

Program Offers Opportunity to Host French Exchange Student This Summer

Did you know you could visit France without leaving your back yard? How about a taste of your favorite French cuisine prepared right in your own kitchen? These are all the possibilities when you host a youth from France this summer.

The Leisure and Education Cultural Program (LEC), promotes friendship and sharing by bringing together young people from different cultures. LEC is a non-profit organization which has been bringing families together since 1972. Their goal is to increase international understanding by arranging for boys and girls, ages 13-20, to live with a family in the U.S. for one month.

Last summer, more than 45 students were placed in the Harrisburg area alone. Among those families that decided to host a foreign student, a variety of reasons for their decision were named: the urge to learn more about the world, the desire to give a student from abroad a chance to examine and compare values or the reward that comes from knowing they can contribute to a young persons growth.

The students participating in this program are carefully screened by teachers and LEC. They must show a deep interest in discovering the U.S. and understand they are not tourists and cannot consider the home as a hotel. They know they become a member of a new family and must adapt to their habits and customs. They realize they must pay for their activities and their parents provide them with a sufficient amount of pocket money. The students are thoroughly insured for medical and hospital care, accident and liability and emergency return.

The host family does not need to speak French to host a student, as all the students have been studying English in school. They will also be accompanied by a chaperone to aid in any situations that may arise as they adapt to their new environment.

Students involved in previous programs look back on the experience with fond memories. Comments range from their view of the American people as warm and friendly to their disbelief of the variety of foods offered in our grocery stores and the expansive number of TV channels available of viewing. The host families perceptions are that the students are here to learn. They also talk about the valuable friendships which they formed and

their plans to travel to France to visit their adopted son or daughter.

LEC is currently recruiting families to host students for either the month of July or August. Our August session is a special program offering class instruction, tours and sporting activities. If you would like more information about hosting a student, please call the LEC Coordinator, Nancy VanGheluwe-Stanley at 566-5900.

Awards

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The awards presented include:

- * Club Advisor award - Dr. Beth Haller, assistant professor of humanities and communications and the Capital Times advisor
- * Club Contributor award - Elizabeth Caralyus, Capitalite assistant editor
- * Club President award - Donald Stoner, Capitalite editor
- * Outstanding New Club award - ski club accepted by President Brian Lutz
- * Campus Community award - International Affairs Association
- * Most Outstanding Club award - Lion Ambassadors Club

- * Student Leader Awards- Andrea Poplawski and Kei Fuller
- * American Society of Mechanical Engineers- "Outstanding Member," Scott Harnish
- * Lion Ambassadors recognized- Sheryl Brubaker, Traci Lewis, James McFalls, Karen Wilson.
- * Donald Stoner, editor Capitalite recognized Capitalite staff- Elizabeth Caralyus, Priscilla Page, Kim Roach and Carol Wolf
- * The CapTimes: "Most Dedicated"- Tina Shearer, "Most Improved"- Angela Groft, "Best Reporter"- Danielle Hollister

Ethnic Graffiti

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lem. Police Services have found no other evidence to suggest a larger, racial problem.

Steve Hevner, Manager of Public Information at Penn State Harrisburg, said that these types of acts have no place in a college atmosphere and are inexcusable.

"This type of behavior no matter how isolated simply will not be tolerated in a community that is dedicated to education and equality," Hevner said.

He assures all students, faculty and staff that the person or persons involved will be penalized.

Interim Provost Kiffer immediately responded to the incident by distributing a letter to students expressing his concern about racial intimidation. He urges anyone who witnesses any act of intolerance to report it to Police Services.

Since February, there has been no known acts of ethnic intimidation.

Registration Fees

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and the community will be able to voice ideas for street names.

Some students would like to voice more than street names to Jackson. Many students and faculty did not feel the meeting was publicized enough and did not know about it. Jackson said because of the lack of participation she held another meeting at the Black Cultural Arts Center on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m.

"I never even heard of a Vehicle Registration meeting," said Stacey

Deiter, junior Public Policy major. "I do not believe the parking fee is fair because other campuses and universities take parking maintenance fees from tuition money."

Another student also does not feel the fee is adequate.

"The parking fee is not worth it," said Heather Honicker, junior Communications major. "A parking space is a parking space. I honestly believe the university is making a profit from the fee."

CapTimes Elects New Staff

...And the winners for the 1995 fall semester of the Capital Times Executive Staff are: Amy Fleagle, Editor-in-Chief; Tina Shearer, Advertising Manager; Joy Maatman, Assistant Editor of Assignments; Jason Smith, Assistant Editor of Design and Layout; Ali Pinncioglu, Entertainment and Opinion Editor; and Joseph Cawley, Cartoonist. Some of the returning staff writers are Angela Groft and Danielle Hollister.

