Hello, Adeline is back again to introduce you to several interesting articles on the international student activities and students’ lives at Wichita State University.

WSU has a rich diverse population diversity from around the world. 1,341 out of 14,806 WSU students are international.

What do you think about the French language and culture? In an effort to reinforce this culture, a Francophone Association is being proposed. Read Mr. Douglas Miller’s plan on page 3. Rest assured, we will help you to “make sense” of the materials in The No-English Zone. The directions are provided beneath the article.

Group gatherings are essential to help build and maintain the unity of people. AMSOW (Associated Malaysian Students of Wichita) will share how they strengthen their unity through a social gathering.

Everyone wants to go global now. Through interaction, we can learn more about others’ cultures. In this issue, we will be reading an article written by a local student from the Elliot School of Communication featuring the journalistic life of an Iranian student.

How to expand your social life? Let’s listen to what a Kenyan student has to say about it on page 5 & 6. Then, Let’s recap what the ISU has organized in the past few months.

Lastly, don’t forget that the 8th annual Tallgrass Film Festival will take place in downtown Wichita from Oct. 22-24, except the closing night gala will happen right here at WSU. The festival showcases more than 124 independent films from more than 11 countries around the world, and hosting filmmakers from all over the United States.

All the World’s On Stage at WSU, a cultural fundraiser to help support the East Wichita Rotary Club’s PolioPlus Challenge, will be held on Nov. 19, closing out the National International Education Week.

Take your time to read with an open mind and heart. ISU has the best wishes for you to learn more about the value of global diversity from the words of your peers.
Who is Who in ISU

Name: Suranjith Perera
Position: Director of Publicity
Country: Sri Lanka
Languages: Sinhala & English
Major: Aerospace Engineering
Minor: Mathematics

Why did you join ISU:
I joined the ISU for two main reasons: First, I wanted get involved in campus activities. Being one of the most active student organizations at WSU, the ISU caught my attention as soon as I arrived here at WSU. I realized that joining the ISU would give me a great opportunity to engage in campus activities while making friends, and most of all, having a fun college experience. Second, I wanted to help our fellow international students. As a newcomer to the USA, I received a lot of help from ISU, and I thought that I should be of help to others as well. I started out by volunteering at some of the ISU’s events such as the international student welcome table at the airport and Interfest. In May 2010, I was proud to be elected as the Director of Publicity of the ISU.

Personal goals for Fall 2010:
Other than hoping to do my best in academics, I hope to get involved with campus organizations that are linked to my major. I also hope to do well in my role as the Director of Publicity of the ISU, while helping the ISU to serve the WSU community.

About my country:
Sri Lanka, previously known as Ceylon, is an island located in the Indian Ocean, just 20 miles off the Southern coast of India. It is a very small island, slightly bigger than the state of West Virginia. It is home to 20 million people. Sri Lanka is also a multicultural and multi-religious country with a majority of people placing their faith in Buddhism. Many languages are spoken in Sri Lanka. The two main languages are Sinhala and Tamil.

Final thoughts:
It doesn’t matter if you’re an international student or not, as long as you are a Wichita State Shocker, you have the opportunity to make your university experience a memorable one. So, while excelling in academics, you can also try to volunteer and be more actively involved with the campus organizations. This is your campus life. Only you can make it happen!

Fall '10 International Student Enrollment

In Fall 2010, the International Student Enrollment at Wichita State University shows a tendency toward stabilization compared to Spring 2010. Currently, the international student enrollment stands at 1,341 students from 109 countries, including 721 undergraduate and 620 graduate students. The proportion of the international students now stands at 9.1% of the total number of students at WSU (1,341 out of 14,806 WSU students total).

A comparative analysis of WSU international undergraduate and graduate students indicates that 54% of international students are enrolled in a bachelor’s program, and 46% are pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree. According to Vince Altum, Associate Director of Marketing, Recruitment, and Admissions, the most popular majors for WSU international students are Engineering and Business.

Students from Asia are the largest group of international students enrolled in Fall 2010. Within this international group, 38% of the undergraduate students and 42% of the graduate students come from Asia alone. The top three Asian countries in enrollment strength are India, China, and Malaysia. India alone accounts for 61% of all graduate international students at WSU, while China and Malaysia each have 20% and 15% of the total undergraduate WSU international students. Moreover, several other Asian countries have a significant international student enrollment: Nepal (5.5%), Sri Lanka (4%), and Saudi Arabia (6%). Australia has the lowest number of students at WSU at 0.7%.

