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NOW-ROUZ

One of the most significant days on the calendar in Iran is the Now-Rouz (New Year's) Day, which falls on the vernal equinox, corresponding to March 21st. ALL Iranians, regardless of creed, color or religion, celebrate this festive occasion. This year Iranians will observe the auspicious Now-Rouz just as they have done for thousands of years, praying that the new year will be a continuation of the past years, in happiness and prosperity. An air of contentment and rejoicing marks the atmosphere during the entire thirteen day period of Now-Rouz. The festivities are brought to an end on the thirteenth day, Sizdah-Bedar, by spending the day in the open country. It is considered unlucky to stay home on this happy day; the countryside around the large cities is covered with groups of people in high spirit.

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Congratulations to the International Club for a very successful Persian night in celebration of the Iranian New Year. We hope this becomes an annual tradition at Tufts! The Club also sponsored a successful International Dinner, and Indian cuisine appears to be becoming a specialty at the International House due to the presence of master chefs Sushil Garg and Rashesh Choksi! Have a happy spring!

Leslie G. Long

- Judy Cornetta - International Office Secretary
- Lai Lai Sheung - Student Assistant
- Ditzah Wooden - Student Assistant
- Pradip Kapadia - Student Assistant
- Bettina Winter and Audrey Hale - Hospitality Program Coordinators
- Valerie Orlosky - Furniture Pool Coordinator
- Susan Allein - English Instructor
- Sushil Garg - International House Head Resident
- Nasser Ordoubadi - International Club President



STONE TABLET WITH CUNEIFORM INSCRIPTIONS IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE ACHAEMENIAN DYNASTY



THE ACHAEMENIAN SOLDIER UNDER CYRUS THE GREAT - FOUNDER OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE (6th CENTURY B.C.)

legal info

SUMMER WORK It will be much more difficult to get authorization to work this summer from the Department of Immigration and Naturalization. The only request which will be granted must be based on "unforeseen economic circumstance which have developed since the applicant has entered the United States." This application must be accompanied by documentation supporting the need to work. Instructions on how to apply for permission to work and applications are available in the International Office. Application should be made as soon as possible. Make an appointment to see Leslie Long.

SUMMER VACATIONS ABROAD - I-20's Don't forget, if you're leaving the United States at any time during the year you must have a current I-20 form with which to re-enter the country. PLEASE REQUEST FORMS FROM THIS OFFICE AND ALLOW ONE WEEK FOR PREPARATION OF I-20's. Last minute request may delay your departure.

TRANSFERS TO OTHER SCHOOLS If you will be transferring to another school next semester, be sure to stop by the International Office to fill out the proper form (I-538) You must have the permission of the Department of Immigration to transfer.

GRADUATING STUDENTS-CONGRATULATIONS! If you will be completing your degree in May please stop by the International Office to say goodbye! Students who will finish their course work but remain in the area next term to work on their theses, should let us know, since the International Office is required by law to report all students who do not register to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

CHECK YOUR I-94 DATE! Be sure to check the expiration date of your I-94 card (small white card in your passport.) About a month before it is due to expire you should come to the International Office to apply for an extension

of stay. This is unnecessary if you plan to leave the country. As long as you have a current I-20, your stay will automatically be extended when you re-enter the United States.

activities

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY CHEZ PRESIDENT HALLOWELL President and Mrs. Hallowell graciously hosted students and their hosts at a reception in their home April 8th. A great time was had by all. We shall all miss President & Mrs Hallowell and wish them well in their new pursuits.

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY PROGRAM On Saturday, April 24, an all -day workshop on intercultural communication as it relates to the Host Family Program will be held at Tufts University. The Tufts program expanded last year to include individual hosts and changed its name to the International Hospitality Program. Participants will include current and future hosts, international students, foreign students advisers and individuals interested in initiating hospitality programs at their own institutions. Tufts Cordon Bleu Chef, Charles Wilson will also treat us to a gourmet international lunch! Those interested in participating should write to: Ms. Bettina Winter Program Coordinator, International Office.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS On Friday February 20th the International Club sponsored a Disco dance for the benefit of the Guatemala Earthquake Relief Fund. This event was just a part of the effort of Boston area schools during an intensive week of fund-raising. The Disco was widely publicized and netted \$440.00 which was sent to CARE/Guatemala Relief Fund.

