A Journey Through Spain

Spain is something more than a little country in the South of Europe. There are still a lot of different cultures and languages in its territory. All of them, including the landscape and climate, offer a strange variety to the visitor.
I would like to explain to you in this short article the wonders of my country. For this we could imagine that we would travel to Spain. The trip would start in March and finish in July.

From France we enter Spain crossing the Pyrenees mountains and three different regions. In the East, next to the Mediterranean Sea we find Catalonia; to the West lies Aragon and Navarra. Throughout the history of Spain, these three regions have played important roles in the economic and political development of the country.

Catalonia is a very rich and industrial region. Its capital, Barcelona, is the most cosmopolitan city of Spain. Also, its harbour is one of the most important of the Mediterranean Sea. The people speak Catalan and Castilian (Spanish), both are Romance Languages and considered official languages in Catalonia.

Proceeding towards the South along the Mediterranean coast, we reach the region of Valencia with its famous groves of oranges and lemons. Also, we are lucky to be present at the popular holiday "Las Fallas" that is celebrated on March 19th. On this date large papier maché statues are burnt in the main plaza of the capital, Valencia.

Continuing our travels, we arrive in the South of the country. Murcia and Andalucia appear before our eyes. The latter is the heart of the arab culture in Spain. The Alhambra in Granada, the Giralda in Sevilla and the Mezquita in Cordoba show us the greatness and splendor of the people who lived in that part of the country for eight centuries. However, it is April and we discover that Andalucia has not lost its catholic tradition. We will not ever forget the religious processions during Holy Week nor the April Fair in Sevilla. All of this is a mixture of gaiety, superstition and emotion. The wine and the smoked ham along with the "flamenco" and the bullfight are the required accompaniment of this rite.

Now, our trip changes its direction as we turn to the North crossing the center of Spain. In front of us we see the plains with some windmills and rapidly we think about "Don Quijote de la Mancha" and its writer Miguel de Cervantes. In these plains, called "La Mancha", we find a kind of people who are very serious and sober. They live from the exportation of wheat and cheese to other parts of the country.

To the left of these plains there is Extremadura which borders Portugal and where the men who conquered Central and South America were born.

We continue our trip and arrive at Madrid the capital of the country and the center of Castilla. Madrid is a big city with a lot of museums and surrounded by sites of historical interest. The Prado museum and the Escorial monastery are two examples.

We leave the capital to look for the Romanic churches which served in the Middle Age to shelter the monks who went to the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. We follow this path and arrive at that city and its region: Galicia. This zone has its
own language: "le gallec", another romance language spoken in Spain. The weather is now more humid and the green landscape meets the blue of the Atlantic Ocean.

Further on we arrive again to the North of the country. Close to Galicia we see Asturias. This region was never reached by the majority of the non-Christian cultures.

Finally the Basque Country welcomes us and shows us its green meadows, pasture-land for the dairy cattle. The official language is basque whose origin is unknown.

We say good-bye to Spain on July 7th in Pamplona, capital of Navarra. Here on the feast of San Fermin, known for the "running of the bulls" we can contemplate the risk, the courage and brutality of the popular tradition loved by both Spaniards and "adopted" Spaniards.

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The International Office would like to extend a special thank you to all the people who helped to make the "East Meets West: Indo-Pakistani and American Jazz Night" so very special: They are -

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The proceeds of the concert went into the International Students Emergency Loan Fund.

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PLANNING A TRIP FOR SPRING BREAK OR THIS SUMMER?

If you are planning to travel out of the United States this spring or summer, be sure to request the proper document from the International Office for re-entry to the United States.

F-1 Students will need a new I-20 form for the 1982/83 academic year. An I-20 form is good for one academic year only.

J-1 Students use the pink copy of your IAP-66 form for re-entry to the United States. If your IAP-66 form expires anytime during the summer or in September, request a new IAP-66 form before you leave the United States.

For either of the above, we would appreciate one week's notice.

It should be noted that documents for traveling to Canada, Mexico and certain Islands in the Caribbean differ from requirements for travel any other place in the world. Contact the International Office (x3458) for information concerning travel to these countries.

WHILE YOU ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY the following steps should be taken:

1. If your passport expires during this time, be sure to get it renewed.

2. If your United States visa expires during this time, renew it so you may re-enter the country.

3. If you have forgotten to obtain an I-20 form (F-1 visa) or extension of your IAP-66 form (J-1 visa), and it expires during this time, contact the International Office so one can be forwarded to you.
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 U.S.

F-1 students graduating from U.S. colleges and universities will be eligible to apply for a maximum of 12 months of practical training. J-1 students are eligible to apply for a maximum of 18 months. Permission for practical training is granted in 6 months installments.

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 but will be needed for extension after the 6 month period.

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.

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PRACTICAL TRAINING PERMIT

1. Obtain a statement in triplicate from your academic adviser certifying that:
   a. The student has completed his/her studies or received his/her degree and the date of graduation.
   b. In furtherance of his/her education it is recommended, or necessary, that he/she have a period of practical training for 6 or 12 months in his/her field of study - explaining the specific training job recommended.
   c. That to the best of the academic advisers' knowledge such training is not available in the student's home country.

2. Bring the above letter and your I-94 card to the International Office, fill out form I-538 and present to the Foreign Student Adviser for signature.

