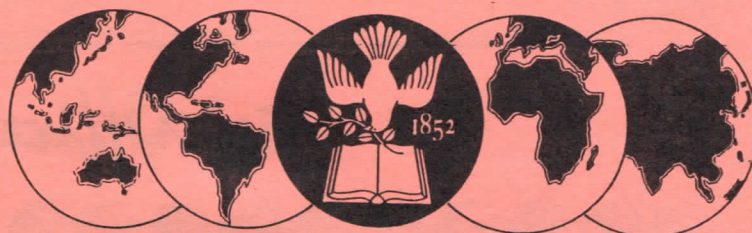


International UPDATE



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Volunteerism An International Student's Perspective

*by Carl Nee-Kofi Mould-Millman
(LA/ENG '02)*

When I first arrived at Tufts, I was mystified by the whole concept of volunteerism. Two things puzzled me: first, why would anyone want to work for free (that seemed to defeat the whole purpose of being in a university), and second, why were so many people here doing it? Growing up in Ghana and having lived in a few non-Western countries, it was rare, or even unheard of, to give free help to someone else, and mind you, Ghanaians are some of the most giving people that I know. Nevertheless, I was intrigued by the whole concept of volunteerism.

**"WHY WOULD
ANYONE WANT
TO WORK FOR
FREE ..."**

A few weeks into my first semester, a coordinator for one of the programs under the Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) - the largest volunteer organization on campus - came to recruit volunteer teachers from our community health class. Curious, I signed up and was paired with a teaching partner, and two weeks later we found ourselves standing in front of a class of twenty screaming eleven-year-olds. We were nervous, and basically unprepared. Quite frankly, we thought the first class was a disaster and I felt that I got nothing out of it... that

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The International Center and
the International House are hosting
an

OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, December 1, 2000
3-5pm**

at 20 Sawyer Avenue
(the new location of the
International Center)

**President DiBiaggio will kick
off the event @ 3:30pm.**

*Come and enjoy
international foods
and entertainment!*

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Office Update

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER:

The International Center, located at 20 Sawyer Avenue, 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.

INCOME TAX FILING

If you do not have a U.S. social security number, you will need to apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) in order to file a tax return. International students, faculty and research scholars will be required to **file tax returns by April 15th or June 15th** (depending on whether or not you received any compensation from the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000). **Everyone must file an income tax return whether or not you have received any compensation.**

Please be advised that the ITIN number is not a social security number and will not grant you work authorization. It may take a few weeks to receive this number, so plan accordingly. You need to apply for the ITIN by completing an IRS Form W-7. The International Center has a limited supply of these forms, or you can apply in person at the Internal Revenue Service, John F. Kennedy Building, Room 760, Boston or by calling 1-800-829-1040. It takes approximately 4-6 weeks to process the W-7 form. **The International Center will be sending you a comprehensive tax information packet at the end of January.**

Welcome Back Maria!!

We are happy to formally announce that **Maria M. Conley** has returned to continue employment at the International Center. She will resume working with many of you on cases involving International Faculty and Research Scholars.

Maria's new title of *Assistant Director for Faculty and Research Scholars* reflects the level of responsibility related to this important and valued community.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Maria back to the Tufts community!

CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL & ADDRESS UPDATE FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY 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 status while at Tufts. Submitting these documents for review by the International Center staff helps to ensure that you are maintaining your status. **If you are a student who started in September and have still not completed this procedure we ask that you come to the International Center to provide us with this information no later than December 1st. If we do not receive your documents, we will be unable to sign your Form I-20 for travel purposes.**

All mailings from the International Center to students are sent using labels generated from the Registrar's Office and the International Center. If you do not keep your address and 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!