The newly written constitution of the International Club was finally voted on and approved at a recent General Body Meeting. A copy of the Club Constitution will be mailed to you soon.

Nasser Ordoubadi

HELLENIC SOCIETY Welcome to the newly formed Hellenic Society which sponsored its first activity, a very successful Greek Coffee Hour! Officers are Andrea Papadopoulos, Johanna Chiofilis and Cassandra John. Meetings are held Monday nights at 7:00P.M. in Stratton Lounge. For more information call Andrea at 628-6510 or Johanna X6663

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SUN (Somerville United Neighborhoods) is sponsoring an International festival on April 24th from 11AM to 4PM at Somerville High School. Currently Brazilian, French, Haitian and Portuguese folklore groups have agreed to participate. SUN is looking for other interested dance groups or musical groups to donate some of their time to this worthwhile community event. Groups are encouraged to set-up booths where they can sell ethnic foods or goods. Last year the Portuguese group made over \$100. If any group or people is interested in participating or just attending, call Al DaSilva at 628-6065. If you are not interested in participating but are interested in attending, tickets are only \$1.

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL 70 Hereford Street, Boston MA 02115. Tel: 267-6674
Monday LECTURE: CHINA'S LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION
April 26

5:30 Professor Lucian W. Pye of M.I. T., one of the nations leading China scholars will discuss the current leadership succession. Prof. Pye, a consultant on China to the State Dept., National Security Council and Congress, has just completed a book on this topic.

Tennis and Racquet Club
939 Boylston St.
Call the Council for Information & Reservation:
non members \$3.00
members & students \$2.00
student members \$1.00

May 15-16 Workshop:
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT We are tentatively planning a workshop/orientation for U.S. students planning to study overseas. The workshop provides international students with a chance to be learning resources for discussion about

adjustment, self-awareness and growth, cross-cultural communications. The workshop will address concern common to all persons entering a new culture rather than focusing on individual countries.
For more information: call Andrea Ruelius 267-6674

HOSPITALITY TOURS Notices regarding foreign student hospitality tours for the spring have just arrived in the Office of Student Activities. Washington: April 16-18 and May 28-30. Penn. Dutch Country, April 23-25.

THE PAN AMERICAN SOCIETY 75A Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116, CO 6-2248
May 5 Film Evening. Interesting films on Easter Island and other Latin American films, shown at the Pan American Society at 6 PM. Refreshments will be served. These films will be shown through the courtesy of Avianca Airlines and Lindblad Travel. Representatives of Avianca Airlines and Lindblad will comment on the films.

May 16 Noche Chilena at the International Institute, 287 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. A Chilean evening with entertainment, music, refreshments and dancing. From 7-11p.m. Members \$1.50 Friends \$2.50.
For further information call 536-1081

ORIENTATION - NEW STUDENTS, FALL 1976 There will be approximately 75 new international students arriving in the fall, and orientation will be expanded to help them with adjustment problem. If you or an American friend would be interested in writing to a new student over the summer to tell him/her about Tufts and help out with orientation in the fall, please contact the International Office (X545). Please fill out the tear sheet at the end of this newsletter and return it by campus mail to: International Office, Brown House.

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS-IN-AID The Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., provides grants to foreign women for graduate study on the basis of the criteria and procedures indicated below. Grants-in-Aid may be made up to a maximum of \$1,000, but usually are for considerably less. They are not intended to finance a full program of education; instead, they are intended to serve as emergency funds only. A student must have means for taking

care of the major portion of her educational expenses before applying for an Altrusa Grant-in-Aid. Preference will be given to those studying in fields that will aid in the social, economic or educational development of their countries. A student who believes she is eligible, according to the above criteria, should complete the attached application form and mail to:

Mrs. Beuna A. Lansford
115 West Ridgeley Road
Columbia, Missouri 65201

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENT AFFAIRS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - San Diego, Calif. May 4-7, 1976. The theme of the conference, this year is "rofessional Development in Educational Interchange". Leslie Long will be attending the conference, and those students who are interested in attending should contact the International Office for information on student rates.

