

University of Oregon Foreign Student Friendship Foundation

NEWSLETTER



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A NEW NEWSLETTER

The Steering Committee of the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation has inaugurated this newsletter to further communication among its members and friends. The newsletter will be issued three times a year, once each during Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters. It will contain news of the Foundation's activities, articles about the Foundation's history and its future plans, ideas on activities to share with your friendship student, anecdotes and information about cross cultural exchanges, and news of other international activities that might be of interest to FSFF families.

Although the newsletter is new, the Foundation is 33 years old. It has grown from just a few friendship families to over 450. With ever-increasing numbers of foreign students attend the University of Oregon and with our community's heightened interest in international subjects, the time seemed right to promote communication among our 450 families.

Please make this your newsletter. You are encouraged to submit news items and articles and to share ideas for FSFF activities. Please send them c/o Rm. 330, Oregon Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene 97403.

PARENTS' RECEPTION

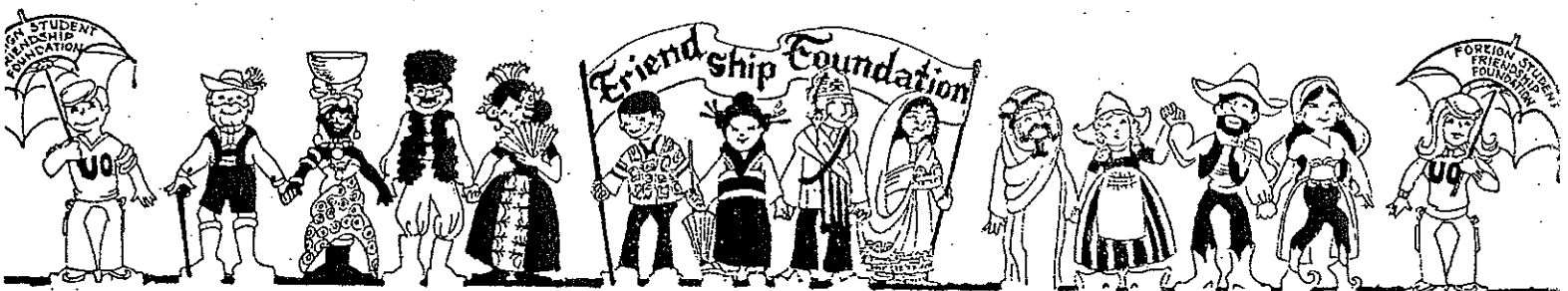
Steering Committee member Anne Carter and her husband Terry will once again be the hosts of a reception for the parents of graduating foreign students on June 11, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. If you know of a graduating foreign student whose parents plan to attend the ceremonies, please let him or her know of the reception which will be held at 2901 Baker Street.

SPRING BANQUET

Mark your calendar now for the Foundation's annual Spring Potluck dinner to be held at South Eugene High School on April 29. More information will be mailed in early April.

ANNUAL SPRING BUS TOUR

During the week of Spring break, 52 international students will travel throughout Oregon on the Foundation sponsored Annual Bus Tour. They will visit the legislature in Salem and travel up the Columbia Gorge for family home stays in Hood River. Then they will head for Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood and down to Kah-nee-tah Warm Springs and spend two nights staying with families in Madras. Once again, Liz Litchman has handled all the arrangements and information can be had by calling her at 686-3206. The trip promises to be as successful and enjoyable as it has been in the past.



TUITION WAIVERS

The Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education recently authorized that a small number of foreign students are eligible to pay resident tuition. In exchange, students will be required to contribute 80 hours of community service per academic year. Students will be selected on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and ability to perform a volunteer service.

The volunteer service must utilize the foreign student's special capabilities as an international visitor. Some suggested areas for service are: translating, participating in cultural seminars and workshops for students or businesses engaged in international trade, speaking to civic organizations, assisting in local school curricula involving the student's country, and advising Model U.N. high school students. If anyone knows of a suitable opportunity for a foreign student volunteer, please contact Kathy Anthony at 484-0709.

FOREIGN STUDENTS AS TEACHERS

The Lane Educational Service District, in conjunction with the UO Office of International Services, is developing a resource catalog of presentations which could be given by international college students in elementary and secondary classrooms around Lane county. The program will begin in September, 1983 and will provide opportunities for foreign students who are eligible for tuition waivers to perform the required volunteer service. However, foreign students who are not on the tuition waiver program are encouraged to participate as well. If you know a foreign student who would like to share a special skill or something of his country or culture, ask him or her to contact Peter Briggs at the Office of international Services, 686-3206.

