WELCOME TO TUFTS!

BIENVENUE, BEMVINDA, BIENVENIDO, IRASHAIMAS, SALUTATIO, SELAMAT DATANG, WILLKOMMEN, WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

You will soon discover the unique microcosm filled with diverse peoples and numerous adventures that we know as Tufts! I know that many of you are a jumble of nerves right now because you're anxious and maybe a bit scared but mostly excited to start your first year here. You will go through so many beautiful and not so beautiful things that I can't even begin to explain. For most of you, the time will pass all too quickly.

I still vividly recall arriving on campus two years ago. I was just as excited and worried as you are at this moment. I can remember being absolutely baffled at how I was going to find my own little niche at Tufts. By the close of my first year I had made many friends and had loads of fun, but something was still missing. That void was filled when I was introduced to the international community. Joining the International Undergraduate Orientation was the best decision I could have made. Being a Host Advisor for the program was a great way to make acquaintances with people from all over the world and I even met some of my dearest friends through the program. And, it was with this program that I took my first trip into Boston!

That's why I was so excited to become Orientation Coordinator this year. Hopefully the program will be as good for you as it was for me - if not better! I'm sure those attending the Graduate International Orientation will also have the opportunity to meet other new and continuing foreign students. Please feel free to call on me, the International Center staff, or any of the Host Advisors if you have questions or just want to chat!

BEST WISHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING YEAR!
Cheria "Ree Ree" Dial, Orientation Coordinator

Tufts' Trends Correlate with National Trends
Tufts Misses Top-Ten List by Two!

In its 1990-1991 annual census publication "Open Doors", the Institute of International Education (I.I.E.) cited Tufts as having the 12th highest percentage of international students among U.S. public and private universities! Out of a total of 7,707 undergraduate and graduate students, Tufts hosted 1,034 foreign students last year, comprising 13.4% of the university population. The top-ten list includes local rivals M.I.T. (21.8%) and Harvard (14.0%), with New Jersey Institute of Technology tied for first, boasting 21.8% of its total population as coming from abroad. These statistics include only those students studying in the U.S. on non-immigrant student visas, not foreign citizens who hold U.S. permanent residency (i.e. green card holders).

National statistics show that the number of foreign students studying in the U.S. increases each year. The numbers are up from 34,232 foreign students reported in academic year 1954-55, to just over 400,000 foreign students in 1990-91. At Tufts, the annual increase in international students has correlated with national trends. In just the last five years, for example, the number of undergraduate international students has doubled at Tufts. There were only 39 foreign students in the 1991 senior class, compared to 99 foreign students just completing their first year at Tufts. The 1992 incoming undergraduate class will be even larger, with the number of graduate students holding steady.

According to David Cuttino, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, it is time that the University "recognizes that the educational enterprise needs to provide students with a strong preparation to live in an international community." He feels that the increased interest in Tufts from overseas "fits well with the educational needs Continued on back cover.....
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of the Tufts community. In selecting a class, our
expectation is that the education of the enrolling
students will be advantaged by the different perspectives
and experiences international students bring to campus.”

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions (as well as the
Graduate School) is continually looking for ways to
attract talented international students. Cuttinio cited
alumni as a major source of advertisement, especially
Fletcher students who return to their countries to
become well-known public figures. A major problem,
however, is the lack of a foreign equivalent to the
American "guidance counselor" to aid students with the
application process. Undergraduate Admissions has
tried to increase the recognition and understanding of
opportunities at Tufts through evening meetings in some
major cities overseas. Current undergraduate volunteers
involved in the Student Outreach Program have also
helped in providing information to prospective students.

Tufts does not have a "quota system" for special
populations on campus. The admissions committee
concentrates on selecting students based on academic
ability and achievement with the goal of building the
most interesting mix of individuals in the entering class.
The most recent applicant pool of first-year students
included individuals from 83 countries with students
admitted from 53 countries. In fact, said Cuttinio, there
were more students selected from abroad than from
California, the fifth largest state represented in the
accepted applicant pool. Cuttinio indicates that there is
a continuing effort to maintain the growing international
fluence at Tufts by finding even more ways to attract
qualified students from all over the world.

Interview and article by Fleur Weigert

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"The Funny English Language"

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen not oxes.
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese;
You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice;
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be called cows or kine,
But a cow if repeated is never called kine,
And the plural of vow is vows, not vine.
And if I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
And if I give you a boot, would a pair be called beets?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural ofooth be called beeth?
If the singular's this and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss be nicknamed keese?
Then one may be that and three may be those,
Yet hat in a plural would never be hose.
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren;
The masculine pronouns are he, his, and him,
But imagine the feminine, she, shis, and shim.
So English, I think, you will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see.

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