

Foreign students a boon?

United Press International
NEW YORK — Wealthy foreign students, especially those from the developing countries, look like a potential solution to many American colleges and universities beset by the financial problem of shrinking enrollments.

But Dr. Frank Welch, president of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn., warns his fellow presidents against hasty mass marketing of their schools abroad just to revenue.

"It won't work," he said. "It will lead to scholastic, social and political headaches and possibly even to campus violence."

Welch concedes that running a small college increasingly is more like running a business — you have to keep building up sales volume, recruiting students.

"The foreign student market is not to be cultivated, perhaps too easy," he said, "because so many of the foreigners want good business courses and even small American colleges can provide more of those than anything Europe can offer."

Welch has nothing against recruiting foreign students per se. He is doing it himself, mainly in Taiwan — LMU has an affiliation with a

women's college there — and Japan, and he thinks 75 percent of America's colleges and universities will be forced to do it within three years.

But he said LMU has had a few bad experiences with foreign students that convinced him recruiting and keeping them in school demands careful planning, much selectivity and a high degree of cooperation between the school and the people of the local community.

"We had a couple of rich Iranians who expected LMU professors to kow-tow to them because of their social position the way teachers possibly did in their homeland," Welch said. "They didn't bother to learn English well and were insulted when they got failing grades in consequence."

Then there was the unfortunate attitude of some rich students from one of the new African republics. The hardworking American blacks who make up 5 percent of the East Tennessee mountain school's student body found them arrogant and condescending. There were some rough moments.

Welch found that having a substantial number of foreign students raises problems that should be planned for. They often don't like Amer-

ican food or dormitory rules. They have no place to go on holidays and sometimes they show a pre-conceived hostility to everything American that prevents them from being accepted either on campus or in the community.

There are financial frauds; false claims by students of having scholarship grants from their governments back home, and some of the governments don't pay the college bills they have agreed to pay just out of bureaucratic incompetence.

All this leads Welch to suspect that those colleges which are considering recruiting 20 to 25 percent of their student bodies abroad are asking for serious trouble.

"I think 5 percent is about the safe top limit," he said. "You can't take care of the linguistic, living and other special needs of a higher percentage."

He also concluded that the small college is unwise to recruit or even accept many students from countries whose governments and societies are unfriendly to the United States.

"If a foreign student has an anti-American bias, college life in America is more likely to reinforce that bias than to dissipate it," he said.

Soviets accused of milking resources

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PESHAWAR, Pakistan — The Soviet Union is bleeding Afghanistan of its natural gas and other resources, a group of former high-ranking Afghan officials said Wednesday.

The officials, who fled to the Pakistani border town of Peshawar in recent weeks, said the Soviets are taking large quantities of natural gas, fertilizer, cement and other Afghan goods but paying only a fraction of their real value.

"They are treating our resources as if they belonged to Russia," said a former Planning Ministry official. "Perhaps the Western world will take that as a signal of their intentions."

The officials also said Afghanistan's gross national product has fallen more than 70 percent in the last year and the government has printed millions of dollars worth of currency to pay the salaries of the nation's bureaucracy.

Work on all development projects has halted completely and industrial production has been reduced by about 80 percent, they said.

Soviet tanks surround the Khoja Gogerdak and Jar Qudugh gas fields in Jauze Jang Province, about 18 miles from the Soviet border, the officials said. Soviet personnel have controlled the output from the two fields since the arrival of an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops last December.

"They do not even let us examine our own records so we don't know exactly how much gas Afghanistan actually produces," said a former official of the Ministry of Mines and Industries in Kabul.

The officials estimated production from the fields, which were surveyed and mined by the Soviets, at 2.3 billion cubic meters per year. Since Moscow's takeover, the fields have become sabotage targets for Moslem guerrillas fighting Soviet and Afghan government troops.

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Curse blamed for presidential deaths

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NEW YORK — There's one factor often overlooked in this year's hectic election battle — the purported zero-year presidential hex.

The last seven presidents to win an election in a zero-ending year all died in office, four of them assassinated.

Many call the zero-year presidential death streak a freak coincidence. One legend suggests it's an old curse from an angry Indian medicine man.

The death streak began with President William Henry Harrison, best remembered by the political slogan he shared with running-mate John Tyler — "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."

In 1800 President John Adams appointed Harrison governor of Indiana territory, then largely inhabited by Indians. He negotiated treaties with the Indians, opening up lands to white settlement and parking outrage among many Indian leaders.

They united under the Shawnee chief Tecumseh and his brother, "The Prophet," — a medicine man and began fighting the settlers.

In 1811 Harrison shattered Indian forces at the Battle of Tippecanoe,

winning his nickname and fame that was to help propel him to the White House.

Later, during the War of 1812, Harrison's troops won a major victory over British forces and their Indian allies, led by Tecumseh, in the Battle of the Thames in Canada. Tecumseh, himself, was killed in the battle.

Legend says that Tecumseh's brother, "The Prophet," then pronounced a curse: Harrison and all future presidents elected in a zero-year would die in office.

Harrison was elected to the presidency in 1840. In March 1841 he gave an hour-long inaugural speech, the longest in history. It was a rainy day and he caught a cold. His cold soon developed into pneumonia and he died on April 4, only 30 days into his presidency. He was 68.

Since then:

- Abraham Lincoln, elected to his first term in 1860, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865.
- James Garfield, elected in 1880, was assassinated in 1881 by Charles J. Guiteau.
- William McKinley, elected in 1900, was assassinated in 1901 by Leon F. Czolgosz.
- Warren Harding, elected in

1920, died presumably of pneumonia, a complication of food poisoning, in 1923. No autopsy was performed and the exact cause of death is unknown.

—Franklin Roosevelt, elected to a third term in 1940, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1945.

—President John Kennedy, elected in 1960, was assassinated in 1963.

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Orphanages closed, missionaries ousted

United Press International
EL PASO — Mexican immigration officials have ordered three Americans out of Mexico for operating unlicensed orphanages.

The men were held four nights in a cramped, dark detention cell. They were released Monday and warned not to return to Mexico.

Pat Zullo and Daniel Atwood, who work for Native Missions, Inc. of Joplin, Mo., a nondenominational organization, were taken into custody late Thursday for operating an unlicensed orphanage near Zaragoza.

Clay Claibourne, who operates the Casa de Refugios (House of Refuge), in Juarez, was taken into custody when he went to visit them at the jail. Mexican authorities said the men did not have work permits and only Claibourne had a visa.

Mexican immigration official Jesus Sedano said more arrests and shutdowns could be expected.

"Mexico will take care of our children," he said. "Mexican people will take care of Mexican orphans."

Sedano said the two orphanages were unlicensed and housed more than 100 children — many of whom he claimed were not orphans.

"I know who their mothers are," he said.

Missionary workers in El Paso said the children were in effect orphans and abandoned youngsters who had been taken off Juarez streets and cared for in years past by American missionaries.

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Beautician abducted at scissors point

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HOUSTON — A 21-year-old woman has been accused of jumping in front of a woman motorist's car to stop her on a freeway, then abducting her at scissors point, robbing and sexually abusing her, police said Wednesday.

Patricia Marie Janvrin, 21, was freed without bond on aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual abuse.

Police said the suspect jumped in front of a car driven by a 21-year-old beautician on her way to work Wednesday. When the woman stopped, officers said, the suspect jumped into the passenger side and took the woman's scissors.

Investigators said the suspect cut the victim on the neck and ribs with the scissors, forced her to surrender jewelry to buy methaqualones and then ordered her to drive to a nearby construction site.

At the site, officers said, the suspect forced the woman to have sexual relations with her.

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