RESOURCE PEOPLE SOUGHT

Faye Creed, a former high school Spanish teacher currently studying at UO, is developing a resource catalog of people who have something to share in a high school French, Spanish or German classroom. If you speak one of those languages, or can share something from your travels, please contact Faye at 342-4560.

SLIDE SHOW

Foreign Student Advisor Peter Briggs, with the help of the Instructional Media Center, has developed a brief slide show about the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation. It will soon be available for informational presentations. Contact Peter at 686-3206. (If you have slides of your family with a friendship student that could be used in a presentation, please call Peter.)

FSFF BROCHURE

Many thanks to Martha Mills for the delightful graphics which adorn this newsletter and the brochure about the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation which was produced last year. Many brochures remain -- if you can distribute some at your church, club or organization, please call Kathy Anthony, 484-0709.

ARCHIVES

Several scrapbooks which chronicle the Foundation's history since its beginning in 1950 can be viewed at the UO Office of International Services, 330 Oregon Hall. Please contact a Steering Committee member if you have FSFF memorabilia you could contribute to the archives, particularly newspaper clippings or photos from FSFF events for the years 1978-present.

ESSAY COMPETITION

Judging will soon begin on the best essay by an international student on the subject of "Adjusting to Life in Oregon." Essays will be judged by representatives from the UO English Department, the American Institute of English, and the FSFF. The Foundation has sponsored a \$50 prize for the winner.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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The Steering Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at noon at the Town Club in the Citizens Bank Building. Visitors are welcome at the meetings. Contact Laura Olson or Jim Stephenson if you're interested in serving on next year's Steering Committee.

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

The Lane World Affairs Council is in the formative stages. Its goal is to promote greater international awareness by providing a forum for a continuing dialogue on international and global issues. Activities will include luncheon discussion meetings, informative seminars, and meetings with leading speakers.

The Lane World Affairs Council plans to supplement the efforts of the many other organizations in Southwestern Oregon that are interested in international affairs. It will be a forum to promote awareness of economic interdependence and worldwide social change.

For more information, please call:
Laura Olson (896-3298), Ruth Shepherd (343-7888), Clancy Thurber (686-5051), Charles Porter (687-2111) or Gail Gill (hm: 484-4489, wk: 687-6732.)

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The Foreign Student Organization's International Night will be held on April 10 at the Erb Memorial Union. There will be food and entertainment and a good time for all.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are still needed for about 11 foreign students from Japan, Nigeria, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Nepal. Please contact Liz Litchman at 696-3206 if you would like to be a friendship host for these students.

SKI TRIP

On February 5, the Foundation sponsored a ski trip to Willamette Pass which was arranged by the Office of International Services. Forty-three students went along for a fantastic, sunny day of downhill and cross country skiing and playing in the snow. The most frequently heard comment was, "When do we do this again?!"

DID YOU KNOW that there are 1050 international students at the University of Oregon this year and over 7000 international students in colleges throughout Oregon. In 1979-1980, international students added \$17 million to our state economy!

MANY THANKS to the Fortnightly Club and the Eugene Rotary Club for your recent contributions to the Foundation. Your support is much appreciated!

OREGON INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL was formed last September by a group of Oregon business people, educators, civic leaders and citizens for "the purposes of furthering the international knowledge and understanding of the people of Oregon and strengthening their abilities to function in an international environment." Contact the Council at 378-4960 or write 1912 SW 6th Ave., Rm. 252, Portland, OR 97201. Membership includes a quarterly newsletter.

FSFF CONGRATULATES WILLIAM AKPAN of Nigeria who just completed his M.A. in history and will return home to teach. William persevered despite severe financial difficulties, and we salute him for accomplishing his goal!

FOREIGN STUDENT FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP FILES!!

If you are not currently assigned a friendship student, please fill out the form below to help us update our records. Since the Foundation does not require membership dues, it is difficult to keep our lists current and we'd appreciate your help.

Remember that the Foundation is supported primarily by voluntary annual donations from its host families and friends. If you haven't made a contribution this year (or if you wish to make another one!), you may also use the form below.

Many thanks!

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Name _____

Address _____

Phone numbers _____

I do not want to be a host right now but I wish to remain on the mailing list of the Friendship Family program.

____ Please call me about assigning a student.

____ I wish to have my name removed from the mailing list.

____ I am acting as a host outside the Friendship Family Program but want to participate in FSFF activities.

____ I am enclosing my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of:

____ \$10 ____ \$15 ____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ other

Please return this form to:

*Mrs. Art Litchman
Office of International Services
Room 330, Oregon Hall
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403
(686-3206)*

Please indicate names and phone numbers of friends who might like to join our Friendship Program:

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