NORWAY: The Land of the Midnight Sun —
If the weather permits!

Norway is a young country in European history. Norway was united in 1030. Throughout its history it has been close to both Sweden and Denmark. In 1814, when Norway got its own constitution and parliament, it had been a Danish colony for more than 400 years.

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From 1814 to 1905 Norway was in union with Sweden. With independence in 1905 Norway got its own King, King Haakon VII. Norway’s King today is King Olav V, and has been that for 25 years. Our King’s favorite hobby is sailing and he has participated in many Olympic Games and World Championships and has brought home many trophies. This summer he will again defend the Norwegian colors in the World Championships of sailing in his own country at an age of 80 years.

King Olav is the head of our government, but he has no real power. Today Norway has a right wing government led by Kaare Willock. This is a minority government but gets support from the Liberals and Christian Democrats, which together have the majority of the 155 seats in the parliament.

The parliament and all government functions are located in Oslo, our capital. It is also the residence of King Olav. Oslo is the smallest capital in Europe with only 460,000 citizens. It is a beautiful city and is surrounded with hills and forests, which people use for hiking and crosscountry skiing. No matter where people live in Oslo, it takes only a 20 minute ride to get to these areas. On a nice Sunday in March as many as 100,000 people can be seen in the forest. Skiing is seen as the national sport in Norway, but if the number of participants is the ruling factor, soccer is Norway’s national sport. Every year in the summer Oslo arranges the Norway Cup; a soccer tournament for kids from 7-18 years. Last summer 18,000 kids, boys and girls from all over the world played soccer in Oslo for 10 days.

One of these soccer teams was from Hammerfest, the northern most town in the world. Living there so high up to the nor they have the sun shining all day and night for almost three months during the summer. But when winter comes, they can’t see the sun for three months. They see only a lighter blue color in the sky to the south.

To illustrate the length of Norway, let us put a needle at the most southern point, Lindesnes, and turning Norway around on this point. Hammerfest would be located near Rome, Italy. Rome is also at the same latitude as Boston. That indicates how much further north Norway is as compared with the United States. But because of the Gulf stream we can enjoy mild winters and nice summer.

My home town of Kristiansand, is located on the south coast of Norway, 200 miles southwest of Oslo. We often enjoy winters like in Boston, but the summers are somewhat cooler. If we choose a town in the inland, the temperature drops a lot. On the plains up north, often during the winter the temperature drops to 50-60° below zero. But to your surprise there are no polar-bears in Norway!!

Einar Christensen
Norway
G’83

DO WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS?

If you have changed your address or phone number, please come in or call to update it with the International Office, 13 Sawyer Ave., Telephone #: 381-3458
WELCOME

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:

Mohamed Aidja  
Algeria - G'85

Ramakanth Appalaraju  
India - G'84

Aloysius Bavon  
Ghana - G'87

Simon Chow  
Hong Kong - LA'86

Mary Hsu  
Taiwan - DIS'85

Dah-Haur Huang  
Taiwan - DIS'85

Chang-Shing Jean  
Taiwan - DIS'85

Rabih Kfoury  
Lebanon - G'88

Zahir Khattak  
Pakistan - G'88

Sang Lee  
Korea - LA'86

Vipin Mithia  
Canada - DIS'85

Ola Moufid-Mohamed  
Egypt - SS'83

Ana I. Perez  
Costa Rica - DIS'85

Giulia Pieri  
Italy - G'85

Sing Rong  
China - G'87

Karim G. Salame  
Lebanon - E'86

Ekkasak Sorakul  
Thailand - D'85

Paule Trottier  
Canada - Guest'83

Chong-Shu Wang  
Taiwan - DIS'85

IMMIGRATION

IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, February 23, 1983 at 3:30 p.m., an Immigration Workshop will be held to acquaint you with information regarding visas, passports, working permission and legal requirements for travelling outside of the U.S. All new students are required to attend this workshop. If you entered Tufts in the fall and could not attend one of the workshops held in October, please plan to attend this one. The workshop will be held in the International House Lounge, 13 Sawyer Avenue. Be sure to bring your passport!

activities

MONTHLY FRIDAY INTERNATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

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

February 4 - will be a Farewell Reception in honor of Leslie

March 4
April 4
May 6

Please come and join us!

announcement

RECENT BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Luis and Fabiola Gallegos of Ecuador on the recent birth of their son Jorge Luis. Luis is a visiting Humphrey Fellow at Fletcher and Fabiola is an active member of the Spouses' English class. ¡Enhorabuena!
An Irish Blessing

May the Lord rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palms of his hands.

