

ESL Summer Intensive

NEWSLETTER

Looking Back on the Summer

This summer session has proven to be one of the most fun and



All smiles at the Orioles game

most successful for the ESL program. It was an engaging and educational time for both students and faculty alike.

In the classroom, ESL students

became more proficient in expressing themselves in written and spoken English, brushed up on test-taking skills, and learned a little more about American culture.

When not in class, ESL students



Congratulations Summer 2007 students!

A Special Thanks to Our Dedicated Staff

This successful summer could not have been possible without the combined efforts of faculty, staff, and students.

Many special thanks, however, to Phyllis Steiner, our ESL assistant.

Phyllis made sure the summer program ran as smoothly and as organized as possible, and

coordinated all the special events.

We couldn't have done it without you and we greatly appreciate all your hard work, Phyllis. Thank you!



Phyllis Steiner

Celebrating a Successful Summer with Friends

As the summer comes to an end, it's important to look back at all you've learned and recognize the friends you've made in ESL.

Come celebrate your efforts among faculty and classmates at

the ESL Summer Intensive Certificate Ceremony on Friday, August 3rd, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The ceremony will feature an international lunch, so don't forget to bring in a traditional dish from

your country to share. Before the awarding of certificates, there will be ESL student speakers and performers showcasing their talent.

Don't miss your last chance to get together with your classmates and teachers!

Upcoming Events:

- 8/3—Certificate Ceremony/ International Lunch, 11AM-1PM



Working hard in Eastern Baltimore

had the opportunity to explore Baltimore and enjoy outdoor activities with their newfound friends.

We all learned something from each other this summer, and wish all the best to our ESL students. Great job!

Student Essay

Work to Live or Live to Work

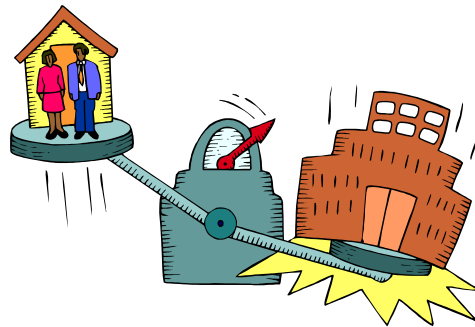
Crystal Hsu

"Time is money," and "Time and tide wait for no man." These sayings are what we all have been told since we were children. Even when we grow up, we still stick to the "wisdom" our ancestors left. Don't waste any time! Therefore, our schedules are always full. Many people get up at seven o'clock, go to work and have a meeting at nine o'clock. When we come home, it's almost seven P.M, so we have to eat frozen food because we have no time to prepare dinner. Then what about our own time? The time we can do some exercise, read some books or have a date with our friends? Isn't that also important?

In this fast-paced society everything is asked to be done efficiently. We have to respond to the e-mail instantly after we get it and call our friends or boss back quickly after we find that we missed their calls. Because of more and more competition, we need to make sure that we work really hard, or we may miss any chances to make our dreams come true or worse, lose our job. If someone is a student, he may stay up all night to study because of the high expectation from parents. If someone has family to take care of, he may be working against the clock because of financial problems. People will feel guilty and think they are too lazy if they try to take a rest or enjoy their va-

cations. However, always being under pressure also causes more and more people to have mental or physical problems.

Take my uncle for example. He is a computer engineering in a high-tech company has a good salary and can even get extra bonuses at the end of the year. Many people are envious of him, but they don't know the efforts he has made. He has to go to work at nine o'clock and never goes home



Learning to balance family and work is an important skill

before eleven P.M. Sometimes he also goes to work on weekends if he can't finish the program before its deadline. Therefore, he has less time to look after and play with his child. He provides his child a good home environment and many resources to use, but he also loses the opportunity to grow up with his child. The other example is my father. Even though he doesn't need to work such long hours, he carries a heavy burden and is often stressed. Since he is one of the managers in his bank, he needs to take responsibility for many things. His work can't be finished by himself; instead, it needs the crew's cooperation. However, if

their team doesn't get a good grade, my father is the person who will be penalized. He even had insomnia for a period of time due to stress from work.

Because of the influence from my father, I also want to work in finance and economics. I can imagine how busy my life will be if choose to be a businesswoman. However, one thing I'm concerned about is that I want to work to live, not live to work. Taking a vacation is the most important thing I will do every year. I believe that listening to music, doing some exercise or watching a movie can make us think of the other side of life. There are good activities to ease our tension. To be successful, we must try to find some time to do what will make us relaxed and happy. Of course this doesn't mean we should make a plan to decide where to go and what to do. Maybe savoring a cup of coffee can bring us happiness, so just leave the schedule at the door!

We can do almost nothing without money, but money can't do everything. There is something more important in our lives, such as health, friends and family. Without health, we can't spend money on what we want to do. Without friends, we have no one to share our happiness and sadness with. Without family, we don't know where we belong. We should strike a balance between work and taking a break so that we won't be a slave to time.

Word Scramble

Here is the answer to last week's word scramble. Did you guess right?

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