier often showed its ugly face in discussion of complex business concepts (which some of our teams can attribute the company's ultimate bankruptcy

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to as a scapegoat); however, I think the lesson to be gained here, and in other business and educational dealings, was not the average cost-of-labor in Korean industry, but how to interact with those of a different culture.

Most importantly, we had ample opportunity within the curriculum and on our own time to explore the Korean way of life, thanks in large part to the willingness of our Korean buddies to share their culture with us. Whether attending an action-packed Korean baseball game, enjoying an intense (might I add intense) afternoon of soccer and basketball, or being treated to traditional Korean fare (bulgogi is perhaps the finest), we were generously escorted around seemingly boundless Seoul by our Korean friends nearly every hour of the day; this is the Korean way.

In my travels, never have I been in a culture that is more inviting, more compassionate, and more eager to share its own way of life. While the educational aspect of our time spent in Korea was significant, the most value was taken from the time spent with our hopefully lifelong Korean friends and our immersion in Korean culture.

### **Beijing, China August 15-20, 2007 by Anne Seitz**

We arrived in Beijing, China after a busy week in Seoul, and from my first glimpse of the city and my first few choked breaths of Beijing air, I knew we were about to be stretched even farther out of our comfort zones.

My first impressions of China were dominated by hazy air, unimaginable living conditions and frenzied construction everywhere and at all times. I have to admit I was a little worried as I tossed and turned on my rock hard bed that first night. My throat was sore, even the air in the hotel was hard to breathe, and it was obvious to me that China was going to be a different, and maybe even difficult experience, and I wasn't sure I was ready. Although nervous, I was also excited and ready to challenge myself. I came on the trip to push myself and experience a truly different way of life and wasn't about to let the thought of a little respiratory infection bring me down.

As Americans in China, we were a source of great amazement and sometimes amusement. Our attempts at Chinese were either laughed at or met with blank stares and double-takes and photo-ops from locals were not uncommon.

We started the mornings with Chinese language class and came away being able to say hello and thank you (though most likely not in the correct tones) and had lectures on Chinese history, trade relations and the recent economic boom.

To start this leg of the trip off right, our first full day in Beijing included a very interesting and educational company visit to Deloitte. We met with Peter Bowie, CEO of Deloitte China, who gave us great insight into the challenges and opportunities of the booming Chinese market, what he's learned, and how Deloitte has had to adjust its business model to find success.

Class and company visits aside, we had numerous opportunities to experience the history and culture of Beijing. Fascinated by the newfound sport of haggling (bargaining), many of us found the famous Silk Street market to be a daily stop on our agenda and, with an average price of around \$12 USD, could always rationalize the need for another knockoff Coach Purse or Rolex watch.

When we weren't shopping we were busy exploring and experiencing the nightlife, history and traditions of the capital city.

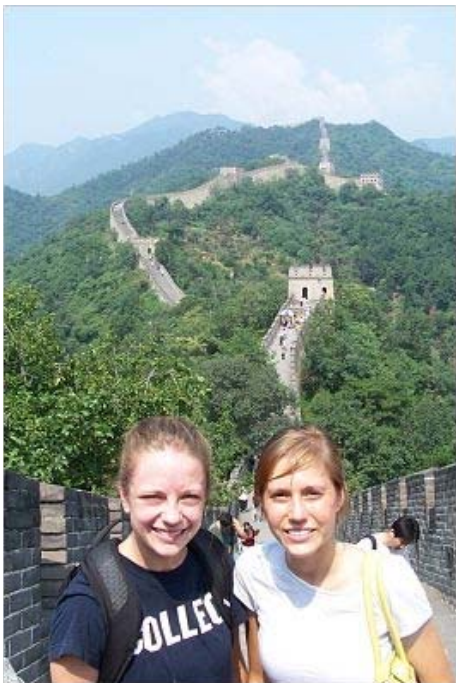
My favorite day in Beijing,

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and possibly the whole trip, was our trip to the Great Wall at Mutianyu and our visit to the Summer Palace. Winding through the mountains from peak to valley, the view from the Great Wall was breathtaking and the hike was a real physical challenge.

