Hello! All of us in IP welcome our new and returning international students! The purpose of this newsletter is to share information with you about the campus and community, immigration regulations, and keep you up to date on happenings around town. If you have any questions about what you read in the newsletter, or want to chat, please feel free to stop by International Programs.

-Sally-

**WELCOME!**

This year we welcome the following new international students:

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We’re glad to have all of you here!

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

The International Club provides a forum which promotes a better understanding of cultures throughout the world and provides a welcoming environment for International students at the University of Puget Sound. International Club organizes and hosts social and educational activities which bring together International and American students. We are always eager to have international students get involved in organizing our events.

We meet **Mondays from 5-6 pm** in the Student Diversity Center (3219 N. 13th).

If you’re interested, contact Caitlin at cbloomquist@ups.edu or Alina at avaynberg@ups.edu

Congratulations to our international students Hana Ilic and Sachiko Shinohara, who are serving as club officers this year!

You can find more information and pictures of the International Club at:
http://asups.ups.edu/clubs/inticlub/default.aspx

**INS INFO CORNER**

**Planning on working?**

If you would like to work this year, please remember the following:

- Students who maintain lawful J-1 or F-1 visa status are allowed to work **on-campus** for **no more than 20 hours per week** while school is in session.
- International students are not allowed to work off-campus without prior written approval from International Programs **and** the US Customs and Immigration Service.
- **Employment** is any type of work performed or services provided in the exchange for money, tuition, fees, books, room, food or any other benefit.
- In a regulation effective October 2004, International student may not apply for a Social Security number without a letter from your employer verifying you have a job. You cannot receive pay for your on-campus work until you have a social security number. Make sure your social security number is on file with the University. If it isn’t, contact the Office of the Registrar, basement of Jones Hall.

If you are planning on working this semester, please contact Sally at x2871 or at ssprenger@ups.edu to let her know.

**Traveling to Canada?**

It is no longer necessary to have a visa to visit Canada, however you must make sure that you always carry your entry documents (passport, visa and I-20 and I-94) with you at all times. You may be required to show them at customs.

**Student and Exchange Visitor Program**

The SEVIS system is working smoothly now, for the most part. Carry your SEVIS I-20 with you and be sure to stop by the office to get a new travel signature every 6 months.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
International Programs sends out birthday wishes to the following students who celebrate their birthdays in August through November:

- Miguel Guzman  Aug 22
- Hiroko Yaguchi  Sept 12
- Linh Hoang  Nov 13
- Meiko Shioya  Nov 22

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS STAFF
Here’s an introduction to the staff at International Programs this year, and for those of you who are returning, an update on what we’ve been up to this summer!

Jannie Meisberger, Director
Originally from England, Jannie has worked in Germany and Cyprus, and for NATO in Paris and Belgium. She came to the US over 30 years ago, and received both her BA and MA (MEd Counseling) from UPS. As director of International Programs, Jannie has overall responsibility for all Puget Sound study abroad programs and services to international students and scholars. She has been married to her husband, Ted, for 36 years, and enjoys spending time with three grown children, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Jan Moore, Program Assistant
Jan joined the staff in June 2004 as the international program assistant. Working in the field of international education for over 25 years, Jan brings to the office a background in study abroad advising, international program development and extensive international travel experience. Jan and her husband Bob have four grown children and two grandchildren. Family gatherings, watching high school football and baseball games and having a U-cut Christmas tree farm as a side business all help Jan find balance and joy to her life.

Sally Sprenger, International Student Coordinator
Sally is "returning to her roots" at UPS, where both her parents had worked devotedly. She has bicycled through Mexico and Europe and climbed in the Pyrenees, Andes and North American Mountains. Two daughters and two grandsons living in France and San Francisco provide additional incentive for travel and the chance to explore markets, mountains and exotic food. The experience of living and teaching in Mexico fueled Sally’s desire to work with International Students facilitating their cultural transition. Sally coordinates student and faculty exchanges, advises the International Club and is the International Programs liaison to the campus community.

Kelly Seidel, Student Assistant
Kelly is a freshman this year. She comes from Newbury, New Hampshire, a small town in the Lakes Region. She enjoys skiing, hiking and dancing. This year, Kelly is a member of the women’s novice crew team, as well as the Reperatory Dance Group (RDG). Kelly is enjoying being here and feels that UPS is becoming her home away from home.

