

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

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OPT and CPT Workshops

OPT and CPT Workshops are continuing for students who want to learn about their employment benefits as F-1 students. If you are interested in registering for a free workshop, there are still openings. You can register at ips@mtu.edu, at the IPS office 131 Admin Building, or by calling 487-2160.

OPT Workshops: Feb 20, Mar 1, Mar 23, Apr 5
CPT Workshops: Feb 14, Mar 7, Mar 13, Mar 31

MTU Winter Job Fair

Meet with potential employers, make valuable connections, and learn about what career choices are open to you at the Career Center's Winter Job Fair, February 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Development Complex (SDC). For more information visit www.ucc.mtu.edu or call 487-2313.



Valentine's Day

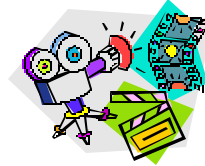


Valentine's Day fell on February 14 and is the traditional day on which lovers in the American culture send each other cards (called Valentine's) and gifts, usually in the form of roses and chocolates. The history of Valentine's Day can be traced back to an obscure Catholic Church Feast Day in honor of St. Valentine. The day's association with romantic love arrived after the Middle Ages. Valentine's Day was probably brought to North America in the 19th century by settlers from Great Britain. Valentine's Day is celebrated in different ways in other countries including Japan, Korea, China, and Brazil.

Study Abroad Fair

You can learn about your educational opportunities as a Study Abroad student at the Study Abroad Fair, Feb 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Alumni Room A at the MUB. There will be lots of information and you will have the opportunity to talk with former Study Abroad students to learn how much fun it can be. Hope to see you there!

International Film Festival



The International Film Festival will feature the African film "Lost Boys of Sudan" in honor of Black History month, on Sunday Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in Fisher 135. The film is free and open to the public. African snacks and beverages will be served.

This award winning documentary follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from one of Africa's cruelest civil wars, to a refugee camp in Kenya, and ultimately to America.

After the film, a panel of faculty and students from Africa will discuss cultural and symbolic representations in the film.

Happy Chinese New Year!

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association proudly announces its annual Spring Festival Dinner and Celebration which will take place Saturday, February 18. Authentic Chinese cuisine cooked entirely by Chinese students will be served at the MUB at 5 p.m. and 6:30 pm. Following the meal at 8 p.m. there will be a grand celebration at the Rozsa center including performances and a raffle for authentic 2008 China Olympics mascots (the only ones available in Houghton)!



Tickets are on sale at the Rozsa.

Please Let the IPS Office Know When You...

- ✓ Drop a class.
- ✓ Change your status.
- ✓ Change your address and/or telephone number.
- ✓ Change your major.
- ✓ Change your degree level.



International Cuisine Class

If you are interested in learning the cooking techniques and cuisine of a new culture, join us for a fun time. The cooking classes have been a great success, and a great place to make new friends. The March 26 class will present the great foods of Latin American cooking. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of ingredients. If you are interested in attending, register with Mary P. Stevens at 487-2160.

IPS Website

Check out our website. It contains lots good information:

- ✓ Forms
- ✓ Immigration Information
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- ✓ Links to important websites
- ✓ Previous International Spotlight

www.ips.mtu.edu



International Coffee Hour

Drop in to International Coffee Hour and enjoy a cup of delicious coffee and an interesting discussion. The Coffee Hour is a series of open discussions on global topics lead by students, faculty, and staff and sponsored by International Club, International Programs and Services, International House (McNair Hall) and Student Life. The next Coffee Hours will be:

Feb 16, 3-5p.m.	Peninsula Room A
March 1, 3-5p.m.	Red Metal Room
March 17, 11-1p.m.	Red Metal Room
March 29, 3-5p.m.	Red Metal Room

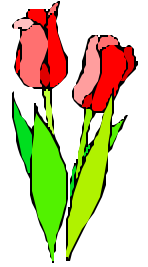
Everyone is welcome. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a special dessert will be served. For more information, contact International Programs and Services, 487-2160, or Student Life, 487-1963.

I-Club

I-Club is planning a major and impressive International Night 2006. They are looking for performers, participants for a fashion show, emcees, and ushers to showcase the cultural richness and talents of our international students. They would also welcome any volunteers to help with this great event. If you are interested in displaying your talents, or just want to help out, contact Poonam Reddy at prameshb@mtu.edu or 370-2737.

Winter Blahs?

Join a club and get involved! If you are looking to meet new people, participate in fun activities, or simply to get more involved during your stay at MTU, check out the wide variety of clubs and organizations for students. Participation in clubs also looks great on your resume. Visit <http://www.sa.mtu.edu/stulife/stuorg/> and select the "All Organizations" link.



Spring Break Reminders

- ★ There are no classes Mar 4-12, but university offices remain open.
- ★ F-1 students may work full-time (40 hours/week) on campus during spring break.
- ★ If you are planning to leave the country, make sure your I-20 is signed for travel.
- ★ Relax, take a break, have fun, and see you soon!