

International Festival

Awesome!" "Cool!" These are words that described Madonna University's International Festival on January 31st at the Take Five Lounge. The festival was for everyone who wanted to learn more about the world, remember their native countries, celebrate the holiday or simply make new friends. The international students introduced their countries, foods, and cultures through singing, dancing, speeches and playing different instruments. They also had souvenirs for sale for all who attended.

During the festival, people smiled, enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun! Afterwards, they talked about the festival's success with families, friends and neighbors. Many memories were created during this special day. We hope to see everybody again next year for another exciting, fun-filled celebration!

Written by Hyeon-Woo Park



Egyptian Song and Dance

All Performers' Voices

Many performers from their native countries participated and demonstrated their various talents to students and faculty in the international festival. "It was a great cultural experience with activities," Elizabeth George, from India, said. She is majoring in Accounting at MU. "The International Festival creates new friendships and a friendly atmosphere among the international students," David Remn Mourcus (an Egyptian student) said. David also mentioned, "Next year Egyptian students can form a committee to prepare a even more interesting performance." Nowadays, the world is becoming one big happy global village - a mixture of many races and different cultures. We hope the MU International Festival will become a better (and even perfect!) event for all cultures.

Written by Bo-Young Kim



Group Singing: "It's a Small World"

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Singing the Oldies

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Sayonara Tateshina Student!



Miwako Yamamura was born, according to her, "in the middle of nowhere" in Japan. She is from the town of Tateshina. The mountains around her home are well known for skiing. She is ready to graduate in May 2006 with her Bachelor Degree in Social Work. Miwako is currently looking for a job in Japan, preferably with the Japanese equivalent of child Protective Services.

Her concern when she returns home is to find a good apartment in the heart of the city. She hopes to return to the U.S. in a few years to get her master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh.

When talking about her favorite things, she begins by saying, "I love food, but hate cooking." Perhaps that is one of the reasons she likes sweets so much - they're already prepared. She also collects teddy bears, watches baseball, basketball, and is a dedicated movie buff. Her bookshelves are overflowing with classics, adventure, and historical novels.

Miwako has always believed she can change society. The staff of the ISN wishes her a great future. We can't wait to see the kind of world she creates.

Written by Ana-Marie Maier

<Extension of I-20 >

If an F-1 student cannot finish his study before the program end date indicated on his I-20, he needs to request an extension of his I-20 from the International Students Office before the program end date.

To request an extension of the I-20, the student needs to present the following documents to the International Students Office.

1. Request for a Program Extension Form.
This form needs to be endorsed by the student's academic advisor.
2. A bank statement issued within the most recent month indicating enough money is available for the student's continuing study.

Only the reasons listed on the Request for a Program Extension Form are acceptable by the Immigration Office for program extension. These reasons are:

1. Change in major;
2. Lost credits due to school transfer;
3. Medical condition

Contact the International Students Office at 734-432-5791 for further information.

Compiled by Eun-A You

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday celebration originally from Ireland. Christians hold this celebration in the month of March in honor of St. Patrick, a saint who worked to spread the word of Jesus Christ in Ireland during the time of the Roman Empire. He is the patron saint of that nation and is well remembered for performing a great miracle. St. Patrick drove all the existing snakes out of Ireland by commanding them in the name of God to leave Ireland and never reappear. The snakes slithered into a nearby sea and were gone forever. To this day, there are no snakes in Ireland due to that magnificent performance. Every year since the 19th century, the Irish people have always held a big parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The celebration is considered an excellent way for the Irish to express their culture and sense of nationalism. A very notable feature is the wearing of the

color green along with shamrock decorations and activities during this exciting event, which includes firework displays, street theatre, open-air music, and the parade march.



Written by Joel Rivera

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The International Student Newsletter is a thriving, student-run, non-profit community of Madonna University. The newsletter has been published twice a semester by the international students since the Fall of 2004. Each newsletter contains a diverse range of topics from immigration regulations, personal interviews, campus events, and introductions to foreign culture. Since several members of our group are expecting to graduate this spring, we are looking forward to welcoming new photographers, reporters, editors, or anyone with fresh and innovative ideas. We gather on Fridays at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1002 to discuss new topics and intriguing sources for articles. Being a part of the International Student Newsletter will be a good opportunity to meet students from many different countries as well as to gain academic experiences. If you are interested in joining the International Student Newsletter, please contact Grace Philson, Director of International Students Office, at 734-432-5791 or gphilson@madonna.edu.

Written by Il-Han Park