Nancy Martin, Student Assistant
Nancy is a freshman from Ashland, Oregon. Having just returned from a year in Denmark, she is thrilled to be involved in all the academic courses and programs at UPS, including orchestra, quartets, choir, and Swing dance. If you speak Danish, kommer og hilse pa mig! And if you speak English, stop in and say hi!

Linh Hoang, International Student Assistant
Linh is a new international transfer student from Vietnam. Being an Economics major, she is also very interested in Sciences, especially Astronomy. She is also a staff writer for the Trail (UPS student-run newspaper), so if you have a story and would like to see it on the news, come and talk to her.

Remember, we are here from 8:30-12 and 1-4:30 Mon through Fri and encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns you may have, or just to say hi!

ADDRESS LISTS
International Programs will be sending out a list of current international students, including name, email address and country of origin. If you do NOT want your name and address to appear on the list, please contact Sally at ssprenger@ups.edu.

MAILS
Mail from International Programs will be sent to you at your campus mailbox, so please do check your mailbox regularly. It also goes without saying that you should check your UPS email account frequently, since important announcements from the university will be sent to your UPS email address.
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Tattler
Not sure how to find out about what’s going on at UPS? You can subscribe electronically to The Tattler, Puget Sound’s daily bulletin of events and opportunities. Email your subscription request to tattler@ups.edu.

ASUPS
Check out the ASUPS web site for information on clubs, organizations, activities, and movies at: http://asups.ups.edu.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB
Upcoming Events:
Halloween Party Oct 31 at 8:00 at the Language and Culture House (1206 N. Lawrence)
French Night (Date to be decided)
(If you’re interested, swing by club meetings to get updates on events)

FLAC HOUSE
The Foreign Language and Culture (FLAC) House is hosting an International Dinner on Sat, Nov 19 at 7:00 pm. International students will be preparing their home country traditional dishes and everyone is welcomed to join. If you have questions, contact Linh at lhoang@ups.edu

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROFILES

Starting from this issue, International Programs Newsletter will be featuring international students on our campus. They will be sharing their cultural and academic experiences, as well as their unique perspective, dreams and hopes. Get to know them with us!

This issue we will meet Yu Ya Wang, a MEd. pregraduate student from Taiwan. After obtaining her BA in Journalism from Taiwan, in 2003, she decided to go abroad pursuing a Master degree in Education. Yu Ya came to Puget Sound in spring 2005, having completed English courses at Bellevue Community College.

Yu Ya’s name has a special meaning. Wang means ‘King,” Yu means ‘jade,’ and Ya means ‘Asia,’ putting them together we have “The brightest jade from Asia.”

Tell me a little bit about yourself?
I am the youngest child in my family, so my parents are very protective of me. When I first came here, they made sure that I stayed with my aunt’s family and had someone who would support and help me adjusting to the new country.
I enjoy listening to music, hanging out with friends and watching movies. My favorite food definitely has to be Chinese – especially Kung Pao Chicken. It’s spicy; I love spicy food, but I’m not crazy for sweets and chocolate (!!!)
I like most kind of soft music. But when I’m sad, I listen to Chinese music because it makes more sense to me; it’s soothing and relieving.
Recently I’ve been reading this book, No Excuses by Stephan Thernstrom. It talks about being active and do what you have to do. Don’t make any excuses. Don’t blame others for bad things that happened to you. Don’t complain.

Would you say that’s also your life principle?
Yes. And this also: “The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.” It has encouraged me to do a lot of things I never thought I would. It pushes me forward.

How did you end up here in Puget Sound?
My aunt helped me narrow down my list of school. And out of the few schools I applied to, I chose Puget Sound. Sally Sprenger, the International Coordinator, also helped making this decision. She was always concerned about me and helped me a great deal during application process. I felt like at Puget Sound I would be recognized for who I was.

Tell me about your future plan?
After getting a master degree from UPS, I plan to study abroad in Japan. I want to be fluent in three languages, Chinese, English, and Japanese.

Would you say that you feel like a part of the college community? Do you often identify yourself as a foreign born in America, or just simply a student at UPS?
I feel that I am a part of Loggers. But it is sometimes hard to identify with the American students here; I think ethnicity plays a big part in this. I feel like UPS community is a big circle, and I have one foot inside, yet one foot still remains outside the circle. But I’m making more friends this semester than the last; probably the reason is I’ve moved here from Bellevue. I spend more time on campus and with my UPS friends. I join the Chinese conversation every Tuesday and am part of Cross Current.

Can you describe yourself in three words?

Is there anything else you wish to share?
Come to Taiwan when you have a chance. We have Taipei 101, the world’s tallest building!
Thank you!