There are also some new reporters who will be transferring from Harrisburg Area Community College. The staff welcomes Steve Slater, Jason Smith, and Michelle Myers from HACC and hopes other transfer students will join in the fall. The Capital Times is continuously searching for competent copy editors, staff writers, photographers, and graphic artists. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the staff is welcome to drop his/her name in the Capital Times office located at W-341 in the Olmsted Building. The staff

is planning a summer organizational meeting, so inquiries should list home phone numbers as well as school phone numbers.

The Capital Times staff is pleased to announce that Professor Beth Haller will remain on the staff as the adviser.

Grants

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Prospective transfer student Roy Shambaugh said he felt this way, "I thought that if I needed help paying for my education there were only a few scholarships and grants available; I didn't realize there were so many."

Students who fail to meet the requirements for grants or scholarships, but who still need financial assistance, can apply for student loans like the Federal Stafford Student Loan and the PLUS Loan. These loans become payable after the student has completed his or her college education.

Rites of Spring

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children. There were face painters who decorated many cheeks with the infamous blue and white lion paw.

Along with the third concert, given by Encino Rain, came the winds. It got so blustery that the Bouncy Basketball Court, which was the center of attention all day because of its entertaining quality, was blown over.

Jealous Sun, at 8 p.m., was the last concert and event of the day. There were approximately 50 people in the dark park

singing along to some of the cover tunes Jealous Sun performed.

Overall, the event was well received by students. The music was good, the entertainment was good, and the food was good, said many students who were in attendance.

A committee member said the only negative aspect of the day was that many students did not come. With some more participation from the students, this event holds even more potential in the future.

Forum

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question and answer type publication about advising. He also said that professors should send out reminders to the students about advising.

Mahar suggested the possibility of having times during the advance registration period when faculty would be here available when they normally would not. It would be similar to block advising, where there would be someone from each division there throughout the entire day to answer students' questions.

The question of mandatory advising was brought up by Pinncioglu. Dr. Mahar said they have to be careful about mandatory advising because the University's policy is that students are responsible for meeting their degree requirements.

"If the students are not motivated, we can't force them to come for advising," Wilson said.

"The people who need the help the most are generally the ones who don't come to see me," Richman said.

Cecilia Fuller, a senior Humanities Business major, asked why the fall schedule of classes came out before the summer schedule. She said that students who go full-time in the summer cannot pick fall classes until they

know what is being offered over the summer.

Mahar explained that while one would expect schedules to come in chronological order, they were handled as two separate projects with one completed before the other.

Fuller also expressed her dissatisfaction with the "run-around" she's gotten with reference to a consortium letter. Fuller said she's been to three or four different offices in the college and she still doesn't feel that she's gotten an accurate answer to her questions.

Mahar listened to the details of her individual situation and told her exactly who she should go to for all the answers. He also told Fuller to come see him if the person he directed her to was unable to help her.

Another issue that was discussed was the addition of a Quark Express class for the Fall semester. A petition with ten signatures of students interested in taking that class was presented to Mahar.

Pinncioglu, who is currently taking the Quark Express class, explained the necessity and benefits of the class. He said that the class will provide the skills that some communications students will need when they graduate and apply for jobs.

"The business world is increasingly switching from other packages to Quark Express. Some employers in fields such as print journalism, public relations, graphic arts, and desk-top publishing, are requiring prospective employees to have a working knowledge of Quark Express," Pinncioglu said.

He also said that the class would benefit the students who want to work on the college newspaper staff. The Capital Times currently uses Pagemaker, but it is considering updating to Quark Express. Pinncioglu said it would make sense for the newspaper to use the same package that the college offers training in.

Mahar said that he would look into adding a Quark Express class to the fall schedule.

Wilson suggested the possibility of making Quark Express a core class for humanities communications majors.

The last area of concern brought up by Pinncioglu in reference to the dean's list. He said that students who work hard enough to make the dean's list should be recognized for their efforts.

Mahar said that letters of recognition signed by him personally are supposed to be going out to each student who makes the dean's list. He said that this may not be happening the way it should because of a change in the computer generated list of students' grades.

Richman suggested sending out certificates to recognize those students. Mahar said he thought the certificate was a good idea.

Fuller said there should be some type of formal ceremony to present the certificates to the students. She said that's one way that fellow students would know that their classmates made the dean's list. She also suggested each department post a copy of the dean's list outside the office so everyone would have the opportunity to see it.

Pinncioglu also suggested establishing an honor society at PSH. Mahar said that some members of the faculty agree. He said they would like to challenge the students more.

"Honors at Penn State is a very prestigious thing. There would be a special set of courses designed for those students," Mahar said.

upcoming months due to the implementation of the "Master Program," which will change the physical construction of roadways and parking on campus. It is unclear when the construction will begin.

Several streets on campus will also be renamed. Although there are no street signs, the streets at Penn State Harrisburg do have names. But in the upcoming months, there will be new assigning of street names and signs will be put up. Students, faculty, staff

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