Recently, I was asked to write an article for the international newsletter on life after Tufts as a foreign student — er, that is, — person. As I sit back in my armchair, can of beer in hand, Walter Cronkite on the T.V., absolutely no homework or exams to look forward to, I can't help but feel that that life actually began after Tufts. I also feel a whole new culture shock as I experience the "real world" for the first time in America, a feeling quite similar to being in an American school for the first time.

I am currently an engineer, a practical trainee, working for a company in Boston. What's it like? Well, as the saying goes, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that a Tufts education is definitely worth it. The bad news is that college tends to shelter the student — especially the foreign student — from some cold facts about the "real world", such as the job market.

The good news is that now that I'm out of college I finally have the time for a social life. The bad news is that now that I'm out of college, there is no social life. The good news is that I'm finally out of the dorm and into my own apartment, with privacy and home-cooked meals. The bad news is that the department of Grounds and Buildings refuses to shovel my sidewalks and take out the garbage like they did last year.

The good news is that I get paid for solving the same or similar problems that I was paying to solve as a student last year. The bad news is that being a practical trainee is one of the most transient and insecure feelings that I can imagine. (cont'd)
I'll sum up by saying, yes, definitely, there is life after Tufts. And being a foreign student — oops, there I go again — person, has added an extra dimension in my working life just as it did during my academic life. Have a wonderful semester!

Pradeep Kapadia
E '78
India

Announcements

NEW IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS FOR F-1 STUDENTS

As of January 1, 1979 new immigration law changes went into effect regarding F-1 students:

1) Duration of Status. Students entering the United States on or after Jan. 1, 1979 will be issued an I-94 card (Permit to Stay) which will be valid for their proposed length of study. Example:
   a) A Freshman entering the U.S. for the first time will be issued an I-94 card that is valid until Dec. 1982.
   b) A Master's degree candidate will receive one valid until Dec. 1980.
   c) Students who are currently enrolled at a college and are returning from abroad will also be issued an I-94 card valid until the end of their studies.
   d) Students who have not left the United States can receive an extension for duration of studies by applying to the Immigration Dept. one month prior to the expiration of their I-94 card.

The proposed graduation date listed on the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility will be the guide for Immigration Officials in dating the I-94 card. This new procedure will eliminate the need for applying for extensions of stay each year.

2) Passport validity: All International Students are required to keep their passports valid at all times for at least six months. (This requirement does not apply to Internationals who are by regulation exempt from presentation of a passport). Example: On January 1, 1979 your passport must be valid until at least June 1, 1979.

3) I-20 Forms: You will still need an I-20 form each time you return to the U.S. However, the Form I-20 presented by a student returning from a temporary absence may be retained by him/her and used for any number of re-entries within one year of the date of issuance.

4) Permission to Work: Permission to work off-campus will still be based on financial necessity but it appears that applications may be processed more quickly through the Immigration Department.

5) Practical Training: Applications for Practical Training should be submitted not more than sixty days before graduation or completion of a course or courses of study not more than thirty days after graduation or completion of such study.
IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS

The International Office will sponsor workshops to discuss these new regulations later on in the semester. Should you have questions prior to the workshops, please call the International Office at x545, 549.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Students who will complete their degrees in May or October are eligible to apply for practical training. This allows you to work in a job related to your major to gain experience difficult to obtain in your country. For more information and application forms, contact the International Office. If you're job-hunting, don't forget to register at Career Guidance and Placement, Bolles House, 226 College Avenue.

NAFSA JOB REGISTRY

A job registry service is provided by the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA) for international students who need assistance in finding challenging jobs in their home countries after graduation. For further information, contact the International Office.

CULTURE HOUSE/DORMITORY RESIDENT STAFF APPLICATIONS

Positions will be available for the 1979-80 academic year for the job of Head Resident in a culture house or dormitory on the Medford Campus. Graduate students or faculty members are eligible. Applications can be picked up at Dean Reitman's Office, Ballou Hall on March 12. The completed applications are due March 30. Compensation for Head Resident is free room, a meal plan and a stipend.

AFTER GRADUATION, WHAT NEXT?