The climb starts with a grueling hike up the side of the mountain to get to the Great Wall where the real fun of climbing from one watchtower to another begins. Driven by my competitive nature, I picked the highest point I could see and started my trek with a small group of students over the uneven path consisting of everything from 3 inch to 2 foot high steps. An avid



(Mandi Martini and Annie at the Great Wall)

runner, I consider myself to be in good shape, but this hike up the Great Wall was one of the hardest workouts of my life. The sweat and sore muscles were so worth the view from the top and the moving experience of walking the same path that has been walked for a thousand years.

That same day, because we hadn't walked enough already, we toured the best preserved example of Imperial architecture and gardens in Beijing, the Summer Palace.

The Summer Palace is a gorgeous 3,000 building complex of living quarters, gardens, temples, boats, etc. all overlooking Kunming Lake with a great view of Beijing.

When you're in the city it's hard to realize how large it actually is (about the size of Belgium), but this view from afar put it all in perspective. As far as you could see in every direction was the capital city.

Our 5-day agenda in Beijing also included a visit to the US Embassy, a company visit at EduGlobal and trips to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven.

My initial feeling of unease waned and the many things I had been warned about before visiting China (bad food, unbreathable air, dirty streets and restrooms, an overwhelming number of people) for the most part proved to be untrue or only slight annoyances. I enjoyed the food. Meals were relaxing and complete with unending portions of meat, vegetables, rice, noodles and soups served communal style on a Lazy-Susan.

While there was a definite haze hovering over Beijing, it only required a slight adjustment to begin breathing normally again. The overcrowding of the 16 million people that call Beijing home made for terrifying traffic and interesting subway rides. I could never have imagined squeezing that many people into a subway car and to say the least, we got up close and personal with each other and some strangers real quick. The city was different and sometimes a little dirty, but the things that might make some uncomfortable are also the things that make Beijing unique and distinctly Chinese. I came to appreciate the lack of personal space and total disregard for waiting in a line as part of the culture, and being in Beijing made me thankful for the small things I take for

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Beijing, cont.

granted every day in the US. Beijing was a wonderful city full of history and teeming with life and the anticipation of a prosperous, great future. Beijing provided a glimpse into Chinese life and allowed us to ease into the transition from a developed Seoul to a developing China and the real challenge that lay ahead in Chengdu.

### Chengdu, China August 20-26, 2007 by Mandi Martini

After a few days of traveling in Beijing, our class was off to experience another city in China. Upon arriving in Chengdu, we were greeted at the airport by a professor and student from the university where we were going to study. They had a bus waiting and graciously escorted us to the place we would stay for the next six days.

Our hotel was in the center of the university campus, which was very nice. Many of us took advantage of the campus, playing basketball or running in the free time that we had. We ate in the hotel restaurant our first night, only to get a preview of the hot and spicy food to come.

Our second day in Chengdu was packed with many activities. We began the morning with a lecture on Chinese culture and an

introduction to the Chengdu lifestyle. Later in the day, we were brought to Du Fu Park where we took a nice walk. Strolling through the park, we fed fish, walked around a lake, and learned about the Tang Dynasty. The park was essentially a poetry museum filled with rocks and stones that had poetry written directly on them from the Tang Dynasty. Du Fu and Li Bai, who lived during the Tang dynasty, were two of the greatest Chinese poets, and much of their work was displayed throughout the park. The Tang Dynasty is a notable period in history for the Chengdu people, as it was Chengdu's most profitable time.

After our walk through Du Fu Park, we headed towards Jing Li Street, which was packed with many small antique shops and little restaurants. Breaking off into many groups, people headed their separate ways, some deciding to grab a bite to eat, others picking up gifts for friends and family at home, and some deciding to get massages.

Everyone then reconvened at the entrance of Jing Li and headed as a group to the Sichuan opera. Sitting only a few rows from the stage, our group was served jasmine tea, sunflower seeds, and peanuts. Some of us even got a nice shoulder massage as we waited for the act to begin.

