Our Trip to West Point

Photos by Maria Izquierdo
You're invited to the ESL Spring Party!
Tuesday, April 3rd, 12:00-1:30 at CIP
Join us for Easter Egg-Decorating, Snacks, Games & Music!

We’re Going to Albany

See the New York State Capitol building with the “Million Dollar Staircase”

Tuesday, May 1
Leave New Paltz at 1:00 PM

Photos on this page of 2011 activities by Norbert Hellmann
Color Affects Our Lives

by Patti Liu

Color can affect the feelings in our lives. According to a scientist's report, color can not only make our lives colorful, but it also stimulates us. For example, red makes people sense danger; yellow can remind us to be careful; green makes us feel safe. That is why traffic lights use these three colors. Human are visual animals, our minds are usually changed by the environment. Hospitals always use white because it allows patients to relax. In addition, it also means sacred and pure, so that can effectively appease the emotions of patients. On the other hand, black was used to represent evil or terrible things. Most colors can be separated into two parts: one we call warm, and the other we call cold. Usually, warm colors make you feel warm and full of energy such as red, orange, yellow; cold colors make you feel sad and weak like green, blue, and purple. The next time you buy some things, think about the color because it really affects your life.

My Favorite Sports Player

by Dandan Lin

My favorite sports player is Dan Lin; he is a famous badminton player in our country. The reason why he is my favorite player is that I like playing badminton very much. It is interesting that my name is almost the same as his name, but his name does not have two "Dans." It's funny, right? I can still remember when I was a high school student, we were talking one day in class about badminton players, and this was my first time to hear about him. I was so surprised that there is a famous sports player with almost the same name as mine. After class, all of my classmates began to call me "Dan Lin," the name of the famous sports player. During the Olympic games of 2008, I watched TV, and saw his competition live. He was pretty great, and he could handle all of the balls very well and easily. Finally, he was so inspiring when he got a gold medal. I'm so excited that my favorite sports player is famous and has done a great job!
A Favorite Recipe by the Level 1 Reading/Writing Class

Shockling Special Kim-chi Rice
by SeoHyun “Ruda” Ha

Ingredients: Kim chi, rice , 2 eggs, vegetable tuna , onion , sesame oil

First, fry vegetable tuna, onion, kim chi, and 1 egg in sesame oil.

Next, add the rice and stir the ingredients.
This is kim-chi rice.

Finally, fry the soft-boiled egg on the bottom of Kim-chi rice!

That's it. It is very easy and very delicious food!

A Visit to the Planetarium
by Lalita Suthammarak

I went to the Planetarium of New Paltz on February 16. It’s named the John R. Kirk Planetarium. I learned many things about the stars such as what the stars’ names are, how they look, and who discovered them. There we can see what the sky looks like from our location on Earth. The stars change when we travel to different locations. A Portuguese explored all around the Earth 500 years ago. His name is Ferdinand Magellan. He traveled around the world in 1519.

The two brightest objects in the sky are planets, not stars. Those are Venus and Jupiter. Jupiter has 63 moons around it. The one star that doesn’t move is called the North Star or Polaris. People who explore use the North Star as a guide when they go to another place where they have never been before. One constellation called Orion is also called The Hunter because it looks like a man. The sky has many constellations such as Leo and Scorpios. Outside of the world, there could be billions or trillions of galaxies. We also live in a galaxy, called the Milky Way Galaxy and the nearest galaxy is Andromeda.

In Thailand, we also have the lessons of the stars but we don’t have the Planetarium in the school. We have a big planetarium in Bangkok city. This is the only one located in the central part of Thailand. It is a part of the Science Center for Education. I went there only two times in my life. The first time was when I was in elementary school, and the second time when I was in high school. I think I will go there one more time after I go back to Thailand. At that time in New Paltz, it reminded me to think about my first time in the Planetarium. I was surprised and I would like to sleep there. I used to hope that I would have a planetarium in my house one day.
WHY ENROLL IN THE SUMMER HAGGERTY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM?

- Successfully complete one group of courses (A, B or C) and possibly move up one level in 5 weeks.
- Successfully complete Pre-Academic Purposes level and you can meet the exit requirements for the H.E.L.P. Certificate of English Language Proficiency.
- Improve your English and meet other new international students.
- Enjoy the summer in the beautiful Hudson Valley with weekly trips planned.

If you have any questions or would like to enroll in the Summer Haggerty English Language Program, please email Jennie Castro at esl@newpaltz.edu. The deadline for enrolling in this program is Thursday, May 17, 2012.

PROGRAM DATES

Classes begin: Tuesday, July 3
Classes end: Tuesday, August 7
Dorms close: Wednesday, August 8

COURSE FEES

ESL class fee: .................... $ 2,000
University fees..................... $ 557
Meal Plan & Room Rent .......... $ 1,732
Books & Personal Expenses ..... $ 690

Total Summer Program Cost $ 4,979

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* The first day of classes for the Fall 2012 semester is Monday, August 27, 2012.
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

(MARCH 17) is celebrated worldwide by those of Irish descent and increasingly by people of other ethnicities as well, notably in Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and North America. Celebrations are generally themed around all things Irish and the color green. Both Christians and non-Christians celebrate the secular version of the holiday by wearing green, eating Irish food and/or green foods, imbibing Irish drink (such as Irish stout, especially Guinness, Irish Whiskey or Irish Cream) and attending parades, which have a particularly long history in America and in Canada. It’s a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!

New Yorkers have their own unique way of celebrating Saint Patrick’s Day, The Wearing of the Green. Green clothes, green flowers, and green hats are standard, but you’ll also find unique green beers, green bagels, green water fountains, and even a green Empire State Building.


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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!

Tuesdays, 3:00—4:00 PM, VHA 250B

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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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Walk-in hours for the International Student Advisor are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00pm-2:30pm in VH 201

Thursday. May 10
End-of-Semester TOEFL
10:00 am. Location: TBA
Only for students who have signed up and paid.

Check your New Paltz e-mail, ESL Facebook, and @ESLnewpaltz Twitter for additional event announcements.