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Community Advisors closed Friday, September 20. Of the approximate 900 admitted international students we welcome an average of 650 grad students, visiting scholars, post docs each year, and offer a special welcome to their spouses. Moving to any new country means making adjustments, and setting up a new life at Stanford involves getting used to another culture. Bumping into different ways of doing ordinary things reminds you that you are alien. For example, Americans form lines when there is a crowd like at a grocery check-out counter or a department store. Jumping the line is considered rude or impolite. Is that the way the social rules in their country operate?



Bob Spears welcomes new students to the CCIS Loan Closet.

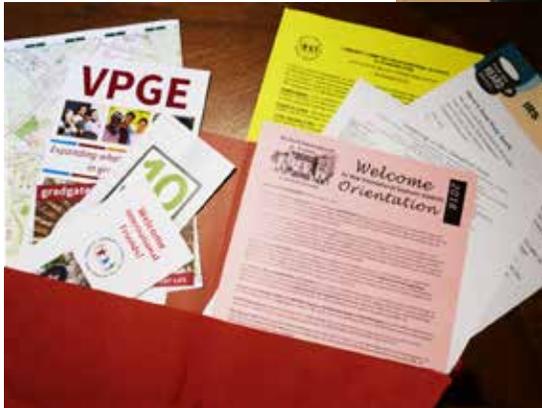
Most American parents teach their children who goes first if two people arrive at a door at the same time. Fathers teach their sons how to shake hands. My father taught me that it is not a contest of strength, nor do you want to offer a dead fish. A firm grip is proper...not a bone crusher, but the hand of a limp fish is a sign of weakness. New internationals will do a lot of handshaking.

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Community Advisors

In addition to having a friendly American answer their first questions, students were given a red folder containing a



wealth of information about daily life at Stanford. Included in the packet is information about the various programs here at the I-Center and the free Marguerite shuttle service which circles the campus and also makes trips to important off-campus locations such as the San Antonio Center for Walmart, Stanford Shopping Center for the Apple store, and SLAC for Nobel prizes.

During this welcoming period the I-Center staff held workshops titled “Maintaining your legal status.” Students could also sign-up for the CCIS sponsored day-long bus tour to Berkeley/San Francisco and the I-Center’s Monterey and Muir Woods excursions.

CCIS programs directed to spouses include the fall quarter English classes, which begin during the first week of October. A spouse simply comes to the first class to register. In addition classes in foreign language taught by other spouses in their native language: Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Italian, even Brazilian Portuguese are announced on a bulletin board in the lobby.

Spouses who want to take a class at Stanford’s Continuing Studies program or at a nearby Community College should apply in the fall for a Spouse Education Fund (SEF) scholarship. Up to \$500 is awarded by this CCIS program.

Students who want to get around on their own without the time schedules of transit busses, but are bit short of cash, are offered a loan by the Stanford Credit Union, in co-operation with the Campus Bike Shop. They will loan money that will pay for a \$300 bike and a helmet, plus a lock and a light. The red folder is a cornucopia of helpful information.

English in Action (EIA)

My intention is to give EIA partners, particularly new ones, suggestions for meeting the challenging task of assisting their international partners. In a way, EIA is a continuation of what took place during Community Advisors. More ideas will be in future issues of NOTES and in the Communiqué. Thus this is a short note. A really good idea at the very beginning is to exchange information: address, phone numbers, and EIA addresses. That's an obvious task. What can easily be overlooked when your partner returns home is to get an email address that does not end in @Stanford.edu. The campus servers delete the international's Stanford address once they leave Stanford, and the campus server does not forward email. So get that address when you are exchanging information at the beginning of the year. Not now but later, after they have returned home, when you want to send a birthday or holiday greeting card you'll be glad you did.

First movie of Windows on the World (WOW)

Bob Spears reports that the first WOW movie is scheduled for Friday, September 28.

A dinner is held at 6:00 which is free for the first 40 internationals; others from the Stanford community are welcome. As a member of CCIS that includes you. As Bob says, "*We want to promote the interaction between Americans & the Internationals throughout the program. That includes dinner.*" WOW's goals are,

- 1. to help internationals adapt to American life & American academic life.*
- 2. to help internationals to participate by speaking in the conversation that follows each film. To ask questions. Express opinions. Make an argument and support it with fact or data as internationals will be expected to do in their classes.*
- 3. For internationals to feel comfortable in a new social environment and make new friends.*

The film starts at 6:30 P.M. We will be showing, "When Harry Met Sally." This is a joint program of the Bechtel International Center and The Community Committee for International Students (CCIS). As a courtesy to Bob, you should email him at [window@ccisstanfordu.org](mailto>window@ccisstanfordu.org) if you are thinking of coming. Friday's films scheduled for the fall quarter are emailed to interested members of this program every Wednesday for the film of the following week. But, hey, here is the list on your copy of The Communiqué NOTES. Just print it out.

The Films

Friday, September 28 When Harry Met Sally, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, October 5 Dead Poet's Society, 6:30 P.M.

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WOW Film series (cont.)

Friday, October 12 A River Runs Through It, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, October 19 Berkeley in the 60's, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, October 26 To Kill a Mockingbird, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, November 2 The Donner Party, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, November 9 Hidden Figures, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, November 16 Trumbo, 6:30 P.M.

No film during Thanksgiving week.

Friday, November 30 Dances with Wolves, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, December 7 Fair Game, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, December 14 Breakfast at Tiffany's, 6:30 P.M.

Special notice to all new members

If you are just becoming acquainted with CCIS you may want more information about the organization. We suggest that you go to www.ccisstanfordu.org. When you are on the homepage, select the Newsletters button from the menu bar at the top of the page. Then select the Summer 2018 issue. We call it the Introduction to the Members Handbook. Yes, we could have put in a link directly to the Summer issue, but chasing you around on this Chicken Walk encourages you to look at our wonderful website. The Handbook was emailed to CCIS members last summer, along with the annual registration letter.

English Classes, Friday Morning Coffee & Homestay

Sorry about having to delay a report for the beginning of the year. Waning energy more than lack of space prompted the decision to cut these stories. Still, while NOTES can go on *ad infinitum*, perhaps the equivalent of three pages is sufficient.

John Heron, Editor