The opera was filled with a variety of acts, including mask dancing, knife throwing, and singing. One of our students, Joe McVicker, was actually pulled up on the stage. Entertaining the audience, Joe went along with the act, agreeing to be blind folded and have the actors throw knives past him. As he was blind folded and held up against a board, the actors stuck knives in the wood and then pulled off his blindfold. The audience cheered, and Joe laughed in nervous relief, still believing that the knives were actually thrown at him from twenty feet away.



(Joe McVicker on stage)

The next few days were filled with lectures on the Chinese economy and real estate market, company visits to NCS and Intel, and tours of the Panda Park, the Du Jiangyan irrigation project, and the Giant Buddha. The Panda Park was an enjoyable surprise. We left for the park, expecting not to see any pandas that day because of the hot weather. However, to our surprise, we were shown giant pandas sleeping inside and a few of the baby pandas in incubators.

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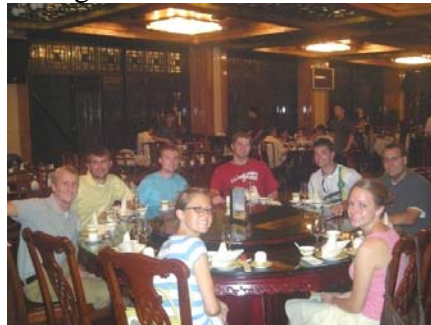
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Seeing the Giant Buddha was also a great experience. Beating the typical crowd, we arrived early in the morning as it opened. We hiked up a small hill, and before we knew it, we were standing at the top near the Buddha's head. We then began to slowly walk to the bottom down the narrow, slippery steps as rain poured on us. Most of us were a little nervous of falling on our walk down, but once we reached the bottom it was totally worth it. The size of the Buddha was unbelievable. Many of us were not even as tall as a single toe of the Buddha. After taking many pictures, we hiked back to the top and headed to our next stop, which was a riverboat cruise. Traveling on the river, we were shown the Giant Buddha once more, as well as the Sleeping Buddha off in the hillside.



(Sabrina student from Chengdu, Alex Huang & Annie Seitz on cruise)

Later that evening, our group gathered for a farewell dinner. We walked a few blocks away from campus to a local restaurant. As we were seated, we learned that we would be having a famous Chengdu dish called hotpot. A large pot sat in the middle of the table with a smaller pot inside. We quickly learned that the smaller pot was filled with a mild broth and the outside pot was filled with a very spicy broth. The servers brought out a variety of vegetables, meat and fish, and we added the ingredients to our liking, enjoying our last meal in Chengdu.



(Pictures L to R, back row: Dan Cremons, Stephen Porter, Kevin Perkins, Devon Steelman, Alex Petre & Zach Chaney. Front row, L to r: Annie Seitz & Mandi Martini)

### Hong Kong August 26-28, 2007 by Alex Huang

When my classmates and I traveled from Chengdu to Hong Kong, I simply regarded the trip as a quick stop before relaxing on the beaches of Thailand. I expected Hong Kong to be like another New York City, Los Angeles, or Chicago. As soon as I arrived in Hong Kong, I

realized that the city would exceed all of my expectations.



(Hong Kong Skyline at night)

The first thing that caught my eyes was the city's skyline. The combination of the harbor, skyscrapers, and the mountains made Hong Kong's skyline one of the most unique and stunning views I have ever seen. The next thing that amazed me was the abundance of wealth. The streets are filled with Lamborghinis, Maseratis, and many other expensive foreign cars that are very rare in the U.S. It seemed like every other car on the street was a Porsche or Mercedes. I walked by a Louis Vuitton store and there were literally a hundred people in line waiting to enter the store. There are golf equipment retailers on every street corner, all of whose prices are nearly double the stores in America, but there are no golf courses nearby. It was a drastic change from the lower-income cities that we had previously visited.

