Happy Holidays!

We know you're looking forward to a hard-earned rest from academia after finals this semester. The following information might be useful in deciding how to use that month-long break. We would recommend that you try to get away from Boston for at least part of the time, as January is one of the dreariest months in the city. It's a great month if you'd like to learn to ski in New Hampshire - Vermont - Maine! (see enclosed information on Tufts Mountain Club for an inexpensive way to go.)

Traveling in the United States can be more expensive than in other countries, but read on for some ideas of inexpensive ways to do it! We also have a number of books, pamphlets in the International Office which can be borrowed. (New York, Washington D.C. on $10 / day, Getaway Guides to New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lets Go - U.S. & Canada, Low Cost Accommodations in New York.)

Christmas Travel Reminder: Students who plan to travel outside the United States during the holidays should be sure to request the appropriate visa document from the International Office at least one week in advance. Due to the large number of requests the International Office receives just before the holiday sessions, no Forms I-20 can be issued without prior notification of one week. Your cooperation in submitting visa document requests EARLY will be sincerely appreciated.

Visa Requirements for Visits to Canada: Before planning a trip to Canada, be sure to check with the International Office to find out if you will need a visa to visit that country. Last year, the Canadian government changed its immigration policy and now makes it mandatory for nationals from certain countries to obtain visas before they are granted entry into Canada. For further information, contact the International Office or the Canadian Consulate, Tel: 262-3338.

For those of you living on-campus who will be here during the holidays, there will be no charge to stay in the dormitories. However only two residences, the International House and one other residence will be open. If you would like to stay in the International House, you must make arrangements with the dorm resident in whose room you will be living. You can do this directly if you have a friend in the house, or by contacting Kei Kawabata, the Head resident. (X759) You must make this arrangement and notify either Betty Austin or Lisa Sullivan in the Housing Office by December 2. (X381) You will move from your dorm by noon on Saturday, Dec. 24 and can move back on January 17. There may be some activities going on during the break in the International House.
TUFTS MOUNTAIN CLUB

How to get there - Take rte. 93 north. Get off at exit 30 (Woodstock) and take a left after the exit on to rte. 3, heading towards Woodstock. The Lodge is about 2 miles down the road. It's a big red house, on your left, directly across from Merril's General Store, and a Mobil station.

Whom to contact - Steve Gesing, Students' Activities Office can inform you of current officers.

Fees - Membership fee is $5 per year. For members, it costs $1 per night, 50c for all additional consecutive nights. For non-members, the room fee is $3 per night, 50c for any additional consecutive night. Community food is prepared for everyone if there are more than 10 persons living in the lodge. Breakfast is 50c, lunch is 50c and dinner is $1.

What to bring - Warm clothes, warm boots, gloves, hat, etc. Also, a warm sleeping bag and/or blanket. (It gets very cold there.)

When it is open - Weekends during regular school periods, 7 days a week during vacations.

Where to get information on rides - Check the bulletin board across from the xerox machine in the Library (Wessel)

What to do when you get there - If there is snow on the ground, and then probably will be, you can sign-out cross-country skis, snowshoes, ice picks and ropes. There are many nearby mountains suitable for hiking. The biggest being Mt. Washington which is an hours drive from the Lodge. For skiing, (downhill), Waterville Valley is the closest to the Lodge, with other slopes quite close by. Ski rentals are available at all ski resorts. The resorts in the area include Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley, Cannon, and many others. There are also a few lakes in that area. (Squam Lakes and Lake Winnipesaukee are the closest. Canoes are available for rent at the Lodge for $2.50 a day.)
FAMILY VISIT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Applications and brochures for all of the following programs are available at the International Office.