The rebounding of international student enrollments at WSU in Fall 2010, results from factors such as desire for an advanced degree, low tuition, and WSU efforts in international recruitment. For instance, WSU tuition rates are lower than most other universities in the local region. Sai Fung Luk (Andy), former International Education student assistant, is actually running an office in Beijing, China, for recruiting international students for WSU. Hopefully, WSU will become a desirable destination for more international students.

by Hongmei Qi (Libby)
ISU Director of Academics
Association Francophone proposée pour le « Center for Student Leadership » à Wichita State University

Dans un effort d’offrir un moyen d’attachement et de renforcement de la langue française et de la culture globale française; une association francophone s’est proposée au sein du CSL de WSU. Parce que le recul de la langue natale est souvent un défi à surmonter dans une nouvelle société pour qui que ce soit ; une association qui sers à réduire telles tensions et à développer au campus un lien fraternel de gens francophones de partout dans le monde sera un atout fondamental.

Cette association s’est présentée comme représentant de tout continent où la langue française est officiellement utilisée comme première ou deuxième langue. L’association s’est proposée comme un réseau de communication par tous les moyens, pour les gens polyglottes ou les autres qui voudraient tout simplement approfondir leur connaissance d’une langue globale. La langue française est seulement une autre partie importante pour qu’on puisse travailler dans une communauté globale.

Parce que le français est une matière académique au campus de WSU et qu’il y a des francophones dans l’agglomération de Wichita ; l’emploi de la langue n’est pas limité à la famille du campus. L’association aimerait élargir ses contacts avec les entreprises internationales localisés sur Wichita qui servent de langue française et avec les professionnels francophones qui passent par Wichita en venant de chaque coin du monde.

Les merveilles globales et les activités de la culture française en provenant des continents divers sont envisagées pour permettre la participation par tous individus. Un tel modèle serait possible selon le format de la littérature, musique, éditions, et danse. Ce point sera possible au travers des œuvres littéraires par les écrivains, les goûts culinaires partagés, et les orateurs invités passants dans la région.

Tels sujets de discussion pour nos premiers efforts seraient à déterminer l’intérêt, la fréquence des activités, et une constitution qui sera en accord avec les demandes du CSL. Toute personne intéressée est encouragée à téléphoner ou à écrire à M. Douglas MILLER au 316.978.6046 ou au douglas.miller@wichita.edu

To get an English translation for the article, please go to http://webs.wichita.edu/depttools/depttoolsmemberfiles/isu/Newsletter/Translated Articles/NoEngZone.pdf

ISU Upcoming Fall Activities

Around the World at Noon
- November 16 (TUE)
- 11am – 1.30pm
- RSC (Shocker Square)

International Faculty Staff Appreciation Reception (by invitation)
- November 17 (WED)
- 3pm – 5pm
- RSC rm#203

All the World’s on Stage at WSU:
A Multicultural Evening
- November 19 (FRI)
- 7pm – 9pm
- CAC Theatre

AMSOW’s Hari Raya Celebration

On September 12, AMSOW (Associated Malaysian Student of Wichita) had a Hari Raya (Ramadan) celebration party. The barbeque/potluck event served a variety of famous Malaysian cuisines: Satay (marinated, skewered and grilled meats), Nasi Lemak (rice cooked in coconut milk), Sambal udang (Spicy shrimps) and Sambal ikan bilis (Spicy anchovies), Rendang ayam (spiced chicken), Kari (curry), etc.

86 guests attended the party at the Santa Fe Lake. Aside from Malaysians, we had guests from China, Myanmar, Indonesia, and the local area. Kenneth Yee, President of AMSOW, said there were 14 new students enrolling at WSU this Fall. Most of them were transfer students from INTI College (Regions: Subang, Nilai, and Penang. Among the new students, two of them were graduate students from USM (University of Science in Malaysia).

Everyone enjoyed the meal prepared by Sha, Adi, Roshan, and several others. After the buffet, the committee announced the winners of the lucky draw. Followed it was the self-introduction made by all the new students. As a tradition, they formed a line in front of the crowd to sing the Malaysian National Anthem, Negaraku. They sang in a spirit of patriotism.

After that, President Yee introduced all the committee members and invited all the guests to take a group picture. The group photo signifies the unity of the Malaysian students at WSU; it also brings the event to an end.

The event painted a picture of “Malaysia Truly Asia.”

by Afiqah Ayauf
AMSOW Secretary
Interviewing An Iranian Student

By Brian Ast

Last year, protests erupted on the street of Tehran, Iran. It was after the presidential election of 2009. Mahlagha (Meli) Lamei, Wichita State graduate student, as well as most other journalists documented the chaos.

