"MAI PEN RAI"

"Mai Pen Rai" is the Thai attitude. It means, "It doesn't matter; suggests that one should not be too serious about life." This word helps the individual to exercise self-control and to avoid embarrassing others. And also to keep a "cool heart" and a cool heart in a Thai is an important asset in the eyes of a Thai.

Rosalynn Masayanunich
Thailand
Dental '80
announcements

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, April 6 and Friday, April 27 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., you are invited to an Open House in the International Office Lounge, Brown House. Please come and join us for drinks, snacks and conversation.

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:

Shahriar Moin-President
Jeff Tennen-Vice President
Haleh Shamsi-Secretary
Charlie Janac-Treasurer

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.

It is hoped that on Saturday, April 28, 1979, the International Student Olympics will be held at Harvard University. It will be an all day event and many exciting activities have been planned. First and foremost will be the school team competitions, which will include 400 athletes from ten universities of the Greater Boston area. In the evening, there will be an International Dinner and Awards Ceremony for the Olympics' participants in Lowell House. The menu is comprised of many delicious dishes such as Arroz con Pollo, Sweet and Sour Pork, Hungarian Goulash, Ratatouille, Mousse au Chocolate, and many more international culinary delights. With the dinner there will be a concert by the Harvard Crocodillos.

The Tufts teams need more participants for soccer, tennis, table-tennis, swimming, backgammon, volleyball, and cross-country running. The participation fee is only $3.00,

which includes breakfast, lunch, and entertainment. The International Dinner is limited to 250, so space is limited. For dinner reservations please telephone Chris Baker 498-2061.

If you are interested in participating on a team, want more information about the club's activities, or how to become a member, please telephone me at 876-8170.

Shahriar Moin
President, International Club

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATISTICS

During the Fall semester, Tufts enrolled 478 International Students and Faculty from 84 countries. 178 are undergraduate students, 204 graduate students and 96 faculty. This year Iran tops the country list with 67 students followed by Canada -37, India -34, and Taiwan-24.

INTERCULTURAL SERIES

Everyone in the Tufts community is invited to informally explore various aspects of different cultures with us by participating in the Intercultural Series.

On Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m., Bob Macasaet, Philippines, will share with us his view of the Philippine culture. The Intercultural Series is held at the International House, 13 Sawyer Avenue. Watch for announcements of a French as well as a Turkish evening this semester.

Johanna Chiotellis
Jackson '79
Intercultural Series Intern
The International Institute of Education has just sent the International Office an announcement of their 23rd annual Summer Crossroads program. Summer Crossroads will be held in two different locations: Colorado Springs, Colorado and the University of California at Los Angeles. This program is for foreign students who are planning to graduate (and will return home no later than May 1980). In addition to sharing and evaluating experiences gained in the U.S. participants will live with American families and see some of the local attractions of the area. The Summer Crossroads is held June 3-9, 1979. You must pay your travel costs plus incidental personal expenses (a limited number of travel grants are available). The International Office currently has applications for the Colorado program and expects to have them soon for the California program. The application deadline is April 9, 1979.

SPECIAL BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT


It's the time of year to file income tax reports. The deadline is April 15, but if you are 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 104D, Government Center, Boston Tel: 727-4289

DO WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS?

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please come in (or call) to update it with the International Office.

THOUGHTS ON WOMEN'S CENTERS FOR FOREIGN WIVES

Since I had worked in the U.S. once before for a year, the American experience was not new to me (obviously I much prefer Boston to Buffalo, New York where I lived then!) This time, however, was very different.

In 1972-73 I was single and working as a resident in a hospital; this time I was a "foreign wife" with a baby! I would like to share my experiences in particular with the other foreign wives, many of whom also have small children.

Many of the Boston communities have a Women's Center - there is one right on the Tufts campus, as well as in Cambridge. I'm going to tell you something about the Somerville one, since this is the one which has meant so much to me.

The activities of the Women's Center include classes, support groups, discussions, workshops and various recreational, cultural, and sports events. The Mothers' Project of the Women's Center helps set up drop-in centers and babysitting exchanges in neighborhoods around Somerville. There are also special support groups and other educational and recreational activities for women with small children.

The Center itself serves as a drop-in at regular hours each week. When I started going there with my 10-month old son Gerhard last Fall, it was offered weekly on Wednesday
mornings from 10-12. Presently it is also held on Monday mornings at the same time and we hope to extend it to three mornings a week in the near future.

This is an opportunity for the children to play together and is especially valuable at the beginning of one's Boston-stay, when you know practically no one with small children.

The mothers talk, take a break or plan activities (e.g. going together in a group to the Children's Museum) Personally I made several good friends when I was new and needed them most.

The Center also offers assistance, support and information to women in all circumstances. All Center events are open and free.

Thus, if you are a foreign wife and feeling lonely, or need someone to talk to or some advice, feel free to drop by for a cup of coffee and a chat either at the Somerville's Women Center (38 Union Square, no need to be a Somerville resident) or at the one in your own community. Pretty soon you won't feel "foreign" at all!

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South Africa

services

LETTER WRITERS

The International Office needs students who are interested in writing a Letter of Welcome to an international student admitted to Tufts for September 1979. We would like every new student to receive at least one letter from a current student before arriving at Tufts. What you write is up to you, but each letter should extend a welcome and a personal offer of assistance to the new student. Call the International Office (x545) for further information.

IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS

On Monday, April 23 and Tuesday April 24, 4-5 p.m. Immigration Workshops will be held to explain several new regulations regarding extension of stay, (involving an interview at Immigration and Naturalization Service) passports, working permission, and legal requirements for travelling out of the U. S. An opportunity for questions and answers about any aspect of immigration regulations will also be provided. The workshops will be held in the International Office Lounge, Brown House. Be sure to bring your passport.

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.

On March 9, Alda de Jesus Oliveira, a graduate student in Music Composition, visited a music class at the Hobbs Junior High School. Alda shared Brazilian customs and culture as well as Brazilian music.

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.
Applications are now being accepted from any students wishing to be considered for the position of Student Coordinator for the September 1979 International Student Orientation Program (Aug. 31 - Sept. 4).

The Student Coordinator will work closely with the International Club officers and the International Office in planning and implementing the international orientation next fall. Basic responsibilities include recruiting orientation leaders during the rest of this semester, assisting the International Office in planning orientation activities, attending several training sessions and organizing the volunteers in carrying out the orientation program. Because most of the planning will take place during this semester (Spring 1979) and the summer, candidates for the position should be living in the area during these periods. They should also be planning to continue their studies at Tufts in September 1979.

This is a volunteer position. The primary reward is the satisfaction of helping new international students and the opportunity for experience in a responsible position requiring good organizational and interpersonal skills.

Send applications to: Student Coordinator Search Committee
c/o International Office
Brown House
38 Professors Row
Medford, Ma. 02155

Deadline: April 23

Applications will be reviewed by the search committee, after which candidates will be invited for an interview.

APPLICATION

NAME ________________________________ HOME COUNTRY ________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________ PHONE __________________

AGE ________ SEX: ______ MALE ______ FEMALE

SCHOOL/MAJOR ________________________________

CLASS RANK: ______ FRESHMAN ______ SOPHOMORE ______ JUNIOR ______ SENIOR

GRADUATE STUDENT

If you are not selected as student Coordinator, would you like to be one of the other orientation leaders? ______ YES or ______ NO

In a short essay on the reverse of this application, please describe why you wish to be Student Orientation Coordinator. Describe any previous experiences or training you have had that may be of value in this position and indicate ideas you have for implementing a successful international orientation next fall.