- English version of the Gaelic

Leslie,

On behalf of the entire Tufts community, we would like to wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. Your sincere dedication and valuable contributions to the International Community at Tufts will live on, although your presence will be greatly missed.
SENIORS: THE TIME TO PLAN IS NOW!!!

Although graduation is still four months away, now is the time to begin thinking about your plans for the future. Some international students will choose to attend graduate school while others will opt to return home and begin working immediately. An alternative would be Practical Training, whereby if approved, you may work in the U.S. in a position related to your major to gain experience which is difficult to obtain in your home country.

The International Office in conjunction with the Career Guidance and Placement Office will sponsor a seminar early in the Spring to help explore career opportunities. Keep checking the Daily and the Observer for more details.

CITIBANK RECRUITING ASIAN GRADUATES:

Citibank, N.A. will be at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge on January 31, February 1st and 2nd to recruit for its Asia Pacific Banking group. If you are interested in returning to your home country to work in the financial services industry stop by the International Office and take a look at the job description brochure.

SPouses' ENGLISH CLASSES

An English class is offered free of charge to all spouses of foreign students, faculty members, and research scholars at Tufts. This semester the class will be split into two groups - an elementary level and an intermediate/advanced level in order to accommodate the varying levels of English spoken by the present members of the class. The elementary group will meet on Mondays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and the advanced group on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. in the Conference Room of Brown House 38 Professors Row, Medford Campus. It is possible to attend both sessions if one so desires. Contact the International Office (x3458) for more details.

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:

Mimi Chiu - J'83
Gemma Bae - J'84
Kathy Freeley - J'84
Jim DeMeo - L.A.'85
Li-Ching Liang - L.A.'86

And we mustn't forget Lai Lai Sheung J'81, our very talented artist who is responsible for the lovely sketches you see in each of our newsletters.
INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEW ENGLAND TOURS

For this coming semester, the International Club is planning to organize two one-day excursions and if possible one two-day excursion to different historic sites in New England. The schedule includes a trip to Mystic Seaport in Connecticut where we will visit museums and old sailing ships, and Plymouth, Massachusetts where we will visit the Plimouth Plantation and a replica of the Mayflower. A two-day trip is planned for Martha's Vineyard Island. What we are hoping for is a nice weekend out there before finals start up.

In order to allow you to plan ahead and to be able to participate in as many trips as you want, we give you our schedule now. The excursions will include admission to all museums and round-trip transportation. Each one-day trip will cost $10.00, but the cost of the two-day trip has not yet been determined. Below is the schedule of the trips:

Saturday, March 19 - Mystic Seaport
Saturday, April 9 - Plymouth
Sunday, April 30 - Sunday, May 1 Martha's Vineyard

If you have any questions and/or want to sign up for any of the trips, please call MaryAnne at 623-6277 or Einar at 625-8233.

USEFUL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:

- Immigration and Naturalization Service
  Department of Justice
  John F. Kennedy Building
  Government Center
  Boston, MA 02203
  Phone: 223-2361
  Records Department: 223-2368

- Canadian Consulate
  500 Boylston Street
  Boston, MA 02116
  Phone: 262-3760

- International Office
  13 Sawyer Avenue
  Medford, MA 02155
  Phone: 381-3458

T.S.R. TRAVEL

Tufts Student Resources has recently announced that it will be expanding its horizons to include a variety of foreign and domestic travel services. These services include: The Eurail Pass, the Britrail Pass, Deak-Perera Currency, "Let's Go" travel books, and American Youth Hostel cards. TSR is located in Hayes House and their number is 381-3224. Contact them for more details.
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
- Asian
- French
- German
- Hebrew-Yiddish
- Irish-American
- Latin
- Roots and Growth
- Russian
- International

The International House, 13 Sawyer Avenue is a residence made up of students from the United States and around the world (currently Great Britain, Nicaragua, France, Greece, Cyprus, Korea and Malawi.)

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 Joni Hagigoeorges, International Office by the second week in February.

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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.
STAFF

Leslie Rowe - Director, International Office
Joni Hagigeorges - Foreign Student Assistant
Susann Sjoberg - Secretary
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Jim DeMeo - Student Assistant
Alexander Kravetz - International Club President
Joni Hagigeorges and Audrey Hale –
    International Hospitality Program Coordinators
Vivek Pathela - Language Exchange Coordinator
Jeanne O'Connell - Spouses English Teacher

NUSFJORD - A fishing village in Northern Norway.