



# PINE MANOR COLLEGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

## Newsletter

## September 2006

### ELI Academics — *Expressive Summer Learning!*

We had a very exciting multicultural summer at ELI Academics



*The cast poses in costume for their scene from the classic novel "Tom Sawyer"*

that brought very special memories to our staff and students. We included in our rigorous academic schedule a taste for the arts by offering Hip-Hop Dance and Drama as electives. Stimulating and challenging classes were offered in Pronunciation, Idioms and Slang (where students learned to speak like a native speaker) Current Events, Boston History and Culture and Critical Thinking.

Under the direction of Mr. Stephen Donovan, students performed "An Afternoon of Scenes" in which some of the scenes were student written. Students were responsible for all facets of the production from performing to set designing, props, lights and costumes. Many countries were represented and all dialogue had to be spoken in English. It was a wonderful culmination to an excellent, productive summer. Students improved their English, developed lifelong friendships and experienced personal triumphs! All in celebration of diversity!

*Pam Palmer,  
Academic  
Coordinator with  
Steven Donovan,  
Assistant Academic  
Coordinator*



### ELI Student Life — *Exciting Excursions and Activities*

What a summer we had at ELI! Our campus was decorated



*ELI Students in front of one of the many mansions in Newport, Rhode Island.*

with people from all over the world including- Japan, Spain, Argentina, Korea, France, Italy, Turkey, and we all had such a great time living and getting to know one another.

We explored Boston's historical landmarks, traveled to NYC and relaxed on the beaches of Cape Cod and Newport, RI. We danced at a local club, sang at Karaoke Night, played volleyball and tennis, and hung out at the local Starbucks. With over 15 summer staff planning our days and evenings, we always had something to look forward to! ELI's diverse staff also came with many international experiences to share with us as they had all lived abroad as well.

Now that summer is winding down, it is time to get ready for a fabulous fall season in Boston. Each evening, we will have a conversation circle led by our Student Life staff. Students will have the opportunity to practice English and discuss interesting cultural topics that will help them adapt and learn about life in the United States.

*Christina Tortolani  
Student Life Coordinator*



### PMC ELI Summer Quick Facts:

- WE HAD STUDENTS FROM FIVE CONTINENTS STUDY WITH US THIS SUMMER, INCLUDING STUDENTS FROM TURKEY, CAPE VERDE, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, MEXICO, RUSSIA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND KOREA. WE ALSO WELCOMED ENERGETIC GROUPS FROM SPAIN, JAPAN, ITALY, TAIWAN, AND ARGENTINA.
- THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FOR THE SUMMER IN BOSTON WAS 71°F (22°C)... PERFECT WEATHER FOR STUDYING OUTSIDE IN THE SUN OR TOURING THE CITY!
- ELI STUDENTS ENJOYED PLAYING SPORTS BOTH IN OUR GYMNASIUM AND OUTSIDE ON OUR MANY GRASSY FIELDS. POPULAR SPORTS INCLUDED BASKETBALL, SOCCER, TENNIS, AND BADMINTON.

### New Staff at PMC ELI:

- MARY WELLS IS THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR ELI. SHE JOINED THE STAFF IN MAY, JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER SEASON. SHE HAS WORKED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN PREVIOUS POSITIONS, AND HAS SPENT ACADEMIC YEARS ABROAD IN BOTH FRANCE AND JAPAN.
- CHRISTINA TORTOLANI JOINED OUR STAFF IN MARCH AS THE STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR. SHE HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM BOSTON COLLEGE AND IS CURRENTLY PURSUING HER PHD IN PSYCHOLOGY AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.

