Note from Christy

Winter Break will be here very soon! Phew! We are all looking forward to time away from homework and exams.

If you are planning to travel outside the U.S. during Winter Break, read the information below carefully.

All Boise State offices will be closed from December 24-28. No I-20s will be signed during that week. Plan ahead!

**Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave if it was last signed more than 6 months ago.** Bring your I-20 to ISS at least 3 working days before you travel to give us time to complete the process. Be sure you are registered for Spring classes before bringing your I-20 to ISS.

1. **Check the status of your visa.** If it has expired, or will expire while you are outside of the US, you must plan to have it renewed before you return. For visa renewal, you will need an unofficial transcript, a copy of your class registration for the Spring semester and a Visa Support letter from ISS.

2. **Check the status of your passport.** Immigration law requires that you always have a valid passport while in the US. If it is expired, contact your country’s consulate here in the US immediately and follow the process to renew it. If your passport will expire while you are outside of the US, be sure to renew it before you return.

Coming Events & Activities

- **Every Tuesday, 1:30 – 2:30pm** – Drop-In Career Advising and Support
- **Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm** - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) Free refreshments!
- **Every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00pm** – T.E.A Time in the Writing Center
- **December 6th, 6:00 – 8:00pm** – Free movie screening (see details p.2)
- **December 12th, 4:45 – 6:00pm** – Film Premier for German 303 (see details p.2)

Photo of the Week:

International Students at a Boise State football game

**If you want one of your pictures to be Photo of the Week, you can submit them to:**

internationalinfo@boisestate.edu

Student Spotlight

**Jerome Emanzi** is an international student from Uganda. He has been in BSU since Spring 2009. He is getting his second Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering. He got his first Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science & Math from a university in Uganda. He is scheduled to graduate this semester and plans on doing OPT.

Jerome likes that Boise is a welcoming community and he feels integrated well to the international community. Though it gets much colder than it does in Uganda, Jerome thinks the weather in Boise is nice. Small class size and a good student-professor relationship are some of the things he likes about BSU. He also thinks that BSU campus has a perfect size – not too big, not too small.

Jerome likes hanging out with friends and tinkering with electronics such as computers. He also likes playing sports, especially soccer and tennis. He enjoys watching football as well. Jerome misses Ugandan food. They eat lots of different kind of sweet potatoes in Uganda.
Free Movie Screening
Thursday, December 6, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hatch B, 2nd Floor SUB

Love Etc.
Five Real Stories
One City

Join us for a discussion about relationships and communication following the movie.

For accommodations and more information please visit womenscenter.boisestate.edu

German 203:
Film Premiere Abend

5 Student Films to be premiered!
The students learning German in G 203 have worked hard this semester to create five short films - all guaranteed to have some kind of unexpected twist in them.

Join in the red-carpet fun and see the debut screenings of five new short-films in German. (You'll enjoy them even if you don't understand German!)

Weds, Dec 12, 2012 from 4:45-6:00 pm
Liberal Arts (LA) 106

By German 203 Students

For info contact: Beret Norman 426-1072
Cindy Fernandez is a student assistant for both International Student Services and International Admissions. She is from Venezuela. She has been living in Boise for about a year and half. She is majoring in both French and Spanish because she is very passionate about languages. Cindy F. spent part of her childhood in Pullman, WA, where her father was completing a PhD. During the 4 years there, she learned English and made friends whom she still keeps in touch with. Cindy is very family oriented, and she loves her friends which are part of what makes the “Cindy Fernandez” we know today. Reading, spending time with her friends and going on little adventures are a significant part of her life. She likes to help people too. She used to volunteer for St. Luke’s Hospital but she had to stop because of school and work. Something that Cindy F. is very passionate about is football (“Real football not American football” Cindy said.) Her favorite is the German team. Cindy’s dream is to be an interpreter, and her dream job would be to work for FIFA. After she started both of her jobs at ISS and International Admissions, she also wants to be an international student advisor (like Stefanie, Christy, Ruth or Kumi). She likes helping students and guiding them with what they need to do here at Boise State. She would love to keep doing that in a deeper level in the future. So she would be very happy if she ended up being either an awesome interpreter or an advisor for international students!