Immigration Update

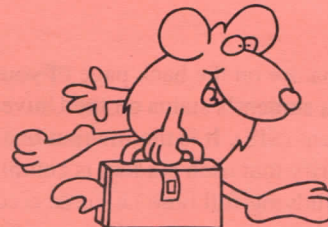
H-1B Visa Update

On October 3, 2000, Congress passed Bill (S. 2045). We are thrilled at the approval of this bill. The bill is too extensive to list in detail here. The following are the sections of the bill which we feel are of most significance:



- It exempts H-1B visa holders employed by higher educational institutions from being counted toward the H-1B cap. Anyone who changes to an employer in the private sector will be counted toward the cap in the year they change employers;
- H-1B visa holders may now change jobs immediately upon the time they file a petition with a new employer. The nonimmigrant must be in lawful status at the time of filing and cannot have engaged in any unauthorized employment while in the U.S.;
- Provides a sixth-year extension for H-1B nonimmigrants awaiting a green card provided that they have filed an I-140 at least 365 days prior. Extensions beyond the six-year maximum will be possible in one-year increments, until adjustment of status or immigrant visa application is determined;
- The cap was also increased to 195,000 for FY 2001, 2002 and 2003.

BEFORE YOU START PACKING.....



Please remember to come to the International Center at least 1-2 weeks before you plan to travel (if the signature on the back of your form is more than six months old) in order for us to sign your Form I-20 or Form IAP-66. You will need this signature on the back of your form in order to re-enter the U.S.

When you are traveling, many other students are traveling as well. Please provide us the time we request. If not, we may need to express mail your I-20 or IAP-66 to your destination abroad and you will incur the mailing expense. Prior planning prevents delays and difficulties for you!

Please also remember when you travel, you need a passport which is valid 6 months into the future and a valid visa stamp in your passport which reflects your current status in the U.S.

The penalties imposed for entering the U.S. with invalid documents are severe, so please plan ahead to be safe!

NOVEMBER & FEBRUARY GRADUATES

If you are planning to work in the U.S. after graduation, remember to apply for PRACTICAL/ TRAINING before the end of January! You should be thinking about making an appointment option with the International Center before you graduate. Processing can take at least 8 weeks, depending on the backlog and Naturalization Service. Don't delay!

U.S. after graduation, remember to apply for PRACTICAL/ TRAINING before the end of January! You should be thinking about making an appointment option with the International Center before you graduate. Processing can take at least 8 weeks, depending on the backlog and Naturalization Service. Don't delay!



If you are traveling to Canada...

for the purpose of visiting a U.S. Consulate or Embassy to apply for an extension or change of status, you will need to schedule an appointment by calling 1-900-443-3131 (\$1.65 per minute). Appointments are scheduled three/four weeks into the future. You can also schedule an appointment through this website: <http://www.nvars.com>. There is an approximate \$4 fee for scheduling the appointment

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why does it take a week to have my I-20 signed?

A: Getting a signature on the back page of your I-20 form involves checking a student's status on the University's Student Information System (SIS). It is the International Center's responsibility to verify that each student is complying with INS regulations and studying full time i.e. three credits per semester or a TA plus two 1-credit courses. At certain times of the year we are inundated with I-20's that need to be signed and a week allows us the necessary time to check SIS and have an authorized person to sign your form.

Q: For how long is a signature valid?

A: We recommend you have your Form I-20 or IAP-66 signed once every six months that you travel.

Q: Do I need a visa to go to Canada?

A: Certain countries require a visa to enter Canada. The International Center has a list of countries that do require a visitor visa. You can call the International Center or stop by to see if your country is on the list. If indeed you do need a visa the International Center also has a visa application with detailed instructions about obtaining a visa to enter Canada. The process takes at least 2 weeks and the cost is \$30. For additional information you can check the website: <http://www.nvars.com>.

Q: What if I forget my Form I-20 or IAP-66 when I reenter the US or what if I fail to have my I-20 or IAP-66 signed before I travel?

A: You will probably be given a Form I-515 to complete. After completing this form, bring it, along with your I-20/IAP-66 to the International Center to be signed. You will then need to bring your I-515 and your newly signed I-20/IAP-66 to the INS in Boston. Remember: You only have 30 days in which to do this.

Q: When do I need to renew the visa stamp in my passport?