1. Experiment in International Living - Brattleboro, VT 05301. (802) 257-7751
   21 Day Home Stay (especially good for Christmas vacation)
   A. Procedure
   1. Student chooses a place (anywhere in the U.S.A.) that he/she would like to go for a home stay.
   2. Student pays $95.00 administrative fee to Experiment in International Living.
   3. Student pays cost of his/her travel to and from family.
   4. Student lives with family for 21 days, interacting as one of the family members. Family provides food and lodging voluntarily (free) and expects no remuneration.
   5. Applications should be sent 6 weeks (somewhat flexible before the home stay begins) before the home stay begins (that means NOW if you wish to begin at the end of this semester).

2. VISIT - 291 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007. (212) 349-0705. Spending 2-3 days with each family as you travel from place to place.
   A. Procedure
   1. Student outlines his travel plans, listing each place he plans to go (for example: New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, San Francisco).
   2. VISIT arranges a family in each of the places on the trip.
   3. Student pays $5.00 registration fee (for 1-6 visits) or $10.00 fee (for 6 or more visits).
   4. Student pays his transportation expenses.
   5. Student lives with each family for a minimum of 48 hours and a maximum of 72 hours. Families provide food and lodging voluntarily (free).
   6. Applications should be sent 4 weeks before the trip begins.
1. Christmas International House, 1749 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30329.  
(404) 633-6783  
December 19 - January 2

Christmas International House (CIH) provides an opportunity for international students to gather for fellowship and reunion during the Christmas holidays. All international students (graduate or undergraduate) are welcome, regardless of race, nationality or religious background. Single and married students (with or without children) are welcome. The only cost is a $5.00 registration fee and round trip transportation from Boston to the CIH host community selected. (CIH host communities are located throughout the United States, including Melrose, Massachusetts, a Boston suburban community.) For further information and applications, contact the International Office.

A. Procedure

1. You choose a place in the U.S. where you want to spend the holiday.

2. You make application before December 15 and pay a $5.00 registration fee.

3. You pay your transportation costs to and from your holiday home.

4. You go to the community with other international students from all over the U.S., and stay with families or in dormitory style accommodations. Special programs (trips, tours, etc.) are held for the students.

This program is sponsored by the various Christian churches throughout the U.S. and has been hosting international students for many years.

TRAVELING INDEPENDENTLY

I. BY BUS

Buses go to almost every place in the United States, and usually the stations are located in downtown areas of cities. Buses are very crowded at vacation time, so be prepared for long lines and late schedules. The best known bus lines that service the entire country are Greyhound and Continental Trailways. Both have stations in Boston.

If you are an optimist, bus travel is adventuresome. If you are a pessimist, bus travel is frustrating. You will meet people—all kinds! And you will see the country. There is no need to make advance reservations for bus travel. Just arrive at the bus station about one hour before departure time, buy your ticket, and wait for the bus to load. If the first bus fills, they will usually provide another bus.

Greyhound Bus Lines  
10 St. James Ave., Boston  
Telephone: 423-5810

Trailways Bus Lines  
10 Park Square, Boston  
Telephone: 482-6620

BOTH STATIONS ARE NEAR THE ARLINGTON SUBWAY STOP.
II. BY TRAIN

Another good way to enjoy the scenery is to travel by train. AMTRAK is the name of the railway company, and the terminal is located at North Station in Boston. For information and reservations, call AMTRAX at 1-800-523-5720.

III. BY AIR

Air travel is also available to all parts of the U.S.A. You should make advance reservations for air travel, especially at holiday time when travel is heavy.

The easiest way to make airline reservations is to go to a travel agency. You may also reserve by telephone (look in the Yellow pages under "Air Line Companies").

IV. BY CAR

Renting a car is generally possible and can be relatively inexpensive if costs are shared among four or five people. You must, of course, be a properly licensed driver. Approximate costs for a 7 day trip in a compact car are $133 plus the cost of gas and oil, $154 in a larger car plus gas and oil. For further information, look in the Yellow Pages of the telephone book under "Automobile Renting and Leasing."

