Welcome to the Summer 2013 edition of ISS Insider! The pace and feel of campus life is very different now with so many students on vacation or working elsewhere on internships.

The quieter, more relaxed atmosphere on campus is nice, but summer courses move very quickly. If you’re taking one or more classes, you may feel anything but relaxed!

That is certainly the case for ISS staff this summer. While many faculty take the summer off or are engaged in special projects, our staff, like staff in many other campus offices, are here year-round.

As is the case every summer, we’re working hard to prepare for the next school year and the arrival of new students in early August.

But we also have two major projects underway: we’re changing our central immigration system, and we’re transitioning our undergraduate application system to the Common Application.

These are both extensive projects, but they should result in better service all around. Our new immigration system will mean that students and scholars have to make fewer visits to ISS for various services, and the Common App will streamline and digitize nearly all of the undergraduate application process.

We’re excited about these changes but ask your patience as we “work out the bugs”. We also look forward to your feedback after the new systems are implemented.

While those changes are underway, however, we’re still here and available to serve you in any way we can. If you have a question or need assistance, call or stop by the ISS office. Most importantly, enjoy your summer!

Dr. Joe Potts
Director, International Students and Scholars
Associate Dean, International Programs

Volunteer Callout for W.O.W!

“Weeks of Welcome”, including Mandatory International Student Check-in, for new international students begins Wednesday, August 7, and runs through Saturday, August 17 – welcoming over 2000 new students in ten days!

ISS needs more volunteers than ever before with “BGR-i” taking place on the first days of WOW and also late-arrival processing.

If you’re staying on campus during summer or coming back before August 7th, please consider volunteering to greet the new students. WE CAN’T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

WOW volunteer sign-up is now LIVE. Take a look at all the possibilities! Be sure to check your travel plans first so you can commit to the dates you choose.

https://www.iss.purdue.edu/wow/

Thanks in advance for your commitment to welcome the new students.
The International Center, located here in West Lafayette, strives to assist international residents and to foster cross-cultural knowledge and understanding.

The center offers many classes and conversation activities during the summer months.

Don’t miss out on the Summer Supper Series on Tuesdays!

### International Center Summer Supper Series

Each of the dinners is prepared by volunteer cooks from the featured culture. Weather permitting, these dinners will be held in the IC garden at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are $14.00 ($7.00 for children). Call 743-4353 for more information or visit their website at http://www.intlctr.org/.

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### Going local: Exploring the Community

Are you looking for something to keep you busy this summer? Are you interested in visiting new restaurants, festivals, concerts, and sporting events? If so, checkout 365 Things To Do In Lafayette, Indiana on Facebook, or visit the Lafayette-West Lafayette website. See below for a highlight of events!

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500 Festival Speeds By

The Indianapolis 500 is considered by many to be the greatest spectacle in racing. The race consists of 200 laps, run counterclockwise around the circuit, for a distance of 500 miles.

The race is celebrated with a festival during the month of May that leads up to the race itself. Festival events include a half marathon, concerts, a memorial service, a parade, and much more.

This year, Purdue’s Boiler Out! students volunteered at the parade, handing out water to the many marching bands. On May 26, Dr. Potts joined Purdue students for a trip to see the 500-mile race and experience the speed and energy of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Exploring Shipshewana

On June 22, ISS took international students to Shipshewana, Indiana. Students were given a tour of Redwood RV, a manufacturing facility for recreational vehicles, a core economy in northern Indiana. Students saw how an RV is constructed from the inside out and start to finish.

Next, students strolled through Shipshewana shops and had lunch in this quaint town.

A visit to Shipshewana would not be complete without learning the history of the Amish people. At the Menno-Hof Center, a multi-media presentation enriched students’ understanding of Amish traditions which denounce electricity and modern conveniences. Students learned about the “boundaries” that the Amish people draw to be “separate from” the modern world.

Our last stop was an Amish family home. The family greeted us warmly and served us a delicious home-cooked dinner and fresh baked pie. We honored their tradition of no photographs, but will remember their hospitality in our memories.

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General Appointments:
Call to schedule an appointment*  (Thirty-minute face-to-face appointments with an Immigration Counselor)

*Counselors are not available on Thursday mornings.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) is committed to internationalizing Purdue University by providing service and support to our international community and University departments and offices. ISS seeks to enhance the academic and social experience of students and scholars from abroad through knowledge and expertise in recruitment, admissions, immigration counseling, referral services, and intercultural programming.

This Issue’s Idiom: Play It By Ear

Meaning:
To handle a situation in an impromptu manner. To improvise, or to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops rather than planning how your are going to react. To decide your steps after you are already involved in a situation.

History:
Originally, this idiom referred to the playing of music without reference to printed notation. The use of the word “ear” to denote musical talent dates back to the 16th century.

When you don’t have the sheet music but you know the song, you can play it as closely as you can based on what you have previously heard. You are using your ear to tell you if you’re playing the right notes.

Metaphorically, playing something by ear is what you do when you go into a situation without having a predetermined plan or instructions. You try to avoid hitting “wrong notes” and try to figure out what “sounds right” in the context of the situation you’re in.

Examples:
“I’m not sure how long I’ll stay at the party. I’ll just play it by ear.”

“If we go to class unprepared, we’ll have to play everything by ear.”

“He never prepares his presentations. He always plays things by ear.”

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