



Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is Thursday. It is the most traditional American holiday. The tradition goes back to the 17th century when the early European immigrants to the New World celebrated their harvest with the Native Americans, who taught them skills they needed to survive in the new place.



Americans celebrate Thanksgiving by getting together with their families and eating turkey. In many cases, families haven't seen each other all year, so they are grateful to have this time together. Sometimes they argue about politics: "You voted for the schmuck!" the father says. "Oh yeah?" replies the daughter, "do you think your guy would have been any better?" Then they feel bad about what they said and decide to just enjoy the football game. "Man, I'm so full..."

PEACE POLE



Paul Stewart performs at the first anniversary of the dedication of the university's Peace Pole. An assembly of sincere individuals gathered to discuss and honor the concept of peace with poetry, music and commentary. Lesley Newman, returned Peace Corps Volunteer and CESL teacher, arranged the event.

Peace Pole Dedication Experience

This article was written last year for the Peace Pole dedication ceremony

Before I went, I didn't know what the "peace pole dedication" would be about. I knew the meaning of these terms but didn't know what this event would be like.

When the program started, there were some key speakers who talked about peace, the importance of peace and about dedicating oneself to work hard in order to bring peace on earth. After listening to their speeches, I wanted to tell them I wish you could do something to help our people in bringing peace to our country. Because I think Afghanistan is amongst the countries which need peace the most. Its people have only faced war. The dream of peace in Afghanistan is important.

There has been war for 3 decades in Afghanistan. People have lost their homes, family member and even parts of their bodies. No country has talked about bringing peace to Afghanistan from the heart. People there think that whichever country helps us is because of the mines and minerals we have inside our land.

By attending this peace pole dedication, I could learn what it is and the importance of it. Now I know why The United States is so peaceful. It is because of its people. They work to bring peace in to their country as volunteers and they do everything to make it possible for their efforts to work, while nobody works for free in Afghanistan or is very rare. They have been used to asking help from others.

I always wanted to do something to brighten the name of my country. Because when foreigners hear Afghanistan, the only thing that comes to their mind is war, Al-Qaida, or terrorists. In the last part of peace pole dedication, the sentence "may peace prevail on earth" was recited in different languages. Mostly, all major languages of the world were called but not "Dari". Others were welcomed to recite this sentence in their own language. I wanted to go but was not feeling confident. I finally went and said it in my own language. I thought it is a chance to let the people hear at least the name of Afghanistan. I am glad I did it. I had a good feedback from my teacher and I was encouraged too. It affected the rest of my day and made me happy for the whole day.

I felt like I did something I wanted to and felt so good. I wish that one day these nice people help us and work with us to bring peace in Afghanistan too, because it needs it a lot. I had a good experience and I would be ready to join such events in the future.

Zohra Dauwer, Afghanistan

Bloody Mary

From the Scary Story Department



You can see Thair sitting in the lab writing scary stories. Paul offers advice

Once upon a time, in the City of Legends, a book was found by a group of students. The book's cover was very thick and dusty. One of the girls in the group opened the book, and found that the book was full of pictures and stories. On one of the pages was a giant footprint. The students were curious about that picture. One of the students decided to ask their teacher about what was inside the book. The teacher laughed and said, "Those are just pictures and false stories that only little children believe."

After school, a group of girls took the book with them to their girls club in a tree house. They started reading and looking at the scary stories and pictures inside the book. A girl in the group was very frightened by the pictures and refused to even hold the book. One of the pages contained a face with this sentence: "Do not call Bloody Mary."

One of the girls named Jane said, "This book is for little kids" and she threw the book out the window of the tree house. The other girls asked her, "Aren't you scared of what will happen?" Jane said, "I'm not scared! Watch me!" With that she began to call Bloody Mary. "Bloody Mary," she shouted over and over. The girls all ran away crying in fright.

Since that day, Jane was never seen again and the only thing that remains of her is the scary book.

Thair Alawadh

CESL Sports Club



Meets every Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00



Xiaoxi Song writes about religion from a non-religious perspective

The Oracle

Which two states are the largest and the smallest(in terms of size,territory)?
Send your answer

to: scardinv@email.arizona.edu

The first correct answer wins!

Prize: Webster's Portable Dictionary (a \$7.95 value)

TGIF

What is this?

It's a chance to meet other students and teachers

The next meeting is Friday, Dec 4th. Brecht will be there reciting Old Norse sagas. He might even show you how to get water from a Kalahari potato.

Meet at: [No Anchovies Pizza](#).

Everybody is welcome!

The Short Term Foreign Language Training Program

The short term foreign language training program that I participated in created many good experiences. First of all, it was a suitable opportunity for me to study English again. I appreciate that our company planned this training because the opportunity of studying English has decreased since I entered the company. In my CESL classes I studied speaking, writing, reading and grammar equally. Speaking was the most useful skill practiced in every class. As for vocabulary, I already knew some vocabulary, but it was difficult to express myself. Even if I could read and write in English, I thought that it was meaningless to not be able to explain what I wanted to say. Secondly, I had to learn the kind of English which everyone uses in real life. When I ate out and went shopping, of course, I had to speak English. So, I suffered considerably at first. Although I could speak English well, I got accustomed to such situations little by little using my own English. These changes in my surroundings brought me valuable experiences. Finally, I learned that it was important for me to state my opinions. In classes, both teachers and classmates often asked me how I felt about something. I sometimes could not answer their questions because I did not have enough ability to speak English. Actually, in some cases, I did not even have an opinion. I realized that it is necessary to have an opinion and to state it clearly, not only in a foreign country but also in Japan. All of these reasons are why I thought that this training was beneficial.

Koji Abe