# English Education Center NEWSLETTER

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#### "ENJOY ENGLISH " STARTS

### "TALK! TALK! TALK!"

The most popular program 'Talk!Talk!' has started again! You don't know yet? There are 30-minute conversation classes with up to five members in each. You can enjoy talking with instructors and international and Japanese students about the article chosen.

This time international students are joining.

Comment from a student who has attended many times.

> At first, I was afraid of speaking, but I got used to it and could enjoy talking with the group members.



Talking with Bruce



#### " GAKUSHU Course"

'Business English ABC'

You can experience a variety of business situations including writing and speaking. The class will be surely useful for your English study, and you will be able to

Date: Every Thursday 2:30p.m.~ 3:30p.m. (5 times)

[From Nov.15<sup>th</sup>]

develop your English skills.

**Instructor**: **lain Macpherson** 

Get the details from posters on the campus bulletin boards.

#### HOT NEWS I

**Basic English Course** 

Come and join this class to improve your basic English skills. The instructor teaches you at the beginning level.

Date: every Wednesday 4:20 p.m.~ 5:20p.m. (10 times) [From Nov.7<sup>th</sup>]

Instructor: Mari Yamanishi

#### **English Counseling**

Are you having trouble moving ahead in your English studies? Ask Steve!

E-mail your question or get one-on-one counseling.

e-mail: englishcounselor@yahoo.co.jp

Don't ask homework questions. Frame your question so that it may be answered in a single communication.

#### HOT NEWS II

**DEMAE** Library





temporary librarian! He showed some English books in front of the SEIKYO shop to encourage students to read them. This *DEMAE* Library is open



from 11:30a.m.~1:00p.m. every other Tuesday.

#### Student Coordinators get together

Six student-coordinators had their first meeting on Oct. 4. They volunteered to come up with new ideas and to create events for your English study. If you are interested in becoming a coordinator, please join them.

#### BE FRIENDS



#### A letter by an international student from Tanzania

Hi, I am Kalegele from Tanzania. It has been half a year since I came to Japan for a graduate program and for learning Japanese ways of life and culture. I have so far been overwhelmed by the hospitality and discipline of most people I have encountered here in Ehime. Having visited a number of other countries, it is worth mentioning that I never witnessed hospitality and discipline of such magnitude. Such qualities make Japanese communities well thought of around the world.

I love playing and watching soccer, and hanging out talking with friends about life and other things too. I am a member of the HIMATA football club in Ehime. We usually do soccer exercises every Sunday at Himata grounds at Ehime University Health Center. I welcome everyone to join us and we can make the best out of these occasions. As for hanging out with friends talking, I guess I haven't been able to enjoy as I would love to because of my poor Japanese language. I hereby call for more and more friends to come and talk to me in Japanese so that I get more practice. I believe anything can make a difference. You are welcome and I am thanking you.

## *MMER VACATION MEMORIES*

#### **SUMMER VACATION MEMORIES**

How was your summer holiday? Did you go anywhere? I expect you all had a good time on your vacation. I also had a great time during my first summer vacation after having entered this university. Let me tell you about it.

On September 17th, I helped welcome American university students to Matsuyama for a project created by Ruth Vergin. There were about 80 students. It was the first time for me to enjoy myself with so many people of the same generation from the foreign country, so I was nervous. In walking

around the Ropeway Street first, they asked me about many kinds of noodles. They spoke too fast for me to follow and the words were so difficult for me to understand and use, so I couldn't answer their questions. We could not communicate



together. It made us quieter. After a while, however, some guys spoke to me slowly. I could get it this time! Then every member of my party started to speak to me! We talked about our majors, hobbies, boyfriends or girlfriends, dreams and so on. We became better friends and went to karaoke and dinner. We usually hear different sounds where we live, but we could sing many songs together. I felt both the members of the group and America were close to me and I wanted to become closer. I expect they felt the same.

Now I'm planning to go to America next year. Due to that and for my future, I am studying English harder and harder everyday.





By Kanako Katayama



- > INFORMATION be held in fifth period on Tuesday. <u>December 4.</u> First- year students must take this test.
- > Self-Learning-System room has moved to the room next to the main stairs on the third floor of the General Education Main building. Forty seats are available for you.
- **ENGLISH GANG** is a group for the English learners with enthusiasm. Members study the NHK radio "Let's Practice" during lunch break every Friday.

You are always welcome!

# *WHERE ARE YOU FROM?*

#### WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

#### BRISBANE

#### in AUSTRALIA

#### From Associate Professor アニ



Hi everyone.  $\mathcal{T}=-$  here. I've been asked to say a bit about my hometown.

I hail from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Brisbane is a small city when compared to Sydney but reasonably large when compared to Matsuyama. One of the nice things about Brisbane is the climate. There's no humidity in summer and T-shirts are just fine in winter. Heaven really. In both summer and winter, the people of Brisbane go to the beach on the weekends or have outdoor parties or barbeques. The houses are not usually air-conditioned because there is no need. The houses are designed to allow airflow. The traditional Queenslander (Queensland houses built before WWII) has a large wrap around verandah, is raised on stilts, and is made of wood. These houses are very well built and have a long life. If you walk around the Brisbane suburbs you will see many Queenslanders, some built as long ago as the late 1800's!







Many Japanese come to Brisbane to study at university or to do intensive English language courses. They come to Brisbane because the climate is good, the cost of living reasonable, the lifestyle relaxed and the universities renowned. Many high schools in Brisbane also have exchange students from Japan, as Japanese is a popular second language in schools.

If you ever want to visit Brisbane to study or just to experience the lifestyle, do come and talk to me!





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