A: You only need to update the visa stamp in your passport for the purpose of **re-entering** the United States. Whenever you enter the United States, you need to have BOTH a valid immigration document (i.e. Form I-20; Form IAP-66; Form I-797, etc.) and a valid corresponding visa stamp in your passport. The visa stamp can only be obtained at an embassy or consulate outside of the U.S. There are some rare exceptions to this for H-1B visa holders.

Q: As soon as my visa stamp expires do I need to leave the U.S. and renew it?

A: Not necessarily. IF you have a visa stamp in your passport which corresponds with your immigration document (i.e. Form I-20; Form IAP-66; Form I-797, etc.) than you can remain in the US even after the visa stamp expires, provided that your immigration document is valid.

Q: What does it mean for my Form I-20, IAP-66 or I-797 to be valid?

A: Your immigration document (i.e. Form I-20; Form IAP-66; Form I-797, etc.) is valid provided that it has a valid end date AND provided that you maintain your full-time student status; or if you are a faculty or researcher, if you continue with the initial terms of your affiliation with Tufts.



RELIEF FUND FOR VICTIMS OF BOSTON AVE. FIRE



The Tufts Catholic Center has established a relief fund for 5 Tufts students and 2 families who were burned out of their homes on November 7. The students affected were part of the International community.

Monetary donations can be made directly to the Catholic Center, 58 Winthrop Street, Medford, Mass 02155 or through the Tufts Community Appeal.

For more information contact Father Dave at 781/391-7272.

Undergraduate Update

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Club aims to bring together different communities on campus. The club's main goal is to promote understanding among cultures, as well as to provide support to international students and American students alike.

We have many exciting plans for this year such as lectures by prominent speakers, cultural events like the Parade of Nations (February 24th), and the Intercultural Festival (February 17-24) in the Spring. In addition, there are social events such as our International cruise, and many other exciting events. We aim not only to link people of different backgrounds, but to create a strong sense of awareness and unity among international students and Americans.

Regardless of whether you are new or old to the campus, you can be a valuable contributor to the club. We are looking forward to a thrilling year. Come to our next meeting and see what we are all about! For more information please email Sean McDermott, gmcder01@tufts.edu

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International Students Get Connected at
<http://iStudentCity.com>.

iStudentCity.com was created by international students like you, to help those who come to study in the U.S. They bring you information, services, and support to help you make your way in the U.S.

Login and get a free phone card for international calling!

SPOTLIGHT ON THAI CLUB

Established in 1998, the Thai Club aims to share the beauty and uniqueness of Thai culture with the Tufts community. In years past, we have organized various events such as the celebration of the Thai New Year in April, and participated in the Food Fair and Cultural Show during Asian American month and International Week. Recently, we have sponsored a Movie Night at the International House, and helped the Royal Thai Government sell raffle tickets in an effort to help underprivileged Thai children. We have also held activities with other Thai students in other schools in the area such as Harvard, MIT, Boston University, and Bopston College, and also coordinated activities with the King of Thailand Birthplace Foundation, based in Massachusetts. We warmly welcome anyone who is interested.

Please contact Mann Sakbodin at msakbo01@tufts.edu or at X7030 for more information.

Thai Club Officers

Sanguan Chanyaputhipong	<i>President</i>
Vee Wuwyong	<i>Co-vice President</i>
Joy Toolcharoen	<i>Co-vice President</i>
Mann Sakbodin	<i>Secretary</i>
Derek Keswakaroon	<i>Treasurer</i>
Top Arronvatanaporn	<i>Publicity</i>
James Raiva	<i>Publicity</i>

Undergraduate Update cont.

Interested in applying to be a Host Advisor for next year's I.O.?

Stop by the International Center on or after December 10th to pick up an application. 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students are encouraged to apply.



Why be an RA?

by Khizar Diwan (ENG '03)

I wanted to work in a professional environment as part of a team; a link in a network that makes a difference. I wanted to work in an environment which was different from the generic 'college kid' jobs, yet friendly and flexible. The resident assistant (RA) position at Tufts gave me just that and a bit more.

