

All The Nations - The International Voice

A Newsletter of the International Students Office
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WELCOME BACK AND WELCOME!

Welcome back to all of our returning students. As you may recall, many changes took place in the middle of the Spring Semester last year. In the February/March, 2004 issue of this newsletter, I described how International Student Services (ISS) was transformed into International Student Programs (ISP). Despite having a smaller staff, we are committed to providing all the international students at *Hope* with the best service possible.

Welcome to all of our new students. We are thrilled that you have decided to study here. We want to encourage you to take advantage of all of the opportunities that exist for international students on this campus. You can do so by:

- Joining the International Student Association (ISA). Call Ina (1610) for info.
- Participating in ISA events. Many had a great time at our first one on 8/27.
- Coming to our monthly birthday parties. Call Sera (1697) for info.
- Writing articles for this newsletter. Email Daniel (dannske@yahoo.com).
- Finding your flag next to our office and letting us know if it's not there.

If you need our help, please come to the ISP office on the 2nd floor of the Lawson Fulton Student Center. Please see Aaron Mulkey (ISP Program Coordinator) for information on ISA events, student health insurance, immunizations, social security numbers, and driver's licenses. You should all already know that Darla Cupery (ISP Associate Director) is the person to see about immigration issues. Finally, you can come to me for anything related to scholarships, work study, and other issues not covered by Aaron or Darla. You can help us help you by keeping us informed of any changes in your address, phone number, etc. Please see the student worker on duty to give us your updated information or to make an appointment to see one of us.

Good luck with your studies and May God Bless you!
Nelson Einwaechter
ISP Director



HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER

by Wenny Chen

This summer I went back to my home (Taiwan), which is far way from California. I stayed home about one month and I had guests come down to visit me. It was a great and busy summer for me.

My hometown, Kaohsiung, is a little bit far away from California. It takes thirteen or more hours by plane. However for a student who studies abroad like me that's not a long time to be traveling.

Since I arrived home I had a number of errands to do. I had to accompany my sister to take the certificate exam around the country, and I took my friends who were visiting to me from the U.S and the northern Taiwan to travel around southern Taiwan. Because of the above reasons I traveled around the whole country.

First, I went to some cities with my sister for her test that made me remember when I was a student in Taiwan, a lot of test, hot and windless weather, and very nervous examinee and parents. I think this is hard to see in the States.

Second, when my friends came down to visit me, I took them around to every popular tourist place, famous foods from different areas...etc. Anyway, we enjoyed the sights of this tour.

Even though I had no time to rest and was busy all the time, I really enjoyed the time with my family and friends this summer.

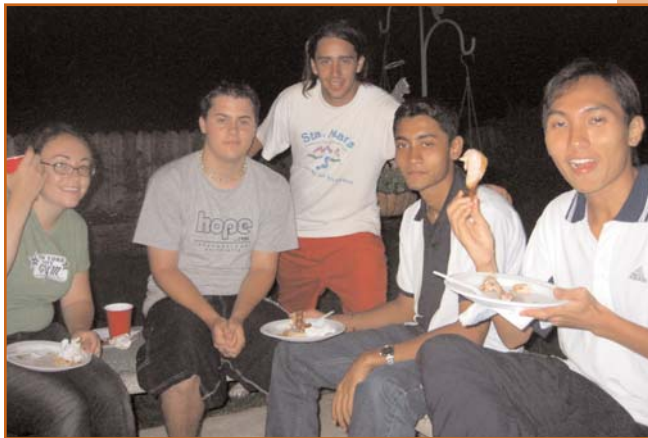
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS.

Congratulations and may you celebrate many more.

Richard Musina	Kenya	16 th September
Raquel Amado	Mexico	29 th September
Adi Muranovic	Yugoslavia	7 th October
Chang Shi-hsien (<i>Lilly</i>)	Taiwan	27 th October
Le Thao (<i>Liz</i>)	Vietnam	27 th October

ISA KICK-OFF

by Ina Petruta ISA President



International Student Association (ISA) began the year in the traditional fun-filled, joyous way, with our first international party on August 27th. In the unique hospitality of Dr. Alan Rabe and his family, our fellow international students spent a delightful evening with great food, fellowship and fun games.

