

# Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

January 14, 2011

International Student Services

## A Note from Christy

Welcome to all our NEW international students! We are so happy to have you! Welcome back to our returning students!! We missed you over the winter break!

I look forward to renewing our Coffee and Conversation gatherings each Wednesday. Merrillou and I had to drink coffee by ourselves over the break, and it was lonely! 😞 Please join us next Wednesday, January 19 anytime between 3:30-5 pm in the Student Diversity Center for this activity. Remember, you are always welcome to bring friends or even a professor to hang out with us. As you know, we are a lot of fun and the conversation is always stimulating!

## Immigration Check-in

**Check-in for all international students will be held Monday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> thru' Friday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. This check-in is **required** by U.S. Immigration to maintain your legal status as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder. Check-in takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. You must come to the Student Diversity Center in the Student Union Building (SUB) between 9:30am and 4:00pm any day that week (January 31 – February 4) to fulfill this requirement.**  
**Any student who does not attend the check in session will be fined a \$50 fee.**

*NOTE: If you are a new international student and attended the orientation January 12 & 13, you are checked-in with immigration. There is no need for you to participate in this check-in session this semester. You will need to attend check in next semester.*

## Coming Events & Activities

A prayer room has been reserved for Friday prayers. See the schedule on page 3.

**Sunday, January 16, 3:00pm:** "Talk Time" sponsored outing at the Meridian Optimist Junior Rifle Club Range. See more details on page 3.

**Wednesday, January 19, 3:30 – 5:00pm:** Join us in the Student Diversity Center for the first "Coffee & Conversation" gathering of the Spring semester. This event happens every Wednesday.

**Sunday, January 30, 1:00pm:** New international student orientation alternate session in the SDC. If you missed the mandatory session this week, you must attend this alternate orientation to complete your immigration check-in and receive information critical to your success here at Boise State.

**Monday, January 31:** Deadline for filing your waiver for SHIP (Student Health Insurance Program). Remember, the waiver must be filed each semester.

**Monday, January 31 – Friday, February 4:** International student check-in at the Student Diversity Center, daily from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Do Not Miss This!

**February 7, 8, and 11, various times:** Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshops. See the detailed information on page 3 and sign up for one workshop.

### What are you looking for?

**Roommate wanted:** Hi, I am looking for someone to share my apartment. It is a 2 bedroom apartment, so each person will occupy a room. I have been living here for 1 year, so I can say this place is most reasonable and practical for BSU students. I am a guy but I don't mind male or female roommates. I am neat, considerate, and pretty cool. You can take a look at the Manor Apartments at this website:  
<http://housing.boisestate.edu/virtualtour/apartments/index.html> Your share of the cost is \$250 for rent and about \$30 for utilities. Internet is free (BSU internet). A deposit of \$100 is required.

Please contact: Jung Hee Na, [jungheena@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:jungheena@u.boisestate.edu)



**Room for Rent, Female roommate wanted:** Private bedroom, bathroom, large closet, and covered parking in a 2 bedroom/2 bathroom apartment currently being rented by professional female. Twin bed available for use. Spring Creek Apartments are located 1.5 miles from BSU and right next to the greenbelt. Easy walk/ride downtown. Must be tolerant of one cat in apartment

Call Margie at (812) 789-6505 if interested.



**Roommate wanted:** My name is Denis and I am looking for a roommate for this coming spring semester. The rent is \$265 + utilities (\$15-\$20 depending on the season)/month/person. The apartment is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of an apartment complex and it is about 5 minute walk from campus. It is decent size with 2 bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen. School provides free internet (wired and wireless). There is a laundry facility on site (you have to pay for it though). I am fine living with a guy or a girl as long as you understand that this is not a party house. I am fairly serious about my school work and thus need a quiet and responsible person. If you are interested, please give me a call at (208) 550-2946 or e-mail me at [deniskashin@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:deniskashin@u.boisestate.edu)

Hello dear ISA friends,

On behalf of all ISA officers, I would like to thank you very much for joining us Thursday night. It was another big turn-out, which makes us VERY proud. This was a good opportunity for us to welcome the new students, meet the returning ones, make new friends, exchange ideas about each other's cultures and experiences, and of course have dinner. THANK YOU!

In the end, let me thank ISA partners, the New Student and Family Programs in particular.

Looking forward to seeing you at another event (this time 'outdoors') in few weeks from now.

Truly yours,

Adil Bentahar, President  
International Student  
Association



New and returning international students enjoy pizza and a Bronco basketball game!

## Schedule for OPT Workshops:

If you plan to participate in Optional Practical Training (OPT) after Spring semester, or just want more information about this program, you **must** attend one of the following workshops:

- Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, noon - 2:00pm
- Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 5:00pm
- Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 11:00am

Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center in the SUB. Please call 426-3652 to reserve your spot. When you come, please bring your I-20, two passport-size photos and a check or money (to USCIS) for \$380.00.

## Greetings All,

To kick off the Spring 11 semester, the ISI Talk Time group would like to give you an opportunity to participate in a very traditional Idaho pastime: "target shooting". Many people in Idaho take up target shooting in preparation for hunting and find that precision shooting is a very enjoyable hobby by itself. Some of our local kids have gotten so good they have competed for spots on the US Olympic shooting team.

Our good friend and his daughters are coaches at the club and they have agreed to instruct us on safe and accurate shooting. At this facility we will be shooting small-bore competition air rifles, which is an excellent choice for novice shooters. We hope you can join us.

**Where:** Meridian Optimist Junior Rifle Club Range.  
536 East Bower Street, Meridian ID

(The range is in the old Idaho Power transformer building at the end of the street)

**When:** Sunday, Jan 16, 3:00p.m

(If we have enough people we will break into two groups with the second group starting at 4:30)

### If you plan to attend...

- Wear old clothes that you do not mind getting dirty so you can be on the floor comfortably (Jeans and sweatshirt work well for example).
- Don't play soccer, basketball or drink a lot of caffeine prior to coming so you can hold the rifle steady.

We will have snacks for all and a small prize for the best shooter.

Please RSVP promptly as space is limited to [blawton.lawton@gmail.com](mailto:blawton.lawton@gmail.com)

Saludos, Bob and Belva Lawton

**JUMAH:** Time and rooms have been reserved each Friday for Muslim students to have a designated time and place for Prayer. The times and rooms for January and February are listed here. The leadership of the Intensive English Program has reserved these spaces through the end of the school year. These rooms are in the Student Union Building.

Friday, January 21, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Trueblood Room

Friday, January 28, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Trueblood Room

Friday, February 04, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Trueblood Room

Friday, February 11, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Trueblood Room

Friday, February 18, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Hatch Ballroom C

Friday, February 25, 2011  
1:00 - 2:30 pm, Weekly Jumah Meeting  
Boyington Room

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**Do you have something to sell . . . are you looking for something to buy  
. . . looking for a roommate or housing?  
Place an "ad" in the International Insider.**

It's easy. Just send Merrilou an email with the following information:

- ✦ Specific details of the item, service or housing
- ✦ Contact information (name, phone and/or email)
- ✦ Specific conditions required, i.e. cash only, male or female or specific date available

Your ad will appear in the first issue of the Insider following the date of submission. The newsletter is published each week during the semester.

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Check us out on Facebook. Log on and search for  
**International Student Services at Boise State**  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=149283508429687>  
and join our group. Check the site regularly for event information.  
Feel free to share your events and pictures with us too.

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