Exposure to and opportunities to be in various social settings are not hard to come by here, but a chance to work through the year with your RA duty team gives insight into a different aspect of peoples' character and ways. It also gives one a feel for the kind of problems that come up in teamwork and achieving long-term goals. It gave me a lot of exposure to the judicial and disciplinary issues of the university or any institution in general. Being an RA is also an opportunity to meet many other ambitious people from varying backgrounds and a gateway to many other university wide opportunities. The job is not about being the hound in dorms or the babysitter for those in trouble, as much as it is about ultimately creating a comfortable environment in dorms and making the campus a safer place as a whole.

Although the RA job is a great learning experience and a lot of fun, there are some challenges to be met. Firstly there are the language problems of understanding the slang which is used in formal settings and 'customized' terms used by people in general. It takes, well, the entire year before you know all of the slang terms as you keep discovering more and more. Another challenge is the two-week training period before the fall semester, which is extremely intense and demands patience and mental alacrity. In most cases being an RA also means you will not be partying in your hall, which can get a little in the way of your 'within the dorm' social life especially as a sophomore. All in all though, there's much to gain from the RA position. Being the link that bridges the gap between administration and students is an idea that deserves good thought!

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION... ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

The International Center would like to warmly thank the Host Advisors listed below for their energy and enthusiasm in assisting this year's new international students!

Rodolfo Alborelli	Firend Zora
Phil Ashley	Caroline Maes
Jeanette Bailey	Natanya Marracino
Sara Berger	Bill McCarthy
Chris Burtch	Sean McDermott
Candice Chipman	Maite Moreno
Karma El-Khalil	Graziella Reis-Trani
Eugene Goh	Gabe Silva
Genghis Hadi	Vee Wuwong
Maria Hormaza	Kei Yamamoto
Hai Huynh	Jacob Silberberg



A special thanks to Ayesha Siddiqui and Tristan Reed for their wonderful efforts as I.O. Helpers, who helped make I.O. such a terrific program!

Our gratitude goes to Hai Huynh ('01) for his terrific T-shirt design.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION THAT STUDENTS AT TUFTS SHOULD KNOW!

Fall, 2000

What is a Visa?

A visa allows a student **to seek entry in to the United States**. (Students possessing a Form I-20 have the corresponding **F-1 visa stamp** in their passport.) The visa is usually **issued in the home country**.

The visa is like a **key to a house**. The key is necessary to enter the house, just as a visa is necessary to enter the U. S. Once inside the house (or the U.S.), though, the relevance of the key diminishes. Indeed, the only time the key is needed again, is when one exits and needs to return to the house. Similarly, a visa is not used again, until the next time a student leaves the U.S. and needs to re-enter the country. **Therefore, a student can allow his/her visa stamp to expire as long as the student remains in the U.S. and maintains his/her legal status. If a student leaves the U.S., s/he must be sure that the visa is valid for re-entry purposes.** If the visa has expired, the student needs to go back to the U.S. embassy/consulate in his/her home country and request a new F-1 visa. (Speak to the International Center staff for details regarding documents to bring with you when requesting a new visa.)

What is an I-94 card?

This card records the entry and departure of a non-immigrant in to the United States. This card is completed on the plane by the individual. It is stamped at the port of entry by the Immigration Official **to record when; in what status and on what date an individual enters the U.S.** This card should be **stapled in to the passport and surrendered upon departing the U.S.**

What is an I-20 Form?

A Form I-20 is a U.S. legal document, issued by the Tufts International Center, that entitles the bearer to use it to seek a corresponding F-1 visa from the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in one's home country. Once the student shows the newly issued Form I-20 (along with other immigration documents) to the officials at the port of entry, the student is then allowed to enter the U.S. as an F-1 student. This document **governs your ability to legally stay in the U.S.**

Full-time Status/Good Academic Standing

All students are required to maintain full time status and good academic standing while studying at Tufts University. **"Full time"** is defined as **taking 3 credits per semester**. **"Good Academic Standing"** means that you are **passing** all of your classes.

