We're Moving!!

The International Center will be moving to 20 Sawyer Avenue (the current home of Student Employment) as of this summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in our newly renovated space. Please come by to visit in September!

Congratulations and best wishes to all graduating international students!

We must be the change we wish to see in the world
-Gandhi

Goodwill Mission to Portugal
by Sharna McMicken and Jane Etish-Andrews

The Tufts University Symphony Orchestra was privileged to be able to travel to Portugal during the winter break in January. Malka Yaacobi, the orchestra conductor, had wanted to take the orchestra on an international tour for years. This year she believed that the orchestra "was in the best shape ever" and this motivated her together with Gabriella Cruz to design a tour. Gabriella Cruz is a faculty member in the Music Department from Portugal and she enthusiastically suggested the idea of going to Portugal and offered to help make the connections and arrangements with the Portuguese!

The first stop on the tour was at the Palacio Foz in Lisbon. This is a beautifully restored 18th century palace where the first Portuguese symphonic orchestra performed in 1816. The acoustics in the palace are perfect due to the mirrored walls and the wooden floors. The concert was even sold out before the orchestra's arrival to Portugal. Present on the evening of the performance was the Consul General of the US Embassy in Lisbon.

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"BLACKOUT" TIME AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Between the dates of August 18, 2000 and September 8, 2000, the International Center will be unable to assist continuing international students, faculty and research scholars with immigration matters which could normally be handled before or after these dates. Only true emergency cases will be taken.

This time period is the office’s busiest season as we expect to welcome over 200 new international students, faculty and scholars. We appreciate your patience, cooperation and planning ahead!

VISA PROCESSING TIME

As a reminder to those of you needing immigration assistance from the International Center, please keep in mind the following time required to process your immigration work:

- 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): 4 to 6 Weeks
- School Transfers: 1 Week
- 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

IF YOU NEED A VISA STAMP

If you plan to travel outside of the U.S. and will need a new visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., you will need to bring certain documents to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. Remember to bring your immigration document (Form I-20 or Form IAP-66) with a current signature from the International Center, and financial documentation when you go to the embassy or consulate. If you are not sure if you need a new visa stamp, stop by the International Center with your passport for advice.

Those on H-1B visas will need to bring the original I-797 Form that was issued by the INS. You should take this form, proof of financial support, and a current letter from your department, to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate closest to you and apply for the appropriate visa. You do not need to apply for the visa in your home country, but be aware that it may take longer to get a new visa in a third country.

NOTE: If you will be traveling to Canada, Mexico or the adjacent islands* for less than 30 days, you do not need a new visa if you have an expired visa of the requisite category in your passport. Some special restrictions apply for certain nationalities and situations. Please check with the International Center before traveling.

*The adjacent islands are: Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Miquelon, St. Pierre, Trinidad, Windward, Leeward Islands, and some British French and Netherlands territories or possessions in or bordering on the Caribbean Sea.

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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

-Eleanor Roosevelt
HOST A NEW GRADUATE STUDENT THIS FALL!

Tufts does not offer temporary housing for the incoming class of international graduate students. As you are aware, many students do not have adequate resources to pay for a hotel room while they search for a permanent place to live. We would like to identify current graduate students and/or faculty/staff who would be willing to host one or two new students in your own apartment while new students look for permanent housing.

The new student would need to spend a few nights with you during the month of August 2000. If you would be interested in being a temporary housing host, please contact the International Center at 617/627-3458. We appreciate your help, and so will the new grad students!

Already thinking about summer...

Have you thought about what you are going to do with all those canned goods and other non-perishable items?

If not, please help Father O'Leary collect them to help students that might need them to get started in the Fall. Please drop off your items at the Catholic Center, 58 Winthrop St., anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am -3:30pm. Please call the Catholic Center (781/391-7272) or the International Center (617/627-3458) for more information.

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bon, Leslie Rowe. Leslie Rowe is a Fletcher graduate and was the former Director of the International Center at Tufts! Her comments regarding the orchestra's performance were, "I was amazed at the level of professionalism of the orchestra and very proud that they represented Tufts and the U.S. so well in Portugal." The orchestra received a standing ovation and performed an encore to the delight of the crowd. Jonathan Lam, a junior majoring in Quantitative Economics and Music, was very appreciative of the enthusiasm from the audience and said it made it easier to perform.

The orchestra traveled to two other cities in Portugal: Aveiro in the north and Evora in the center of the country. In both cities, the orchestra was hosted by the local Portuguese university. This trip was an opportunity to bring the orchestra closer together in a setting far from home. Melissa Redl, a sophomore, and Donna Nathan, a senior majoring in English and Music, enjoyed not only the aesthetics of the towns they visited but the hospitality and welcoming attitude of the students they met. At the concert in Evora, the orchestra performed with the choral ensemble of the University of Evora. After finishing the concert, the students of the University of Evora sang for the Tufts orchestra and then the Tufts students proceeded to sing back. After singing together at the end of the night, the Portuguese students took the Tufts students and showed them the town from their perspective!

