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SISTER CITIES

LAWRENCE WELCOMES EUTIN October 14-18 *Program*

Friday evening, October 14: Eutin visitors arrive at Kansas City International Airport

Saturday: Host families take guests to the Celebration of Cultures downtown; 3:30 p.m.: Reception hosted by the Friends of Eutin and the City of Lawrence at the Alvarado Country Club

Invited speakers: Senator Nancy Kassebaum and Consul General of Germany (Chicago) Gabriele von Malsen-Tilborch (arrangements pending)

Invited guests: Participants and supporters in the exchange programs, Mayor F. Jolene Andersen, the Sister City Advisory Board, officials of KU and Haskell Indian Nations University, and members of Friends of Eutin

See reservation form(s) at the end of newsletter!

Sunday: 3:30 p.m., Rededication and unveiling of plaque for the sundial at Veterans Park. University Neighborhood members, Lawrence High School members, Friends of Eutin;

Sunday: 5:30 p.m.: Picnic at Andersons for Eutin guests and members of Friends of Eutin, as well as current high school exchange students and teachers and families.

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Monday: Campus visit; lunch at the Holidome with Rotary Club; afternoon, free for shopping; evening: *Evita* at the Lied Center

Tuesday: Return to Kansas City International Airport

EUTIN VISITORS AND GUESTS OF HONOR

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schirmmacher (Mr. Schirmmacher is president of the city council and head of the delegation)

Manfred Meyer (teacher, school director and city commissioner)

Helmut and Hella Scheewe, both teachers (Mr. Scheewe is coordinator of sister city projects)

Wilhelm and Christel Kressin (Mr. Kressin is a retired teacher)

Eckart and Marga Friesecke (Dr. Friesecke is a dentist)
Ande Deifuß, bank employee

Petra Kahmke, bank employee

Paul Regel, administrative officer and member of the Fissau choir

Gernot Seeger, retired police official

Jens Hegel, hotel manager

Otto and Henny Lippmann (Otto Lippman is a farmer and hotel manager)





Students in Eutin, right to left: Rachel Modrzynski (LHS), Penny Wright (KU), Jason Hart (KU), Atsushi Okumura (KU), and Jennifer Elston (LHS).

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE NEWS

Lawrence host students and their families will meet six Eutin students and teacher Sönke Peters on Friday, September 16, at 8:30 p.m. (Delta flight 474) at Kansas City International Airport.

On Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30, the Eutin students will be introduced at the city commission meeting. Keeping the tradition of past years, Friends of Eutin will host a reception at the Douglas County Historical Museum at 7:30 p.m. after the visit to City Hall. All Friends of Eutin and other interested Lawrence citizens are invited.

In June and July of this year, the fifth year of the exchange program, Lawrence students Jennifer Elston, Cassy Hays, Rachel Modrzynski, Joni Mullen, and Courtney Wilson experienced Eutin hospitality. They attended classes at the two Eutin high schools. Because of the financial support of Friends of Eutin, the students benefited from individualized instruction: Gudrun Günther met the group daily for German classes. In addition to activities organized by teachers and host families, the group also participated in activities with the KU students: They visited Schwerin and Berlin. In Eutin they saw an opera performance; they were guests of Mayor Grimm, former city council president Gudrun Kruse, the German army *Panzer* unit, and the fire department.

Dr. Gerald Denning accompanied the students, observed classes, and taught at both schools. The directors of both schools, Dr. Karl-Heinrich Jäschke and Dr. Heinz Rätthjen, praised Dr. Denning's contributions to the teaching and exchange programs. They

hope that the momentum in the teaching exchange (despite the difficulties in getting financial support) will be maintained in the future. Dr. Denning found his stay an enriching experience. Because he teaches English to international students at Lawrence High, he was particularly interested in observing and analyzing the problems students face in a different culture. "I felt revitalized as a teacher. Moreover, I gained new insights into our academic and administrative issues, which in Eutin are approached from an entirely different perspective."

