

All The Nations - The International Voice

A Newsletter of the International Students Office
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WELCOME BY NELSON

Welcome (to our new students) and welcome back (to our returning students) to a new semester/module at *Hope*! It seems as though there are two re-occurring themes that always show up in my articles. This time is no different, I will talk about change and responsibility. I will also add a request at the end.

Most of you are aware of the change for this term. Darla Cupery has left *Hope* and Lisa Igram has taken her place. If you haven't met Lisa yet, please stop by and welcome her. The position of International Student Program Associate Director is a very challenging one, so please be patient as Lisa learns all of the immigration rules and regulations that affect the students at *Hope*.

As an international student living and studying in America, you are responsible for knowing and obeying all of the US laws and regulations (criminal, civil, immigration, tax, etc.). We can only help you if you help us. You need to keep your contact information updated with ISP, *Hope*, and SEVIS. You need to know deadline dates, application dates, what's permissible and not permissible to do on your particular visa, etc. When in doubt, please ask us. It's very sad when a student must return to their home country because they assumed that we would automatically tell them they were about to miss an important deadline in their immigration paperwork.

Towards the end of January, Aaron sent out an email to all HIU international students with an attached article

about taxes from me. If you haven't received it, please come by and update your email address with us. Filing the proper tax forms is again your responsibility to do so. Although it's possible that nothing will happen if you don't, you might be missing out on a refund of money or making future possible changes in your visa status more complicated if you don't.

If you need to talk to anyone in ISP, please make an appointment through one of our two student workers, Wenny or Jacquelyne. You can reach them at 1698. Sometimes when you drop by, we are either already busy with somebody else or with an urgent project. We are not always in our office when you come by, so call ahead to make sure. If speaking in English is very challenging for you, we have set up some special hours for Korean speakers. Sera Gil will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM and Wednesdays 2:00-5:00 PM. She will be able to interpret between Korean and English.

Finally, please allow me to make a small request. If you have some money from your country (small bill), please consider donating it to ISP. I'd like to make a framed collection of money from various countries for the ISP office. So far, I have the following: a 1 Yuan bill from China, a 1000 Franc bill from Rwanda, and a 1000 Won bill from Korea.

Good luck this semester with your studies. We hope to see you around campus, at ISA events or in our ISP office.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1st – Duy Huynh
3rd – Ji Yeol Li
13th – Ji Young Kim
15th – Daniel Kioko
27th – Felix Haufe



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1st – Yeon Hee Ju (Lydia) 20th – Oswell Menezes
14th – Eui Hee Chung 25th – Jane Munyao
16th – Eun A Cho 27th – Clarice Muwele

If we have forgotten your birthday and it is in February or March, please let us know! We want to include you!



MEET LISA

by Lisa Ingram

Hello! My name is Lisa Ingram, and I am taking the place of Darla as immigration official in ISP, academic coordinator for IIS, and teacher. I've had a chance to meet many of the international students here at *Hope*, and I feel so welcomed in being part of *Hope's* campus community – thank you!

I am very excited to be at *Hope* and working with international students. I have been blessed by God in so many ways, and one of those is having been able to travel to several countries during and after my college education – I love learning about and experiencing different cultures! My first trip overseas was to Japan, the highlight of which was singing “My Heart Will Go On” by Celine Dione at one of the very popular karaoke bars with my friend Misa. From there I went to Jamaica, where I got to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning at sunrise in the small mountain town of Harmons. After that I had the pleasure of meeting and teaching many beautiful gypsy children in Timisoara, Romania.

For the last two years I have been teaching English at a university in China and increasing my spice tolerance with tasty Sichuan food. My friends and I once counted 50 whole hot peppers in one small dish of chicken pieces! Some people have asked if I miss being in China, and I must say I do – I miss my students, my colleagues, and all those Chinese banquets. But I am happy to be here at *Hope*, because I love meeting international students, learning about all the different cultures, and, this week, trying to say “Happy New Year” in Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean.

If I haven't met you yet, I really want to! Please feel free to stop by my office any time (where Darla's office used to be). I am eager to learn more about the world and what your culture has to offer to our campus community!



