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The SSU is for You

By Yun Gao

Most IEP students frequently go to the Satellite Student Union (SSU). It is located on the north-east corner of the north campus. It has two floors and a dining hall. SSU also has several classrooms where many IEP students have their daily classes.

On the first floor, there is a small shop that sells some snacks and



SSU lies on the north side of campus

notebooks. In addition, students can also make copies or print some papers in the computer room. There are also several vending machines where students can rent DVDs or change coins. On the second floor, there are six classrooms where some IEP students have classes.

My friends and I all like the SSU. Not only is it near our dormitory, but it is also very convenient to go to the south campus because it takes just 5 minutes to walk to the tram station.

Furthermore, many IEP students have a meal plan card, which they use to get food from the SSU restaurant and the shops. If you like, you can sit on the lawn after dinner and enjoy the beautiful sunset or have a cup of coffee and chat with your friends to kill time. At SSU, you can forget about all the stress for a while, and then go back to the classroom to study to reach your goals.

Farmer's Market Offers Culinary Joy



and grapes. They were juicy and sweet. You can also buy peaches, oranges, figs and watermelons.



Moreover, visitors can enjoy live performances by bands as they stroll through the stalls.

At the farmer's market, you can also buy dessert. My friend Ai, who is also in IEP, likes "Cinnabons," which are muffins with cinnamon. "I like the Cinnabons very much," said Ai. I tried them for the first time, and they were so tasty! I recommend it to those of you who like sweets.

By Chiyomi Yamamoto

My favorite place is the Northridge Farmer's Market, which is held every Wednesday from 5 pm to 9 pm until the end of October. The Farmer's Market is located by the Northridge Fashion Center at Tampa Avenue and Nordhoff Street. The market has about 30 stalls and merchants who sell various items such as food, accessories and clothing.

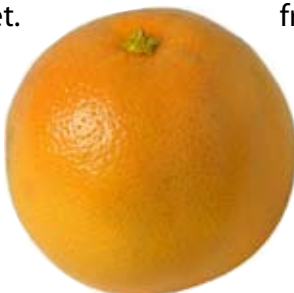
If you have ten dollars, you can buy a lot of different items including corn on the cob, soft tacos, hot dogs and

fresh fruit.

You can get a \$1 taco with beef or pork, and you can add vegetables and condiments. I had beef tacos, and they were nice!

Many people lined up to buy hotdogs for \$3. Another popular item was grilled corn on the cob. It was different from Japanese roasted corn. In Japan, the corn is spread with teriyaki sauce and then roasted. Here at the farmer's market, however, corn on the cob is grilled and spread with butter, cinnamon and salt. At first sight, I was surprised but the corn was really delicious!

Also, I ate some fruit samples such as an Asian pear



If you would like to enjoy more things, you can go to the Northridge Fashion Center, which is next to the Farmer's Market. In the mall, there is a theater, some shops selling shoes and clothes, a book store, and many kinds of restaurants.

The Northridge Farmer's market is full of people looking for various interesting things to buy. You can enjoy the atmosphere there and have a nice conversation with your friends and your family.

SULTAN ALKEEBALI

Yue and Kana of **THE OUTLOOK** interviewed Sultan, who is IEP student from the United Arab Emirates. Sultan is good at drawing.

Birthday:

July 11th

Blood type:

A (See cultural note at the bottom of the page)

How long have you been in America?

For 10 months.

Why did you come here?

To study electrical engineering.

How long will you stay in the U.S?

Probably 4-5 years.

What are your plans for the future?

To finish studies in the U.S, go to Japan, then go back and improve my home country.



Sultan wants to become an electrical engineer.

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What kind of drawings do you make?

Mostly comics, and I only use pencil.

How long have you been drawing?

Since I was a child.

Who taught you how to draw?

My mother.

What do you think about IEP?

I have had a good time in IEP.

Comments:

I enjoy IEP and the time I spend here, but I still miss my country.

Cultural note:

In Japan and parts of East Asia, blood type is considered important to know because it is believed to correspond with personality type. According to the theory:

Type A people are conservative and stubborn. Type B people are creative and self-centered. Type AB people are rational and indecisive. Type O people are ambitious and arrogant.

However there is no scientific evidence that proves the theory.



One of Sultan's creations



Flying through the air.

MASASHI ISHIGURO

Masashi Ishiguro is a 24-year-old IEP student from Nagoya, Japan. He is a mountain bike expert and has won many championships internationally. Kana and Yue sat down and asked him some questions.

THE OUTLOOK is produced by IEP students. In the "Writing for the IEP Newspaper" class you can practice your English skills not only in writing but also in communicating.

