If you are an International ski buff, you should take your spring skis along to Tehran! Yes, Tehran. The capital city of Iran offers excellent skiing conditions and a season which may extend from mid December to April. There are three places within a two-hour drive from Tehran which have been equipped for skiing. The first is "Abe-Ali" with gentle slopes, excellent for the beginner. "Shemslak" was developed later and offers some challenging runs for the intermediate and advanced skier. The most recent and best equipped ski resort is "Dizin" in the middle of the Alborz range. It is an hour and a half drive via the "Shemslak" route and two hours drive via the "Karaj" route. The scenic drive itself is worth it.

Dizin offers extremely wide pistes with varying slopes and snow conditions. All ski resorts are well-equipped and have accommodations and restaurants, in the quiet seclusion of the mountains, away from the infamous Tehran traffic!

Sharon Kassemzadeh
Iran (G)
IN THE NEWS

"Madjid" Mahraz, a third-year electrical engineering student at Tufts from Algeria will be featured in an article in the April edition of Industry Magazine.

This article will include Madjid's involvement in the GTE Sylvania's University Algerian Training Program which will ultimately prepare him and approximately 100 other students for a career in electronics. This is all within a Home Entertainment Products factory complex presently being constructed in Algeria by GTE.

Congratulations!

Activities

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The Tufts International Club is an organization open to all foreign and American students of both the undergraduate and graduate schools at Tufts. This past February, we elected new officers. They are:

Yvonne Michaud - President X759
Shahriar Moin - Vice President X6654
Betsy Gold - Secretary X759
Charlie Jamac - Treasurer X6654

The center for the club's general meetings is the International House (Davies House) at 13 Sawyer Avenue. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in meeting people and participating in the club's exciting activities to join now.

The first major event of the year was the celebration of the Persian New Year on the 24th of March in Eaton Lounge. It featured a buffet of hors d'oeuvres along with cocktails. Dancing and entertainment, with nonstop Persian music, highlighted the evening.

We are now planning to co-sponsor an activity with the Latin American House. We will also take part in the Babson Olympics sponsored by the International Club at Babson College this April.

Anyone interested in more information about the club's activities and how to become a member, please contact me at 628-3759.

Yvonne Michaud
President

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Tuesday evening, April 11, 1978, President and Mrs. Jean Mayer will host an informal reception in their home in honor of the Tufts International Hospitality Program and new international students and faculty and their families. Invitations will be in the mail soon. Please reply to the International Office x545.

WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

In April there will be an informal discussion about the role of women in various countries. Several students will discuss lifestyles, careers in their particular country. Co-sponsored by the International Office and the Mellon Grant. Watch the Observer and flyers on campus for further information.

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS-APRIL

2-Mahavir Jayanti-Jain
3-Passover (through 4-10)-Jewish
4-National Holiday-Hungary, Senegal
6-Chakri Day-Thailand
8-Buddha's Birthday-Japan
11-Shem al-Naseem-Egypt, The Sudan
13-Songkran, Baisakhi, Thing-Yan(Solar New Year)-Asia
16-National Holiday-Denmark
17-National Holiday-Syria
21-Feast of Ridvan (through 5-2) Baha'i
22-Kartini Day-Indonesia
23-National Holiday-Israel
Children's Day-Turkey
25-ANZAC Day-Australia, New Zealand
National Holiday-Portugal
26-National Holiday-Tanzania
29-National Holiday-Japan
30-National Holiday-The Netherlands, Sweden
Walpurgis Eve-Scandinavia
ENGLISH CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

The International Office offers FREE English classes to all wives of foreign students and wives of faculty members. The class, taught by Maria Vasquez, meets every morning from 9:00 to 10:00, in Brown House, 38 Professor's Row. In addition to classroom tutoring, the students also participate in other activities, such as a visit to the New England Aquarium.

Sometime in April we are planning to visit the Tufts Eliot Pearson Children's School to observe children in the classroom. If anyone is interested in either classroom instruction or activities, please call Judy Cornetta, 628-5000 X545.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Sometime in May, the Tufts Women's Club will be having a luncheon. The cost will be approximately $3.00. Members will be receiving an invitation in the mail. If you are not a member and would like to join the Women's Club or go to the luncheon, please call Louise Choate, Treasurer, 628-5000 X6159.

TRAVEL/STUDY/WORK ABROAD

The next Travel/Study/Work Abroad meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25 from 3:00 - 4:00 in the International Lounge, Brown House. Summer jobs in Europe, charter flights, youth hostels, and Eurail passes will be discussed. If you cannot attend the meeting, brochures and other information is available in the International Lounge. Stop by and browse.

I.D.CARDS

If you are planning to go abroad this summer, don't forget to get an International Student I.D. card which is good for discounts in over 60 countries. Cards are issued in the International Office, Brown House on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2-4 p.m. (We are open all year.) The cost is $3.00 (cash) and you must bring a small photo 1½" x 1½".

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

70 Hereford St., Boston
Tel. 267-6674

Wednesday, April 5
Reception: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.

Luncheon: His Excellency, N.A. Palkhivala, Ambassador from India to the United States, speaking on the subject, "India Charts a New Course at Home and Abroad." Location to be announced. Call Jane Harrington for further information: 267-6674 Students: $2.00, (Lecture only).