TRANSLATORS NEEDED! We have received a request form the Volunteer Translators Program at the University Hospital for the Boston University Medical Center for bi-lingual volunteers to assist in patient admissions, discharge, education and family support. There is a particular need for speakers of Czech, Russian, Japanese, Swedish and Polish. Those wishing further information should contact the Boston University Medical Center directly.

ECUADORIAN STUDENTS Ecuadorian students who would like assistance in finding jobs at home after they complete their studies at Boston University should write to Mr. Walter R. Spurrier, la Camara de Comercio Internacional, Elizalde 119, 70 Piso, Guayaquil, Ecuador. Since la Camera de Comercio has undertaken the responsibility of placing Ecuadorian students in private enterprises throughout the country, its services could be invaluable to Ecuadorian students.

EMPLOYMENT : CANADA We have received from the CANADIAN MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION ADMINISTRATION a copy of the 1975 Directory

of Employers of New University Graduates and registration applications. The Directory lists the major employers in business, industry and academia as well as the basic requirements for the positions available. There is also a section on summer employment. The Directory and registration forms are available in the International Office during regular office hours (9 AM-5 PM).

EMPLOYMENT : INDIA INDIAN STUDENTS who are planning to return to India are being sought by Citicorp for positions as executive trainees. Interested persons should send their resume to : Ms. Ana Sterlini, Asst. Cashier, First National City Bank, International Banking Group, 399 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

EMPLOYMENT : EGYPTIAN, INDIAN AND PAKISTAN GRADUATE STUDENTS The National Science Foundation announces that it is accepting applications for research, science education and related activities under its special foreign currency program. The program encourages cooperative research activities in Egypt, India and Pakistan and other countries having an excess of U.S. owned foreign currencies. U.S. and foreign scientists are encouraged to exchange information in all fields of scientific research and make optimal use of major facilities in participating countries. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Division of International Programs, National Science Foundation, 1800 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20550

EMPLOYMENT : IRANIAN STUDENTS
IRAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES Iran Electronics is interested in receiving applications from Iranian students who have earned American B.S., M.S. and Ph.D degrees in mechanical, industrial and aeronautical engineering, accounting, economics, marketing, computer science and education. All those who are interested in applying for these positions should write to Mr. W.A. Copeland, P.O. Box 386, SHIRAZ, Iran.

SUMMER TRAVEL INFORMATION

GREYHOUND: \$99 (two weeks of unlimited bus travel) and \$160 (1 month) specials for international students. Contact your local Greyhound office 423-5810 for more information.

AMTRAK: 1/3 reduction of train fares for international students. Make reservations at least 3 weeks in advance. Schedules and fares may be obtained from any local travel agent or by calling Amtrak's toll-free number: 1-800-523-5720.

HOSTELING: Inexpensive lodging is available throughout the U.S. but you must have a membership card (\$10-12). Applications are available at the International Office.

CHARTER FLIGHTS ABROAD: Various organizations sponsor charter flights from N.Y. and Boston to the West coast, Europe and the Orient. For brochures and information stop by the International Office. Also, we have a number of travel books available for reference such as Where to stay USA from 50¢ to \$9/night, guides to N.Y. and Canada and brochures on various areas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS REPORT It should not be assumed by those students who move during the semester that important mail will be forwarded to them, unless individuals and various departments of the University are notified of their new address. We suggest students make use of a Change of Address Form, obtainable at the main Post Office, branch Post Offices and our office, to notify all persons or Departments with whom they have contact, of their current address. Reporting a change of address to only one office does not mean our office or any other department will be automatically informed. As a matter of policy, only information which is public knowledge, i.e., name, address and telephone number, is given to outside sources. If you live on campus, be sure to leave a forwarding address in the mail room, located next to Cousens Gymn.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

CAR ACCIDENTS If you are driving a car and should have an accident, be sure to get the name and address of the other driver, his license number, and the name of his insurance company. Also, be sure that the

accident is reported to the police. You must file an accident report within five days of an accident when damages exceed \$50. Your insurance company may be helpful in assisting you complete a report.

