

BSU International Insider

News for International Students

November 4, 2010

International Student Services

News and Notes

Hi, All,

I hope your semester is moving along smoothly. Please let the ISS staff know how we can support you.

I want to let everyone know that our wonderful Management Assistant, Merrilou Burris, will be taking on some of the international advising duties. When you email me, you may find that I send some of your emails and questions to her, so that she can start practicing and expanding her advising knowledge. I am still here to assist too. I am not going anywhere! But as our office and our international student population continue to grow, we can serve you better if more than one person is able to assist you with your questions. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions about this. All of us here at ISS love serving the international students of Boise State University, and we want to provide you with the best possible support.

Thanks, Christy

Roommate Needed

I'm a 21 year-old male. My first language is Vietnamese. I'm majoring in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Studying is my main goal, but I also want to have fun such as hanging out or playing sport. I'm looking for a reasonable, clean, quiet and fun person. No pets. No smoking.

The apartment is on the first floor of University Park. It is right next to campus so you can walk to classes or take the shuttle every 10 minutes if you are lazy. The price for the apartment is \$550/month. It will be divided by two, which is \$275 each plus half of the electricity. Water, gas, internet are paid by the Housing Department.

The move in date is Dec 15. If anyone is interested in sharing the apartment with me, please include a self introduction as I do. Thank you very much. Nick
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Coming Events & Activities

Friday, November 5, 7pm, Movie Night in the Student Diversity Center. The theme is **Sci-fi & Thrillers!!**

(see the flyer on pg 5)

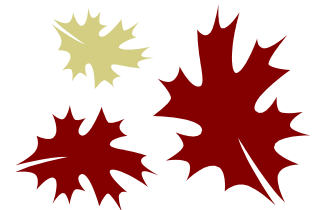
Wednesday, November 10, 3:30 - 5pm, Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center

(see the flyer on pg 6)

Thursday, November 11, 7pm, Holocaust Survivor Rose Beal, speaking in Simplot Ballroom *(details on pg 3)*

Friday, November 12 - Saturday, November 13, Tunnel of Oppression, sponsored by Multi-Cultural Student Services

Monday, November 15 - Saturday, November 20, International Education Week *(details on pg 3)*



Dear friends,

International Student Association (ISA) officers are considering trips in and/ out of Idaho, and we haven't yet decided where and when (maybe in the coming weeks/months). However, when any student plans to go on a trip he or she MUST complete and sign two forms saying that you are a BSU student and responsible for yourself.

You can get and sign the forms from Management Assistant, Merrilou at the International Student Services ISS (SUB-2nd floor), and this is something that you will do only once a year.

Note: ISA officers cannot act without having your agreement/consent forms signed.

We appreciate your collaboration.

Best,

Adil Bentahar, President
International Student Association, ISA

Are you graduating in December? Congratulations!! Since you are an international student, it has been approved that during graduation, you can wear a special sash representing your home country.

If you would like to order a sash, the cost is \$29 and you can sign up in the International Student Services office. There is a sign-up sheet on the front desk. We can only accept checks, money orders or EXACT cash (we can't make change). Please sign up for one by Thursday, November 18. You can order one yourself through Vision wear, but it will cost \$9 more.

If you would like to see what most of the sashes look like, check out Visionwear's website. <http://www.visionwear.com/index.html>



Again, congratulations on your accomplishment!

ISI INVITATION: DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

If you are interested in having a holiday meal with an American family in their home (Thanksgiving is Nov. 25 and Christmas is Dec. 25), please contact Belva Lawton: blawton.lawton@gmail.com.

Did you receive this email: *"The International Student Services office has received a letter from the **Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission**, which we were asked to pass on to you. Please come to the ISS office in the Student Union Building (2nd floor, in the Student Diversity Center) to pick up your letter. You will be asked to sign a receipt to confirm that you received the communication."* If you received this message, and you haven't picked up your letter yet, please come as soon as possible. Thank you.

