REMINDER: If you are traveling outside of the US this break, you need to get your I-20 signed THIS WEEK. The office will be closed next week. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL 4 PM ON FRIDAY TO BRING US YOUR I20.

Coming Events & Activities
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
Thursday, December 20th, 6:30pm - Bowling Party! (see details below)
December 24th – December 28th – ISS will be closed.

Photo of the Week:
Picture taken by Dave Cortes
If you want one of your pictures to be Photo of the Week, you can submit them to: internationalinfo@boisesate.edu

Free Fun and Free Food!
Bowling Party

When:
Thursday, December 20th
6:30 PM

Where:
SUB Game Center

SIGN UP AT ISS FRONT DESK!

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David O’Neil is an international student from Newcastle Upon Tyne, England. David does not consider himself a traditional student. He has three daughters and five grandchildren. He said that if anyone asked, he is 21 and a bit, with this bit getting larger each year. David is a senior in the Social Work Program. He chose this major because after talking with Professor Robin Allen his first semester at BSU in 2009, she told him that there were more career opportunities with a Social Work degree rather than with a Psychology degree, which was what he originally came here to do. David speaks some French and German and has studied 4 semesters of American Sign Language. David has also traveled all around England, Scotland and Wales. He lived three years in Germany while he was in the Royal Air Force and has also spent several months in the Falkland Islands. He has also had the opportunity to visit Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, Gibraltar, Holland, France and Belgium. Among his hobbies, are taking pictures, going on walks and riding his bike. What David likes the most about Boise is the friendliness of the people and the fact that you can drive anywhere in the city and still see the mountains.

Want to help David out? David has decided to do the 2013 Great Polar Bear Challenge to give back to the new community that he has adopted for the last four years. The Great Polar Bear Challenge is an annual fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho. Funds will be used to grant wishes to Idaho children battling life-threatening medical conditions. The Idaho Chapter serves over 90 children each year. This event will take place Tuesday, January 1st, 2013. If you are interested in helping David with this noble cause please visit his personal web page to learn more about what you can do to help. http://polarbearchallenge.kintera.org/caf/r.asp?t=4&i=1041976&u=1041976-373910787&e=6366973168

Xiang (Sherry) Zeng is an international student from Hunan, China. Xiang is also a student assistant for International Admissions. She is currently doing her Master’s of Science in Accountancy. Xiang’s mother is an accountant and ever since she was little she has wanted to be an accountant as well. Xiang feels that a lot of people think that Chinese students often choose the major that is most “profit-making” when in fact, most of the time, they choose it because of personal interest. Xiang used to be an exchange student at Marsing High School. She said that it was a very different cultural experience. While she was an exchange student, she visited Boise and immediately fell in love with the campus. So because of this she decided to become a “Bronco” after she graduated High School. She finished her undergraduate degree at Boise State and after being at BSU for three years she felt so connected to the university that she decided to start a Masters program at BSU as well. Xiang feels that Boise State offers a lot of resources for international students and that all the people that she has worked with have been very friendly and patient to any questions. Xiang’s favorite things about Boise are the size and the people. She says that Boise is not too big and not too small. She is not a big fan of large cities, since she grew up in one. Xiang feels that Boise has everything she needs in a daily life and also has a lot of entertainment available for her to find just the right balance between college and life. Xiang’s hobbies are shopping and doing yoga in her spare time. Xiang would love to spend a couple years traveling around the world in the future. Xiang’s dream job is to work for the FBI and work as a secret operative.

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