SH~ YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT SECRET!

by Sera Gil

It was the MONITO game that ruled~!! I mean, think about Duy coming to the ISP office during lunch time to drop off the gift for Lisa! He kept it secret. How about Jin? Jin gave his MONITO, Thao, a gift bag a little late but he enclosed a perfume. How nice is that~! Aaron was so excited that he got the gift as well as the CD with Korean ballads. It was Fall (Ga Eul) who did a such nice thing for Aaron.

Well, I guess it was a pretty good game. Yeah?

I enjoyed watching people giving the gift bag secretly and encouraging them. This game is from my elementary school years. I used to play this game with my friends back in Korea. Fortunately, I had to cancel the movie night and organize a new event.

The Valentine's day was coming and I was thinking.... and all of a sudden this idea of MONITO game came to my mind! I was very excited and happy when I was sharing this idea with Aaron. I planned it and gave out the gift bags to everybody with the names of their MANITOS. It was good that people enjoyed giving and receiving the chocolate with encouraging note. However, it was not all joyful to see some people not getting anything from their MANITOS. I am very sad that those people didn't give out the gifts to their MANITOS but it is okay. You'll get another chance.

And for those people who wanted to play, but I by accidentally didn't include you on my list, I'm terribly sorry. You'll get another chance as well.

I hope you all have great days. And I'll see you at the coming “Ping Pong Tournament!”



THE SPRING 2005 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION RETREAT

by Aaron Mulkey

On Friday, January the 28th through Sunday the 30th, the International Student Association drove up to Big Bear for a relaxing weekend retreat. We left on Friday afternoon and arrived just in time for the snow to begin falling. We had rented a nice 3 bedroom cabin with a fireplace, two bathrooms, large living room, back porch and large den. It was a perfect size for the 6 of us. On Friday evening, we unpacked and ate a wonderful Korean curry dinner made by our Korean ISA members. It was a great hot meal to help us relax after a long drive.

The next morning, I cooked a hearty breakfast of pancakes and scrambled eggs, which everyone enjoyed and helped give us the energy we needed for the day. When everyone had finished breakfast we all sat down and began talking about leadership and how we see ourselves growing as student leaders in the ISA. We then broke for lunch and enjoyed a tasty Kenyan meat curry over rice prepared by Christine Ngewa. After lunch we all decided that we needed to get outside to enjoy the soft snow before it all melted. So we all hopped in the van and drove to a nearby slope where we each took turns sliding down in plastic sleds. It was a great deal of fun and we all enjoyed it! We had to be careful when coming down the slope so as not to hit the fence next to the slope! When everyone was tired, we took pictures, made snow angels and threw snowballs at each other until we got tired and then drove home to the cabin.

That evening, Thao, from Vietnam prepared a tasty Vietnamese soup complete with meat, vegetables and noodles. It was so delicious! We finished the evening by planning the events for the semester. The next morning, Darla prepared a Turkish breakfast consisting of hard boiled eggs, bread, tomatoes and cucumbers. We then packed up our things, cleaned up the cabin and drove back down the mountain to Fullerton. It was a wonderful retreat of good food, fellowship and planning. It was a good start for the new year!

HERE IS A LIST OF THE EVENTS COMING UP FOR THIS SPRING 2005 SEMESTER:

MARCH

Thursday, 3rd - Beach Worship Night

Organized by ASB

Friday, 4th - Birthday Party

Organized by Sera Gil

Saturday, 5th - Disneyland

Organized by Aaron Mulkey

Sunday, 13th Glory of Easter

Organized by Betty Hartley

Tues. - Fri. 15th-18th - Ping Pong Tournament

Organized by Sera Gil, Student programmer

Thursday, 17th - Lambda Live (Coffee House)

Organized by ASB

Saturday, 19th - Sports Day

Organized by the ISA

Saturday, 26th - Easter Egg Party

Organized by Betty Hartley

APRIL

Thursday, 7th - Possible Movie Night

Organized by ASB

Friday, 8th - Birthday Party

Organized by Sera

Saturday, 16th - Beach Day

Organized by Sera

Friday, 22nd - Spring Banquet

Organized by ASB

!! Thursday, 28th - International Chapel + Day

Organized by the ISA !!

MAY

Friday, 6th - International Party + Birthday Party

Organized by ISA and Sera

Friday, 13th - International Party

Organized by Betty Hartley

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact me. I will be sending out information of the details (time, place, cost, etc.) when the event is approaching. Please come to these events as they are a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and fellowship!

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