A Pleasure Trip

Did you know sahib, that our history dates back to 5000 years ago? Climb onto my magic carpet and I will take you on a trip into ancient India.

We are in the year 3000 B.C., atop the site of Mohenjodaro in the valley of the Indus River. For one thousand years, sahib, there flourished a sophisticated civilization here. See the way the city was planned — the houses, markets, granaries, public baths and roads intersecting at right angles, and note the drainage system, Baba, I can tell you that even today's Calcutta and Madras are not so well-planned. What happened to it, you ask? Aaah sahib, it is a sad story. Seven times, they say, this site of Mohenjodaro was rebuilt after overflooding of the River Indus. In fact, the name Mohenjodaro means — mound of the dead.

But enough of this now; let us fly into the 4th Century B.C., to the Golden Age under the Gupta dynasty, when ancient Indian culture reached its zenith. So as not to confuse

THE BODHISATTVA AND HIS HERD OF ELEPHANTS
Shaddanta Jataka. Cave X, late 2nd Century BC
you sahib, let me brief you on the events over these thousand years that we are about to travel. The Aryans have invaded through the mountain passes in the Himalayas and established their homeland along the upper Ganges. It is at this time that the caste system, that you may have heard of, has come into being. You know of the four castes? Categories were formed by the peoples' professions, so there were priests, the warriors, the farmers and the serfs. Me, sahib, I am a humble farmer like most of my countrymen. Also, during this period, the Brahmamic civilization has developed, and gradually evolved into Hinduism. Hinduism, as you know, is not a monotheistic religion, rather its disciples worship a pantheon of gods. Sahib does not understand this, yes? The trihead that you are about to see carved on the cave walls represent the heads of the three main Hindu gods - the Creator, the Destroyer, and the Preserver - the rest of the gods are incarnations of the trihead. Still, sahib does not understand? Oho!

Look! The caves. We have arrived at the site of the Ajanta and Ellora caves which were cut and decorated over a period of one thousand years between the 2nd Century B.C. to the 8th Century A.D. Note the detail in costume and furnishings, in ceremonial and daily life, in the sculptures and mural paintings. No, no sahib, please do not ask me what they have used in their paint to make it remain for so many hundreds of years. Can you believe that this has never once been repainted?

What, you ask, was the prevailing religion? But, that is difficult to say, sahib. By now, Buddhism and Jainism had established themselves, and we see glimpses of all three religions on the walls of these caves. Also, in this time, believe me, baba, women enjoyed such a respected status - my wife, she laments that she was not born in ancient India, but I tell her: this is our kismet.

Our next stop is the Taj Mahal in Agra. O, sahib, it is so beautiful! O, what can I say? It is a mausoleum, I might explain, a previous stone studded marble structure, surrounded by cypress trees and gardens, adorned with fountains. The moghul emperor Shah Jahan ordered it built after the death of his favorite wife, Mumtaz, in the 17th Century. My wife, she laments that she was not... Look!

Behold, the Taj Mahal! The dome, minarets, and arches that you see are all characteristic of Muslim architecture. The Royal Couple lie buried in a vault underneath the ground in the center of the mausoleum. Note that all the chambers are illuminated by so natural light that passes through the intricately carved marble screens set in the walls. But, enough of my jabber. You see for yourself its beauty and glory, and when you have finished we shall hurry back to 1980. My wife, she waits.

Fee? No sahib, no fee. This is for me also, a pleasure trip. But, if you will, sahib, please you take a picture of mine from your picture box?

Roshna Kapadia
Jackson - '84
India

Seeing the maple fall
Makes me homesick more and more
The winter is coming.

Chin-Ling Liu
We would like to extend a WARM WELCOME to all of our returning students. We hope that you had a restful semester break. A special welcome to our new international students entering Tufts in January:

Nazgol Saati
Iran - LA '83

Yue-Ming Shern
Taiwan - DIS '83

Rodrigo Vaca
Nicaragua - E '85

Shu-Hsia Wang
Taiwan - DIS '83

Mitsuyasu Watanabe
Japan - G '83

Ano Atta
Ivory Coast - G '83

Fabian Bachrach
Argentina - LA '84

Linda Bloch
Great Britain/Israel - J '84

Asit Datta
India - G '84

Diego Espinosa
Ecuador - E '83

Mohammed Hedayati
Iran - DIS '83

Alexander Keen
Great Britain - '84

Daeeum Kim
Korea - E '85

Antonio Koo
Hong Kong - LA '84

Nikolaous Koskinas
Greece - LA '83

Pablo Adolfo Longoria-Trevi
Mexico - G '85

Mir-Massoud Moussavi-Aghdam
Iran - G '83

"Winter in Boston"
Snow in November!
Reminds me here's not Japan.
Alas, here's Boston

Tomoko Abe

MONTHLY FRIDAY INTERNATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

The staff of the International Office invites the Tufts Community to join us at our "Monthly Friday Open House". They are held at the International House, 13 Sawyer Avenue from 3:30-5:00 P.M.

