ITALY. One word and already images of sunny islands, steaming spaghetti and mouth watering recip flash in most people's minds. The most erudite might think of the architecture, art, history, the leaning Tower of Pisa, etc., but it's still a very narrow view, wouldn't you say? But if "Italy" spells home, it becomes a real place. A place where spaghetti is a cheap "bachelor" dish and you try to avoid them; where your mother and grandmother are not necessarily the best chefs in the world but rather have deadly obsession with leftovers. Wouldn't you like to get an idea of the real Italy?

Since the tours go south to Naples and Sicily, I think I'll take you to the north instead. Everybody, more or less, knows that in the north there are the Alps, but have you ever thought of what life is like at 10,000 feet, in the winter when sunny Italy is just not sunny?

Several green valleys open up at the end of the "jianuza jadana", a large agriculturally oriented plain, and slowly get steeper and steeper as you proceed north till either side becomes white. On the sides of these valleys, usually on the one facing the sun, small clusters of wooden houses cling around Fourteenth century churches as for warmth. In the winter, the days are not more than eight hours long and the people there (usually about two hundred for every village) have to take advantage of the few hours of sunlight.

The main occupation is taking care of the three or four cows that every family owns. In the summer this is easy; just let them out on any of the green pasture grounds with little creeks coming from the glaciers above and bring them back at night for milking. But in the winter, the cows stay inside all day long, often in the same room as the people who live there. By staying close they manage to save on inflationary heating bills. Early in the morning, the men will bring water from the fountain outside the house, while their wives milk the cows and prepare breakfast, usually made up of a glass of naturally warm milk and a loaf of home-made bread with cheese. The men will clean up the stable or check the cheese and the butter, that they make from the milk, for the right seasoning: cheese and butter that they will sell in the city market in the spring.
Around noontime, the men will chop some wood for the fire or fix the roof of the house if it has snowed a lot the night before. Then, again at four or five o'clock the cows need to be taken care of. In the meantime, the women clean the house, feed the cows, wash the dirty clothes and prepare the meals. Dinner is at six, when it's too dark outside to work. Again, the main course is cheese with vegetables or some meat. At night, there's no TV to watch or radio to listen to; some friends might come over for a little socializing, but by eight or nine, everybody is in bed. Not a very warm and comfortable life, but this, too, is Italy.

Danilo Lucherino
LA '82 Italy

Springtime is just around the corner, a time when nature reopens itself towards the light and warmth of an ever stronger sun. Springtime is the time when all of us feel the increasing pull towards being outdoors - a time for sports, picnics, walks, and talks.

In areas like Scandinavia, where the winter is long and cold, the transition to this warmer and lighter season is of great significance. Although its actual beginning varies between March and June depending on whether you live in the northern or southern part of the peninsula, the first of May is traditionally considered to be the first day of spring. On the day before May first, tens of thousands of Swedish students gather together each year especially in the two old Swedish university towns of Uppsala and Lund to celebrate the emerging spring. In spite of the often winter-like weather, everyone dons their white student caps and sings the famous song of spring Vintern rasat ut bland våra fjällar (The Winter Has Blown Itself Out Within Our Mountains).

Scandinavians have, with a certain justice, earned the reputation of being sun-worshippers. From the very first sunny spring day, you will find old and young carrying their lunch bags outside in order to enjoy those first warm days in the sun. I wonder, however, if the winters of the Boston area do not elicit a somewhat similar feeling of excitement within each of us as the warmer spring weather approaches. Spring is an exhilarating, beautiful season which I hope all of you will enjoy to its fullest.

Christina Linner
Sweden - Fletcher

On a cold winter day I was walking alone in Harvard Square. The snow had just began to melt and the roads were covered with wet, yellowish melting ice. I was walking carefully because the roads were slippery and I was afraid that the cars would splash the dirty water on me. Although it was a holiday the streets were crowded with people and the traffic was busy too. I noticed something unusual. I saw many people bringing their children with them. I had never seen so many children in the streets of Harvard Square before. It reminded me that it was the first day of the Chinese New Year. The streets in Hong Kong must be even more crowded and the children must be playing happily along the streets.
Chinese New Year is the most important event of the year and is widely celebrated in Hong Kong. Before the New Year many people will busy themselves in preparing for it. My mother, for example, will make special food like rice pudding and fried Chinese ravioli. Each of them symbolizes something. In Chinese, rice pudding sounds similar to "growth", so it symbolizes physical growth and health for children. The Chinese ravioli symbolizes fortunes. When my mother fries the Chinese ravioli, she takes great care not to crack any of them because it will mean misfortune for my father's business. Then after she has finished making the food, she will proceed to the year-end cleanup. It is a Chinese tradition to clean their houses before the New Year comes.

