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KU TO KU CELEBRATES 25 YEARS
Hello, wonderful AEC students!
As some of you might have noticed, there’s a new Director in town: that’s me. My name is Dr. Deborah Osborne, and I come from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (so, I’m an international, just like you). My doctoral degree is in Linguistics; I have been teaching Linguistics, English composition, and ESL for about 35 years now. The places I’ve lived and worked are: Vancouver, B.C.; Goroka, Papua New Guinea; Maui, Hawaii; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Stillwater, Oklahoma; and now Lawrence, Kansas. I’ve also been lucky enough to have studied abroad (in Paris, France, one fall semester) and have traveled extensively all over the world.

My husband, Michael, is a helicopter pilot. We met in Papua New Guinea, and he still works there- he flies back and forth every month. We have two sons. One is an architect who lives in Vancouver, and the other is in sales in Kansas City. On our breaks, we love to travel. My favorite personal hobbies are reading, exercising, and gardening; Michael’s are building and fixing things. I forgot to mention- we have three other members of the family, who would hate to be left out: our three dachshunds, Harry, Annie, and Mr. Tigs.

I hope everyone has settled in comfortably, and that your classes are going well. We at the AEC are very concerned about your happiness and your welfare, and we are VERY glad you are here with us. I would love to meet you; my office is in the main office- please come and visit anytime. Thank you for coming to KU- and Go Jayhawks!

KU to KU Celebrates 25 Years

By Tiffany Learned

The AEC is proud to host the university’s longest-running study abroad program. Students from Kanagawa University in Lawrence’s sister city of Hiratsuka, Japan arrived on Sunday, January 31st. This is the 25th year the AEC has hosted the Kanagawa program. The students are here for a specialized four-week program of intensive English study and cultural enrichment activities. They live in campus housing and attend AEC classes. The students have been enjoying many fun activities, including a square dance and ‘homestay’ weekend with local families, trips to Topeka and Kansas City, and a Jayhawk basketball game. They will return to Japan on February 28th.

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Get to Class!
A Guide for Planning Your Route to and from Fraser Hall
By Conversation Leader Garrett Ness

Hello AEC students! Today I walked around campus and recorded how long it takes to get to and from certain buildings. Today’s focus was on getting to Fraser Hall. Campus can be really large and confusing, so hopefully these times and tips will help you save time and plan ahead.

JRP (Joseph R. Pearson) Hall ↔ Fraser Hall: 12 minutes 45 seconds
This trip’s a doozy but there are ways to make it under 10 minutes if you’re desperate. You want to start by exiting from the back of JRP. Across the parking lots, you’ll see a sidewalk that runs up to the Campanile (big bell tower), which you want to take. Follow the curvy road there until you see your first staircase on the right. Take that staircase and you’ll see Jayhawk Boulevard, and from there you can follow that road all the way to Fraser. To save on time, you can just ignore all the sidewalks and roads and head in a straight line for Fraser, but make sure you’re wearing good shoes.

Military Science Building ↔ Fraser Hall: 7 minutes
This one’s not so hard. Exit the Military Science building on the second floor and head in the direction of Wescoe. A sidewalk runs alongside the backside of Wescoe, and if you follow that, you’ll come to a sidewalk that shoots towards Watson Library and then Fraser. No real shortcuts here.

Anschutz Library ↔ Fraser Hall: 6 minutes 30 seconds
Basically the same as Military Science to Fraser, but you start closer to the sidewalk that runs behind Wescoe, so just take that sidewalk to its end and then head for Fraser. Again, no real shortcuts.

Learned Hall ↔ Fraser Hall: 11 minutes 30 seconds.
Start in the middle of the long hallway on the first floor, near the entrance to Eaton. Take the exit and you’ll pop out behind Learned. Follow the sidewalk and it’ll take you directly to Jayhawk Boulevard, and from there it’s a straight shot to Fraser. A long walk, but speed-walking can cut it below 10 minutes.

Hope this helps everyone, and good luck on your journeys around campus!

About this Publication
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By Tiffany Learned
The students of the Vietnamese Teachers Program were invited to share their country and culture with the University community at International Coffee Hour last Friday. The teachers used the opportunity to perfect the presentation skills they’ve been studying with AEC Instructor Lynette Hasek. The class includes presentation skills as well as experiential learning. The presentation captured both objectives perfectly by not only presenting about Vietnamese culture, but also by teaching the audience Vietnamese phrases, performing traditional Vietnamese musical pieces, and sharing objects from Vietnam. The success of the presentation was evident as the teachers were peppered with questions afterwards. Questions ranged from travel tips to post-war Vietnamese culture. The presentation was widely attended by AEC instructors and students, as well as by university students and community members interested in Vietnam.

International Coffee Hour is a twice-monthly event hosted by the Applied English Center and International Student Services, and sponsored by the AEC and the KU Academic Accelerator Program. All international students are encouraged to present on their home countries. For information about presenting contact Steven Sweat in ISS at stevens.sweat@ku.edu. Join us on March 4th for a presentation on Iran!
The Map & Key

A SHORT-STORY WRITTEN COLLABORATIVELY IN AEC CONVERSATION GROUPS

If you'll recall, our hero, Tom, has just found a mysterious map and key. A stranger is trying to take the map and key from Tom, but he has escaped into another world. Unfortunately, it appears the stranger has followed Tom into this other world, and has just turned into a three-headed dog... 

