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With Love, From Chile A weekly look at another country's culture and customs: **College Admission**

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Since the end of October, the subway stations have been full of billboards displaying advertising for admissions in January to dozens of local universities. I



have never seen so many ads for universities before in one place, except maybe at a college fair. The ads are not only limited to billboards ... there are ads on the steps in the tising in the subways.

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subway stations, ads covering the entire subway cars Remy and ads inside the subway cars.

When I see all of this advertising, I have versities' entrance exams. mixed feelings. While I know that univerto attract students, I feel that universities are one of the last bastions free of capitalist influence, but alas they aren't ... they U.S., attending a university brings prestige social sciences through attending a

offer business degrees, have contracts with and status and can often be a "requirement" like businesses.

early, I decided to ask my professor about the parents of students who are not very acathe university system here. He explained demically inclined are just setting their kids to me that before the dictatorship, only up for frustration. public universities existed with the excep- While it can be frustrating to go to a unition of a few private ones. It is interesting versity where students just don't have the to notice that these public universities with desire to be there or learn because they are profound histories are not the ones adver- not really interested in academics and dis-

people I have talked to, private universities each person deserves an opportunity for a here essentially accept students who did college education. not score high enough on the public uni- I say this because not everyone can get

sities need to promote themselves in order private schools don't belong there and their lack of ability or lack of effort. I think

companies to do research and are often run of being a part of the middle class. My professor thinks that many of these private After the only other person in my litera- schools only want to make money by eduture class besides myself (the class has 11 cating students that could not go to the more students) decided to leave a half hour prestigious public universities. He said that

comforting to see the capitalist profit mak-According to my professor and other ing side of private universities, I think that

into Universidad de Chile or Pontificia He thinks that many of the students at Universidad Catòlica de Chile whether it is

would be better served by going to techni- it's important to give students the chance to cal schools and learning a trade. As in the learn analytical skills, history, literature and

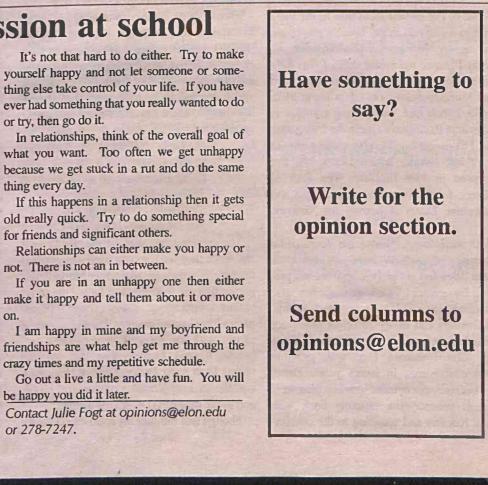
university.

I then asked my professor about the quality of the professors at private universities here. He said that there are many professors at private universities that are starting their professional academic careers. I have been told by others here that it's hard to get a faculty position at any Chilean university in general, be it private or public.

As you can see, the Chilean university system greatly differs from the U.S. system. In the U.S., private institutions (such as the Ivy League) are often considered to be more prestigious than public institutions, especially in the current climate of severe budget cuts at state universities.

My professor said that in 20 to 30 years, the private institutions here will probably be more on par with the public institutions, as they continue to grow, develop, and attract better faculty and students.

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Students need to avoid depression at school

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especially for girls.

It may be home-sickness, guy or girl trou- have a guy's night. bles, stress, money problems and others.

get enough sleep. I know I don't and it seems all out or you were really happy. That is the impossible to do.

are walking around like a time bomb ready to explode at any moment.

To be happy you have to be true to yourself. am slowly learning to let them go. You will always have stress and problems but if you are happy then they will not snowball and try to fix it. Realize how many good into others.

will be going home to see our family. 15 pounds we all know about, then go on a Thanksgiving and Christmas is the happiest diet. I highly recommend the G.I. Diet, time of the year for families. During the which is the Glycaemic Index Diet.

breaks and around exams, take time to take care of yourself.

If you're a girl, go to the salon for a new One of the number one problems among haircut, go get your nails done, go to the spa college age students is usually depression, or go shopping. If you're a guy, go shopping for a new video game, take your girl out,

Just do something fun and out of the ordi-We tend to get so bogged down with work nary. If you really want to be happy you that we often forget to take care of ourselves. should try to do something like this once a College students usually don't eat right or week. Think back to the last time you went

best time in the world. College is supposed We are tired, cranky, stressed and poor and to be the best years of your life so enjoy it. I always let the little things get on my nerves and then I let them get me unhappy. I

Try to think about what makes you upset things you have. If weight is stressing you As the holiday season is arriving most of us out as most of the freshmen gained the extra

yourself happy and not let someone or something else take control of your life. If you have ever had something that you really wanted to do

thing every day.

old really quick. Try to do something special for friends and significant others.

not. There is not an in between.

make it happy and tell them about it or move on.

crazy times and my repetitive schedule.

be happy you did it later.