Signature of Your Form I-20 for Travel Purposes

When you travel, you need to be sure that your Form I-20 has a current signature on the back of it that has been **signed within the last six months**. A signature on the back of the form indicates that you are a continuing student who is enrolled on a full-time basis and that you are in good academic standing.

Please note: Your Form I-20 needs to be signed by a staff person at the International Center. Please allow **one week for the form to be signed**, since we will have to verify your full-time status and we cannot sign the form while you wait.

Expiration of I-20 Form

Section 5 of the Form I-20 indicates **when the form expires**. If you do not complete your program by the end date on Section 5, be sure to consult the staff of the International Center at least two months before you intend to graduate. If there is any **"significant change"** in your graduation date, your funding or your citizenship, etc., please remember to consult with the International Center, since you will need a new Form I-20 which reflects any of these changes.

Travel to Canada

Just as when you travel to any other country, when you travel to Canada, you must **be sure your Form I-20 has been signed within the last six months** by a staff member at the International Center.

Be sure to check with the International Center to see if you are required to obtain a Canadian visa before visiting Canada. Please **plan at least 3 weeks in advance of your trip**, to be sure you can be issued a **Canadian visa** in a timely fashion. **Stop by the International Center for additional information or visit the Canada website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.html>.**

Work: On-Campus

All full-time F-1 students are permitted to **work on-campus for up to 20 hours per week** during the academic year. During vacations and summers, students are permitted to work up to 40 hours per week on campus. If you have a Teaching Assistantship, you must count the number of hours worked as a T.A. towards the total number of 20 allowable hours per week.

Please be sure your compensation for your work on-campus is provided to you in the form of a **Tufts paycheck**. You are allowed to work more than one job on campus, as long as you **do not work more than 20 hours**, in total, per week.

Work: Off-Campus and Internships

After being a full-time student, in good academic standing for at least 2 consecutive semesters, F-1 students are permitted to **apply to work off campus**. Work must be done in a position related to a student's field of study. This kind of work is known as **Practical Training**.

Sessions which detail this lengthy process are held year round. Please note that obtaining this work permission normally takes **up to 3 months**, so you will want to plan ahead. Pursuing **an internship** (off campus) and for pay, requires following **the same procedures** outlined above.

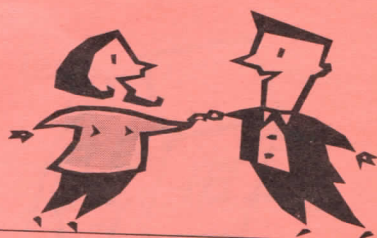
Social Security Numbers vs. "999" Numbers

All students who are working are required to obtain a Social Security Number from the U.S. government. Applications are available at the International Center. After you apply for your Social Security Number, you should receive your number in the mail in approximately 2 weeks.

Unless you came to Tufts with a Social Security Number that you already provided to the Registrar, you will be assigned a **"999" number**. This number is **ONLY** used at Tufts as an **identification number** for you. It is **not valid for work purposes; it is not recognized outside of Tufts**.

If you have questions about this information, contact Janie Bess or Monica Rodriguez at 627-3458.

Graduate Update



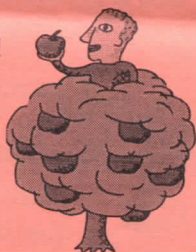
CONVERSATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

For those of you who requested a partner and are not yet matched, we are working hard to recruit new Americans to the program. Thank you for your patience! As of now, 18 new matches have been made and there's a total of 20 matches. All matches should be made by December.

Please do not hesitate to contact Monica Rodriguez (monica.rodriguez@tufts.edu) or by phone at 617/627-3458 if you have any questions.

Apples Galore!

On September 26th, 40 graduate and exchange students, joined us for a day filled with apple-picking, lunch and some shopping. The apples and sunshine abounded at Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow, Massachusetts!!



GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION A BIG SUCCESS!

The Graduate International Orientation was very well attended this year by almost 60 new students. Our featured guests; Dean Ioannis Miaolis, College of Engineering, Veronica Carter, Dean of Students Office, Dean Dave Hastings, School of Nutrition, Gretchen Inman, and Alida Poitier, both from the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, all welcomed our newly arrived international students.

The International Center is especially grateful for the contributions made by continuing graduate students during the Orientation. Our facilitators for the Round Table discussions were: Kyna Hamill, Basil Darwish, Eduardo Calvillo, and Kayo Tajima. Our presenter on "culture shock" and cultural adaptation was Lizette Bolanos. Thank you all for your valuable help!



"Father Dave"

Fr. Dave O'Leary came to Tufts and the Catholic Center in 1998. His first priority was to work on building renovations as the Catholic Center was not in good repair. It was one of the sites for Orientation peer leader training and has been used by an ExCollege class, as well as groups providing instruction in ballroom dance, karate, and swing dance. He is trying to expand use of the building. It is available to be used by those with a university affiliation for a small fee. We look forward to doing more in their welcoming space!

For the past 2 years, Father Dave has been a Conversation Partnership volunteer. This is a program run by the International Center that matches international graduate students with American faculty, staff, and graduate students to meet weekly to converse in English.

Father Dave has been an active participant in other ways within the Tufts community. In his capacity as a Lecturer at Tufts, he has taught courses on sexual ethics through the Department of Comparative Religion. He has spoken to student groups including Tufts Men Against Violence, and the TLGBT Center. He also meets with a lot of alumni who are getting married and using the chapel for their ceremonies.

The majority of Fr. Dave's time however is spent providing individual spiritual counseling. In particular he sees a lot of international students who are Catholic, especially students from Latin America.

If you haven't met Father Dave yet, you can always catch him presiding over Sunday mass at 10pm at Goddard chapel or else stop by the Catholic Center at 58 Winthrop Street to check out their services. Catholic services such as Scripture Group, Adult Confirmation group, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) are organized by Father Dave. Everyone in the Tufts community is welcome however to use the great space for studying, meetings, and other events.



Housing

SPRING SEMESTER RETURN

from the Residential Life Office

ALL STUDENTS, regardless of their housing plans, planning to return to study on the Medford campus in January, 2001, are requested to complete a Spring Semester Return form and return it to the Residential Life Office, South Hall, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, 02155, or by fax (617) 627-3929 by November 22, 2000. Forms were sent to home addresses in early October. You may also download forms from our website <http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife>.

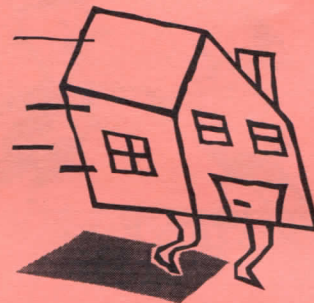
Students should be aware that housing space on campus is limited. Juniors and Seniors are not guaranteed housing. Off-campus listings are available on-line at <http://ase.tufts.edu/och>. Freshmen and sophomores are required to live in university housing or in an authorized fraternity or sorority house unless commuting from home.



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

from the Residential Life Office

The Off-Campus Housing Office is now open for extended evening hours, Thursdays, 5-9 pm, in South Hall, 1st floor. Call for an appt. or drop-in. We offer information on how much it will cost to live off-campus, what's involved in signing a lease, the Security Deposit Law, the State Sanitary Code, evictions, and other landlord-tenant issues. Call us **before** signing a lease to avoid problems later. Current listings are at <http://ase.tufts.edu/och>. Our phone # is 627-5319. Office hours are M-Th, 9 am-3 pm and Th, 5-9 pm.

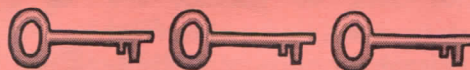


WINTER RECESS REMINDER

from the Residential Life Office

Residence halls close at noon on December 22, 2000, for the winter recess period. Residence halls re-open at 9 a.m. on January 16, 2001, for the spring semester.