The party was an opportunity for us to reunite with our friends, to welcome new members of the international family here at *Hope*, share about our summer adventures, and re-immense ourselves into the richness of culture we have represented on our campus. Together we had a barbeque, played Pictionary (always a smashing success), prayed, talked, laughed and began to form new friendships, as well as strengthen old ones through fellowship.

If you missed this party, I understand your disappointment. However, don't dwell on the past, but rather look towards the future. Therefore, be sure to come to our upcoming events and serve yourself a piece of the cake too. We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing experiences with you here at Hope International University.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME PARTY!

by Sera Gil (International Student Programmer)

We had our first international party on the 27th of August at Dr Rabe's house. A big thank you to Dr. Rabe that this was his second time to invite our international students over to his place.

When I came to *Hope* last fall, I remember attending the welcome party. I was still adjusting from jet lag. Everything was just confusing with new environment, new people, and new food. Then, I started talking to some of the people there and it was great experience for me to get to know people.

Another thing that made this party special for me was that this was my first event to help out after I became the Student Programmer. So this party is somewhat important to me. Right? A lot of people came to the party, which I really appreciate. It was also good to meet Nelson's wife, Junko. We had a lot in common. There were also new students. I was able to see new students having nice conversations with returned *Hope* students. It was good time of fellowship. We also had some really good food. Ina, the ISA President, prepared chicken BBQ which was so good! I'm sure everybody enjoyed it very much! After eating, we played game called "Pictionary." The object is to draw the word you picked and you are not supposed to say anything. Your team is supposed to guess what that word that you are drawing. We were divided into two groups and started playing led by Ina.

Our students were smart. They mostly got what the drawing was. I couldn't get any of them.

We had some really nice ice cream after the game. Nobody can say "no" to ice cream. It was so delicious! It was overall a great party for all of us. I got to meet new people and it is always nice to get to know people around you. For those of you who couldn't make it, you'd better for the next time! We have many other activities and parties going on. So come and enjoy them!!

I'd like to end with thanking everybody who was there and it was nice to meet you all there.



'CAN I GET AN AMEN'

by Daniel Kioko

I recently received an interesting forward from one of my e-friends. I was at first tempted to ignore it, but just couldn't pass the title: 'Can I get an Amen.'

Dear God

I want to thank you for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards,

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better,

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me,

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears,

I am to thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves,

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet,

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get a job,

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief,

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed,

I am going to thank you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive.

I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties.

I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.

I am thanking you because you have not given up on me.

God is good, and he is good all the time....

Now "Can I get an Amen"!

AN INTERVIEW WITH INDRADEEP MITRA (New PCC Student from India):



Last Wednesday evening I called on Indradeep Mitra, a new student from India at his room in the Alpha dorms. We had scheduled the previous day for a short interview so that we can come up with the following article. We talked as we walked over to Cal. State Fullerton for his Tennis practice.

Qs.1. How did you get to hear about Hope?

Ans. I searched on the internet from the U.S. news.com website under the colleges. I was trying to get colleges that would offer me a Tennis scholarship and Hope offered me the best so I decided to come. I got in touch with my Tennis coach and we arranged for my enrollment.

Qs.2. What's interesting about Hope?

Ans. I like the college because it's small, so people know each other unlike Cal. State that has over forty thousand people that makes it difficult to know people.

Qs.3. Are there any surprises you found since you came to the U.S.?

Ans. Yes. People are deeply religious. I thought people in America are secular and do not care about religion. I have since realized that people, especially at Hope are serious about their faith.

Qs.4. Did you find anything culturally different in the U.S. from India?

