

International Perspectives

Timmerman Tours Scotland

By Sally Schiel

The junior year abroad program has always been a drawing card for St. Andrews. It had particular appeal for Stewart Timmerman, who has returned to St. Andrews after spending his junior year at Stirling University in Scotland.

In collaboration with Bob Anderson, Timmerman arranged the year abroad so that he might take upper level accounting courses not offered here. His Scottish ancestry added to the appeal of spending a year at Stirling.

Despite studies that Timmerman admits were difficult and quite time-consuming, he had the opportunity to compete on the swimming team and attend a hang gliding training weekend in the Scottish Highlands. Because Stirling helps to fund such extracurricular activites, the cost to the students remains low.

Timmerman found the broad national and economic Backgrounds of the students

body to be coupled with a diverse mixtre of political and social views. Compared with their counterparts in Laurinburg, the students at Stirling were "much more aware of the world around them than we tend to be" said Timmerman.

That awareness extended into the classrooms--where, for example, British systems of accounting and labor relations were compared with those of other nations-including the United States.



Beth Martinsen has returned from Japan

Martinsen Returns

By Beth Davison

One of St. Andrews' students has returned this semester from a year of study abroad in Japan. Beth Martinsen, a senior majoring in English, lived in Japan from August 1982 through July 1983. Martinsen stayed on Honshu Island and during the first part of the year she lived with a Japanese family. As for the rest of her stay she resided in an International Dormitory.

While in Japan, she studied reading, writing, and phonetics of the Japanese language. She also learned about Japanese history and took a course in understanding the Japanese woman. During her stay in Japan, she took advantage of the travel opportunities and was able to visit much of the country. Martinsen said from her study abroad she learned "how to be accepting of other cultures and not be rash in judgements about my own or any other countries."

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tober 7-9.

2) Registration will be held during the hours of 8:30-12 noon, 1:30-4:00 in the Registrar's office, October 12.

3) Each individual registering for an international course will be expected to make a deposit of \$750, providing us with the resources to secure the most advantageous plane/train tickets and to pay whatever deposits are required to secure lodging, etc. The remaining amount for each trip will be due on Wednesday, November 30, again taking advantage of your Thanksgiving holiday to gather in the rest of the money.

4) Each interested student should schedule an appointment with the professor(s) leading the trip(s) that interests you. In addition, do make an appointment with Vickie King if you will need to work out financial aid/loan provisions. Do that right away!

5) If you have other questions or concerns, let's talk. I look forward to that prospect and will try to be as helpful as possible.

Good news has arrived from Anne Woodson regarding the St. Androids residing in Brunnenburg Castle. I'll share those letters with you in the next "column." The Stirling group is in place amid braes, moors, haggis and late twilights (Pam, Bevin, Marguerite, and James). John Perkinson has settled with this Japanese family (mom, dad, and two samll children) and classes have begun at Kansai Gaidai. Rene Portorsnok should be in place in Spain and Michele Francois leaves on the 30th for her year at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

We welcome a host of new folk who join this community from all around the world. A special word of welcome to Miki Horiguchi, a sophomore from Kansai Gaidai, Yuriko Naitoh, a junior from Shikoku Christian College, JoAnne Christopher from the Virgin Islands, Marcelo Benasaat from Argentina, Jung Choi from Korea, Richard Amoako from Ghana, and Bill Chen from Taiwan via Argentina. In addition, we are delighted to have some Americans joining us who have lived outside the country for a great deal of their lives--Susan Sadeghian who comes from Germany and Hannette Marian from Brazil.

A special word of greeting to the Altman family. Harry Altman is our Missionary-In-Residence and is teahing math and computer science. He is a member of the faculty of Shikoku Christian College. With him over the year is Yuriko, his spouse and their two daughters Kristen (15) and Erin (11).

Each of these individuals bring fresh insight and needed perspectives to this community. We celebrate their prescence in our midst and are grateful that they will help widen our "windows on the world."

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Yes, according to Wannall, it has, and the students will soon see their rewards for adhering to the new policies. Plans have been made to improve the Cove snake bar, which, in the past, has been a money-losing operation. These plans include opening a Friday night coffeehouse in the Cove, to heighten interest and provide a place for students to share talent.

As far as improving the food service as a whole, Wannall reiterated that SAGA has always been open to suggestions, but that the suggestions and/or complaints should be more specific than that the "food

(stinks)". Communication to SAGA can be made through the SGA student food committee or on food service evaluations, which Wannall claims will be available soon. Concerning any aspect of SAGA service, and more sepcifically, the I.D. card procedure, students have been invited to help develop an easier system. With no other choice for the present, we should be sure to have I.D. cards (with food service numbers) on hand, and not be too surprised if someone in uniform approaches us and asks, "Do you have anything you'd like to declare before passing through customs?"

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