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Special points of interest:

- Find out how to become a member of an international organization such as the ISO or Miles **Away Mentors**
- Discover how to volunteer overseas
- Get tips for visiting Lon-
- Learn about the upcoming events!

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Looking for a great

place to visit or study?

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Country Spotlight

the Queen's official residence which is Buckingham Palace.

The British Pound sterling (£) is the currency used throughout the United Kingdom. The current exchange rate is \$2.06=£1.00

The UK has a plethora of castles, ruins, and cities to visit. The architecture ranges from Roman times to 20th century works. Two of the most popular attractions are the Tower of London located in England and the Edinburgh Castle

United Kingdom



located in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In the past three years,

over 60 Shippens-

burg students have studied abroad in the UK. SU works with universities throughout the country and information can be found at www.ship.edu/ international. Other online resources include www.aifsabroad.com www.ciee.org www.gowithcea.com www.studiesabroad.com

Highlights from Nepal!

Nepal is located in South Asia, bordering China and India. Ujiwal Panday is an international student who has been studying at Shippensburg since 2004. He was born in the capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu.

Activities to partake in when visiting:

- -Trekking
- —Flight over the Himalayas
- -Tihar "Festival of Flights"
- -Holi "Festival of Colors"
- —Exploring temples

Ujjwal calls Nepal the



"Switzerland of Asia" because of its vast beauty and mountainous terrain. He describes it as a mystic place because of the sights and history that it entails.

Apply Now for a Passport!

If you are considering traveling outside of the United States, it is necessary to have a passport. Obtaining a passport can be a lengthy process, it is recommended that you apply as soon as you know you will studying abroad as it can take 12 weeks for a passport to arrive.

If it is your first time getting one, you will need to apply in person and complete an application. The applications are available at passport agencies, post offices,

travel agencies, and county/ municipal offices. An application can be downloaded from: http://travel.state.gov/passport/index.html

When applying for your passport, you will need to have: proof of citizenship (birth certificate), proof of identity (driver's license), two passport photographs, and your application fee (\$97).

Before traveling, it is a good idea to make copies of your identification page of your passport to be kept in

the U.S. Carry a copy for yourself and give another one to a friend or family member. You should also keep an ex-



tra passport photo in your wallet. Safeguard your passport as it is an essential document when traveling overseas.

TIP: Passport photos can be bought at CVS Pharmacy or AAA



Roadmap To London



Kaitlin Dillon is a student at Shippensburg University and studied abroad in London. She has provided some tips for navigating through the green city of London:

- There are many tourist attractions such as: Big Ben, London Eye, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge, and Buckingham Palace.
- 2. A car is not necessary because the public transportation is amazing. You can got anywhere by tube, bus, train, or coach.
 - **Budgeting for** London depends on how much traveling you plan on doing. If

Population: 7.5 million Currency: British Pound vou don't plan on much, then \$3000.00 should be a safe number, but if you plan on seeing the sights, then bring an extra \$1000.00.

> 4. Have Fun! It is a big city and there is always something to see.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization (ISO) is a group that aims to increase the understanding of cultural differences. The ISO is made up of international students as well as American students at Shippensburg. If you would be interested in joining the ISO, please attend our general meetings held in CUB 325 at 4:00. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2008. Every year the ISO hosts the International Student Din-

ner. This year it is being held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the CUB MPR. Tickets will be \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for non-students. It you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact:

sl7777@ship.edu

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Do it Abroad!

Looking for an opportunity to help others out around the world? Then volunteering abroad might be for you! Katherine Barden was a junior when she volunteered in Tena, Ecuador. She is currently a senior at Shippensburg University majoring in English and minoring in Business and Spanish. She had the opportunity to volunteer at two different locations while in Ecuador. First, she worked

in the town of Tena teaching English to children from the ages of 5-13 years old. The program was on a volunteer basis for the students as well, giving her the chance to meet many different individuals from the community every day.

Katherine also helped at Jambeli Animal Rescue



Center for two weeks. It was located on the coast of Ecuador in Balaco Chico. Her responsibilities included cleaning cages and feeding the birds and smaller sized crocodiles. One of her greatest memories involved the gathering of crocodiles and putting them in a bucket for their cage cleaning. It would be challenging because the crocs would run away and she would have to run around and catch them.

Her advice about volunteering abroad was to do the research. Learning about the country and the program is important to make sure it is the right one. Katherine felt it was one of the best opportunities she had ever embarked on.

Career Workshops for International Students

The International Programs Office will be hosting a career workshop for international students attending Shippensburg in early February. The workshop will take place on two separate Thursday afternoons— February 7 and February 14 at 3:30 p.m. The workshop is designed to advise foreign students on F-1 visas how to seek employment in the United States after graduation. Part 1 of the workshop will focus on employment regulations for foreign students while enrolled at SU and information about the process of obtaining a H-1b working visa after graduation. Attorney Asya Staevska



from the Shagin Law Group LLC will be the guest speaker on February 7. Part II of the workshop will help students understand the differences between acquiring a job in their home country and in the U.S. Guidance will also be provided to assist students with what makes them marketable as a job candidate and what services are provided on campus at the Shippensburg University Career Development Center to make the job search a bit easier. Students are encouraged to attend both workshops and participation is free. Snacks will be served. To reserve a space, please RSVP via email to Danielle Dabrowski at dldabr@ship.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

The International Photo Contest will be hosted in April. Details forthcoming...



Miles Away Mentors: Get Connected!

Have you studied abroad and are looking for others who have as well? Then this is the place for you! Its members are students who have studied abroad or are interested in going across seas.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the organization contact: Kaylyn Ryan at kr3557@ship.edu. There will be meetings held bi-weekly.

Short Term Faculty Courses

Short term overseas courses are a fantastic way to earn SU credits in a foreign country. One of the summer 2008 courses still has a few openings available.

Dr. Niel Brasher will be leading POL499 To Europe from May 24 — June 15, 2008. The course is worth 6 credits and you will be able to learn about the European political environment while touring countries such as BELGIUM, ITALY, and GREECE. Information can be accessed by emailing **cnbras@ship.edu**.

Spaces are available but deadlines are soon! You do not need to be a Political Science major to participate— all majors are welcome.



Study Abroad Deadlines 2008-2009

Summer 2008 Study Abroad

Fall 2008 Study Abroad

Thursday March 27, 2008

Spring 2009 Study Abroad

Monday October 17, 2008

If you are interested in studying abroad, we advise students to start planning a year in advance. To get the process started please contact our office at extension x1279 and schedule an appointment. You can also check out our website for further information and updates. www.ship.edu/international

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