Students with international home addresses may apply for winter recess housing on-line at <http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife> beginning November 13, 2000. Applications will also be available in the Residential Life Office in South Hall on that date.



**Interested in Being an RA
for 2001-02 Academic Year?**

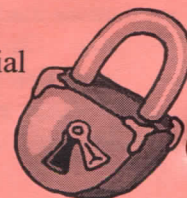
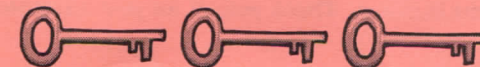
If not, then please refer to "Why
Be an RA" article on pg. 6.

If you are interested,

**Pick up an application online at
<http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife> or in
the Residential Life Office.**

**Students may apply beginning
December 1, 2000.**

Questions? Call the Residential
Life Office @X73248.



On-Campus Events & Activities



Intercultural Festival (Feb. 17-24) featuring the Parade of Nations



The culmination of the Intercultural Festival is the PARADE OF NATIONS (Feb. 24). Students entertain the audience with cultural performances through dance, music & singing. The Parade of Nations ends with a large fabulous fashion show.

While you are away on semester break do not forget to bring your native clothing to be worn for the Parade of Nations fashion show.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Catholic Center is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 23 from 11:30- 1pm.

Please call the Catholic Center (781/ 391-7272) to reserve a place.



Join the Leonard Carmichael Society for VOLUNTEER VACATIONS

Come spend a week building houses, cleaning up a national park, helping low-income communities, or working with children.

Spring Break, MARCH 18th - 25th

**General Interest Meeting
Wednesday, February 23 @ 9:30pm
EATON 201**

*Questions? Contact Allison Collins X7708 or
Katie Woo @ 718-9536*

*There are many other volunteer opportunities, call LCS office
at X3643 for specifics.*



PRACTICE YOUR ENGLISH LISTENING SKILLS *at the Chaplain's Table*

***Every Thursday, 5-7 PM.
MacPhie Conference Room***

Different topics about **Spirituality and Health** are discussed each week over dinner. If you are not on a meal plan, please call the Chaplain's office at 627-3427 in advance to arrange for a meal scholarship. This series is free and open to the public. Below are the rest of the topics scheduled for this semester:

NOVEMBER:

30th: Dr. Charlene Galarneau, Lecturer
Community Health Program and Tufts
School of Medicine
"What Research Tells Me"

DECEMBER:

7th: Maria Judge, Former Dean, Fletcher School
Author
"Power of Prayer"

Cosponsored by Tufts' Chaplain's Office, International Center, and the Fletcher School

Off-Campus Events

Free Holiday Movie Classics!

Every Saturday at 10am from Nov. 18 - December 9, Showcase Cinemas, Revere will present a classic American Holiday film.

Cost of Admission is **free**. All they ask is that you donate a non-perishable item such as canned food. All donations will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank.

You can also be eligible to win great prizes. For further details and directions, listen to Oldies 103.3 FM radio or call Showcase Cinemas at 781/286-1660.

"We are of course a nation of differences. These differences don't make us weak. They're the source of our strength."

Jimmy Carter

Volunteerism (Continued from page 1)

is, until two weeks later when I got a package in the mail. It was a large manila envelope with twenty different hand-made thank you cards from each student in the class saying how much they appreciated our efforts. Now that moved me!

So, two years have flown by and I'm still teaching Anti-Smoking. Why? Simply put, if I can make the difference in the life of just one child, then that's reward enough for me. It's just the satisfaction you get from giving back to your community what someone else gave to you that makes it so worthwhile.

But as an international student, volunteering has additional benefits. It has exposed me to part of the real world and opportunities that lie outside of Tufts that I would have never otherwise have experienced by just sticking within the confines of Tufts. For example, I volunteered in an Emergency room for a year and I managed to weave my way into an excellent internship in another department in the same hospital. My interactions, through volunteering, have also helped to establish myself to certain aspects of life in the United States. I learn so much from the people I work closely with, like my teaching partner and close friend, Phil. Being American and of a totally different culture than myself, it's amazing how much we learn and have come to appreciate each other, simply through a common interest such as teaching kids.