Thursday, April 6
or Friday April 7

International Fair. free. Simmons College

Tuesday, April 11
Reception: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.


Saturday, April 29
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

OLYMPICS. Babson College. Call Lupo del Bond for further information, 267-3763.

Please check our bulletin board for additional activities.

Rural scene in Yugoslavia
Spotlight

Undoubtedly this year some of you have noticed a new smiling face in the International Office. Meet Joan Pasquale who joined us in September! Joan lives in Medford and has three sons (Gene, a graduate student at Babson College; Gregg, a sophomore at Boston College and Gary, a 6th grader at St. Joseph's School.) She also has a fourth "son" Christof Loubert, a French exchange student who lived with her family for three months in 1975. Joan is hoping to see him and his family again in May when she and her husband are planning a trip to Paris!

Travel is one of Joan's main interests and she has been to Mexico, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Brazil. She's also traveled to the West (San Francisco and Las Vegas) and would love to talk about her trips with you!

Physical fitness is another strong interest and Joan is an avid golfer. Currently she's chairperson of the Bear Hill Women's Golf Association. Joan has also recently taken up tennis and will enjoy gardening again this spring. Political events interest her and this semester she's been auditing "How To Be Politically Effective", a course at the Ex-College.

Employment

A workshop for foreign students interested in working after graduation was held on March 30. Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students, Jeff Gibson, Director of Career Guidance and Placement, spoke on resume writing, interviewing techniques and job opportunities. Milly Kiu of Hong Kong and Celeste Krijt of Curacao shared their experiences in obtaining practical training and finding a job. Leslie Long discussed the Home Country Registry and legal requirements for working.

Practical Training

Please note that if you are applying for practical training you must have the application approved by the Immigration Department before travelling out of the United States. If not, you will not be permitted to re-enter the United States.

F-1 students graduating from U.S. colleges and universities after Sept. 1, 1977 will be eligible to apply for a maximum of 12 months of practical training under regulations published on May 24 by Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Permission for practical training application is to be granted in 6-month installments. The new regulations contain a number of other changes:

1. An initial practical training application is to be filed not more than 60 days before a student’s graduation or completion of studies, and not more than 30 days after graduation or completion of studies. An employer's letter is not required with the initial application.

2. The initial period of practical training will be considered to begin on the date the student's employment begins, or 60 days after completion of his or her course of studies, whichever is earlier.

3. An application to continue in practical training must be accompanied not only by an employer's letter naming the student's occupation and describing his or her duties, but also by a recommendation from the applicant's school giving INS "sufficient detail...to determine whether the position is related to the applicant's field of study."

4. Permission for practical training cannot be granted if the training the student seeks cannot be completed within the training period for which the student is eligible.

Please note that these changes apply only to F-1 students. Regulations governing practical training for J-1 students remain unchanged.

(based on an article in the NAFSA Newsletter, Summer, 1977)
INCOME TAX

It's the time of year to file income tax reports. The deadline is April 15, but if you're expecting a return, the earlier you file, the sooner you'll get your return. If you have not received forms in the mail, you can pick them up at post offices and banks. For free tax information you can go in person to the Internal Revenue Service, John F. Kennedy Building, Room 1040, Government Center, Boston Tel: 727-4289

SUMMER WORK PERMISSION

If you want to work on-campus this summer and are on a student visa, please see Leslie Long to obtain permission to do so. If you desire to work off-campus, you must get permission from INS. Please stop by the International Office to complete the necessary forms. To qualify for off-campus work, you must be able to show unexpected financial need. Please note: Massachusetts employers are now asking for proof that permission to work has been granted before hiring foreign students.

- Information

FURNITURE POOL

If you are leaving and have borrowed furniture from the furniture pool, please call the International Office x545 to make arrangements to return it as soon as possible. We have depleted our supply and unless furniture is returned or donated, we will not be able to help new international students next semester. Items most needed are beds, mattresses, desks, chairs and tables.

FINANCIAL AID

Stop by the International Office in Brown House for information on the Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund of the Organization of American States, which offers non-interest bearing loans to students and professionals from the Latin American and Caribbean member states of the OAS, to help them meet the cost of their studies in post-secondary institution of study, training or research in the United States.

MEDICAL SCHOOL IN IRAN

The recently established medical school of the Imperial Medical Center of Iran will be admitting Iranian students for the academic year 1978-79 to its first year medical class. The medical school offers the degree of Doctor of Medicine after satisfactory completion of the four year curriculum. The language of instruction is in English.

Iranian students in pre-medical programs leading to a bachelor's degree by July 1978 are eligible to apply for admission for the next academic year 1978-79. The students will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievements, the New MCAT exam taken in May or October, two letters of recommendation and personal interviews.

Applicants should write or telephone the IMCI's Washington Office for receiving application forms and general information.

Address: Office of Imperial Medical Center of Iran
4200 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Suite 521
Washington, D.C. 20016
Tel: (202) 686-9468

The International Office has just received the publication, "Directory of Financial Aid in Higher Education for Africans and for Americans studying about Africa." It will be available for your reference in the International Lounge Library.
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