Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday in America!

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The faculty and staff of the Haggerty English Language Program hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 23-Nov. 25. Whether you’re planning on traveling or staying in New Paltz, be sure to enjoy our unique American tradition which marks the celebration of the fall harvest. It has a special place in American history because Pilgrims and Native American Indians came together to share a meal in peace with each other in the New World.

For most of you, this will be your first Thanksgiving holiday in the United States. Thanksgiving is one of the most important American holidays. It may be celebrated by anyone regardless of nationality, race, or religion.

Please turn to page 5 for additional information about celebrating Thanksgiving.

Now I know the original Halloween party!

by Thitima Eannazzo

This is my first year Halloween party with ESL program. I enjoyed and had a good time with this party and also learned the difference between American and Thai Halloween party. In Thailand we don’t have Halloween like in the U.S. but most young people like this celebration. They have a costume party in their group only. In America, there are many celebrations such as the costume parade, carving pumpkins and playing "trick or treat". It is an exciting day for kids and a pretty busy day for parents. Young people prepare their costumes and survey the best haunted houses. I like the idea about costumes. I went to the ESL party, I saw our professors were wearing nice costumes and many students' costumes were so fancy. Everyone took pictures of each other and were excited about this party. (See following pages for additional photos and student comments.)
Halloween Party 2011!

To carve or not to carve...

"I had fantastic time with ghosts, witches, a penguin, cat, etc. I will always remember (the party) in my life."
- Yejin Oh

"I had a really good first Halloween with my friends!"
-Masao Miyamoto

"Masao’s costume was so funny."
- Yuki Ueno

“I like everyone’s costumes. It is a creation!”
- Thitima Eannazzo.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Have you seen the Invisible Man?

Photos by Norbert Hellmann
What’s in your wallet?

They did the Monster Mash.

Photos by Norbert Hellmann
Birthday Celebrations Around the World (Level 2 Reading & Writing)

In Spain, we usually have a big meal with the family and then in the night we have a big party with all our friends in a disco. — Guillermo Diaz Allegria

In China, my parents prepare food to celebrate my birthday. If I am far away from home, my friends celebrate my birthday. We eat dinner, then go to a bar. — Rongrong Shi

In Japan, we invite friends, grandparents and neighbors to my house and we eat sushi. — Yuki Ueno

In China, we will have a big party and people will give the birthday person presents. If the person is a girl, people will give her perfume. If it’s a boy, people will give him a toy. — Charlotte Wang

In the old time, I believe that we didn’t have this kind of celebration in Saudi Arabia, but for the new generation, they celebrate their birthday. First, they celebrate at home. They bring the cake and blow out the candles. Then they continue the celebration with a big meal at some restaurant. — Ali Almuzayen

In Taiwan, we will go to the club and dance, then we get drunk in the end. — Patrick Hsu

In my country, Japan, we celebrate with friends and family. Then we prepare birthday cake and give some presents. — Takeshi Iwasaki

In Taiwan, we have a party at home or in a restaurant. Grandma prepares chicken legs and red eggs for a one year old baby. — Boots Chien

When people celebrate their birthday, sometimes they buy presents for themselves. — Masao Miyamoto

Everyone gives presents to the birthday person and eats cake. — Kurumi Shimada

A long time ago, Chinese people ate “shou bao” a kind of bread and a big meal on their birthday, but we eat the birthday cake and have a birthday party with our friends now because of the Western culture. — Lee He
Here is some information about Thanksgiving that you may find helpful if you are invited to a home in America for Thanksgiving dinner:

1. The first cultural rule is that, after accepting an invitation to a Thanksgiving dinner (or any meal, for that matter) in an American home, you are expected to come. Your hosts will be waiting for you, and your chair will be ready! It is considered extremely rude not to come to a dinner after you accepted the invitation.
2. Thanksgiving dinner is often served around 1 or 2 pm. It is the main meal of the day. Don’t have lunch before you go to this meal!
3. Be punctual. Don’t keep your family or friends waiting because they will be very hungry and ready to feast on the turkey and all the trimmings.
4. Guests usually wait until everyone at their table has been served before they begin to eat.
5. Be prepared to stay as long as the holiday is being celebrated. There will probably be several courses, including a choice of desserts. It is not uncommon for an hour or more of pleasant conversation to take place after the meal is finished.
6. If you are offered a second serving of food, you may take it if you would like to. The offer may not be repeated, as it is in many other cultures.
7. On the other hand, you may say “No, thank you” if you don’t want a second helping. Your host will not be offended.
8. Being invited to a Thanksgiving dinner is an honor. You are being treated like family. Try to participate and join in the conversation and celebration. If you are not sure what to do, just ask!
9. If you wish, you may volunteer to help with household tasks, such as clearing the table or helping with the dishes. Middle-class Americans generally do not have servants.
10. It is not necessary to bring the host a small present. However, you may do so if you wish to. Appropriate gifts include flowers or a small gift from your country.
11. Write a thank-you note soon after the dinner. Your host will appreciate it, and it will show that you are both polite and that you really enjoyed yourself.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Review of Gladiator

by Hyesoo Choi (AP Grammar)

I am a film buff; I watch every kind of movie. It is hard to choose only one which is the best, but one of my favorite movies is “Gladiator.”

