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Mrs. Karam,

So that I can be immortalized in the Ambassador, I will share all information with you. First of all, I am a teaching assistant in Vienne, France at Lycée Galilée. I guess I should give a bit of a job description hold 12 hours of conversation classes a week. I don't give grades, although I can give a strong recommendation for what I think the students deserve. I also have to do such things as taping myself so the teachers have an archive of our wonderful American accent. I like the job, however, I am finding myself without much to do because I only work 3 days a week. Lots of time to travel and to lose all the weight I gained in college. Well anyway, I am happy computing.  
Rob

Mrs. Karam,

Greetings from Ireland. I am ending my three week Christmas break which I spent in Ireland tomorrow. I am having a blast over here. There isn't much to do in the town where I work so I usually go stay at my friends' house in the Alps on weekends. Not too shabby. Anyway, I would love any sort of resources you could send me. My students are not very advanced in English so any articles have to be at a pretty basic level. Anyway, my time on this computer is almost up, but I will be sure to stay in touch with you. Tell everyone I said Bonjour!  
Rob

## **CHRIS WARREN**

Hello Everyone, As you can see they weren't kidding about the volcanoes. This one is called Aqua and has been dormant for centuries. Pecaya, another volcano, which is a healthy distance from Antigua, erupted last week spilling out Volkswagen size chunks of lava for a couple of days. Antigua is a beautiful city and is saturated with tourists who, I believe leave here with a false impression of this country. The real Guatemala is a lot more bittersweet than this city lets on. I am very happy here, although I am a bit lonely - I know that some letters or e-mails would help remedy that problem. My street address is Avenida Desengaño #22 Antigua, Guatemala. I've rented a small white house with a nice garden for the year, and yesterday I bought a used mountain bike with front shocks, which is the only way to get around on these streets. Alles gote, Chris

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## **PROFESSOR AND TA'S FAREWELLS**

### **DR. LETICIA McGRATH**

I am Dr. Leticia McGrath and I am completing my second year here at the University of Scranton. In the fall my husband, who currently teaches Spanish at King's College, and I are moving to Statesboro, Georgia where we will join the faculty at Georgia Southern University. I recently completed my Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky; my specialty is 18th and 19th Century Spanish literature with an emphasis on drama. I wrote my dissertation on the dramas of Joaquín Dicenta, a late 19th - early 20th century Spanish dramatist. Perhaps the most exciting change in my life is the impending birth of our first child this summer. My husband and I are looking forward to starting a family. My departure is bittersweet because I will certainly miss my many friends and the wonderful students I met while at the University of Scranton.

### **MARGARITA MARTÍNEZ**

My name is Margarita Martínez. I am a Spanish assistant from Guadalajara, México for the Foreign Language Department. Learning a language can be one of the most fascinating experiences when you have the opportunity to interact with the culture of that foreign language. Teaching my own language and interacting with people and students from the University of Scranton has been enjoyable and it has enriched my many experiences here. I am

very glad for this opportunity, and I hope that you can enjoy learning any language as I enjoyed yours, English!!!!

**NADIA SOUDANI**

My name is Nadia Soudani. I am from Paris, France. This year, I am the French teaching assistant at the University of Scranton. I am also doing research for my master thesis on the political debate over racial and ethnic classification in the census.

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People at the University Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan, Poland from September 23-27, 1999. He presented a paper entitled The Language and Style of Ivo Andric at the plenary session.

Dr. Petrovic gave a lecture entitled Kosovo/Serbian Point of View for the students and faculty at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Pa, Monday October 4, 1999.

### **DR. ROBERT PARSONS**

This January Dr. Parsons, of the Foreign Languages and Literatures department, and Dr. Kocis of the Political

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