Many international students are concerned about what they will be doing after graduation -- graduate school? working in the United States? working at home? In cooperation with the Career Guidance & Placement Office, a seminar will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Bolles House, 226 College Avenue, to help you explore career opportunities. The format will be:

Introduction to the resources of Career Guidance & Placement (library, resume writing, interviews)

Joanne Hadlock Director, Career Guidance & Placement

Practical Training, Home Country Registry

Leslie Rowe Long, Director, International Office

Experiences of recent graduates

Pradip Kapadia ME 78 Applications Engineer Honeywell Corporation

Parveen Gulshan G 78 Physics/Chem Teacher No. Cambridge Catholic High School

If you are interested, call the International Office, x 545.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Wednesday evening, April 4, 1979 at 8:00 P.M. 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, faculty and their families. Invitations will be in the mail soon.
SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AMERICAN LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND UNIVERSITY LIFE
June 25, - August 3, 1979

The Institute is designed to prepare foreign students academically and culturally for study at American colleges and universities, particularly those in the New England area. The program will consist of a core of intensive language instruction, emphasizing academic skills such as writing essays, taking notes and examinations and participating in group discussions. Readings, lectures, discussions and field trips will focus on American culture. Such areas as American history, politics, social patterns, economics, arts, sports and the urban scene will be examined. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own values and culture in comparison to the new American environment.

Academic learning and cross-cultural exposure provided by the Institute will be supplemented in the students' living situation. Trained American and foreign students will also reside in the dormitories and act as peer counselors for Institute participants. Various options are available for students after completion of the program in August, before the beginning of the fall academic term. Institute staff will assist students in planning travel in or out of the United States or selecting a homestay with an American family.

The Institute will remain in contact with students and evaluate transition to university life through follow-up activities during the fall, 1979 and spring, 1980 academic terms.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS


2) Test of English as a Foreign Language scores.

Further information on the Institute is available by writing to:

Leslie Rowe Long, Director
International Office
Tufts University
Medford, MA 02155

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Club at Tufts emphasizes cultural, educational, and social activities from around the world. If you are interested in becoming a member, you can do so by paying $1.00 to one of the following officers:

Erica Pierdad
German House 314 Bush Hall
(V. President)

Charlie Janac
314 Bush Hall
(Treasurer)

Shahriar Moin
103 12 Garden St.
(President)

Helen Lee
International House
(Secretary)

The International Club is sponsoring the following events:

Feb. 10 - Sangria Party co-sponsored with Latin American Society at Eaton Lounge, 9:00 - 1:00 P.M. $1.50 admission.


Feb. (date to be announced) Volleyball Tournament open to all students in Cousen's Gym. Awards given to top three teams. $3.00 registration fee per team.

Mar. 23 - Persian New Year Party at Eaton Lounge, 9:00 - 1:00 P.M. Open bar, Persian cuisine, disco and Persian music. Admission $2.00.

Apr. 28 - International Olympics at Harvard University. There are spaces open in men's and women's marathon, swimming, ping-pong, women's volleyball and men's soccer. Call Shari Moin at 876-8170 after 8 PM for further information. You will have a good time.

BU INTERNATIONAL FOLK FAIR

Boston University Students' Club is
organizing an International Folk Fair for Thursday, February 22, 1979 from 12:00 - 8:00 PM. Activities will include dancing and craft displays. For more information contact Mark Kardonski (353-3565) at the BU International Office.

WIVES GET-TOGETHER

All of the wives of foreign students and faculty are invited to attend a "Wives Get-Together" on Friday, February 23 at 1:00PM. Mayumi Morinaka will teach us how to do Japanese origami. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Feel free to bring your children.

Please call Susann Sjoberg, International Office, 628-5000 x545 for more information.

INTERCULTURAL SERIES

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to watch a black-belt karate expert in action only two feet away from you? Or how an Indian woman actually drapes that one piece of cloth about herself to make a sari? Have you wanted to hear about and/or see a slide presentation of the experiences of an American in Hungary or France? Have you ever wished you could sample un-Americanized spicy Szechuan Chinese dishes or learn how to eat with chopsticks correctly by someone who has used them for his entire life?

Learn about all these things and much more this semester by participating in a program being offered by the International Office called the Intercultural Series. Everyone in the Tufts community is invited to informally explore various aspects of different cultures or share an experience, an idea or a special part of their own culture with others.

The Intercultural Series will be held at the International House, 13 Sawyer Ave. Possible themes for this semester are Gypsies, France, Turkey, and the Philippines.

If you would like more information, call Johanna Chiotelis x545 at the International Office.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

You can participate in activities such as field trips, weekends and evening discussion groups through the World Affairs Council. This program offers you the opportunity to meet people and learn about the Boston community. For information brochures, contact the International Student Office or Andrea Ruelius or Steve Sjoberg at World Affairs Council, 22 Battery March, Boston, MA 02109, 482-1740.

FEB 18
Sunday
12:05-1:00 p.m.
LISTENING REMINDER: WCRB Radio will air a program on "The Role of Women in Third World Development".