The class meets three times a week, and you are expected to write at least one article during the 5-week period. The class is a mixture of lecture and in-class activities in writing, reading and comprehension, discussion, and brainstorming.

THE OUTLOOK is looking for students who want to participate in a fun class. "Writing for the IEP Newspaper" is mainly a writing class, but the staff also needs photographers, artists, and other creative forces.

If you want to take the class next session, sign up in the IEP Academic office, Bookstore Annex room 197. If you have questions, comments, criticism, praise, or suggestions, please write to:

Daniel.Harju@Gmail.com

Birthday:

February 24th, 1982

Blood type:

O

How long have you been in America?

For 6 months.

Why did you come here?

To study English, cycle, get sponsored, and compete.

How long have you been bicycling?

For 18 years.

Why did you choose cycling?

Because my father rides a motorcycle and my brother rides a bicycle.

How did you become so successful?

By practicing racing a bike.

What are your plans for the future?

To be a champion in North America and the World.

How long will you stay in the US?

2 years.

What is your favorite memory?

The three times I became World Champion.

What do you think about IEP?

It is a good place to study English.

Comments:

Enjoy yourself!

DID YOU MEET EDDIE WEST?

IEP WILL MISS EDDIE AS HE PURSUES A NEW PATH

By Kana Obata and Yue He

Eddie West, former Interim Director of Student Services and Recruitment, worked in IEP for 5 and half years. He was well-liked by IEP students and co-workers because he has a very nice personality. Unfortunately, on September 29th, he left IEP and went to work in a college near San Francisco.

Eddie was born in New Jersey on August 29th, 37 years ago. When he was 16 years old, he came to California. Later, he majored in English literature. He is interested in Japanese culture, so when he was 23 years old, he went to Japan to work.

He worked in a technical college of foreign languages for 4 years. Eddie really loves Japan and made many friends there.

"Originally I wanted to study abroad there, but I decided to first finish at the university here in America and then go to Japan to get a job."

After Japan, he came back America and worked as a visitor's guide at a museum for a few

years. Since he wanted to work in international education, he started to work in IEP.

"In the IEP, I am in charge of Student Services and Recruitment. In terms of recruiting, I work to develop partnerships like the one we have with Kawaijuku. I travel overseas to attend study abroad "ryugaku" fairs, coordinate advertisements for the program, and other things like that. It's fun! I really enjoy working in the IEP because I like my co-workers, and I like to know that what I do helps students achieve their educational goals."

He really likes to read, play basketball, and watch movies. His favorite books are *The Rise of the Creative Class* by Richard Florida and *The Social Construction of Reality*. His favorite movie is *The Fugitive*. His favorite food is Japanese food, and his favorite place is San Francisco because it's

beautiful, the people are kind, and it has a good political culture.

Eddie's favorite saying is: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In the future, Eddie plans to get married, have 1 or 2 children, and enjoy his new job.

"I feel so fortunate to have worked in the IEP, mainly because I have gotten to meet so many interesting and warm people, both students and co-workers. My favorite memories of my time at the IEP have been the end of session parties and performances. I hope the IEP is helping you all reach your educational goals. Please come say "Hi!"



Eddie -- a familiar smiley face

to me in San Francisco if you have are ever in the area!"

Meet your IEP Community

As International students we know how important friends are, not just for fun times but also for support.

OUTLOOK staff writer Anastasia Smirnova set out to interview IEP students and faculty. Let's introduce them to our community.

Questions:

1. What is your home country and your age?
2. What classes are you in?
3. Who's your favorite student/teacher in IEP?
4. Tell us a funny memory you have from IEP.
5. What are your plans for the future?
6. What are your hobbies?
7. Who is your favorite movie/ author/ singer?
8. How many languages do you speak?
9. What is your secret to success?
10. What is your educational background?

Anastasia Smirnova

1. From Russia, age 21
2. Core 1, 2 and 3 Level 5
3. Burcak Aydin-McBride and Susan Ford
4. The reactions from students on hearing the news that I am married is always funny.
5. To become a regular student at CSUN, be happy and become famous!
6. Dancing, modeling, reading classic literature, listening to music and watching movies.
7. Favorite movies: *Usual suspect* (all movies with Kevin Spacey), *The Pianist* by Roman Polanski.
Favorite author: Fyodor Dostoevsky
Favorite singer: Lenny Kravitz
8. Russian & English
9. Me! I am the secret to success!
10. Pedagogical University in Russia. Speciality: Russian language and literature, and journalism.



Alhareth plans to learn marketing.

Alhareth Almubarak

1. From Saudi Arabia, age 23.
2. Core 1 Level 8, Core 2 Level 7, and TOEFL Level 7
3. My favorite teacher is Matthew
5. My plan is to earn a master's degree in the Marketing and Business Administration program
6. My hobbies are playing soccer and reading poems
7. My favorite movie is *Troy*
8. Arabic and English
10. I graduated from King Faisal University that is located on the east side of Saudi Arabia. My major is Marketing.