It was obvious to Tom that the stranger had taken the form of the ancient Greek mythical creature, Cerberus. How could he possibly escape? Thinking quickly, Tom tries to run away, but the dog just runs after him. Tom spots several fallen coconuts just ahead. He grabs one and throws it at the dog, but he misses! The coconut goes right over the dog's head. Tom grabs another one and throws it as hard as he can at Cerberus. It hurts him right in one of his faces! Unfortunately, it has no effect on the mythical creature. Tom's plans, first to run away, and second, to distract the dog by throwing coconuts at it, have both failed. Tom is deathly afraid! How can he escape Cerberus?

"Ah ha! I'll climb the coconut tree!" he thinks to himself. As Tom climbs up the tree, he feels the tree begin to bend under his weight. He climbs higher and higher as Cerberus is barking and jumping to try to catch Tom. The higher he climbs, the more the tree bends. Although Tom is well above Cerberus, the tree can't hold him and bends back down towards the dog. Tom sees a chance and jumps onto the dog's back to try to attack him. Suddenly, Tom finds himself on the back of a man! It's the stranger! Cerberus has turned back into a man! He jumps off and grabs a coconut, throwing it with all his strength at the stranger. It hits him in the back of the head and the stranger passes out, unconscious.

Finally, Tom can take a moment to think. He takes out the map to try to figure out where he is. He cracks a coconut and takes a refreshing drink of coconut milk. Just as Tom is relaxing, he realizes the map is moving! He sees a portal, but he can't find himself on the map. Tom is searching and searching. At last, he sees a small figure relaxing next to a tree drinking coconut milk. It's him! He sees the path to the portal. Tom jumps up and follows the path to the portal. Perhaps this is where he can find that most important thing his dead grandfather had told him about. As Tom begins to step through the portal he sees a pair of giant feet. Giant, green, scaly feet... 

To be continued... 

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Using Evernote to Stay Organized
BY Melissa Stamer Peterson

Evernote is a free app from Microsoft and is available on all platforms including Apple, Droid, and Windows phones and tablets. You can also download Evernote to your computer - Mac or PC. Evernote also has an online presence and you can access Evernote from any computer with internet even without Evernote being installed. You can recognize Evernote by its green icon with the gray-black elephant. To use Evernote for academic purposes, you will want to create notebooks, use the Web Clipper, and utilize smart naming conventions.

1. Creating Notebooks
Think of the Evernote notebooks like the three-ring binder notebooks you already most likely have. How do you organize those? Do you have one for each class? Do you use one for the semester with dividers? When using Evernote, you will want a separate notebook for each class that you are enrolled in. This will allow you to open the information you need for the class quickly and accurately. It would be a good idea to name the notebook with the course name.

Each notebook in Evernote has endless pieces of paper, or notes, that you can add. Adding a note is easy in Evernote - you just click the plus sign that is inside the circle. You are given the option to name each note. Inside each note you can add a variety of elements including but not limited to: typed notes which includes text formatting options, pictures, PDFs, scanned notes/items, clipped information from the internet, internet links, tables, and lists.

In addition to adding notes, to each note you can add a tag. Use tags wisely. Tags are quick words to group and search for information. For example, if you tag your notes with listening, then any note with listening will appear when you search for that tag. Listening may be too broad of a tag. Instead, consider something more specific like pronunciation practice.

When creating notebooks, think carefully about your organization before you begin. If you make a mistake in where you put an item, Evernote makes it easy to move items around. It is wise, however, to plan ahead when creating your notebooks.
2. Using the Web Clipper
The Web Clipper will clip information from a website and allow you to put into a note in Evernote. What is great about this tool is it snaps a picture of the information that you found most important on the website rather than just saving the link and having to fish for the information later. You can choose what information to clip and what information to ignore. You can also highlight what you found notable. This makes it quick to find what you thought was information later and easy to add citations when incorporating clipped information into your research.

3. Utilizing Smart Naming Conventions
Planning your notebook and note titles in advanced is crucial to a sleek organization system. Naming your notebook with a unique name that specifically reflects its contents is key. For example, if you are taking a level 4 listening and speaking class, consider calling your notebook AECL 140: Listening and Speaking rather than just AEC Class or Listening. When adding notes to your notebook, consider adding the date of the lecture or class and the content from the class - it may be best to title your notes after the class or based on content from the syllabus. Evernote will sort your notes within a notebook by date created in ascending or descending order, date updated in ascending or descending order, or by title alphabetically - your choice. If you don’t want to take digital notes in Evernote, consider digitizing your notes and adding them to Evernote so you have them all in one place. You can also share notes with friends and scan each other’s information.

In addition to notes, you can also add homework assignments, syllabi, articles needed for the class, links, and pictures you take during class. By adding your notes to Evernote, you will never be without your information because Evernote can sync all notebooks and notes across your devices. Next time you are starting a class, consider signing up for a free Evernote account.
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