Because city funds are not available for teacher scholarships, Friends of Eutin has had to bear the burden of the instructional support and teacher scholarships. Sister City Advisory Board Chairman George Woodyard has approached the school board, but since we have not heard a positive response, the problem of how to finance and continue this program still remains critical. Next year's program is in jeopardy.

Last year's high school exchange in Lawrence included many activities in addition to the school program. The German guests had a chance to explore several areas outside of Lawrence. One group of students traveled to Colorado; another went to St. Louis.

Karsten Thee, another student from Eutin, was at Lawrence High for the entire academic year. Because of his longer stay Karsten was able to get more involved in extracurricular activities. He enjoyed being able to compete with the Lawrence High swim team.

PLANS FOR 1995 STUDENT EXCHANGE

An orientation meeting will take place some time in early October for next year's high school exchange. Interested students will have a chance to hear from students and teachers who have taken part in the exchange. Peter Sönke, exchange teacher, will also speak. The orientation will include an outline of costs and scholarship support, and information about language instruction, travel plans, etc.

LHS-EUTIN EXCHANGE STUDENT WINS BUNDESTAG SCHOLARSHIP

Joanne Bjorge, who participated in the 1993 Eutin exchange, received a much-coveted Congress-Bundestag scholarship to study in Germany during the current academic year. Joanne is presently finishing her introductory orientation and language courses and will be joining her host family in Berlin, where she will be staying for the entire academic year and earning the remaining credits she needs to complete graduation requirements at Lawrence High School.

Joanne's father, Gary Bjorge, believes that participation in the Eutin program was "a major reason why she was selected. . . . We enjoyed the opportunity to establish a relationship with a German family through letters, telephone conversations, and the six-week visit of a German girl in our home. It was fun to see high school events, Lawrence life, and some nearby areas through the eyes of a foreign visitor. Also, it was enjoyable to meet new people in Lawrence and share activities with them. In our opinion the Lawrence-Eutin student exchange is a most worthwhile program."

SISTER CITY WEDDING

Don Anderson, a KU graduate and participant in the the 1988 KU Summer Language Institute, and Stephanie Berger, an employee of the Eutin *Sparkasse*, were married in Eutin on July 15. KU students attended the *Polterabend*, a traditional prewedding party at which guests throw dishes at the wall or on the ground.

The young couple has to clean up, to test their ability to work together. Stefi and Don were efficient and can look forward to a future together. Now Don will continue his Ph.D. studies in German at the University



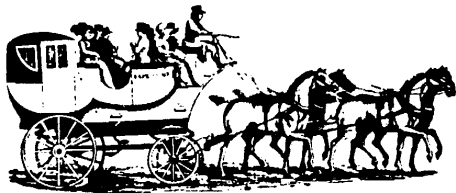
of Michigan. Since Lawrence is directly on the path from Ann Arbor to Bartlesville, where Don's parents live, it is the logical place to stop.

KU STUDENTS PROMINENT IN EUTIN NEWS

During the period of the KU Summer Language Institute, June 2-July 13, Eutin newspapers featured articles and pictures about the university students on at least four occasions. Eutin journalist Sönke Weiss took a special interest in the KU group, meeting the students for interviews and even visiting classes to observe class activities. For Eutin citizens, who have seen KU students every summer for twenty-eight years, it was an opportunity to learn about the history of the KU academic program and the nature of the intensive course, which involves the study of German customs, politics, geography, art, and literature.

EUTIN-LAWRENCE PROJECTS EARN PRAISE

Dr. Joseph Krusich, deputy director of the America House of Hamburg, praised the sister city relationship between Eutin and Lawrence as the most active partnership he has observed in the state of Schleswig-Holstein. Dr. Krusich has offered to work closely with representatives of our cities in supporting the relationship. He traveled to Eutin recently and attended the reception that Mayor Grimm had for KU and Lawrence High students. Afterwards he met with other officials to discuss our projects.