January 30 - will be in honor of the incoming international students

March 6
April 3

Please come and join us.
INTERCULTURAL ARTS WEEK

S.P.I.R.I.T. in conjunction with several campus organizations is sponsoring an Intercultural Arts Week from February 6th through February 15th. Some of the highlights of the week will be:

On February 6 in the evening there will be a party in Jackson Gym to launch the week's activities. A steel band will provide the entertainment. Ethnic foods will be available. Sponsored by the African-American Center.

An evening of 20th Century Brazilian chamber music. Sponsored by the Latin American Society and the Romance Language Dept.

A Dance evening will include folk dancing from Israel, Pakistan, India and Ireland. Sponsored by International Club, International Office, Hillel Society, Irish-American Society.

Jumbo Talk Series on ethnicity.

Professor Pradol of the French Department will give a reading of her poetry. Sponsored by the French Dept.

A Chinese Cooking demonstration. Sponsored by the Asian House.

Photography exhibit at Wessell Library includes works by Tufts students who have travelled abroad. Sponsored by the Tufts Arts Collective.

An evening of classical Indian and Pakistani music at Alumnae Lounge sponsored by the International Club and International Office.

Guest-in-Residence will be LaFamilia - a group of improvisational street performers who will hold three or four performances and a workshop during the week.

Watch around campus for specific dates and additional programs. If anyone is interested in assisting in these events, call the International Office, x545.
REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN LIFE

There is much more to India than snake-charmers or the man with the longest mustache. The Taj Mahal, a story of an emperor's love, is just a fragment of India's romantic history. Within India, hundreds of cultures coexist and blend into one another. But above all it is the simplicity of Indian life which is most appealing.

In summer, when the nights are pleasant most Indians sleep outside with just a mosquito-net between themselves and the star-studded sky. In the morning, the milkman comes to deliver the milk. No, he does not bring a milk van. Instead, he comes with his cow or buffalo. The milking is done in front of the customer and finally the fresh, frothy milk is sold. Before drinking, the milk has to be boiled, and milk is almost always taken hot.

The day of an Indian usually starts with a cup of tea, for most Indians are addicted to this beverage. The Indian is also very fond of betel leaf. This is a leaf folded with or without tobacco and chewed. (The Indian version of "chewing gum"!)

By 10 A.M. it becomes very hot in the summers. It is not the temperature (about 115° Farenheit) that causes the trouble. The trouble is caused by the strong, hot and dry wind that sweeps across the plains. However, Indians have harnessed this very wind to cool their homes. Large straw mats are put in front of windows and doors and regularly sprayed with water. When the wind blows through these wet mats, it cools the whole house and also gives a very pleasant fragrance due to the special type of straw used (khus). Air-conditioners are very effective at "beating the heat" and everyone who can afford it, has one installed. However, one of the most fantastic methods of cooling is to be found in one of the Moghul forts at Agra (the city of Taj Mahal). The architecture of the fort allows the wind to enter a specially constructed cooling room, cool down and rush out into the emperor's chamber. The whole chamber gets delightfully cool even on the hottest of days.

India has a long history. Inspite of the Himalayan range bordering Northern India the Turks, Moghuls and other tribes entered India and ravaged the temples and looted the people. The temples were made of solid gold and contained innumerable jewels. These were simply lifted from the group, placed on elephants and camels and taken away by the invaders.

Other wars were fought between kings for matters of pride, love or even for the possession of just one jewel. The diamond "Kohi-noor" passed through many bloody hands before reaching the British with whom it is these days. Another such item is the Peacock throne.