Malka Yaacobi was delighted to see the respect that her students had for the Portuguese culture and people and said, "the students went out of their way to embrace aspects of this new culture, which they were fortunate to experience." Professor Cruz said, "Upon return to the Tufts campus, the orchestra has become a more cohesive group which has had a positive influence on their playing as well as with their relationship to the university." The orchestra’s conductor, Malka Yaacobi anticipates continued international tours in the future! Congratulations to a truly cross-cultural experience and one that will stay in the memories of the students forever.
SUMMER TRAVEL

TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.

If you are planning to travel outside of the United States, you must be sure that you have all the correct documents and signatures in order to return.

Please see the section below which pertains to your type of visa.

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS (Students & Scholars):

To re-enter the U.S. you will need a signature from the International Center on the back of your pink Form IAP-66, a valid J-1 visa stamp, and a passport that is valid for six months beyond your return date. We also suggest that you carry proof of financial support. **Since we must check your registration status, you must allow the International Center one week for a signature on your IAP-66.**

NOTE: If your J-1 Program Sponsor is not Tufts University, (such as IIE, Amideast, LASPAU, etc.) we cannot sign your pink form. Please contact your program sponsor for details well in advance of your departure.

TRAVELING INSIDE THE U.S.

If you are planning to travel within the United States, you do not need to do anything special. Just be sure to carry your passport so that you can present it as identification if necessary.

F-1 STUDENTS:

To re-enter the U.S. you will need your 1-20 Form signed by the International Center, a valid visa stamp in your passport (Canadians are exempt from this visa requirement), and a passport that is valid 6 months into the future. It is also suggested that you carry proof of financial support.

We suggest that you have your 1-20 form signed once every six months when you travel. Since we need to check your full-time status, bring your 1-20 form to the International Center at least one week before you plan on leaving for us to process it. If you do not allow enough time, the International Center may have to send your form to you and you will be responsible for the cost of the mailing.

H-1B FACULTY/SCHOLARS:

To re-enter the U.S. you will need your Form 1-797 H-1B Approval Notice, a passport valid at least six months into the future, your I-94 card, a letter from your sponsoring department confirming your appointment at Tufts, and a valid H-1B visa stamp. If you have previously had an H-1B visa stamp in your passport, and it expired less than one year ago, you may be able to get a new H-1B visa before leaving the U.S. However, you will need at least six to eight weeks lead time to renew it. Please contact the International Center well in advance of traveling for details.
SUMMER TRAVEL (continued)

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANIES

The following is a list of shipping companies that have approached the International Center and would like to offer their services to the Tufts community. The International Center does not endorse any particular company, but those listed cater to the international population.

Allied International
249 North Street
Danvers, MA 01923
Phone: (978)539-3333/ Fax: (978)777-8748

Rainier Overseas Movers, Inc.
P.O. Box 97004
Bellevue, WA 98009
Phone: (800)426-9928/Fax: (425)643-0448

INTERNATIONAL HOUSES IN THE U.S.

Are you traveling across the U.S. this summer? You may be interested in staying at an international house. They offer reasonable rates for short term accommodations. Call ahead for room availability.

International House - New York
500 Riverside Dr.
New York, NY 10027-3916
Phone: (212)316-8436
Fax: (212)316-1827
(range: $500-$625/month)

International House of Chicago
1414 East 59th St.
Chicago, IL 60637
Phone: (773)753-2270
Fax: (773)753-1227
(checkout their website for up to date rates: www.uchicago.edu/adm/thouse)

International House of Philadelphia
3701 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Phone: (215)387-5125
Fax: (215)895-6535
(range: $54/day up to 9 days, $505- $895/month)

International House - Berkeley
2299 Piedmont Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94720-2320
Phone: (510)642-9470
Fax: (510)642-5220
(wide range of rates vary according to season and type of accommodation $730-$2050/month)
(be sure to checkout their great website for more info: ihouse.berkeley.edu)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOUSE

1825 R St., Northwest
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202)387-6445
Fax: (202)387-4115
(range: $660- $940/per month)

DISCOUNT FLIGHTS

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) has local offices under the name of Council Travel Services that offer charter flights and other student travel options. The closest office is in Harvard Square on 12 Eliot St., 2nd Floor. The phone number is 617/497-1497.

STA Travel, located at 65 Mt. Auburn Street in Cambridge offers discounted international flights to students and faculty. Call 617/576-4623 for details.
Practical Training workshops are being held biweekly. These workshops will continue to run through May 10, 2000. Reservations are required, so please call the International Center to reserve a place.