FEB 23
Friday
5:00-7:00 p.m.
OPEN HOUSE AND GET-TOGETHER: Join us and share a time of pleasant and stimulating conversation, light refreshments and a slide show presentation by friends of the International Student Program. Greet old friends and meet new ones!

FEB 27
Tuesday
5:30 p.m.
EVENING PROGRAM: Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan- "What Stakes for the Great Powers?"

Rotunda
Curtis-Saval International Center
22 Battery March Street
Student Non-Members: $2.00
Student members: $1.00
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The International Office, in cooperation with the Medford Public Schools, sponsors a Global Classroom Program. This program provides an opportunity for you to be of service to the community; to share your experiences and culture through visiting local elementary and secondary schools. Amarjeet Kaul spoke to a 7th grade class about religions of India. Harvy Barrios shared Venezuelan customs and culture with a 3rd grade class.

If you would like to share yourself and your country, please call Susann Sjoberg, International Office, x549. Transportation is provided and participation is arranged according to your schedule. It will take about an hour and a half of your time.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

The International Office regularly receives the following newspapers and bulletins:

Asia
Chinese Weekly Sunday Times
Atlas, World Press Review
The Bridge
News India
India Abroad
Elle

Feel free to stop by to browse and have a cup of coffee or tea!

EMERGENCY LOAN FUND

For students who are having financial difficulties due to a delay in the mail or other unforeseen circumstances, the International Student Emergency Loan Fund can provide up to $50 on a short term basis. All international students are eligible. You may ask for the guidelines and forms at the International Office.

INTERNATIONAL ID CARDS

The International Office issues International I.D. cards to Tufts students. This card is indispensable for getting all sorts of student discounts abroad, particularly in Europe. Cards are $3.00 (cash) and you will need a small picture (1 1/2" x 1 1/2") of yourself. Stop in the Registrar’s Office, Basement Ballou, to get the form and Registrar’s signature. Bring completed form to the International Office on Mondays and Wednesdays 2 – 4 P.M.

ENGLISH CLASSES

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

Have you studied abroad and want to practice speaking? Want to bone up on your English? Are you willing to teach another Tufts student your native language? Or just want to learn a new language and possibly teach someone your own? Language Exchange is a new program that matches each other in a one-to-one situation at their convenience. You need not be a language major or certified teacher! This is an excellent way to expand language skills and cultural knowledge. You arrange with your partner how often and when you meet --perhaps an hour or two a week. We have a wealth of resources here at Tufts, so get involved and take advantage! For more information, call me Shari Gilbert, at 666-8255. 6 P.M. is a good time to reach me. Messages may also be left for me at the International Office—call x545 or drop by Brown House.

The following events are also ways to practice languages and meet new people:

1) French Club: meets on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. each month at 4 P.M. beginning Feb. 8th in Laminan Lounge.

2) German House Coffee Hour: meets every Wed. at 3:30 PM in Wyeth House 21 Whitfield Rd.
3) German Film Series: presents German films during the weeks of February 14th and 28th and March 7th and 21st. Call the German Department x325 on Monday afternoon for time and place.

ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

Need some help on that term paper or thesis? Kathy Irving, our expert English teacher, is available to help you (for free!) with writing, reading, or conversational problems.

You may leave a message for her on Mondays in the English Department (Ext. 478) or on Wednesdays in the International Office (x545).

In addition, the Audio-Laboratory in Eaton Hall has the complete set of English 900, a programmed self-instruction course. (x428)

Audio-Laboratory Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

STUDY/Travel abroad

STUDY - TRAVEL - WORK ABROAD INFORMATION

In the International Student Office there is a library of books and pamphlets on various programs abroad. There is a file by country of pamphlets on specific study programs as well as books such as:
Whole World Handbook
A Guide to Work, Study, Travel Abroad Europe on $5 (whoops!) $10 a Day
Student Guides to Asia and Latin America
Study Abroad - Scholarships & Courses (UNESCO Publication)
Student Travel Catalog (free)
Africa on the Cheap
Bright Continent: A Shoestring Guide to Sub-Saharan Africa

WIVES ENGLISH CLASSES

An English course is also offered free of charge to all wives of foreign students and faculty members or researchers at Tufts Medford Campus, Medical and Dental Schools, and the New England Medical Center Hospital. The English course is offered on the Medford Campus. The instructor for the spring term is Theresa Catino. The classes meet on Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 PM and Thursdays 3:30 - 5:00 PM in Brown House, 38 Professor's Row. There are still openings if anyone is interested. Please call Susann Sjoberg, 628-5000 x545.

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