VISITING LECTURER FROM EUTIN

On the afternoon of November 9, 1993, Dr. Wolfgang Griep of the Eutin Landesbibliothek presented an illustrated talk, "Travel in Europe before the Advent of the Train," at the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies on the KU campus. Sponsored by the KU Friends of the Library, the event was also attended by a number of members of the Friends of Eutin.

One of Dr. Griep's chief scholarly interests is travel literature. He pointed out that although until well into the 17th century few people traveled without urgent need to do so, it soon became profitable to publish travel guides and "route handbooks," which at first were quite vague and unreliable, like the maps of the period. The writer of one 16th-century guide depended heavily on earlier sources, he apparently never left his hometown!

Early travel was not only extremely uncomfortable but also erratic. Only with the gradual development of official postal routes did it become possible to establish any kind of timetable. Some time in the first half of the 17th century the transport of mail and people merged, causing a revolutionary change in travel. By the mid-18th century all larger towns were connected by this system.

Although people of means were able to enjoy some amenities by taking the "Extrapost," descriptions of long journeys stressed how injurious they were to both body and spirit. Nevertheless, long-distance travel came to be seen as a necessity for two groups in particular: academics and young aristocrats, both of whom profited by mixing with their peers in far-off places. By the end of the 18th century, however, the scenic landscapes of the Alps and along the Rhine began to attract real tourists, who soon were also "fascinated or frightened" by the great metropolises of Rome, London, and Paris. Along with the increase in tourism came a proliferation of travel literature: in the first half of the 19th century at least 30,000 works appeared in the German language alone. Much of it is no doubt as informative and entertaining as was Wolfgang Griep's talk.

Report prepared by Carol Worth

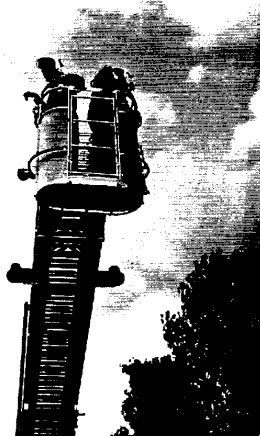
NEW EXCHANGE BETWEEN EUTIN AND LAWRENCE BANKS

The Eutin *Sparkasse* and the Douglas County Bank have worked out an agreement to have employees gain experience by working for about six weeks in the sister city. This exchange began with the visit of Maike Klüver of Eutin, who arrived on October 11 last year. She stayed for six weeks at the home of Sandy and Mark Praeger.

George Woodyard wrote to Gerhart Voss, the director of the Eutin bank:

... to express our deep appreciation for your willingness to let Maike Klüver spend the last six weeks in Lawrence. She is a charming young lady and has endeared herself to many people in Lawrence during the time of her visit. Before she left, she came to the Sister Cities Advisory Board meeting and shared with us the value of her experience. It is clear that this period of time in Lawrence has been extremely valuable to her in terms of her growth and development, and I am confident that she is returning to Germany with many helpful perspectives on comparative banking systems and on comparative cultural items.

He also thanked Douglas County Bank for helping to make the exchange possible: "... We are, of course, also grateful to Mark and Sandy Praeger for their exceptional hospitality in providing housing and access to so many cultural, political and business opportunities while she was here. In many ways we have all benefited, I think, from this opportunity to strengthen the exchange program between Eutin and Lawrence."



FIRST VISIT EXPECTED FROM EUTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Over the years the Eutin Fire Department has been the organizer of the highlight event for KU students and other KU visitors: The Fire Department Picnic. It is difficult to say which feature is most successful, whether it is the food, the beverages, or a surprise activity with the department's equipment. Finally this year, for the first time, a member of the Eutin Fire Department will be visiting Lawrence, some time after Christmas, possibly in early January. Bernd Ditscher and his wife will be touring the United States, and they will make a brief stop in Lawrence. We are looking forward to making their stay pleasant and interesting, even if the beverages here are not as fiery as the drinks served by the Eutin Fire Department.



