

Foreign Exchange between teachers and students

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On Thursday, October 23, students from all six of the global language clubs (ASL, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Latin and Spanish) gathered together in the IMC to hold their annual reception welcoming the two foreign exchange students and the students who had moved here from other countries.

Torge Schiefelbein, 12 (Germany) was introduced by three representatives of the German club and **Kateryna Osnovikova** (Ukraine) were introduced by the Japanese Club. Both of the foreign exchange students were given Sycamore sweat shirts as their welcoming gift.

The twenty-four students who moved here were also recognized by having each club adopt four students. Each of them, after being introduced were given a Sycamore High School pennant to show their school spirit.

SURROUNDED BY FLAGS FROM all different countries, **Mr. Jim Skoog** gave a brief welcome speech. There were several speakers throughout the reception including many introductions of the new students by each of the language clubs.

M**AKING DREAMS COME TRUE.** Living in a different country had been a life long dream of **Mrs. Marilyn Ray**, history teacher. Now this dream has come true with her participation in the Fulbright Program which is an exchange program for teachers from 33 different countries. Admitees into the program are matched with a person who teaches a similar subject and grade level. **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast** turned out to be the match. Ray was sent to teach at Rosebury School for girls in Epsom, England and Prendergast came here.

Only two hundred teachers were chosen for the Fulbright Program and then spread out across the world. There were months of paperwork and interviews in order to be accepted. When they finally made the switches, then came the challenge of being able to teach each other's classes. Prendergast taught two history preps here, while Ray taught six British history preparations there.