I liked the movie for a number of reasons, some of which are good actors, a dramatic story, and fantastic scenes. Above all, the movie had a great balance between a well-made plot and many blockbuster points. Since the movie had many great points, the movie won many awards, including “Best Picture” Oscar. The director was Ridley Scott, also known for directing “Black Hawk Down.” I like his movies, some of which are Alien, Robin Hood, and Blade Runner. Anyway, the movie had some good actors, including Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Dijimon Hunsou. Furthermore, I think this movie is the best of Crowe’s acting career. In addition, the movie had some really exciting scenes, examples of which are fighting in the Coliseum, the war between Rome and savages, and the general’s dream when he was about to die. I’m really touched by the scene which is the part of general’s dream. When he heard his family’s voice and touched reeds, I felt complicated emotion: sadness, happiness, and peace. There was romantic and dramatic plot involving the fight between the general and the vicious Roman king. The movie had an interesting ending, resulting in the general’s death. He died, but at the same time, he returned to his home and finally took a rest. I would have no trouble recommending this movie, one of the best movies I’ve ever seen.
November Conversation Table

Photos by Norbert Hellmann
Some Favorite Recipes by the Level 1 Reading/Writing Class

Japanese Curry
by Mai Kimura (Japan)

Ingredients: eggs, rice, onion, carrot, pie, ketchup, butter, pepper flour.

First:
1) cut vegetables into small pieces.
2) heat up frying pan and put in oil.
3) put in onion, carrot, pie and fry.

Second:
1) beat two eggs in a bowl.
2) put one spoon butter in frying pan with low heat.
3) when the butter melts, put in the eggs and beat for about 5 seconds.
4) put the seasoned fried rice in the middle and wrap in eggs.

Finally:
put food on a plate, put the ketchup and pepper flour in top.

Omurice
by Jinglan Zheng (China)

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First: List of ingredients (About 10 servings)

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If you want some vegetables, the choice of vegetable is up to you!!

Second: Cut the meat and vegetables before cooking.
Cube the meat, carrots and potatoes, and slice the onions, and mash the apple, and mince the garlic.

Third: Start cooking!!
1. Fry up the onion and meat with the butter, and boil the carrot and potato in water and milk in the pot, about 15min or 20min.
2. Stop boiling, and put fried onion and meat in the pot. Boil again about 15min or 20min.
3. Put curry roux, garlic, yogurt and apple in the pot. Wait about 15min, stirring.

Finally: sprinkle curry over white rice. Completion!!
**Announcements**

**ESL Knitting Club**  
Every Tuesday from 2-4:00pm  
Lobby of SUNY New Paltz Library  
Bring your needles and yarn.  
If you want to learn, we’ll teach you!

Do you have something to say?  
Then come to SPEAK OUT, the speaking club for ESL students. Learn how to give presentations that will help you in your classes.  
No grades, no pressure, but a chance to improve your English, meet other students and have fun!  
Wednesdays, 5:00—6:00 PM, SUB 414

Important Reminder: Final Exams are REQUIRED for all classes. Do NOT make travel plans that would prevent you from taking your finals on the assigned dates and times. Instructors will not let you take exams on a different day. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

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Friday, November 18th,  
Thanksgiving Dinner Party at the College Terrace. Free with ticket.  
Time: 1:00 for ESL students and 2:30 for all other International students. Check e-mail for further information.

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23th-25th  
NO CLASSES. Thanksgiving Break. Thinking of planning a short trip to Canada with your friends during this vacation? Be sure to contact the ESL Office ASAP to get required paperwork.

Monday, Dec. 12, 2011.: Michigan Test  
Location: LC 104 This test is required for all level 1, 2 and 3 ESL students.

Tuesday, Dec. 13,  
End-of-Semester TOEFL  
10:00 am. Location: HUM 201 Only for students who have signed up and paid.

Friday, Dec 9th, End-of-Semester Ceremony, 1:30-3:00pm. Certificates, awards, coffee, tea & dessert and student performances! Interested in performing? Contact Sarah Elia elias@newpaltz.edu

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BjR5zvFR64

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