**International Update**

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**Intercultural Festival**

Come and celebrate the 15th annual Intercultural Festival with the International Club and the International Center! The Intercultural Festival is a week-long series of programs and events designed to expose the Tufts community to international issues and ideas as well as to promote learning and understanding of various countries and cultures from around the world and from within the U.S.

The Intercultural Festival has grown and become the centerpiece for both the International Club’s and the International Center’s goals to raise cultural awareness on campus. The Festival is coordinated by the International Club with assistance from the International Center staff. Events that traditionally occur during Festival week are the International Food Fair, specialty food nights in the dormitories, cultural dance bands, and the Parade of Nations Talent and Fashion Show.

The Parade of Nations is the culmination of the week’s events occurring this year on Saturday, February 27, in Cohen Auditorium. This evening show includes an ethnic fashion show and live entertainment.

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Gloria Anzaldúa to speak!

The Vice President of Arts & Sciences, the Asian American Center, the African American Center, the International Center, the Latino Center, the Lesbian Gay, Bisexual Resource Center, and the Women’s Center along with other culture clubs and student organizations are proud to present Gloria Anzaldúa, who will be speaking at Tufts on the evening of February 23.

Ms. Gloria Anzaldúa, a Chicana native of Texas, explores in prose, poetry and essays the condition of Chicanos in Anglo culture, women in Latino culture and lesbians in a straight world. She co-edited the award-winning collection, This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color and Borderlands/La Frontera, is frequently used in courses at Tufts. Her books explore the complex and competing social, political, and cultural forces that shape the experiences of women of color in the U.S.

Ms. Anzaldúa’s talk coincides with the Intercultural Festival and in response to student expression on issues of race at Tufts. This is an excellent opportunity to become part of the dialogue.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER:

The International Center, located on the first floor of Ballou Hall, telephone 617/627-3458, provides counseling to international students, coordinates international activities on campus, and assists students, faculty and research scholars with immigration regulations and procedures. Our services are provided to undergraduates enrolled in Liberal Arts and Engineering as well as graduate students and faculty/scholars in Arts & Sciences, Engineering, the School of Nutrition/HNRCA, BSOT, School of Veterinary Medicine, the Museum School and the New England Conservatory, and only faculty/scholars from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

We advise and counsel on various issues including language difficulties, housing/roommate difficulties, cultural adjustment and employment regulations. Please feel free to set up an appointment to speak with the staff if you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to talk.

ADDRESS UPDATE

All mailings from the International Center to students/scholars are sent using labels generated from the Registrar's Office and the International Center. If you do not keep your address & phone number updated with the Registrar and with us, we will be unable to reach you. Please update this information at the beginning of each year and after every time you move. We appreciate your assistance!

CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Upon arrival at Tufts, Medford Campus, all international students, faculty, and research scholars who are on non-immigrant visas are required to complete a Confirmation of Arrival Form and to come into the International Center for us to make copies of your immigration documents. It is mandatory that you maintain your legal status while at Tufts. Submitting these documents for review by the International Center staff helps to ensure that you are in status. Some of you have still not completed this procedure and we ask that you provide us with this information immediately. If we do not receive your documents, we will be unable to sign your Form I-20 or IAP-66 for travel purposes.

PROCESSING TIME FOR IMMIGRATION WORK

Keep in mind the timeframes needed by the International Center to process visa documentation:

- Signature of Form I-20 or Form IAP-66 for travel: 1 Week
- F-1 or J-1 Program Extensions: 2 to 4 Weeks
- Change of Status from one Non-Immigrant Status to Another (i.e. F-1 to J-1): 2 to 4 Weeks
- School Transfers: 1 to 2 Weeks
- Practical Training/Academic Training: 2 Weeks
- Initial J-1 Faculty/Research Scholar Visa: 3 Months
- J-1 Faculty/Research Scholar Extensions: 2 Months
- Initial H-1B Faculty/Research Scholar Visa: 3 to 4 Months
- H-1B Faculty/Research Scholar Extensions: 3 to 4 Months
**Undergraduate Update**

**LIVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

The International House (I-House), located at 13 Sawyer Ave., is a residence made up of students from around the globe, including the U.S. I-House members often sponsor international dinners, lectures, and parties, and attend cross-cultural workshops.

Undergraduate students who are eligible for on-campus housing may apply to live in the I-House. Next year, the I-House will be relocated in the Hillside unit, since the I-House will undergo renovations. 6 singles and 2 doubles will be available.

Applications for the I-House are available at the International Center. The deadline for new applicants is Friday, March 12. Those who already live there and wish to re-apply have an application deadline of Friday, March 8. Interviews will take place on March 15, 16, and 17.

The philosophy of both the International Orientation Host Advising and the I-House programs supports an equal balance of both U.S. and international student participants.

Please encourage interested American friends to get involved in these programs!

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**TUFTS GRADUATE ARAB CLUB**

Are you interested in forming the new Tufts Graduate Arab Club (TGAC)? We are looking to create a new organization where you can meet graduate Arab students, faculty, and researchers, and people who are interested in Arabic culture.

For more information please contact: Shahla Almasri at salmasri@eecs.tufts.edu or call Janie Bess at the International Center at 627-3458.

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...ment performed by student groups representing many cultures. Also, the winner of the Oliver Chapman Leadership Award will be announced at the end of the night’s festivities, honoring a senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service to the international community in and around Tufts.

If you want more information regarding the festival and/or would like to participate, please call Ed Vena at 627-1287 or Janie Bess at 627-3458.
Career Update

Job Interviewing Skills/ Job Search Workshops for International Students

The International Center and the Career Planning Center will co-sponsor workshops designed especially for international students. "U.S. Job Search for International Students" will be held on March 8, 1999, and "Interview Skills for International Students" will be held on March 15, 1999. Both workshops will be held in the Career Services Recruiting Office on Level G in Tisch Library from 3-4pm.

Signup is required. Please call the International Center at 627-3458 to reserve your place.

VISA OPTIONS FOR WORKING IN THE U.S. AFTER GRADUATION

Am I able to work more than one year after I graduate? If so, what do I do to legally enable myself to work for an extended period of time? Come to these workshops, conducted by local immigration attorneys, to learn the answers to these and other important work-related questions. Learning about obtaining an H-1B visa can be particularly beneficial to students interested in demonstrating their ability for long-term work to their prospective employer. These workshops, sponsored by the International Center will be held on March 16 and April 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Reservations required. Please call the International Center at 627-3458 to reserve your place.

Country-Specific Employment Guides

The International Center often receives career guide books for graduates of American universities who are returning home to work after graduation. Currently the office has copies of these guides for students from Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Russia. If you are going home to start your career, come pick one up at the International Center.

JOB FAIRS

ThaiLink Job Fair: There will be a job fair, sponsored by ThaiLink for undergraduate and graduate students from Thailand on February 28, 1999 at the Howard Johnson Hotel, on 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. Resumes need to be placed online before the jobfair date. Check out their website for more details at www.ThaiLink.com.

French Job Fair: The Forum USA '99 is an annual job fair sponsored by the Embassy of France. It will be held in Boston from April 3rd to 5th. The purpose of this event is to give French graduates in the U.S. a chance to meet executives from French companies. Please check out their website for further information: www.forumusa.org.