

# PURPLE PASSPORTS



TSU Cricket Returns!

## “SPREADING PURPLE ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME”

### TURN THAT DIAL TO 90.5 OR 100.7 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HOUR



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The International Hour is a new weekly radio program that is hosted by Hank Jones, Assistant Director in the Office of International Programs.

Each week features one or two international students who come on the show to talk about their countries, their experiences coming to America (and Tarleton in particular), and to share a selection of music from their homelands.

The International Hour first aired on December 3rd, 2010, and has been on every Friday since.

We recently completed our 20th episode, which was also our first LIVE broadcast, done in support of KTRL’s first Pledge Drive. The guests were Sithara Vivekanandhan and Kirti Aggarwal who shared insights into their home country of India and brought a wonderful selection of contemporary Indian popular songs to share.

Check out our Facebook page at “[The International Hour - KTRL](#)” for information on our latest shows and for access to archived past episodes.

Future plans for the show will include lining up international

faculty, as well as students and faculty who have taken study abroad trips.

The next show will be this Friday at 8pm on 90.5 KTRL and again on Sunday at 2pm on 100.7 KURT.

Special thanks to Eric Truax, the Director of Tarleton radio for his support.



## NEVER SAY “NEVER” TO STUDY ABROAD



Regardless of your major or special academic interest, a study abroad opportunity awaits you.

Whether you choose to study in another country for a whole semester or for just a few weeks, there’s a program right for you.

Can’t wrap your head around going by yourself? Then join a faculty-led program, and go

with a Tarleton professor for a class. Some of the Summer 2011 programs are taking Tarleton students to Canada, Costa Rica, England, Greece, Scotland, South Africa, and Spain.

Faculty-led program enrollment is also available through Tarleton’s participation in the TAMU Partnership for Study Abroad.

Visit our website:

[www.tarleton.edu/studyabroad](http://www.tarleton.edu/studyabroad) or call 254-968-9545 for more information.

Don’t forget that scholarships are available!!!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Study Abroad Fair 2011 will be taking place on Thursday, Sept. 29th.

Come check out all the possibilities for 2011-2012!!!

**Study Abroad Fair 2011**

Date: 09/29/2011

Study Abroad Fair & Photography Expo

**Date:**  
Thursday  
September 29th

**Time:**  
11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.  
(Come and Go)

**Location:**  
TSC Ballrooms

**Meet with:**

- . Faculty
- . Program Providers
- . Financial Aid

## NO BULL: BUSINESS AND SPANISH TOGETHER IN PAMPLONA, SPAIN



**“...exciting new ways that will further their careers and their personal lives.”**



The College of Business and the College of Liberal and Fine Arts have partnered to create the opportunity for students to earn 6 hours of credit in Spanish OR 3 hours of credit in Business and 3 hours in Spanish this summer from May 20th to June 26th.

After the great success of the Dept. of English & Languages' Spanish Immersion class last summer, conversations began about the advantages for COBA students interested in global perspectives to have access to a foreign language component in their academic program. COBA Asst. Prof. Betsy Ball explains, “The COBA Study Abroad Spain program, presented in conjunction with the Spanish Department, offers students a fantastic opportunity to be immersed in a new lan-

guage, culture, and business environment that will change their perspectives and outlook in exciting new ways that will further their careers and their personal lives.”

Mr. Burton Smith, who has been Program Director of the Dept. of English & Language's Spanish programs in Guatemala and Mexico, is in full agreement: “Tarleton's new Spanish Immersion program in Pamplona, Spain, is expanding from general Spanish at all levels (from second semester Spanish to advanced Spanish) to include a group of business majors who will receive credit in both Business Spanish as well as Advanced International Business, increasing Tarleton's total participation of 17 students last year to almost 25 students this summer.”

## INVADING SCOTLAND



The just completed Scottish Studies Program, June 5—26, offered 3 hours of senior or graduate credit in Political Science or History or senior credit in Sociology.