Anastasia writes for the **OUTLOOK**

Sarah White

1. From Orlando, Florida, USA, Age 26
2. I'm in graduate school for Linguistics.
3. I don't have a favorite student; I love you all.
4. I had a student ask me on a date once.
5. My plans are to finish my degree in December, then teach English for 6-8 months before I go overseas for a while (hopefully to Spain).
6. My main hobby is dancing, but I also like to read, listen to music, and go to the movies.
7. I have lots of favorite movies and singers; I can't name just one. My favorite author is probably Aldous Huxley.
8. I know Spanish, English, and a little bit of French.
9. My secret to success is hard work and treating people with respect-- you get it back in return.



Sarah helps IEP students in the tutoring lab

10. I have a BA in Spanish and I'm working on my MA in Linguistics.

Yukiko Bryant



Yukiko likes to help people

of the class. He refused to sit anywhere else and would never let anyone sit in "his" chair. When I would call on him to speak, he would just smile behind his sunglasses and point at me. I had decided that he could not speak English at all and probably had no idea what I was saying either. Then one day, he came up to me after class and said, "Teacher, I want to give a presentation about my city." I was so shocked; I asked him to repeat it. Of course, I said yes. A few days later, he came to class with his laptop and gave us a great presentation on the history of his city. He spoke confidently and did a wonderful job. I was very proud to have had the honor of sharing that experience. Moments like that are what make teaching worth all the hard work.

5. I have spent quite a bit of my time away from teaching, working with teenagers and young adults in crisis. I plan to

continue this in some capacity for the rest of my life. I also plan to volunteer to build a house with Habitat for Humanities at least once.

6. Camping, hiking, cooking, painting, boxing, reading, and traveling to places that are not the typical tourist destinations. I'd rather go to Easter Island or Cambodia than to Paris.

7. I like movies from other countries: *Sankofa*, *Quilombo*, *Raise the Red Lantern*, and *Green Papaya*.

Favorite authors: Anne Rice, Alice Walker, Amy Tan and Maya Angelou.

Favorite singer: the late Luther Vandross.

8. Four on good days, 3.5 on bad days.

9. Keep an open mind and love what you do!!! I always try to help others.

10. Master's Degree at Sophia University.

1. From Misawa City, Japan
2. Teaches Core 1 Level 6, Core 2 Level 5, Core 3 Conversation Levels 2 and 3.
3. I love all my students!
4. I had a Level 2 Conversation student who said nothing for the first 4 weeks of the session. He just sat in the corner in the back



Hideo wants to be a sports writer

Yen-Ju Chen

1. From Taiwan, age 25
2. Core 1 Level 7, Core 2 Level 6, and Core 3 Level 6
3. Yumiko
5. To study in the U.S.
6. Watching movies
7. Favorite movie: *Bewitched*
Favorite author: Paulo Coelho
8. I speak 3 languages
9. Keep working hard
10. I graduated from university this year.



Yen-Ju says "work hard"

Hideo Tezuka

1. Japan, age 24.
2. Core 1-3 Level 6
3. Since this is my first semester in IEP, I don't know much about most of the teachers. All I can say is that I like Yukiko, Nick, and Helena very much!
4. I didn't come up with such a funny story, but I found out that some of my classmates are so crazy and dangerous! That's funny!
5. I want to get a bachelor's degree in journalism. I know it's tough, but it's worth trying. After that, I will go back to Japan to be a sports writer.
6. Listening to music, watching TV and movies, and reading books. I like to watch and play sports, but I don't do outdoor activities so often.
7. My favorite movie star is Yusaku Matsuda. I love the movies he played in. He is the best actor in the world! I often read books written by Kotaro Sawaki, who is one of the greatest non-fiction writers in Japan. I don't know American writers very well, but have read books about Michael Jordan, written by Bob Greene and David Halberstam. Those were awesome! I am a huge fan of Red Hot Chili Peppers, and I saw their live concert at the Great Western Forum on August 31.
8. I just know Japanese and a little bit of English. I took Spanish classes at a university in Japan, but I forgot almost everything.
9. Well... Just work hard. That's it!
10. I came to the U.S after graduating from a university in Japan, so I have been in this country for about one and a half years. Before I came to this area, I lived in Orange County and studied at an English institute. After that, I attended a community college for 2 semesters. I made a lot of friends there and now I hope to make many friends here.

If you want to learn English well...
If you want to be educated and informed...
If you want great English language skills...
If you want to be on top of the world...

Read a newspaper.