Many people will buy New Year trees for their houses. Most of them buy their trees a few days before the New Year, but my father prefers to buy the tree on New Year's Eve because he wants the tree to blossom well on the first day of the New Year. My father chooses peach tree among all other kinds of New Year trees every year because peach flowers are deep red and red is the lucky color for Chinese. If the tree blossoms well and bears fruit, it symbolizes a good year in my father's business. If it does not look nice or dries up, it symbolizes misfortunes. That is why my father will stay out late on New Year's Eve until he finds a satisfactory one.

The celebration of the Chinese New Year will last for fifteen days, the first day being the most important. It is a custom that we have to visit our friends and relatives during the New Year. Although some people prefer to do their visits on a later day, most people like to visit their friends on the first day. It shows that you appreciate your friendships. People will bring their children with them when they visit. It is the happiest time for the children because they can receive red packets which contain pocket money inside from married adults. When I was young, I used to feel the red pocket before opening it. If it was soft, I knew it was a dollar note, otherwise, I would show my dissatisfaction because I knew it was only a coin. After I was married and had to give red packets instead of receiving them, I always complained about the greediness of the children. I hate to give red packets. I do not like the format of the visits either. People usually arrange all of their visits in one day and therefore only spend about five or ten minutes in each friend's house. They just carry out the custom.

Since it was almost time for the school bus to leave, I had to hurry to the terminal. When I was on my way, I was imagining my family was celebrating the Chinese New Year right then. Suddenly I noticed that a small boy was looking at me. He seemed to be asking for a red packet. I hurried my steps instinctively because I would not give red packets to children who I did not know. I knew that I was very silly because very few Americans know that it was Chinese New Year and of course did not know about red packets. At that moment, I felt a little bit homesick and wished I could celebrate the New Year with my family in Hong Kong.

Monica Chan
Hong Kong - J '83

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MANGÉ

PIZZA AND HAMBURGERS: HOW TO TURN A MEDIocre IDEA INTO A SPLENDID EATING EXPERIENCE

Is the American gastronomical experience limited to Espresso's pizza and McDonald's hamburgers? If you are naive, you may think so, but if you disagree, read on. The chance to introduce some epicurean quality into your diet, yet maintain the urge for pizza and hamburgers, exists very close to Tufts.

Let us first look at pizza. The best place to get pizza is at Bel Canto's, a restaurant which specializes in superb deep-dish pizza made with carrots, broccoli, spinach, and other nutritious items - their "Thomas R. Braxton" special is a favorite of mine, and absolutely delicious! Although the prices are a little higher than you would pay at other pizza houses, it is like the Steve's ice cream of pizza - you pay more for the higher quality. Bel Canto's is open from 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. seven days a week, and is located in Union Square, Somerville at 253A Washington St. and at 928 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge. The restaurant has won the Real Paper's Best Sicilian Pizza Award in '78 and in '79, and has also won awards in both Boston Magazine and in the Boston Globe. A caveat: The Cambridge restaurant fills up quickly, and therefore, the Somerville location is preferable if you want quicker service.
The second part of our culinary experience, for this month, focuses on hamburgers; the ideal place to get them is at Bartley's Burger Cottage. Here, in the informal dining atmosphere, your taste buds can savor hamburgers, par excellence. The food in general is excellent - salads are enormous, and are made of broccoli, bean sprouts, cauliflowers, and hearty dressing; onion rings are sliced thin, and heaped onto your plate; and finally hamburgers, made of 5 1/2 oz. of beef, and cooked the way you like them, are absolutely superb. Some of the names that Bartley's calls its burgers are "Mork", "Mindy" and "Bo Derek" (I personally would give them all a "10"). The restaurant is located at 1246 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge - across from Harvard's Widener Library - and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the weekdays, and only till 7:00 p.m. on the weekends. Although the hours are limited, it is well worth your effort to go there during these times.

