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International Programs Newsletter

From the Editor

Hello all!

The Holiday season is coming up! One of my favorite things about American tradition is Thanksgiving. The food is delicious...the turkey, the cranberry sauce, and the stuffing, sweet, sweet stuffing. But even better... the post thanksgiving sale! So if I can give a little holiday advice, cash in that plane ticket your par-

ents bought you and go nuts on Black Friday. Just kidding, but if you want to get good deals go to the malls this Black Friday, and spread some holiday cheer. But don't forget that Thanksgiving it's all about being thankful for all we have. What better way to express your thanks this holiday season than being involved in volunteering

and donating activities? The Community Involvement and Action Center will be having a **Canned Food Drive** from November 9th-20th, and it will be collecting boxes in the sub, in the cellar, and outside the bookstore.

Happy Thanksgiving!



- Carol

Immigration Updates and Advisor updates

Important Immigration Reminder –Preparing for Holiday travel? If you are planning to travel out of the country for one of the holidays, please make sure that you have a **VALID TRAVEL SIGNATURE** from Sally on the last page of your I-20. A valid signature means that the signature must be current in the last year. Please note that if you don't have a current travel signature while traveling abroad, you might not be able to get back into the country when you return. I am scheduled to leave campus on the 16th of December when I travel to France to help my daughter restore her 300 year old farmhouse outside of Rennes. Please make sure you get travel signatures before December 16th.

International Student Insurance: I have provided a link on the webpage and in the newsletter for your [international student health insurance](#) . Here you can print new cards if you lost yours, check your policy and coverage details download and print claim forms. If you need answers to routine health questions and middle of the night questions, check the **MyNurse 24/7** line on the Lower website.



Campus Updates from Sally

On Campus employment

More international students have applied for work this year than in the past. Unfortunately, the same is true for Puget Sound students in general. For that reason, there are many fewer jobs available and more students competing for those jobs.

Career and Employment services reported they expect to have more students looking for work this summer. For those of you considering remaining on campus through summer to attend classes, please be aware that campus employment may be scarce.

Midterms are behind you:

Now you are heading into the final push for papers and completion of big projects as you approach the end of the semester. I encourage everyone to try to find balance between studying and getting sufficient rest to make it through the rest of the term healthy and reasonably happy.

While you were studying for midterms and taking fall break, I was traveling for the Office of Admission in Asia and Canada.

I am pleased to be back in the office and to report that school visits in Tokyo, Hong Kong and

British Columbia were successful. They provided an opportunity to meet some outstanding prospects who will apply to Puget Sound in the next few months.

I look forward to seeing all students and mentors at the November Pie Party at my house on the 18th. Last year, it was my favorite gathering.

Sally



Club Meetings

B-GLAD

Tuesday at 6pm at Student Diversity Center

Investment Club

Every Thursday at 5:30pm in McIntyre 107

Students For Choice

Monday at 7pm at Student Diversity Center

Diversity Theme Year

Wednesday at 3pm at Student Diversity Center

VAVA (Vagina Anti-Violence Alliance)

Tuesday at 5pm at Student Diversity Center

International Club

Wednesday, 5pm at Student Diversity Center

Black Student Union

Wednesday, 8:30pm at Student Diversity Center

Jewish Students Organization

Thursday at 5:30 pm at Student Diversity

Community Service

Sock Drive

The CIAC is currently holding a drive until November 23rd to collect socks to distribute to Tacoma's shelters.

Canned Food Drive

CIAC's Food Salvage Program is holding a canned food drive from now until November 20th. Help feed the homeless by donating canned food for general need.

Hunger Week

During the week before Thanksgiving, Puget Sound will be hosting several events to bring greater awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness, such as **Food for Fines, Points Donation**, and **Hunger Banquet**.

For more information, visit the CIAC office on N. 13th St. or email at ciac@pugetsound.edu.

Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Logger Lunch	4 Self Defense Class	5 Alumni Sharing Knowledge Night	6 Registra- tion for Spring	7 Swimming vs. Willamette
8 Puget Sound Youth Wind Ensemble	9	10 School of Education Info Night	11 Jazz Band with guest artist	12 Science & Math Seminar	13 RDG	14 RDG
15 Stuff Swap!	16	17 The Noon Recital Series	18 Honors Program Film Series	19 John D. Regester Lectureship	20 M. Basket- ball vs. UC Santa Cruz	21 Student Chamber Concert
22 Pie Party	23	24 The Noon Recital Series	25 Travel Day	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Seattle Winterfest	28
29	30					

ISM Programs' Corner

"After finishing a piece of great pie, you always wish there was just a little bit more... one more mouthful to savor or linger over." – Anne Dimock

The ISM Program invites you to a **PIE PARTY!** This event will be a thanksgiving themed get-together with all the mentor/mentee pairs bringing some sort of pie to share. Pies can be made or bought. Come for a study break and have some great food!

All international students are invited to come join the feast!

When: Sunday, November 22, 2009, from 4:00 to 6:00pm

Where: Sally's house 3718 North 8th Street



Schedule of Events

Tuesday, Nov. 10
**School of Educa-
tion Info Night**
Howarth Hall
Room 212
7:00pm

*Is a career in teach-
ing or counseling*
for you? Informa-
tion night open to
campus and com-
munity.

Nov. 13-14
**RDG presents "Hit
the Lights, Steal
the Night"**
Wilson HS
7:00pm

Tickets available at
Wheelock Informa-
tion Center. They
are **\$5 with stu-
dent ID**, \$7 for
general admission.

Sunday, Nov. 15
STUFF SWAP!

Rotunda
10:00am- 3:00pm
A place to get what
you want by swap-
ping for it. **FREE**

Nov. 27 - Dec. 31
Seattle Wintefest
Seattle Center

Seattle Winterfest
celebrates the holi-
day season tradi-
tions by offering
classic holidays
foods, activities and
concerts throughout
a **5-week** period.