



She continued this speech with the role of NATO in the Balkans. Some countries hope their membership, like Albania and Croatia. In this region the most important object is looking for each others. It was a big help from Hungary to USA, that we had offered our air force.

In the end, we could put some questions and Mrs Foley tried to answer. Some of these questions: What's about the relation between NATO and European Union? How can we define the role of our soldiers in Afghanistan? What can

we know about the relationship between NATO and Ukraine?

Finally, we asked some further questions. For example, what are the topics of summit meeting of USA and NATO? April Foley mentioned some of them, like: NATO continues the mission in Afghanistan; USA committed to control the Balkans; NATO could become stronger due to USA. Than she spoke about the rocket base in Iran. She considers that this is a kind of protection to most of European countries and to Russia too.

As unfortunately we haven't got enough information about the relationship between NATO and Hungary. I think it was a very instructive performance. On the other hand, we know almost everything about the role of our country in the EU. So, personally I passed a meaty hour in the great hall of building B. Thank for organizers and we hope a third visit of Mrs April Foley in Veszprém!

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## A taste of „The Big Apple”

Interview with the always cheerful Scott Campbell from America.



– Could you introduce yourself to the Readers?

– My name is Scott Campbell, and I teach philosophy at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. Rochester is in western New York - it is about an hour from Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Nazareth College is a small liberal arts College. I am here in the Institute for English and American Studies. I am teaching two courses at the Institute, one course is an introduction to American philosophy and the second course is on American democracy and education. I am only here for one semester.

– Could you tell me a few sentences about your experiences in connection with teaching in Hungary compared to teaching in the USA?

– I have found that Hungarian students tend to be very quiet in class, they do not really ask questions, but once you do get them talking, they are very candid and open, and they have

lots of interesting things to say. Also, I really have profound respect for my students. The students here take so many classes. It is really challenging. Students in the U.S. take four or five classes per semester. I really have a lot of respect and sympathy for my students here when they cannot come to class or they are too busy to get work done. And my colleagues are really busy here. I teach four classes each semester in the U.S. which is a lot. Here they are teaching six classes a semester, and they also get research work done, they have office hours, and they spend time with students.

– Could you tell me what the main point of Fulbright program is?

– The goal of the Fulbright program is to give teachers and students in America the opportunity to teach and to do research in other countries and also to give teachers and students in other countries an opportunity to teach and study in America. So, the idea is that international education and international teaching really broadens your horizons and really changes your perspective. Nazareth College has an exchange programme with the University of Pannonia. It is really a great opportunity for undergraduate students. Also, my college is setting up a Joint Master's Degree program with the University of Pannonia, so that students will take some courses here and then some courses at Nazareth College, and then they would have a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management. They would actually have degrees from both universities.

– As far as I know, during America Week among teachers from the University of Pannonia you also made a presentation, a presentation on American philosophy and the Value of Education. Did you learn any interesting things on other different topics?

– America Week was extremely interesting.

It was a lot of work, but I had a lot of help from the people in my Department; Szentgyörgyi Szilárd and Poór Zoltán. Bertalan Judit from the American Corner and a student, Laki Zsófia were extremely helpful in organizing things. The Chair of my Department, Bárdos Jenő, he provided a tremendous amount of support and advice, so it was really a cooperative effort. During America Week I learned about the American Wild West, the way Americans think about cars, Gospel Music, Babe Ruth, Hungarians who play sports in America, and American dialects and linguistics. The Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Mr. Jeffrey Levine, talked about continuity in U.S. - Hungarian relations after the 2008 elections. It was a fantastic week, I learned a lot.

– Is there anything that you have found surprising or interesting in connection with Hungary?

– The first thing that comes to my mind is Hungarian politics and how complicated Hungarian politics really are. The other thing is that all the students in my dorm go home on the weekend. I have found that Hungarian young people are very close to their families. And this is really affected me, I have found it very moving in a lot of ways.

– What are those things that you will keep as a kind of memories about Hungary?

– The things that I will really take with me when I leave are the memories of my students, the memories of my colleagues and the friendships that I have developed with my colleagues, and the third thing would just be seeing Lake Balaton, the view of Lake Balaton from Tihany.

– Thank you for sharing interesting ideas, thoughts, experiences with the Readers. It was nice to meet you.

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