Bartley's is quite famous, and is visited frequently by Caroline Kennedy and other glitterati. It has also been written up in the culinary guide, Where to Eat in America?, published by Random House, and has, in addition, won the Real Paper's Best Hamburger Award for the past six years - '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80. So, if you would like to hobnob with Caroline Kennedy, or even eat a "Bo Derek", visit Bartley's Burger Cottage. Its burgers are sure to meet the demands of the most finicky gourmand.

Matthew Malaikal
LA '80 - India

We are planning an INTERNATIONAL NITE for Friday, April 18 at 8:00 pm at the Sheraton Commander Ballroom in Harvard Square. The festivities will begin with a fashion and culture show. Tufts students, both American and foreign, will model traditional and modern clothes and perform skits, music and dances from different countries. This show will be followed by a gala dance/disco featuring a cash bar and the latest in international records. The proceeds will go to UNICEF.

So this is a request to all you International Students to come forward and make this show a big success.

All of you who are interested in either modeling your native costumes or in performing native dances or cultural skits, should show up at a general meeting on Monday, the 17th of March, at 8:00 pm in Curtis Hall. If for some reason you cannot attend this meeting but wish to participate in the International Nite, please contact Fawzia Afzal, 661-138x by March 21st.

Remember, we need you to get the show on the road!

Fawzia Afzal
G '81 - Pakistan

ANNOUNCEMENT

WIVES ENGLISH CLASSES

An English class is 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 class is held on the Medford Campus in Brown House, 38 Professors Row and meets Mondays from 10:00 - 12:00 A.M. and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:30 P.M. Classes are on-going and you may join at any time. We hope you will avail yourself of this service and also meet some of the other International wives.

For more information, call Madeline Donheiser x545.
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.

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, 1980. 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.

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, ideas or special part of their own culture with others.

The Intercultural Series will schedule these "guest speakers" on a flexible basis. Their topic, time and place of presentation will be publicized well in advance. So -- keep your eyes open for announcements. If you are interested in being a speaker, call Bob Macasaet, 628-0313 at the International House for more information.

Intercultural Series Schedule of Events

March 20 at 7:00 P.M.
April 17 at 7:00 P.M.

Mark these Thursdays on your calendar and watch for announcements. Hope to see you there.

CULTURE HOUSE/DORMITORY RESIDENT STAFF APPLICATIONS

Positions will be available for the 1980-81 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 10. The completed applications are due April 1. Compensation for Head Resident is free room.

The culture houses are as follows:
Capen - Afro-American
Hall - Hebrew
Davies - International
Schmalz - French
Wyeth - German
Hayes - Russian
Chandler - Latin
Soyer - Roots and Growth
Anthony - Crafts
Start - Asian

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATISTICS

During the Fall semester, Tufts enrolled 519 International Students and Faculty from 82 countries. 196 are undergraduate students, 224 graduate students and 99 faculty.
SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AMERICAN LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND UNIVERSITY LIFE
JOB DESCRIPTION FOR STUDENT ADVISERS

As a counselor for the Institute, you will be a resident adviser to a group of twenty to thirty international students. You will be working with another adviser on several aspects of this program: leading discussion groups on aspects of American life, attending lectures on American culture, organizing and leading field trips to various places in the area; tutoring students, being available and resourceful during the evening, participating in staff meetings.

The program starts on June 9 and ends on July 18 and you will be asked to start work a week before the program begins and finish a week after the program ends. This position is open to any junior, senior, or graduate student in the Tufts community. For more information, contact William Harris (776-3336) and Kerry O'Connel (625-6147). Applications are available at the International Office, Brown House, x545.

SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AMERICAN LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND UNIVERSITY LIFE
June 9 - July 18, 1980

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 July, 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, 1980 and spring, 1981 academic terms.

APPLICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

1 - Letter of acceptance to an American college/university for fall, 1980.