One of the outcomes of all the different invasions is that India has a lot of different cultures and religions. The majority of Indians, however, are Hindus. But here again, not all Hindus worship the same God. Different Gods are known for different virtues. The main Gods are Brahma (the Creator), Vishnu (the God who keeps things going) and Shiva (the God of destruction). Then there are the "avtars" (human forms of the Gods). For example, Rama was an avtar of Vishnu.

Hindu mythology can be extremely deep. The reasoning can be very intricate. Within the mythology a whole philosophy has been constructed. And, I believe, that philosophy plays a very important role in every Indian life, even though it may not be present explicitly.

The Indian social scene is very, very different from that in America. Even though the joint family system is gradually dying out, family bonds are still very strong. Old people are taken care of by their children and also live with them. Women are not getting more liberated but Indian society remains a "male dominated" one. The majority of Indians are orthodox. The illustration Americans find most amusing is that of matrimonial arrangements. In the very orthodox families, the wedding (including the choice of bride or bridegroom) is arranged by the parents, with the boy and girl having practically no say in the matter. In the less orthodox families, the parents make the arrangements
with the final decision being left to the boy and girl. In the big cities and in westernised families, the situation is more or less that found here.

To assist the parents in finding suitable matches for their children, the newspapers run classified advertisements under the heading "Matrimony". Some parents take the advice of an astrologer when deciding on a prospective bride or bridegroom. The astrologer is supposed to study the stars under which the boy and girl were born and then tell whether they will make a good couple or not.

To select an auspicious date for the marriage, an astrologer is almost always consulted.

The slow, easy pace of life in the smaller Indian towns is being broken. In the bigger cities, it is already broken with Bombay being known as the "New York of Asia". The only remarkable exception is Calcutta. One can find all kinds of lifestyles within the hustle-bustle of this huge and densely populated city. It has a character which cannot leave the visitor unmoved.

By now, you will have realised how different India is from the U.S.A. and other countries. Yet this description cannot serve to typify India for this vast country is different from place to place within itself. India holds surprises for even the most casual of visitors. To discover these surprises and to realise how naturally they arise can be a very illuminating and exciting experience.

Tanmay Vachaspati  
Graduate Student - Physics  
India

Have you ever wondered who issues the International Student I.D.'s? Or who writes those wonderful birthday greetings? Or posts all those signs you see around campus advertising our many events? Well, these and numerous other office tasks are handled expertly and with good cheer by the very talented group of students that work in the International Office. They are an integral and essential part of our organization without whose help we could not function as well as we do.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to them and introduce them to the Tufts community at large.

They are:

Li Fang Liang - LA '81  
Mimi Chiu - J '83  
Anne-Rose Lieberman-Alfasi - J '83  
Tom Chin - E '80  
Mary Ellen Linnehan - J '81  
Irina Malakian - J '83
SPUSES 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. Classes will begin in early February. A get-to-know you coffee will be included in the first class meeting. We hope you all will come.

For more information as to days and time, please call Madeline Donheiser x545.

A special thank you to the members of the Spouses English Class for their lovely contribution of Haiku Poetry.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES IN THE NEW ENGLAND CONTEXT: Living Resource Conservation for Sustainable Development

A unique opportunity to examine global environmental issues in the context of the New England region will be provided in 14 weekly evening sessions starting the end of January at Tufts University. A roster of visiting international specialist will be matched with panels of leading local environmentalists in lectures and seminar workshops.

The course is being offer by the Tufts Department of Urban and Environmental Policy in co-sponsorship with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the Lincoln Filene Center for Citizenship and Public Affairs and the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, under auspices of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Course director: Hermann H. Field, Prof. Emer. Tufts University.

For more information contact the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, Brown House, x 727.

Little son lies sprawled
tries to catch ants with fingers
faster they run away.

Yoko Komatsu
Chase Manhattan Bank is actively recruiting foreign national students from specific countries. They will hire qualified nationals from Mexico, Canada, Panama, Venezuela, Peru, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Dominican Republic and Indonesia to be trained in their New York Credit and Marketing Training Program and will receive assignment as International Lending officers in their respective home countries upon successful completion of the training. For these positions, they are only seeking non-U.S. citizens with a J-1 or F-1 visa. Students with permanent resident visas are eligible for global hiring by the Bank and will be considered for New York and all overseas assignments after the training program. Also, they are seeking candidates who are nationals from Puerto Rico and Kuwait to be hired in their home countries.

