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UK cheered by international test results

Move to top quarter on the 32-nation test

by Jean Rosen

The recently published results of the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), sponsored every three years by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), has taken the UK by storm.

For the first time ever, UK students at age fifteen performed well enough in all three areas of the tests to move the UK average into the top quarter of comparable scores.

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US students just average on test

by Sherry Cufey

Once again, American students have disappointed their national counterparts in statistics. That's almost ironic, however, that the top U.S. students aren't equal to the best performers from other nations ranked higher than the United States. According to one who analyzed the results, the best of the U.S. sample

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Trade inflation affects Harvard

Pounding rice in Tokyo to celebrate the New Year



Students at Nishimachi International School in Tokyo, Japan, celebrate the New Year with the traditional rice pounding (Utsuchitaki). This excellent photo was submitted in an entry to TIE's photo contest for the cover of our April 2001 issue. The school's computer specialist Gale Gordon was the photographer. More on Utsuchitaki, page 4.

BISS student sets off with Antarctica Mission

by Victoria Egan

Beijing BISS International School student Henrik Hironen, is about to embark on a journey of a lifetime. On January 11th, 2002, Henrik will travel by air to Antarctica where he will first meet the seven people who will share his odyssey. From there they will fly to Punta Arenas in southern Chile and board a small plane to George Island, Antarctica.

George Island, Antarctica. Upon arrival, they will be taken to the purpose built twenty meter yacht, "2011," their base for the next nine days.

Henrik is from Finland and has been a student at BISS for the last two years. He will be our smallest player in a grand one year voyage - in some ways, the finest challenge.

Antarctica, the dream of Robert Swan (RGS) is becoming a reality. Swan made history as the first person to walk to both poles. Mission Antarctica's focus is to preserve Antarctica for future generations, with the help and support of the global business community by raising money to study people.

The extraordinary experience

No school for 156 million children worldwide

by Jean Rosen

A shocking new report compiled by UNESCO indicates that despite the 1990 commitment of 160 countries to rapidly expand compulsory education to all the world's children, at least 156 million school age children still have no access to schools in a basic education.

While many countries have made considerable gains in this area, the report cites 32 countries as seriously lagging in progress to provide comprehensive education by the year 2015 to all of their children.

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Will 9/11 change U.S. college policies admitting foreign student?

by Forrest Bromar

The events of September are likely to have a chilling effect on the ability of foreign students to successfully enter U.S. universities, except those students come from 36 countries located Middle and Near East.

While it no longer seems that a proposed "moratorium" on issuing visas to these

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