2 - Test of English as a Foreign Language scores.

Further information on the Institute is available by writing to:

International Office
Tufts University
Medford, MA 02155
INCOME TAX

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, 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 100E, Government Center, 8:30 - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - Global Classroom Visit

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. Socorro Chow visited five and six year olds and shared Nicaraguan customs and culture. Michael Vincent Reade demonstrated Brazilian slave dancing to fifth and sixth graders in Winchester.

If you would like to share yourself and your country, please call Madeline Donheiser, International Office, x 545. Transportation is provided and participation is arranged according to your schedule. It will take about an hour and a half or your time.

Although Tufts classes are over in mid-

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CULTURAL GROUPS

THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF BOSTON

The World Affairs Council of Boston, a forum for exchange on international and intercultural relations, provides opportunities for cultural relations and opportunities for international students to gain a broader view of American life and in turn, to share their countries with the local community.

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 Steve Sjoberg at: World Affairs Council, 22 Battery-march, Boston, MA 02109, 428-1740.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:


THE PAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND
75 A Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116 266-2248

The purpose of this society is to promote better understanding and friendship between people of both hemispheres. In order to achieve this aim, the Society offers an:
- Information, referral, resource library and library seminars.
- Language instruction.
- Lectures by experts ranging from political to artistic topics.
- Sponsoring art and musical events.
- Promoting cultural exchange and student placements.

Thursday, March 20 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.: ANCIENT VISIONS: ASTRONOMY IN PRE-COLUMBIAN AMERICA: James Cornell, Publications Manager of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics will speak on astronomy in Pre-Columbian America. Admission: $2.00 members; $3.00 non-members; $2.50 students.

THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON, INC.
The World Affairs Council, Curtis-Saval International Center, 22 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA, 02109 482-1740.

This association, whose purpose is to achieve a better understanding between the people of U.S. and Japan, offers regular programs on various aspects of Japanese culture and Japanese-American relations, including art exhibits, films, lectures, etc., the opportunity to meet people who share an interest in Japan and it provides services as an information and referral center for Japan related questions.

The following is a partial list of events:

March 17, Monday, 4:00 P.M., at the Fogg Art Museum, Quincy Street, Cambridge. John Rosenfield, Curator of Oriental art, will present the fourth of the Arts of Asia series, "A Renaissance of Japanese Buddhist Art." For information and reservations for this program, call 495-4544.

March 23, Sunday, 2:00 P.M., Japan Society Program, an illustrated lecture on the Museum of Fine Arts' extensive Japanese collection. With Vishaka Desai, Head of Exhibition Resources. (Watch for further details in our mailings.)
CAREERS

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. An initial Practical Training application must be filed not more than 60 days before a students' graduation or completion of studies, and not more than 30 days after graduation or completion of studies.

For more information and application forms, contact the International Office x545. If you're job-hunting, don't forget to register at Career Guidance and Placement, Bolles House, 226 College Avenue.

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 27 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)
Steve Schnell, Career Counsellor, Career Guidance & Placement

Practical Training, Home Country Registry
Leslie Rowe, Director, International Office

Experiences of recent graduates
Pradip Kapadia ME 78 Applications Engineer Honeywell Corporation
Joan Russell J 79 Milieu Therapist Quarterway Program Mass. Mental Health Center

If you are interested, call the International Office x545.

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.

TRAVEL

THE NEW YORK STUDENT CENTER
356 W. 34th Street

With more than 1400 rooms available for overnight student accommodations, Sloan House is one of the largest facilities in the U.S. In addition to low-cost accommodations, Sloan House offers an inexpensive cafeteria serving three meals daily, student lounges, reading and television rooms, a gymnasium and laundry facilities. Most rooms are singles without private bath; toilet and shower facilities are conveniently located on each floor. Student rates for 1980 are: single room, $11 per person; twin-bedded room, $8 per person.

For further information, write or phone N.Y. Student Center, 356 W. 34th St., NY, NY 10001, 212/695-0291.

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
1501 16th Street N.W. Tel-462-5780

Rates: $2 per night if you supply your own sheet sleeping bags, $2.50 to rent sheets. Limit of 3 day stay unless other arrangements are made.

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