Qualified candidates should sign-up for on-campus interviews in the career Placement Office. If students are unable to secure campus interviews, please contact Tobey R. Fisher, Second Vice President, College Relations, The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York 10081. Job descriptions are available at the International Office, 13 Sawyer Avenue.

EXXON CORPORATION

Exxon Corporation is recruiting qualified U.S. - educated foreign nationals interested in home-country employment opportunities. They are interested in individuals from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Aruba, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama.

The fields of study that are required are: Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Mining, or Petroleum), geology, geophysics, computer science, MBA, one or two years with or without tech BS.

If you are interested, forward resume and transcript to: Mr. R.F. Burket, Sr. Employee Relations Coordinator, Esso Inter-America Inc., 396 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, F. 33134

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

This year Northeastern University's International Placement Service (IPS) will be sponsoring a February recruiting program. Corporate recruiters have been invited to Northeastern from February 17-27 to interview our international students and Americans who are seeking overseas positions.
In an effort to offer the recruiters a full view of the students from other universities and institutions, the February Recruitment program will be open to students from other universities and institutions. Although Northeastern students will have priority, other students will be eligible to sign-up for interviews provided they meet the job requirements, during the week of February 9. In order to interview, all students are required to submit a resume at the time of registration.

The following companies will be visiting Northeastern:
- February 20, Friday, Dow Chemical/Latin America
- February 23, Monday, Citibank/Middle East
- February 23, Tuesday, Citibank/Far East
- February 25, Wednesday, Schlumberger, Outstanding EE, ME or Physics graduates for positions in the International Field Engineering Staff
- February 27, Friday, Chase, Seeking candidates from Mexico, Canada, Panama, Venezuela, Bahamas, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and the Dominican Republic wishing to pursue a banking career in their home country.

Other companies have expressed an interest in the International Recruitment program but have not established a schedule. An update will be sent to the International Office in January.

If interested, contact Carol Morrissey, International Placement Service, Northeastern University, 437-2430.

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**LANGUAGE EXCHANGE**

Academic Credit offered to anyone interested in teaching or learning a language not taught at Tufts.

The Language Exchange is a program that matches people so that they can learn and teach each other in a one-to-one situation at their convenience. You need not be a language major or certified teacher. It 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 if you have ever studied abroad and want to practice speaking or want to bone up on your English or just want to learn a new language or possibly teach someone your own, please consider the Language Exchange. For more information, call the International Office at x545 or drop by the International Office, 13 Sawyer Avenue, or call Irina Malakian at 666-2176.

This program is co-sponsored by the International Office Language Exchange and the Department of German and Russian.

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**INTERNATIONAL I.D. 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 $6.00 (cash) and you will need a small picture (2" x 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, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP

The International Office will sponsor an Immigration Workshop on Thursday, February 19th at 3:30 p.m. to acquaint you with information regarding visas, passports, working permission, and legal requirements for travelling out of the U.S. All new students are required to attend. The workshop will be held in the International Office Lounge, Brown House. Be sure to bring your passport. If you were a new student fall semester and were not able to attend, you are required to attend this workshop.

We encourage any students who would like to contribute an article, long or short, on their country to the Newsletter, to contact Madeline Donheiser x545.

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DO WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS?

If you have moved for second semester, please give your new address and phone number to the International Office. You can call us on x545 or drop by 13 Sawyer Avenue.

Gloria di Duque

I have a field of Butterflies with stronger roots What they like is freedom.
CULTURE HOUSE APPLICATIONS

The Housing Office makes space available to groups of students who wish to pursue a common interest, from the practice of a foreign language to the exploration of a culture or discipline of study. Some of the current culture groups are:

- African-American
- Irish-American
- Asian
- Latin
- French
- Roots and Growth
- German
- Russian
- Hebrew-Yiddish
- International
- Crafts

The International House, 13 Sawyer Avenue is a residence made up of students from the United States and around the world (currently India, Nicaragua, Canada, Thailand, Greece, Netherlands and Iran.)

The group enjoys international dinners, slide shows, lecture presentations and parties. If you might be interested in living in the House next year, complete the following information and send it to the International Office, 13 Sawyer Avenue. The completed application must be returned to Chaiyong Satjipamon, Head Resident of the International House or Madeline Donheiser, International Office by February 6th.

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

I may be interested in living in the International House next year.

NAME _______________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________

PHONE NUMBER ______________________________________

YEAR ___________________________ MAJOR ___________________________

Return to the International Office, 13 Sawyer Avenue.