The Ride Center is an organization located at 714 Commonwealth Ave. which matches up car owners and riders. You pay a $5 membership fee (good for an entire year). You tell the Ride Center where you want to go. The Ride Center locates a car owner who is going there and introduces you. You then make a private arrangement with the driver (usually the rider pays the cost of gas and oil) Telephone: 739-2200

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Whether traveling by train, bus, or plane you should always ask if there are special rates or "package deals." For example, it is usually cheaper to travel on weekdays instead of weekends on the train and bus. It is sometimes just the opposite by air—that is, some airlines have lower rates for weekend travel. Also you can sometimes save money by flying the "night coach." Always ask.

Both Greyhound and Trailways Bus Companies have special tickets in addition to their regular trip fares. For example:

30 day pass—$225—good on all routes in U.S.A. and Canada; you get on and off wherever and whenever you wish.

60 day pass—$325—
15 day pass—$165—

AMTRAK also has a special ticket called "U.S.A. Rail Pass":

14 day pass—$185
21 day pass—$250
30 day pass—$295
Eastern Airlines has a special ticket that is good for a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of 21 days anywhere on the Eastern flight system. Two people must travel together and they must visit at least three different places. The cost of the ticket ranges from $302 to $323 depending upon local taxes. On this ticket you could go to Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Mexico City, Acapulco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, Cleveland, etc. etc. etc. The only restriction is that you cannot leave from your point of origin (Boston) on any of the following days: Nov. 22, 23, 27, 28; Dec. 21-27; Dec. 31; Jan. 1-3. You can travel on those days but not from your point of origin.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Where to stay USA: from 50¢ to $9 per night**

   We have copies of this book. It lists places all over the U.S. where you can stay overnight cheaply. It also includes telephone numbers so that you can make advance reservations. Since we have ordered this book in bulk at a discount, they are available to you for $1.50, instead of the bookstore price of $2.95. Hurry! First come, First served!

2. **Travelodge Hotels operates a toll-free telephone number that offers travel information to foreign visitors.** The operators speak Italian, German, Japanese, French, and Spanish. They will be eager to reserve a room for you in Travelodge, but they can also offer general information, help with car rentals, airline reservations, etc.

   Open 8am - 12 midnight
   Dial 1-800-255-3050

As you can see, there are a lot of things to do, many places to go, and a variety of ways to get there. We have information and reservation forms at the International Office, so come by if you're interested.

But remember, **PLAN AHEAD**.

Happy Vacationing!
NEW YORK TRIP

On Thursday - January 5th, there will be a trip to *New York City*, organized by Jessica Sporn - International Club Officer - and the International Office. A rented bus will leave Tufts at 7:00 A.M. and we will leave New York at approximately 10:00 P.M., Thursday night.

Tentative plans are:

- lunch in Chinatown
- a visit to the Top of the World Trade Center
- a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- a visit to Fifth Avenue
- and dinner in Greenwich Village.

Round Trip bus fare cost will be $20.00 per person.

A check made out to Jessica Sporn must be brought or mailed to:

Jessica Sporn
13 Sawyer Avenue
Davis House
Tufts University,
Medford, Mass. 02155

by December 15, 1977 to assure a seat on the bus.

For further information, call the International Office #628-5000, X 545.

I would be interested in the New York Trip in January.

NAME(S) ____________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________

PHONE # ____________________________________________

BEST TIME TO CALL __________________________________

Enclosed please find my check for $20.00.
REQUEST FORM

F-1 STUDENTS If you are leaving the United States during the winter holidays please request a current I-20 Form.

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS You may use the pink copy of your DSP-66 Form to re-enter the United States after visiting abroad. If you have not received the pink form back from Immigration and Naturalization Service extending your stay, be sure to request a new DSP-66.

NAME: ____________________________ PHONE: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

SCHOOL/DEGREE/MAJOR: ____________________________

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION ____________________________

I will need (F-1 Visa) I-20 Form ______ (J-I Visa) DSP-66 Form ______

a. Expiration Date on I-94 Card ____________________________

b. Destination or Purpose ____________________________

PLEASE ALLOW ONE WEEK FOR PREPARATION – PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

DATE NEEDED: ____________________________

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Don't Forget Us!!