

All The Nations - The International Voice

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SPORTS DAY

When I was asked to write about the sports day I had already forgotten most of it. So I decided to ask some other international students about it. Wow, they reminded me of a wonderful day filled with fun. On October 2nd a group of international students left for the Tri-City park. We had people from a lot of different countries; Romania, Vietnam, Taiwan, Mexico and Korea just to mention some. We started the day at 12:00 p.m. with some delicious food. Then after everybody was done eating we made two teams to play soccer. The game started and fun began, all of us were running to get the ball and try to score some points. Little did some of us know how to play soccer but we sure had so much fun. When the game was over we were obviously tired, but not tired enough to not play with water balloons and get a chance to get each other wet. We also played some other games like volleyball, and badminton. We called it a day around 4:30p.m. with smiles on our faces. Wow, it was such a wonderful day!
By Raquel Amado (ISA Member)



BSAASI

By Jenni Nosker (ASB President)

Music rocked the Alpha and Omega dorms the 8th of October as American and International students gathered for the first annual Bsaasi dance. While munching yummys from all over the world and being blinded by disco lights and a fog machine, students danced to Kenyan, Korean, Vietnamese, American, and many other types of music. It was an excellent environment for fun and learning. Although there was a sense of hesitancy to groove on the dance floor when the dance began at 8:30, after thirty minutes students

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS.

Congratulations and may you celebrate many more.

Song Hye Ri (Hey Li)	November 3 rd
Kim Myung-Shin (Kelly)	November 8 th
Richards, Shawn	November 19 th

got comfortable and the dancing didn't end until 11:30 at night. Many international students danced away to music from their country as American students looked on and tried to dance along with them. On the flip side, American students were getting comfy on the dance floor as international students learned American moves.

Student leaders from the International Student Association (ISA) and the Associated Student Body (ASB) hosted the dance after they saw a need for unity among the American and International students on campus, and thus was the beginning of Bsaasi. Bsaasi by the way, stands for ISA and ASB spelled backward: International Student Association Associated Student Body. Although the dance was fun and it provided an environment for bonding between the diversity of students there is still a need for unity. The University can't wait another year for the next Bsaasi dance for American and International students to develop close relationships. The fact of the matter is the American students can learn so much from the International students and the International students can also learn from the American students, after all, that's why the international students are here! So whether you are an International student or an American student, I want to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and get to know a culture you aren't familiar with. It's probably one of the hardest things to do in life but one of the most rewarding. In order to receive that reward an effort has to be made by each individual person on this campus in order to unify the school. Why wait for another event to get to know people from another culture when you could be doing it now?!



MEET WOODY AND CHOCOBO

I had an interesting interview with two of the four new international students from Vietnam. I asked them eight basic questions that would help the *Hope* community to know them better.

1. What are your real names?

A: Qunh Nguyen

B: Hieu Tran

2. What are your English names?

A: Woody

B: Chocobo

3. What are you studying at *Hope*?

Woody: M.B.A. International Management

Chocobo: M.B.A. International Management

4. What do you like about *Hope*?

Woody: The quiet environment is good for studying.

Chocobo: The professors are kind and generous, some of them have taken us for lunch and people here are friendly.

5. What is your favorite hobby?

Woody: Playing Ping pong, visiting new places and going shopping.

Chocobo: Listening to classical music, playing video games, playing badminton and billiards, bowling and swimming.

6. What did you do this past summer?

Woody: I graduated from Hanoi University of Business and Management then I enrolled to learn for the TOEFL (Test of English as a foreign language) exam.

Chocobo: I used to hangout with my family and friends at the Samson seaside beach, Thanh Hoa, city of Hanoi, Vietnam after my graduation at the Hanoi university.

7. What are your future plans?

Woody: I would like to start a business back home, after my master's graduation from *Hope*.

Chocobo: I would like to help organize our family business and set up my own business, after my master's graduation from *Hope*.

8. Tell us something unique about you!

Woody: I can fix any problem with my computer.

Chocobo: I am very good at playing badminton, and making friends because I am talkative.

WHAT DO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS THINK OF THANKSGIVING?

Daniel Kioko

I asked one of our international students.

Jacqueline Macharia, a new M.B.A. student from Kenya, told me that she saw a K.F.C. advertisement that gave her an idea what Thanksgiving could be about. Someone in the T.V. advertisement said that it was time to share, to celebrate, to harvest what you have sown, to help the needy, and to eat.

I would like to thank all the students who have taken their precious time and talent to contribute interesting articles for the *Hope* community to read. Please feel free to send me your criticism, views and opinions at any time. My email is dannske@yahoo.com and my cell contact is 714-262-0778. Have a reflective thanksgiving, God Bless you all.