Describing the censorship in Iranian media, she stated “I and my friends took 42 pictures of people dead in the street while the official reports mentioned only seven deaths that day.” In Iran, journalists like Meli struggle against governmental misinformation, censorship, and violence.

All Iranian media should be approved by the state agents and in most cases instead of the experts’ supervision on press and broadcasting, the religious agents and police take control of everything. Stories violating the extremist religious government’s ideology are rejected, or worse, the author is repri-mandated or arrested. In her 11-year career as a journalist, Meli often wrote articles about the taboo subjects of sex and women. On three occasions she was forced to sign documents stating that she would no longer write controversial articles. If journalists are repri-mandated more than three times, they lose their jobs.

Mirroring the feelings of her colleagues in Iran, Meli said: “In spite of all troubles and fears, all of us, journalists love our job.”

Upset by the oppression of Tehran, Meli moved to Wichita this year. She lives with her sister. Together they are one of all those educated and successful Iranian families in the area. While she completes her graduate studies in journalism, Meli also spends 50 hours per semester to serve the community as WSU’s Iranian Cultural Ambassador. She seeks to represent Iran and Iranian rich culture in its real and authentic form.

Meli wants Americans to know the extremist regime of Iran is not supported by the Iranians. In June 2009, 82 percent of Iranians did not support Ahmadinejad. They indeed supported freedom and reformists instead. The Iranian people do not want nuclear weapons if it ends in war. The rich cultural history of Iran has been upset by the extremist theocracy in power. Equality between the sexes, freedom, and other traditional Iranian values are smothered under such extremist theology.

“What a writer wishes is being able to THINK and to WRITE freely,” Meli said. Through the Internet, Meli still speaks to Iranians. The articles she writes in Wichita are e-mailed to Iran where her colleagues publish them anonymously.

Expand Your Social Network

By Allarakha Mohamed Shafik

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine,” said Anthony J.D’Angelo, founder of The Collegiate EmPowerment Company and creator of The Inspiration Book Series.

A university is a place full of knowledge. Freshmen come in with their knowledge and seniors leave, leaving behind their knowledge. All kinds of knowledge get accumulated in the university. One way to gain benefit from this knowledge bank is by utilizing it, and continue to learn even more knowledge.

One way of doing this is to expand the branches of social networking within the university. Making friends is not always easy; it depends on how outgoing a person is. If a person is shy, the first thing he or she needs to do is build self-confidence. This can be done by making yourself aware of the fact that everyone around you has a common interest, and by sharing that interest you are alike in all aspects.

The first step in making friends is to be your true self. You do not need to change yourself or remodel yourself for the likes of others. One should accept you as the person you really are. If someone insults you or does not like you, ignore them.

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you for what you are, just ignore that person. Always look for a positive side of matters, even if the whole world seems to be negative. Therefore, the key to friendship is optimism. Coupled with optimism, a smile on the face always brings the sunshine in one’s life. Thus, never forget to smile. Although, remember that smiling too much or without a reason can creep people out.

Next, when seated in class or in any gatherings, start a conversation by saying hello to the person next to you. A simple hello can go a long way. It encourages the people around you to share their ideas with you, since they get the feeling that you are an open minded and caring person.

Once a conversation has started, try and be a good listener. People love to share their thoughts when they know the person listening to those thoughts is actually interested in listening to them. Make them aware of your interest by saying simple words as, “yes”, “ok”, “that’s awesome” and so on, or by simple gestures such as nodding your head. Fidgeting with things when someone is talking to you is a sign of lack of interest, and that may be a hindrance to a nice conversation. Always remember, never talk about the weather, since strangers talk about it, as put forward by Tom Waits, an American singer-songwriter, composer and actor.

Be nice to everyone. Respect everyone no matter what they say or think about you. Remember the only way you can get respect is by giving respect to others. People are generally attracted to those who value themselves. You have to value yourself but not look for other people’s assessment of your self-worth. Give a compliment or two to people who are nice to you and to those who show respect to you. If you are shy, take a deep breath and take the risk of giving a compliment, you never know what will happen.

Once you have got the conversation going, then do not try too hard. You do not want to make people feel like they are getting interrogated. A light conversation is always good, without many questions and inquiries, and throw in a joke to end the conversation with laughter. Likewise, do not crack a joke every five seconds in your conversation, people might just think you are annoying and would not want to hang around you. When talking with others refrain from using curse words. Some people may be fine with using them, but others will be bothered by them. For this reason, it is always best not to use them at all, since people who do not like it instantly notice it, but those who accept it do not notice it.