Students spent three weeks exploring Scotland's history, culture, and government in Edinburgh, one of Europe's most popular and picturesque destinations. Some of the popular historical sights they visited included the ancient Edinburgh Castle, home to the crown and royal regalia and also a royal prison through World War II, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Queen Eliza-

beth's official Scottish residence, and Stirling Castle, former home of the royal court and site of William Wallace's famous defeat of the English.

Students also attended presentations by some of Scotland's most distinguished scholars, spent a day at the Scottish Parliament, watched a live debate and interacted with its members and officers.

Contact Dr. Jeff Justice, 254-968-1827, O.A. Grant 360 or email him at [justice@tarleton.edu](mailto:justice@tarleton.edu) for information about next year's program.



**Dr. Jeff Justice with Tarleton students in front of Edinburgh Castle**

## GET THEM TO THE GREEK: MATH IN ATHENS, GREECE



Drs. Pam Littleton and Bryant Wyatt have created the first-ever Mathematics in Greece study abroad program for Tarleton students this summer.

From June 19th to July 7th, the Tarleton professors took a group of students to Athens, Greece to study “the beginnings of modern mathematics where it all took place,” according to Dr. Wyatt. He went on to say, “It was in Greece

that western society first began to have enough leisure time to study mathematics for its own sake.” Dr. Littleton added that studying the greats of Greek mathematics was a more meaningful experience “if you can be where they work and see what they did first hand.”

The class is for everyone, the only requirements being College Algebra and “an interest in mathematics.”



**Dr. Pam Littleton with Tarleton students at the Zappeion in Athens**

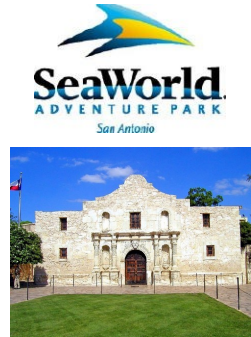
# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS EXPERIENCE TEXAS!

In July 2010, approximately 23 international students from Tarleton attended a Texas Rangers game. The Rangers were playing the Los Angeles Angels and gave the students a great game, starting with a homerun in the first inning, complete with fireworks. This was one of the first games Cliff Lee pitched as a Ranger, and the students were treated to a masterful pitching performance that gave the Rangers a 2-1 victory. Little did we know then that we were watching a team headed for its first World Series!

The international students are looking forward to another July game this summer as the Rangers take on the Oakland Athletics as they defend their 1st-place standing in the American League West.



In the fall of 2010, a small group of international students headed to San Antonio and Seaworld! The students spent a lovely Saturday at Seaworld, complete with roller coaster rides, sea animal shows, and a complete soaking by killer whales at the Shamu show. After the show, the crew headed to San Antonio for a wonderful boat ride around the Riverwalk, dinner at the oldest Mexican restaurant on the river, and a night spent at the historic (and haunted!) Menger Hotel. Morning brought a tour of the Alamo and great view from the Tower of America.



Sabal Rimal, a grad student in Business, mentioned one day that it

would be a great idea if the International Programs office took the international students on a field trip of the surrounding area, as many international students had taken trips to the big city and other far away places, but often had no idea what was available locally. Out of this conver-

sation came the idea for a field trip to Dublin and Hico. On a beautiful Saturday in March, two SUV loads of students headed on a trip to see what was right down the road. We hit the Chicken Coop Flea Market, Dublin Dr. Pepper, and Wiseman House Chocolates and the Billy the Kid Museum in Hico.



**Tarleton International Students at the Dublin Dr. Pepper Museum in Dublin, TX**

## TSU CRICKET RETURNS!



**President Dominic Dottavio receiving his honorary Tarleton Cricket Jersey**



The Tarleton Cricket Club is alive and well. Founded in 2006 by Sabal Rimal, then an exchange student from Nepal, the club became inactive after the original team members graduated.

But a new crop of Cricket players showed up at Tarleton in 2008, and under the leadership of current captain Saksham Sharma, the team has been active in playing other Cricket organizations in the Metroplex. Recently, through a grant from the Student Government Association (SGA), the team has acquired two full sets of Cricket gear so that they can practice and compete more effectively.