NEW POSTAL RATES

U.S. and CANADA: 13¢ for first ounce and 11¢ for each additional ounce up to 13 ounces.

OVERSEAS: Europe--31¢ per half ounce
Central America-25¢ per half ounce
Air-gram-22¢ each

MAILING PARCELS OVERSEAS If you plan to ship books or parcels home, please note the following: Books: Size--36" (length plus width) Weight--11 lbs. maximum (boxed); 21lbs. (in sack)

Cost--\$2.16 (11 lbs.); .36¢ (2 lbs.--in sack)
These figures apply to countries served by Post Union Mail only.

Parcels: Size--72" (length plus girth) Weight--44 lbs. maximum, depending on the country

Cost--\$1.90 for first 2 lbs; .57¢ for each additional lb.

It is recommended that you check with the Post Office for more specific information.

SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"There's always been a you in the UN" runs the new advertising slogan of the world's premier international organization. 29 foreign students from five universities in the Boston area discovered the truth of that statement for themselves this January on a World Affairs Council sponsored Seminar on International Development. In the course of three busy and active days at UN Headquarters in New York, the students gained a first-hand insight into the working of an institution that for many had existed only in newspaper headlines or on TV screens. The trip was one of those rare occasions when business combined satisfactorily with pleasure at little expense to the participants. The students, thanks to a grant from NAFSA through Coop Projects, paid only \$20 towards transportation and lodging. In

return they enjoyed an experience that was both educational and interesting - a combination of adjectives they don't always find applicable to their academics! The Seminar agenda was planned by participants at a preliminary meeting in Boston. In New York, the group assembled only twice for a session on the UN Development Program and a briefing on Career Opportunities. The rest of the time was spent in small-group specialized meetings ranging from "Women and Development" to "Family Planning Programs," from "Technology Transfer" to "FAO." Many took advantage of the flexible schedule to work out their appointments and follow up on meetings relevant to individual needs.

Participants in a final review session back in Boston overwhelmingly found the excursion a worthwhile one, not beyond improvement (a few pertinent suggestions were made and duly noted), but certainly deserving of kudos to all concerned in its planning and execution. Many students returned with pleasant memories, some with job application forms, all with a sense of achievement that three days productively spent can bring. Most owed much to NAFSA, whose subsidy made all the difference to a lot of penurious scholars, and to the World Affairs Council which once again demonstrated its indispensability in the co-curricular lives of Boston's International community. For the 29 students, who found they knew each other and the UN better than they had before, the trip was a useful way to begin the New Year. As one of them concluded, his encomia getting from bad to verse: "A fruitful time was had by all - we learnt a lot and had a ball!"

Shashi Tharoor
Fletcher School,
Tufts University

WHERE TO STAY-USA If you are going to be traveling in the United States this summer a useful book to have is Where to Stay-USA-50¢ to \$9 a night. It's available in most bookstores at \$2.95 each. The International Office has ordered them in bulk at a discount and you may buy a copy for only \$1.50! Hurry, they'll go fast!

USEFUL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
John F. Kennedy Building
Government Center
Boston, MA 02203
Phone: 223-2361
Records Department: 223-2368

English as a Second Language
(For Foreign Students and Scholars)
Susan Allein - Instructor
Contact International Office
Phone: 628-5000 x 545

Internal Revenue Service
Alien Tax Section
John F. Kennedy Building Room
104D
Government Center
Boston, MA 01103
Phone: 223-3446
State Tax Office, Phone: 727-4289

Division of Immigration and Americanization
of Massachusetts (advises individuals
applying for permanent residency)
Room 208 Tremont Building
Phone: 227-0718 (Ms. Sofias is head
social worker)

Foreign Faculty & Student Adviser
Leslie G. Long
International Office
Brown House, 38 Professors Row
Tufts University
Medford, MA 02155
Phone: 628-5000, x 545

Canadian Consulate
500 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 262-3760

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

NAME _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

___ I would be interested in writing to a new Tufts student over the summer.

COUNTRY/AREA PREFERENCE _____

MALE ___ FEMALE ___

___ I will be back at Tufts early in the fall and would like to help out with orientation.

Return by Campus Mail to International Office, Brown House.