Ans. Not really because I come from the city of Calcutta on the eastern part of India which has similar cultural trends. People are independent, they are busy and they work hard. May be what's slightly different is that people earned more money than where I come from.

AN INTERVIEW RODRIGO CLEMENTE AND CONSTANCE PETERSON (Returning International Students from Brazil and South Africa):

Rodrigo Clemente is a PCC student and this fall is his second semester a *Hope*. I asked him what his goals were this semester as we sat down at the retail café in the new students' center. The following is a short proceeding of our conversation over a cup of coffee.

Rodrigo told me that he wanted to improve in every area of his life this semester. First he wanted to read his bible more in order to better his spiritual life. Second he desired to do better academically and get a G.P.A. of 3.2. Last but not least Rodrigo is aiming at playing for the *Hope* basketball team this semester.

Constance Peterson or 'Connie' as we all call her is also a PCC student doing her second semester at *Hope*. She told me that she had two most important goals this fall. First is to praise God in everything and to improve her G.P.A. to at least between a 3.5 and 4.0. She wants to focus on her faith and her studies more than anything else.

AN INTERVIEW WITH HELLEN KAPAIKO, (New International PCC Student from Kenya)



Qs. 1. How did you get to hear about *Hope*?

Ans. I got to know about this college from my cousin who had a friend that was a *Hope* student. There was a little connection to knowing the university.

Qs. 2. What's interesting about *Hope*?

Ans. I enjoy the fact that *Hope* is a Christian college. The professors are very helpful and people are very friendly all around campus.

Qs. 3. Are there any surprises you found since you came to the U.S.?

Ans. Yes. The U.S. is very different from Kenya in a number of ways. One difference is that people are very punctual and expect the same of others. Americans are also individualistic but they are friendly.

Qs. 4. What are your goals and what would like to do while you are here?

Ans. I want to study nursing as my educational goal. I would also like to explore my hobbies of traveling to new places and making new friends

Qs. 5. Is there anything else you would like people to know about you?

Ans. I am from the tribe called, 'Maasai' and we are internationally known for our strong cultural values. I am very athletic, so I do well in the walking race, 2500m, 5000m and the Marathon.

LIST OF NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FALL 2004

We are privileged this semester to have new international students from six different nations of the world. Let me introduce you to the following people and where they come from:

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| 1. Bogucanin, Azra | Serbia |
| 2. Haufe, Felix | Germany |
| 3. Kapaiko, Hellen | Kenya |
| 4. McLean, Delawno | Jamaica |
| 5. Mitra, Indradeep | India |
| 6. Murphy, Geiry | Jamaica |
| 7. Sanchez, Oskar | Mexico |
| 8. Schneider, Soeren | Germany |
| 9. Le Thao, Linzy | Vietnam |
| 10. Macharia, Jacquelyne | Kenya |
| 11. Nguyen, Quynh | Vietnam |
| 12. Tran, Hieu | Vietnam |
| 13. Dinh, Tram | Vietnam |

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Welcome new students and welcome back returning students! I hope you had a great summer and that you are getting back into the routine of school! I look forward to serving you this year. **Returning students**, please make sure that your I-20 is still current. If your I-20 is expiring this semester and you are not graduating, please stop by my office so that I can review your paperwork and issue you a current I-20. Keeping your I-20 current is very important. You might not do anything wrong but still fall out of status if you I-20 expires while you are still attending school. In this case you will have to face an BCIS officer in LA BCIS office for reinstatement. **Graduating Students**, the time has come to apply for OPT. Remember you want to send out your paperwork 90 days before you want to start OPT. Please fill out the paperwork and then schedule an appointment so that we can go over the documents and send them in. **All students**, make sure that your contact information is up to date. If you moved over the summer or changed your email address, please stop by the office and fill out a **Student Contact Information Form!** If you have any questions regarding your I-20, visa, or student status, please do not hesitate to come by my office in International Student Programs or call me at extension 1618.

Have a great semester, and stop by if you need anything,

Darla Cupery