Another incredible thing about the city was the diversity. I was amazed at how different one

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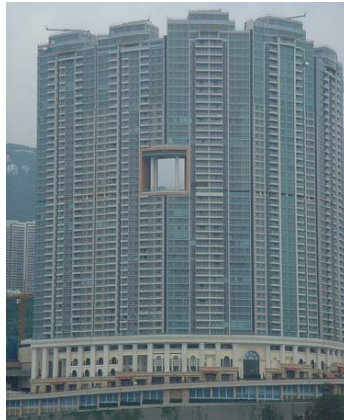
## International Trip, cont

person was from the next. It was rare to walk into a shop and see three or four people of the same ethnicity or hear a common language. I expected Hong Kong to be predominantly Chinese with a random tourist mixed in, but that definitely was not the case.

The Hong Kong atmosphere was a complete inverse from our previous two stops. It seemed like every person in the city had money to burn. I realize that there are successful people in Beijing and Chengdu as well, but the general population in those cities was noticeably poorer. Next difference, our housing in Hong Kong was a significant upgrade from our accommodations in Chengdu. We stayed at a YMCA, a very nice place with a rock-wall, swimming pool, fitness room, and an incredible view of the skyline. The last big difference was that I could not use Mandarin Chinese to communicate with everyone. Cantonese (a Chinese dialect) is the most common language in Hong Kong and it is about as similar to Mandarin as English is to Swahili. Luckily everyone spoke English, which was a pleasant change.

Considering the small window of time that we were in Hong Kong, the number of things we accomplished in the city was pretty astounding. We were able to get a tour of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and speak with one of

their representatives. We also visited a supply chain management company called



(Building which illustrates how Feng Shui is incorporated into architecture.)

Li & Fung. We learned about their strategies and business model, in addition to visiting their Showcase that was full of all types of products that they handle, ranging from kitchenware to stuffed animals to windshield wipers. We met with the President of Emerson Hong Kong, learning about business practices and the Chinese Economy, and we also spoke with some University of Cincinnati Alumni about life as an expatriate, the future of Hong Kong, the impact of Feng Shui on architecture, and their real estate advisory company DTZ.

Hong Kong is known as the Paradise of Shopping and Eating and how true that is. The food that we ate in Hong Kong was amazing. We ate lunch at a Dim Sum Restaurant, which is my favorite Chinese cuisine. Later that evening, one of the UC

Alumni hosted us for dinner. The class took a 30 minute ferry boat ride to the island of Lamma, where The Rainbow Restaurant is located. We were treated with the most delicious and elaborate seafood dinner I ever imagined. The variety of seafood, the sophisticated food preparation, the service, and the scene were remarkable. What a fantastic way to finish the trip.

One other aspect of Hong Kong worth mentioning is the spectacular show "A Symphony of Lights." It is a synchronized light and sound show that is displayed each night by the buildings of the skyline. 43 of the buildings light up with lasers and lights and dance to music. The roof of our hotel provided a perfectly clear view of the show, and we were lucky to have multiple clear nights for opportunities to see the show.

Hong Kong is so much more than just another big city. Its diversity, culture, architecture, and scenery truly make it a unique place to visit and enjoy. All ready having established itself as a global financial powerhouse, the city continues to grow and new skyscrapers are being constructed every day. Artificial land is being made so that new space can be used to accommodate the city's growth. I can't wait to return and visit the ever-changing city and see the new and improved Hong Kong.

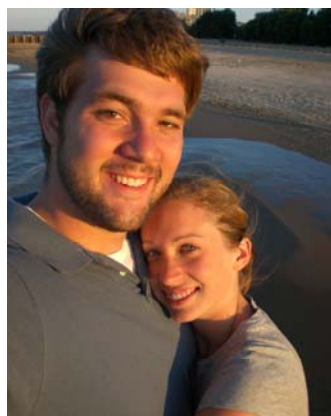
## Items of Interest



**Sarah Harvey**, Class of 2008, said "I do" to Eric Penrod on September 1, 2007 at St. Monica- St. George Church. The couple spent a wonderful week relaxing in Cozumel for their honeymoon.

Sarah also recently accepted a position in GE Aviation's Operations Management Leadership Program and will start upon graduation in June.