November 15 - 19, 2010, has been designated "**International Education Week**" (IEW) by the US Department of Education and the US Department of State. IEW celebrates the importance and benefits of international education in the US and around the world. This annual initiative aims to promote international understanding and build support for international education exchange. At Boise State, International Student Services, the International Students Association, Student Diversity & Inclusion, and faculty and staff from the Intensive English Program, International Learning Opportunities, the English Department and International Admissions have come together to present a variety of events in the Student Union Building to celebrate this occasion. Each day of the week will highlight a different region of the world with displays in the SUB booths (near the info desk), presentations on the Brava Stage in the dining area, international foods in the BRC and more:

- ❖ Monday, Asian culture
- ❖ Tuesday, Middle Eastern culture
- ❖ Wednesday, the World
- ❖ Thursday, Latin American culture
- ❖ Friday, African culture

There will also be two brown-bag lunch seminars during the week:

- ❖ Tuesday, noon-1:30pm, a panel presentation by international women on the subject, "Women's Roles in Different Cultures." Trueblood Room.
- ❖ Wednesday, noon-1:00pm, "Boundary Crossings – Learning to Work Together for Religious Freedom: A conversation with Rabbi Daniel Fink and Dr. Said Ahmed Zaid." Lookout Room.

On Saturday night we'll wrap up the week with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner highlighting American culture (reservations required for this event).

Please plan to join us in the SUB each day to discover more about the world we live in. You never know, there might even be some salsa dancing! For more information, contact International Student Services at 426-3652.



Holocaust Survivor Shares Her Story

Local Holocaust survivor Rose Beal will share her story at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Student Union Simplot Ballroom. Brought to you by the Civic Leadership community of the University Housing Residential College, the event is free and open to the public.

Beal lived through one of the most horrific times in history and narrowly escaped execution in Germany as a Jew during the Holocaust. She grew up in Frankfurt, Germany, where the Nazis closed her school when she was in her early teens. She was one of 200 out of 17,000 Jews to survive a grueling deportation to Poland just before the outbreak of the war. Beal recounts how she survived harassment, raids and the infamous 1938 Krystallnacht, or "Night of Broken Glass," and along with her mother and her younger brothers narrowly escaped death several times.

Beal's visit was arranged through the Idaho Human Rights Education Center.

Community Involvement Opportunity

The Boise School District Community Education program is seeking BSU international students to share their native country culture and culinary!

Community Education classes are designed to be fun and informative. Volunteer instructors gain valuable teaching experience in a relaxed, informal setting while providing an important service to the community -- a highlight on any resume!

The Winter 2011 Community Education session begins January 25 and continues through March 17. Classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 p.m. We would welcome a one-night (two-hour) class during these dates! Deadline for signing up is November 15th, 2010.

Go to our website at www.boiselearns.org and click on Teach a Community Education Course.

For questions, or to request additional information regarding Community Education, please contact our office today!

We look forward to hearing from you!
Christina & Lisa

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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 the rest of Fall Semester are listed here. The leadership of the Intensive English Program has reserved these spaces through the end of the school year. We will keep you updated on the schedule for each month. These rooms are in the Student Union Building.

Friday, November 05, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
TRUEBLOOD Room

Friday, November 12, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
ALEXANDER Room

Friday, November 19, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
AHFONG Room

Friday, December 03, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
FOOTE Room

Friday, December 10, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
BOYINGTON Room

Friday, December 17, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Weekly Jumah Meeting
TRUEBLOOD Room



The **Boise State International Insider** is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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Events

November Movie Night:

Friday the 5th, 2010 @

7:00pm

Student Diversity Center

(2nd Floor SUB)

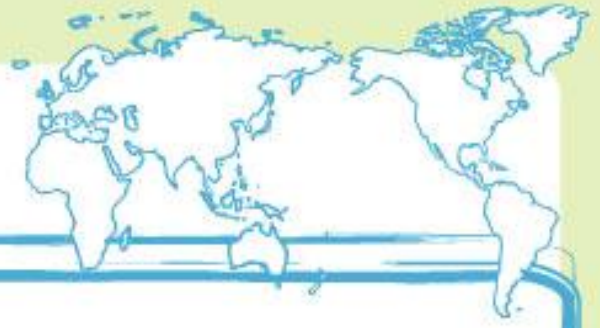
Genre: Sci-Fi & Thrillers



Please bring your movies in the Genre for the night, and then we get to pick which one we watch ...

You're welcome to bring snacks to share and a blankie to keep warm...





Events

Join the ISS & ISA for....

Coffee and Conversation:

*@ The Student Diversity Center
(2ND floor SUB)*

Every Wednesday 3:30p- 5:00p

Beverages and Light snacks provided...



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For assistance with accommodations please contact the International Student Services at 4263652 or visit our website: <http://international.boisestate.edu>