LAWRENCE MAYOR AND HIS WIFE VISIT EUTIN

In June 1993 Mayor John Nalbandian had an opportunity to visit Lawrence's sister city, where he received a warm reception. He felt that in the six days he and his wife Carol gained many personal friends, as well as insights into the functioning of city government in Germany. Impressed by the way in which Germans value the historical core of their cities, he observed that they made "land use decisions that concentrate residential areas in the downtown. The result is a vibrant, lively downtown. We might be able to learn from that lesson."

Nalbandian was also impressed by the success of the student exchange, which he viewed as the "center-piece" of the sister-city link. Living with Eutin families offered LHS students a unique educational experience, a better understanding of political life in Germany while "that country undergoes a major transition through reunification." The Nalbandians participated in numerous informational tours, as well as social events, including the popular party of the Eutin Fire Department. At this event the Nalbandians posed with Eutin Mayor Gernot Grimm, who showed off the Haskell T-shirt he had just received.



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT VISITS EUTIN

Matthew Cravens, whose father was attending a space-physics conference in Hamburg in July, spent an eventful four days at the home of Dr. Raymond Schäferhoff in Eutin. Matthew (13), together with the two Schäferhoff children, enjoyed bicycling, basketball, and trips to the Baltic Sea, the Hansa Amusement Park, and Lübeck. He brought back a substantial supply of *Marzipan*, a specialty of Lübeck.



DR. INKEN SCHEEWE BEGINS MEDICAL PRACTICE

Inken Scheewe played a pioneering role in the Lawrence-Eutin exchanges in 1990, when she worked as a medical student at Lawrence Memorial Hospital for two months to gain experience. She reports that she has finished her practical training and has received a five-year contract as an assistant physician at the University of Kiel. She expressed her gratitude to the staff of Lawrence Memorial Hospital for the help and training; that experience, especially in radiology, influenced her decision to write her dissertation in the field of radiological diagnosis.

PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF EUTIN REPORTS

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Sister Cities documents, a delegation of Eutin citizens, headed by City Council President Hans Schirmacher, will visit Lawrence October 14-17. We are planning a number of activities for this visit, including: a visit to the Celebration of Cultures; rededication of the sundial in Veterans Park; meetings with city, university, and state officials; a luncheon with the Rotary Club; guided tours; and the musical *Evita* in the Lied Center.

Our foremost accomplishment is the ongoing success of the high school exchange. In the past five years students from Lawrence High School, the Voss School, and the Weber School have participated in the exchange. Annually, in June and July Lawrence students travel to Eutin, staying with host students and their families. Eutin students visit Lawrence in September and October and enjoy the return hospitality of the

Lawrence families. Initially, the students attend the classes of the host student, but an effort is made to tailor a class schedule to a student's level of language aptitude and educational need. Although our program began as a student exchange, we soon added teachers. The visiting teachers participate in classes and activities at the host school, thus creating more exposure in the school community.

Many private visits have occurred, including one to Eutin by then-Mayor John Nalbandian and wife Carol. Recently, the Lovelands had a chance to host a family they had visited in 1990, the same family I stayed with when I was a student in Eutin in the first KU group in 1966.

Continued and expanded school exchanges, as well as more professional activities, are being planned. Now, five years after the signing of the agreement, the cultural, educational, professional, and tourist activities of hundreds of people have been enhanced. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Charles Loveland, President of Friends of Eutin

Eutin newspaper, July 23, 1966:

Unsere Gäste aus den USA:

Charles - beinahe adoptiert

Charles ist gern in Deutschland, gern im Eutiner Sommerinstitut und noch viel lieber bei der Familie Rix-



Charles Loveland aus USA

mann aus der Plöner Straße, die den netten jungen Mann schon fast adoptiert hat. „Ich fühle mich wie ein Sohn und Bruder“, erzählt er und, „ich möchte am liebsten immer hier bleiben, aber leider geht das nicht.“