**Carly Weiler**, Class of 2008, also recently accepted a position in GE Aviation's Operations Management Leadership Program and will start upon graduation in June.



**Tyler Bertke**, Class of 2008, recently got engaged to Meghan Norris. They will be getting married in July, 2008.

## Alumni News

**Kyle Bertke**, Class of 2005, recently popped the question and got a resounding "yes" from Mary Kate Allen. He mentioned that he met Mary Kate while on co-op in San Francisco. He says co-op is much more than just work experience! Kyle & Mary Kate are planning to get married next fall in Boston! He also recently started a new job with Silicon Valley Bank where he works on a team that lends money to early stage life science (medical products and pharmaceuticals) companies in New England!

**Ben Hines**, Class of 2006, and his recent fiancée Elizabeth Henkle, will be uniting in marriage on the 8th of December 2007 in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth is an Oral Roberts University graduate, and was raised in Kansas. They met at Capital Life Church.

**Greg McElfresh** and **Abby Hunter**, Class of 2007 said their "I Do's" on September 29th. They were married at Crossroads Community Church followed by a honeymoon in Boston and New York. Stay tuned for a wedding photo in the next issue!

**Stefanie (Smith) Carter**, Class of 2004, was recently promoted in June 2007 to Assistant Vice President of Commercial Real Estate at U.S. Bank.

**Nancy Gannon**, Class of 2007, got engaged to Adam Boyle (UC Engineering, 2005 and University of Pittsburgh Law, 2008), her boyfriend of 8 years. A date for the wedding has not yet been set.

Nancy continues her job at P&G and is preparing for her new assignment as the Global Assistant Brand Manager for Pampers.

**Jennifer (Yale) Kidd**, Class of 2003, wanted to share some exciting news... at the end of July, she begins a new chapter in her career! She accepted a position as an Associate Marketing Manager with Luxottica Retail. For those not familiar with Luxottica, they own several retail vision centers (LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Sunglass Hut, etc.), which are headquartered out of Mason. After being a supplier/agency partner for several years, she's looking forward to the opportunity to be on the other side of table.



**Cynthia Huang**, Class of 2005, was married to Matt Nesbitt on Tybee Island, GA on August 18, 2007. Currently they reside in Atlanta where Cynthia is a systems engineer at Eclipsys Corporation and Matt is attending his final year of law school at Emory University.

## UC Homecoming!

Don't forget, UC Homecoming was October 13<sup>th</sup>! As always, we had a good mix of Lindner Honors-PLUS students in the running. There were:

**Queen:** Kat Crumley (Class of 2010), Kirby Huelsebusch (Class of 2009), Victoria Sunderman (Class of 2010) & Carly Weiler (Class of 2008)

**King:** Dan Cremons (Class of 2009), Nick Furtwengler (Class of 2008), Danny Larsen (Class of 2010), Jay Radley (Class of 2009), Ryan Rosensweig (Class of 2009) & Kyle Snider (Class of 2010).

\*\* *I'm happy to announce that Victoria Sunderman was chosen as Homecoming Queen. We're so proud of her!*

**Go Bearcats!!!!**

## Lindner Honors-PLUS Birthdays

### Sept. Birthdays

Nick Bikas	Sept. 9
Allison Burns	Sept. 17
Doug Cushman	Sept. 21
Brian Macke	Sept. 22
Austin Flint	Sept. 26
Christina Roof	Sept. 27
Mark Rooney	Sept. 29
Alex Huang	Sept. 30
Austin Francis	Sept. 30

### Oct. Birthdays

Ryan Rosensweig	Oct. 3
Devon Steelman	Oct. 4
Kathryn Crumley	Oct. 4
Evan Clinkenbeard	Oct. 8
Stanley Wells, Jr.	Oct. 12
Dustin Alvey	Oct. 15
Lance Durbin	Oct. 18
Anne Seitz	Oct. 26
Jay Johnston	Oct. 28
Zach Chaney	Oct. 29
Kyle Snider	Oct 30

