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Newspapers from Eutin report that the visitors were enthusiastic about their stay in Lawrence last fall. The *Ostholsteiner Anzeiger* of November 5 devoted an entire page with four pictures to the commemoration of our five-year anniversary. The photos depict the unveiling of the sundial at Veterans Park, with Mayor Jo Anderson and High School Principal Brad Tate receiving guests from Eutin. Headlines read: "Partnership No Longer One-way Street—Lawrence and Eutin: For Five Years Official Sister Cities—Eutin Delegation Visiting for Four Days." Reporter Sönke Weiss goes into detail about the events and the heartfelt welcome the group experienced. Hans Schirmacher, head of the delegation, said, "The understanding between nations that we were able to experience is the best proof that we can overcome national boundaries, ignore hate, and serve the cause of peace in friendship." He mentioned discussions with the Rotary Club, the police department, banks, and officers of military units in Leavenworth about the future of exchanges. Headlines in the *Lübecker Nachrichten* on November 6 proclaimed, "Totally Overwhelming. Citizens of Eutin Experience American Hospitality." Visitors were impressed by the cultural events they experienced, especially the fine concert of Schumann songs performed by soprano Wendy Zarofisher and pianist Jack Winerock.

Unfortunately, sad news also arrived recently from Eutin. Dr. Eckart Frieesecke, who was among the visitors, suddenly died of a heart attack in December.

The Eutin Fire Department has expressed interest in visiting Lawrence in October 1996. I have discussed this proposal with the Sister Cities Advisory Board and with Fire Chief Jim McSwain. Fred Losch, a retired military officer with contacts in Eutin, has offered to host the group for an additional two days. Allen Walker, formerly director of the Fire Training Program at KU, now at Louisiana State University, has invited the group to spend three days at his center in Baton Rouge. Since the Eutin firefighters have been treating the Kansas students to very generous picnics every summer, we hope that we can make their visit in Lawrence pleasant.

The Eutin Fire Department visit (including possibly as many as twenty-five couples) is being planned for October 3 to 14, with the first part of the stay in Lawrence probably October 3-7. We will be asking for

families interested in hosting the guests. Perhaps the group will be interested in the K-State football game, which will take place at the time of the visit.

The Lawrence Civic Choir is exploring the possibility of going to Europe and including Eutin in their itinerary in June 1996.

The Lawrence Photo Alliance has invited Eutin photographers to exhibit their works in August 1995 at the Lawrence Public Library. Helmut Scheewe says that the Eutin Photo Club is definitely interested.

Helmut Huelsbergen, Hannelore Hess, Kimberly Nichols, and I participated in selecting the following LHS students to go to Eutin this summer: Mark Bartscher, Katie Keel, Matthew Marden, Michelle Orzulak, Darren Smith, Elizabeth Traiger, and Margaret Zeddies. Principal Brad Tate informed me that Kimberly Nichols, who is currently substituting for Hannelore Hess, the German teacher at LHS, will accompany the students. In the past Friends of Eutin have helped to defray the expenses of the Lawrence exchange teacher. We hope to have funds available soon in order to help Ms. Nichols purchase her airplane ticket. Contributions and membership dues will help us raise the needed money.

Helmut Scheewe has informed me that the two schools in Eutin have also chosen their group. They had the difficult task of selecting six students from the record eighteen who applied. This number is an indication of the growing popularity of the exchange.

At a recent meeting of the Sister Cities Advisory Board, at which Nancy Albrecht and I represented our group, a number of organizational decisions were made: 1) All financial transactions will now occur through the treasurer of the Sister City Advisory Board, Bob Walters. This means that we can now close our account. I would like to thank Stuart Boley for his work as treasurer, and I hope that he will continue to be our financial advisor, especially now that the workload has been reduced considerably. The advantage of the present arrangement is that it will be much clearer to all contributors that all money coming to our group is tax deductible. 2) The Sister City Advisory Board wants to develop stronger ties to the Friends groups of Hiratsuka and Eutin. Therefore, it is inviting all interested members to attend meetings of the Sister Cities Advisory Board. The next meeting will take place on March 8. Please contact George Woodyard's office (864-4141) about the precise time and place.