Always dress neatly. Disgusting and dirty clothings put people off. This does not mean you have to put on new and branded clothes anytime you go to class or to social gatherings. It just means being cautious about self-hygiene and smelling good.

Furthermore, the key step in maintaining your friendship is staying in contact. Do not be afraid to ask new acquaintances if they are on Facebook or Twitter, get their e-mail addresses, or phone numbers. On the contrary, never ever make the person feel like you are stalking him or her. It is a federal offence, and it is creepy. Call them during times that are not odd, and hang around with them.

To summarize, remember it is not a must that you have a whole gang of friends, one good friend who cares for you is enough. Thus, please do not go for a friend hunt, rather go for friendships that last a lifetime.

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RECAP: ISU Activities

The International Student Union has had a busy Fall 2010. Here is a synopsis of what has happened with ISU activities since the new 2010-2011 Executive Committee under the presidency of Timur Madaminov started working:

**ISU Executive Committee Orientation:**

The ISU activities for Fall started with a special orientation for the Executive Committee members held on August 20, 2010 organized by the outgoing president Adeline Tan, and incoming President Timur Madaminov. All Committee members were present along with the advisors. The highlights of the orientation were the special speakers: Dr. Wade Robinson, Vice President, Campus Life & University Relations, and Dr. Gina Lee-Olukoya, Director, Center for Student Leadership. The new SGA President, Temmuz Coskun, along with his Treasurer, David Shaub also made a surprise visit. The orientation formally transferred the ISU executive powers to the new committee.

**Event Management Workshop:**

Encouraged by the need for helping and informing students about various university policies, procedures, and resources, ISU conducted an Event Management Workshop planned and executed by Timur, Stephanie, and James on Friday, September 10. The discussions were led by ISU advisors Shan Jabara and Alan D’souza. The workshop provided students with several tools of planning and executing an international student event.

**Airport Volunteer Bowling Party:**

On October 2nd, ISU and International Education appreciated the contribution of volunteers who helped manage the Airport Welcome Table at the beginning of Fall 2010. The volunteers were provided free bowling, pool, appetizers, pop-corn and pop. About ten volunteers and several CAP and ISU members attended the party. The volunteers were given certificates of appreciation. All of them have signed up for the Spring Airport Welcome Desk. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ISU president Timur Madaminov at tmadaminov@yahoo.com.

**InterFest:**

This year the Fall InterFest was held on the first day of the ShocktoberFest celebration on October 4th at the Geology patio between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. The day started with several glitches and hiccups, but all chaos made way to 13 international groups ready to serve eagerly waiting WSU community members right at 11.30 a.m. The food was diverse...
including finger foods and snacks from South Asia and Korea, and home-made recipes of pan fried pizza from Taiwan. The star attraction was the kebabs from the Iranian Student Association, who were the second highest in food sales. But they could not challenge the record sales by the Bangladeshi students who have made the most sales for the fourth consecutive time. This event won the cultural campus event of the year award last year, and continues to grow strong every year. Some WSU members have suggested that we extend the timings of the event so that many more can visit this event.

**Arabic Script Class:**
The Arabic Script Class taught by Andrew Goering is going strong with about seven regular attendees. They have progressed from the alphabet and small words to phrases now, short sentences, and reading sections of the Holy Koran. The class meets on Fridays, 5-7 pm, and Saturdays, 3-5 pm in 210 Wallace Hall.

**OrgSync Training:**
Encouraged by Dr. Gina Lee-Olukoya, Director of the Center for Student Leadership, the ISU webmaster, Abdulaziz led an OrgSync training for interested international student organization members on Friday, October 8th. Twelve members attended this training and figured out how to use Orgsync, the WSU’s new online social and organizational network.

**ISU Meetings:**
During these times, ISU has held regular meetings twice a month and made several changes. Changes include elections of new Academics Director, HongMei, and Development Director, Sonam Lalwani. Please visit the ISU website for an updated list of ISU meetings dates, times and venues.

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Don’t Forget...

Friday, Oct 22, 9am - Sunday Oct 24, 6:30pm
(Midnight showings Friday & Saturday)

Join us Friday for a day of free films for students and teachers at various downtown venues - transportation provided! A diverse choice of short and feature films and parties continues all weekend! Provide your own transport on 23rd - 24th but FREE TICKET vouchers are available for these days (1-4 per student) at the Garvey International Center. Visit www.tallgrassfilmfest.com for film description and schedule.

All money raised at “All the World’s On Stage at WSU” will be contributed to the Rotary club to help eradicate and prevent further polio rise in four countries where polio still persists. These countries include India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

Tickets will be on sale during the International Education Week, November 15-18, at an ISU table in the RSC Shocker Square.

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