

ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

U.S. University Opens Australia Campus

Carnegie Mellon University, of Pittsburgh, last month officially opened its Adelaide campus, becoming the first foreign-owned university to operate in Australia.

Touted by the university as its Asia-Pacific base, the Adelaide campus is attracting students from Cambodia, the U.S., Sri Lanka and Africa, as well as some Australian students. The tiny campus has 71 students, with plans to grow to 200 within three years. It offers master's degrees in entertainment technology, information technology and public policy and management. The degrees in entertainment technology cost roughly \$80,000 Aus. (\$61,000 U.S.); the other degree programs, offered through Carnegie Mellon's Heinz School, run to \$66,000 Aus. (\$50,000 U.S.).

Source: "[First Foreign Uni Opens Doors ... to Jetlagged Students](#)," *The Australian*, May 23, 2006

OVER THE COUNTER

NAFSA 2006 Draws Record Crowd

Last week's NAFSA Conference in Montreal was a success by any measure. Attendance was record-setting, and the plethora of opportunities for networking and education by way of workshops and seminars was tremendous.

For example, Dr. Mazyed Ibrahim Almazayed, of the Saudi Arabia Cultural Mission in the United States, gave a wonderful exposition of the dynamic changes taking place within the incredibly popular program.

An undoubted highlight was the presentation of Dr. Wangari Maathai, the 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate, and a former international student herself. Maathai roused the audience with her summary of the connectedness between environmental issues and conflict resolution, as well as—by implication—the importance of the movement of international students.

The Conference, produced by the American organization of the same name, is slowly managing to attract increasing attendance by way of exhibitors and attendees from countries other than the USA, Canada and Western Europe.

THE PLAYING FIELD

Scotland Gets High Marks From Foreign Students

A new survey suggests Scottish professors and lecturers are a hit with the world's international students.

The survey, results of which were announced at a conference on international learning held last month in Glasgow, polled almost 16,000 undergraduates who are studying outside their own countries. Of the 3,400 of these studying in Scotland, 93 per cent said they were satisfied with the teaching they received. Results for the rest of the world averaged 91.3 per cent. The survey was done by I-graduate.org, a private company.

The number of foreign students studying in Scotland has increased by more than 60 per cent since 2000-2001. Enrollments from the U.S., India, Nigeria and Taiwan have more than doubled, although those from China are leveling off.

Source: "[Foreign Students Say Scotland is Best for Overseas Learning](#)," *The Scotsman*, May 17, 2006

GLOBE TIPPING

Travel Mid-Week to Avoid Summer Airport Chaos, Experts Say

If you're planning on traveling this summer, you might want to brace yourself for airport stress. According to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, there are likely to be more delayed flights this summer than last. With the number of air travelers now at levels not seen since before Sept. 11, 2001, planes are also expected to be more crowded—making it harder for stranded travelers to re-book flights. Moreover, recent downsizing by many carriers—U.S. airlines have cut 153,000 jobs in the last five years—means that there will be fewer staff to serve customers.

The FAA is advising travelers to fly early in the day and use carry-on luggage for more hassle-free traveling. Other experts suggest flying in the middle of the week, when both highways and airports are less busy. Plane tickets are usually cheaper than on the weekends as well.

Sources: "[Airlines Likely to Apologize for More Inconvenience](#)," *The Washington Times*, May 31, 2006; "[Tips to Save on Summer Travel](#)," WATE 6 News, May 30, 2006