So, I encourage you to take the chance and experience volunteering. It's a fabulous way to give back to those less fortunate, plus there are a multitude of options to suite anyone, whether you're an engineer or an economics major. But don't just take my word for it... go find out for yourself, and I'm sure you'll be pleased.

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Career Notes and Financial Resources

TUFTS CAREER SERVICES CENTER

Check out our on-line calendar frequently for up-to date information about our programs and events:

<http://job.tufts.edu/cpc/>

"THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT" MAGAZINE

A publication of the International Students Organization, this magazine has useful information for international students, including a listing of scholarships, grants, funds, and stipends. There is also a list of books and websites that have additional information about sources of funding for international students. Come by the International Center and pick up a copy of the magazine or contact them via their website at: <http://www.isoa.org>, or via email: mailbox@isoa.org

(This is not a Tufts publication)

EMERGENCY LOAN FUNDS

Through the Laila Moshiri Yazdi memorial fund, small, short-term **emergency loans (\$300-\$500)** are available to all Medford undergraduate and graduate international students (except Fletcher international students) .

The Oliver Chapman memorial fund is intended to assist **undergraduate** international students with tuition payments during times of hardship in their home country. The amount of the loan ranges from **\$1,000-\$3,000**. Students in need must apply one month in advance.

Applications for both funds are available at the International Center.

INFORMATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

In addition to the above sources of information, the International Center carries the publication, Funding for United States Study: a Guide for International Students and Professionals. We also have a small file cabinet of information regarding financial aid, which students are welcome to use Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00.

STUDENTS FROM MALAYSIA, THAILAND, HONG KONG, P.R. CHINA, TAIWAN, AND SINGAPORE

If you're interested in possible co-op (3-6 months) or full-time positions in your home countries, Northeastern University has a Home Country Placement Program which assists international students from universities in the United States. Students who are in good academic standing and who are majoring in Engineering, Computer Science, or Arts & Sciences are encouraged to apply. If you would like to obtain an application form, contact the International Co-op Department at Northeastern University:

Telephone: 617/ 373-4246, Fax: 617/ 373-3444

Email: pkelso@lynx.neu.edu

WEBSITES

The following websites may also be useful if you would like to research possible sources of financial aid:

- ◆ www2.acs.ncsu.edu/grad/funding/fellows.htm
- ◆ www.studentservices.com/fastweb/
- ◆ www.finaid.org/

HELP WANTED

DISCO Career Forum

sponsored by DISCO International Inc.

Mark your calendar! A Technical Career Forum will be held at the San Francisco Marriott on February 16th, and 17th. **Recruiting Japanese/English bilingual** students. Most participating companies will seek candidates with science, mathematics, MIS, computer science, and engineering majors/backgrounds.

Registration will be done through their website at www.careerforum.net This website will be up and running by the end of November.



Intercultural Festival (Feb. 17-24)

February will bring the annual Intercultural Festival that features the Parade of Nations. Sponsored by the International Club and the International Center, the festival aims to raise cultural awareness. One of the best ways to do this is to get involved in the organizing of the week!

Contact the International Club or the International Center if you are interested in participating.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

This Christian program provides an opportunity for international students to stay with a host family during the Christmas holidays (December 18-January 1). All international students and scholars who are in a U.S. college are invited to apply regardless of race, nationality, religious background or marital status (a few programs are able to accommodate married couples with one or two children). Different sponsoring groups such as a church or community organizations across the U.S. participate in this program. Room and board are free, but you are responsible for a registration fee of \$40.00, round trip transportation, and any extra expenses indicated by individual programs. For more information and an application browse the web-site: www.christmasih.org

Please remember that this is a Christian based program that may expose you to beliefs different to your own.

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