In November, the team had a wildly successful exhibition match at Tarleton. The

match was the culmination of International Education Week 2010. In front of some two hundred fans who came to watch the match and share a wonderful buffet dinner provided by the Office of International Programs, the Purple Caps beat the White Caps by 145-135. Fun was had by all.

The Tarleton Cricket Club plans to continue playing matches and spreading the word about this fantastic sport.





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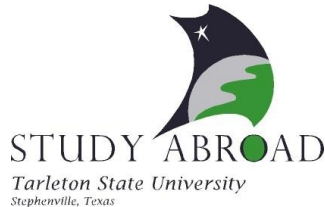
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### **Study Abroad Programs from Fall 2010 through Summer 2011:**

#### **Faculty-led Programs:**

Rome, Bologna, Paris	Business	Dec. 26—Jan. 17	Dr. Walt Kendall
Quebec, Canada	Business	May 19—May 28	Dr. Tony Vrba Dr. David Deviney
Pamplona, Spain	Spanish	May 20—June 26	Mr. Burton Smith
Pamplona, Spain	Business	May 20—June 26	Ms. Betsy Ball
Edinburgh, Scotland	Pol. Science	June 5—June 26	Dr. Jeff Justice
London, England	Nursing	June 13—July 5	Dr. Marilyn Duran
London, England	English	June 13—July 5	Dr. Moumin Quazi
Athens, Greece	Mathematics	June 19—July 7	Dr. Pam Littleton Dr. Bryant Wyatt
Costa Rica	Spanish	June 30—Aug. 6	Dr. Ivelisse Urban
Namibia	Agriculture	July 2—July 9	Dr. Sandy Johnson Graham

**Independent Study:** John Otte, Spring Semester, Italy; Megan McFarland, Spring Semester, Austria; Justin Hawkins, Music, March 11—22, Belize; Devon Perks, Marketing, May 20—Aug. 15, Netherlands; Joshua Draeger, Hydrology, June 7—July 15, China; Caroline Cavin, English, June 10—July 23, England; William Jones, Wildlife Management, July 9—Aug. 11, Kenya.

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## **Excerpts from a Campus-wide Email Sent By Dr. Dottavio During International Education Week 2010**

Several weeks ago I wrote to you about Tarleton’s Core Values: Civility, Integrity, Engaged Learning, and Global Awareness. I wrote particularly about my concern for the decrease in civility we are witnessing across the country and why it is important at Tarleton for the dignity of each individual to be valued and appreciated.

During International Week on campus, we are reminded that global awareness is one of the core values of our university and one of the essential competencies for success in a diverse community.

From Tarleton, you can see the world.

It is right here in our diverse faculty, staff, and student body. In the curriculum from international economics to art history, peace studies to music appreciation. Lectures, concerts, films, and campus activities celebrate many cultures.

Seize these opportunities to learn another language; enjoy the music, food, and art

of another culture; explore a different view of world events past and present. Whether enrolling in an elective course about a region of the world in today’s headlines or having a conversation with someone who grew up on another continent, your Tarleton education is enriched by extending your cultural boundaries beyond Texas to all corners of the world.

From Tarleton you can go anywhere as students and graduates.

The Study Abroad Office helps connect students to trips that meet their academic interests and financial circumstances. Walk on cobblestones. See historic sites that span the timeline of ancient civilizations. Sing in a centuries-old church. Make memories that will stay with you the rest of your life.

Each of us can expand our global awareness in small ways every day. Keep up with international news events. Make yourself conversant with global issues. The world is changing – including place

names. Revisit that map you memorized in middle school. Attend a cross-cultural program on campus. Take in a foreign film. Change channels to check out Travel, National Geographic, History, and others that regularly give us a look at places and faces around the world.

Seeing yourself as a citizen of a wider world makes our communities more civil, more welcoming, and more effective. It increases your opportunities. It is part of becoming an educated person.

From Duck Camp to Commencement – if we have fulfilled our mission and if you have been engaged in learning – then you will be better informed about cultures beyond your own. You will have a global view and be prepared for a more connected world.