REMEMBER: Employers like to hire students who are knowledgeable about their eligibility to work. Come to a workshop and learn about your options.

Please remember that all F and J visa holders, including spouses and children, who had no US-source income in 1999 are still required to file income tax forms 1040NR-EZ and 8843 by June 15, 2000. The Fletcher Library has a small supply of forms and instructions available for those who have until June to file their tax returns. You can also download federal forms from www.irs.ustreas.gov. This requirement is an individual's responsibility! Do not forget to comply with the IRS's requirements.

DO YOU NEED AN EXTENSION OF STAY?

F-1 STUDENTS: Extensions may be filed 60 days prior to but no later than the expiration date indicated in Part 5 of your current Form I-20. Contact the International Center if you suspect you need an extension. If an extension of stay is not completed within this period, you will fall out of status and this will have serious implications. Please remember that it is your responsibility to tell us if you need this assistance. Call the International Center if you are unsure if you will need an extension.

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS: Students and scholars with J-1 visa status must apply for an extension of stay if you plan to remain at Tufts beyond the date specified in Part 3 of your Form IAP-66. If Tufts is your program sponsor, as indicated in Part 2 of the Form IAP-66, you need to request a new IAP-66 from us. If your IAP-66 was issued by another sponsoring agency, you need to contact that agency for information about an extension of stay. They must issue your new Form IAP-66 and they may have additional requirements. You should expect this to take some time, so please plan ahead. [It is crucial that you apply for and obtain an approval of extension of stay prior to the expiration date on part 3 of your form IAP-66]
Tufts Career Services offers an array of services and programs to help you with all facets of career development and job hunting: career counseling, job and internship listings, resume preparation, interviewing tips and much more. Career Services staff is available to assist you with career decisions, setting realistic goals and developing skills and strategies to realize these goals.

Remember - Career Services is open all summer and (as of June 5, 2000) is located on the 7th floor of Dowling Hall, the new Student Services Center, at 419 Boston Ave. Call to set up an appointment with a career counselor or to sign up for a "quick question" 15 minute session. For more information on any of Career Services programs or events, check out the home page at http://careers.tufts.edu, or call 617-627-3299.

CAREER SERVICES WEB SITE

http://careers.tufts.edu provides you with up-to-date information on workshops, job fairs and other career events.

Congrats to the students accepted to the International House for 2000-2001

Kenneth Andrews
Sanguan Chanyaputhipong
Tiffany Cramer
Alejandro Garcia
Shayan Haque
Hanna Kite
Claudia Krug
Sasha Lalite

Monique Martin
George Papanikolau
Greg Pattakos
Lauren Shaman
Merneysa Rivera
Antonio Rullan
Chris Webster

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE INTERCULTURAL FESTIVAL!

We would like to thank all who participated in the planning and execution of this year's Intercultural Festival. Without your help, it would not have been as successful as it was!

We want to extend a special thank you to the following dedicated workers:

Bill McCarthy
Tristan Reed
Tony Rullan
Jacob Silberberg
Sean McDermott
Mariella Martinez
Rodolfo Alborelli
Maite Moreno
Graziella Reis-Trani

Congratulations to the 2000 International Orientation Host Advisors

Rodolfo Alborelli
Phil Ashley
Jeannette Bailey
Sarah Berger
Chris Burch
Candice Chipman
Karma El-Khalil
Eugene Goh
Genghis Hadi
Maria Hormaza
Hai Huynh

Caroline Maes
Natanya Marracino
Sean McDermott
Maite Moreno
Graziella Reis-Trani
Jacob Silberberg
Gabe Silva
Vee Wuwong
Kei Yamamoto
Firend Zora
Aparna Basnyat awarded the Oliver Chapman Award

On February 26, 2000, the International Club presented Aparna Basnyat with the Oliver Chapman Leadership & Community Service Award. The award was given at the end of the "Parade of Nations Show" which serves as a capstone to the annual Intercultural Festival. This award is given each year to a senior who has been active with the international community either on the Tufts campus or off-campus in the local community. The award is named for Oliver Chapman, an undergraduate student from Panama who passed away in 1992. He was loved by all who knew him and was always available to help others.

Aparna will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations with a minor in Women's Studies. She has consistently shown leadership on campus concerning International women's issues. Since February 1998, she has worked at Tufts University's Women's Center helping to coordinate and plan events including a conference on 'Gendered Perspectives on International Conflict and Development'. She has been active in EPIIC doing research in Nepal on the issue of Girls Trafficking. In her role as Chair for the Political Action Committee, Aparna has been instrumental in advocating for South Asians at Tufts particularly in forming the South Asian Women's Discussion group. In her role as Director for Visions/Nepal, she developed an AIDS awareness curriculum to be taught in high schools in Nepal.

We congratulate Aparna on her achievements and wish her much success in her future!