PROCEDURES FOR EXTENDING PRACTICAL TRAINING

To extend practical training after the first 6 months, you repeat the same procedure but you must now also include a statement from your employer certifying that:

a. The position will provide the recommended type of training.

b. The salary to be paid the student and the duration of the job.

c. The date of employment.

Notice of approval should again be sent to the International Office. The signed forms may be presented at the Immigration Office nearest your place of employment. NOTE: the I-538 form still must be signed by the Foreign Faculty and Student Adviser.

PROCEDURES TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES BRIEFLY AND RETURN DURING PRACTICAL TRAINING

Apply to the Tufts International Office for an I-20 form stating the purpose and dates of your intended absence from the U.S.

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, 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 International Revenue Service, J.F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room 100E, Government Center, 8:30-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
Cantares

Todo pasa y todo queda
pero lo nuestro es pasar,
pasar haciendo caminos,
caminos sobre la mar.

Nunca perseguí la gloria,
ni dejar en la memoria
de los hombres mi canción;
yo amo los mundos sutiles,
ingrávidos y gentiles
como pompas de jabón.

Me gusta verlos pintarse
de sol y grana, volar
bajo el cielo azul, temblar
subitamente y quebrarse...

Nunca perseguí la gloria.

Caminante son tus huellas
el camino y nada más;
caminante, no hay camino
se hace camino al andar.

Al andar se hace camino
y al volver la vista atrás
se ve la senda que nunca
se ha de volver a pisar.

Caminante no hay camino
sino estelas en la mar....

Hace algún tiempo en ese lugar
donde hoy los bosques se visten
de espinos
se oyó la voz de un poeta gritar
"Caminante no hay camino,
se hace camino al andar....."

golpe a golpe, verso a verso...

Poem by Antonio Machado
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.

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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, 1982. 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 x3458 for further information.

DAY TRIPS IN APRIL AND MAY

If you are anxious to get out of town for a day the International Club has just what you might be looking for. On April 18, we are going to Plymouth, the historic site where the Pilgrim Fathers first settled after their arrival on this continent. We'll visit Plimouth Plantation, the Mayflower and, of course, Plymouth Rock. Two weeks later, on May 2, a trip to Cape Cod and Provincetown is scheduled. Come along and experience this famous New England resort area before the summer tourists take over the beaches, museums and parks, or simply enjoy a walk in the sand dunes.

The price of $10.00 for each of these trips includes transportation and admission to all museums. Tickets go VERY fast so sign up soon! Call Wolfgang at 497-2176 for more information and reservations.
The last three meetings of the International Student Association of New England (INSANE) were dominated by two major topics: INSANE's Constitution and the International Student Olympics 1982 at Wellesley College.

Constitution

After a preliminary draft of the constitution had been discussed and reviewed, it was adopted by the assembly as a temporary constitution, i.e., amendments and alterations are expected to be added over the next years. At present, however, it provides the universities' representatives at INSANE with a foundation upon which they can continue their work, and a framework for their duties and obligations.

The new Constitution asks for four officers. The nominations and elections for these offices yielded the following results:

- President: Waseem Kabbara
  University of Massachusetts
- Chairperson: Fito Salume
  Harvard University
- Secretary: Wolfgang McAninch-Ruenzi
  Tufts University
- Treasurer: Marga Ortiga
  Wellesley College

Student Olympics

The other item of importance in these past meetings dealt with the International Student Olympics which were to be hosted this year by Wellesley College. However, Wellesley encountered major difficulties in the organization of these events. Therefore, it was decided to delay the Olympics until Fall. In other words, the International Student Olympics at Wellesley won't take place until this coming October/November.

Since at many schools the soccer teams have begun practicing for this eagerly expected event quite some time ago, it was decided that an International Soccer Tournament will be held this Spring. A trophy will be donated by INSANE and the event is scheduled to be hosted by Tufts University's International Club in late April/early May.

If you would like to join the organizational staff and/or the Tufts team, call either Dimitri at 625-3059 or Wolfgang at 497-2176.

ARE YOU A TEACHING ASSISTANT?

The International Office recently received several copies of the "Manual for Foreign Teaching Assistants" compiled by Gary Althen of the University of Iowa. This manual provides foreign T.A.'s with valuable information and suggestions that will help them better understand the situation in which they are working. Three main questions are addressed: What is expected of teaching assistants? What aspects of the U.S. higher education system are challenging to foreign T.A.'s? Where can T.A.'s get help? If you are interested in borrowing a copy of the manual, stop by the International Office.
CONSULATE INFORMATION UPDATE

It was recently brought to our attention that the Mexican Consulate has moved. It is now located at 1 Post Office Square, 15th Floor, Room 1550, Boston, MA 02109 and the telephone number is 426-4942.

We also realized that the Spanish Consulate is not listed in the International Student Handbook and since the theme of this month's issue is Spain, we thought it appropriate to give you their address! It is:

Consulate of Spain
545 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 536-2506

OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Your knowledge of specific needs (technical, industrial, agricultural, or consumer) within your homeland, and your business or governmental contacts there, can provide additional present income during school, or a permanent career in the field of foreign trade. Any interested students with the necessary foreign contacts and good business abilities should write Severe and Company, Post Office Box 30371, Raleigh, North Carolina 27622.

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Windmill in Campo de Criptana (Ciudad Real) - a typical pueblo of "La Mancha"