



Now that the weather is finally feeling like fall, we hope that you are doing well! You should have met with your mentee/mentor by now. We are aware that this is a busy time of year for most students (steady stream of midterms, papers, and projects), but we hope that you are able to make time to meet with each other. We hope that the activities listed in this newsletter will spark some creative ways to get to know campus, the community, and each other. We enjoyed seeing everyone at the INTERLINK dinner at Evo Café last month. We look forward to seeing participants at the INTERLINK Game Night on Monday, Nov 26 (see below for details). As always, we encourage you to contact us if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Ways to Spend Time With Your Mentee/Mentor

General Activities

- **Discuss Thanksgiving traditions in the U.S.** Use this website as a guide: <http://www.history.com/minisites/thanksgiving/>
- **Test Your Knowledge of Thanksgiving.** See how much you know about this holiday: <http://wilstar.net/holidays/thanksgv.htm>
- **Cook and Share Your Favorite Dishes.** Prepare one of your favorite food dishes for your mentee/mentor. Take turns doing this, or share at the same time and have a feast!
- **Collect Colorful Fall Leaves on a Walk around Campus.** If you feel inspired, try preserving them in wax paper. <http://archive.tri-cityherald.com/HOME/GARDEN/garden10272.html>
- **Visit the Farmer's Market in Urbana.** Saturdays, 7am-12 noon, May 12-Nov 10. http://www.ci.urbana.il.us/urbana/Community_Development/Economic_Development/market/main.htm
- **Photo Exchange.** Share photos of family, friends, and places you have visited; tell stories and share your favorite memories; take new photos as you make new memories together.

Cultural Events

- **INTERLINK Game Night.** Monday Nov 26, 6-8pm. Cost: Free. Join us at the Etc. Coffee House (located at Wesley Foundation, corner of Green St. and Goodwin Ave.) for an evening of playing board games, cards, etc. We encourage you to bring any games you own, particularly if they are from your native culture! You can then teach others a new way to have fun.

Cultural Events (Cont...)

- **Latina/o Fashion Show: Fashion Impacto.** Saturday, Nov 3, 7pm. Illini Union Rooms A, B, & C. Cost: \$5 (advance student tickets) \$7 (at door). Sponsored by the Latina/o Programs Committee.
- **Tours of Japan House.** Tours are offered Thursdays from 1-4pm. Tea ceremonies are offered on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm & 3pm. Call for reservations, dates, and fees (217-244-9934). <http://japanhouse.art.uiuc.edu/>
- **International Coffee House.** Fridays 4-6pm. Etc. Coffee House (Corner of Green St. and Goodwin Ave.). Cost: Free. All are welcome to meet new people, practice speaking and hearing English, enjoy free beverages and snacks, and learn about other cultures.

Music & Dance

- **UI Women's Glee Club.** Saturday, Nov 3 – Krannert Center – Cost: \$4-10. This program, entitled "American Women in Song: Empowerment Through Music," will feature music of, by, and for women and explore how it intersects with their cultural, political, spiritual, and family lives.
- **X-Fest 2007.** Saturday, Nov 10 - Smith Hall - Cost: \$5 (students); \$10 (general admission). This regional invitational has been such a success the past three years that we hope you come out once again and witness an *A Cappella* spectacle that gets better every year. With our very own **University of Illinois Rip Chords, The University of Michigan's All-Male group, G-Men, as well as U of M's mixed group, Gimble** and of course us, **The Xtension Chords**, you are in for a ridiculously good looking show. <http://www.xchords.net/index.php>
- **November Playhouse Dance.** Nov 8-10, 7:30pm – Krannert Center – Cost: \$9-16. Boundary shifting explorations between dance and technology, music, arts, and letters will be featured in this concert premiering new works by the expanding dance faculty at Illinois.
- **La Boheme.** Nov 8-10, 7:30; Nov 11, 3pm—Krannert Center – Cost: \$10-22. This Puccini score glows with melody, laughs with pleasure, and weeps unashamedly. Who cannot be moved by the story of a young seamstress named Mimí, and her ardent poet, Rodolfo, set in the colorful world of nineteenth-century Paris' Mimí's life is too fragile to last, but her story lives on in Puccini's masterpiece. The soaring and emotional score will speak to your heart and mind. *Sung in Italian with English supertitles.*
- **Thursdays at 12:20 Concert Series.** Thursdays 12:20-12:50 pm. Beckman Institute Atrium. Cost: Free. Eat lunch at the Beckman Café (or bring your own lunch) and listen to a performance by a member of the UI School of Music.
- **UI Steel Band.** Nov 13, 7:30pm. Krannert Center. Cost: \$4-10. Join Flores and the band as they perform soca, calypso, jazz, rumba, and popular styles from Trinidad, Cuba, Brazil, and other countries.

Theatre & Film

- **Asian Film Festival: Southeast Asian Popular Cinema.** Nov 9-10, 7pm—Boardman's Art Theatre. Cost: Free. The fifth annual Asian Film Festival is showcasing feature films from Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Singapore that address contemporary issues facing today's society in Southeast Asia. All screenings are open to the public free of charge. All films are subtitled in English. A full schedule with titles, descriptions and trailers is available on the web at www.aems.uiuc.edu
- **IUB Fall Musical: Pippin.** Nov 9-10, 7:30; Nov 11, 2pm. – Foellinger Auditorium – Cost: \$12. *Pippin* is a stage musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson. Bob Fosse, who directed the original Broadway production, also contributed to the libretto. The show imagines the life of Pippin the Hunchback, the son of Charlemagne.

Theatre & Film (Cont...)

- **Film Series: “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” and the “Bourne Ultimatum.”** Friday, Nov 9 & Saturday, Nov 10 at 7pm & 9pm—Gregory Hall Auditorium, Room 112. Cost: \$3 (students); \$4 (community).
- **Inner Voices Social Issues Theatre Presents: “Violence and Abuse in Intimate Relationships.”** Nov 13-15; Nov 27-29. Most performances are at 8pm at various campus locations. See website for more details: <http://www.innervoices.uiuc.edu/> Cost: Free.

Art

- **Berni Searle: Approach.** Aug-Dec 2007. Krannert Art Museum. Cost: Free. This exhibition contains seven large-scale pieces by South African artist Berni Searle, whose work in performance, photography, film, and video installation addresses racial and gender inequities through the use of her body, personal histories, and the construction of personal mythologies.
- **Ancient Egypt: The Origins.** Sept 2007-Feb 2008. The Spurlock Museum. Cost: Free. Some of the most fundamental and fascinating aspects of the ancient Egyptian civilization can be understood only by looking deep into its past. All the hallmarks of Egyptian culture, from pyramids and hieroglyphic writing to the belief in the afterlife and fervent nationalism, can be traced in an unbroken line back to its earliest periods. This exhibition explores the prehistoric Nile Valley and illustrates the origins of ancient Egypt through its material culture. Ancient Egypt: The Origins features artifacts on loan by the Brooklyn Museum.

Sports

{ for details see: <http://fightingillini.cstv.com/>; many events are free }

- **Ice Skating – Cheap Skates.** UI Ice Arena - — UI students/campus rec members always have free admission & \$1 skate rental – First Wed. of every month: \$1 admission, \$1 rental for general public. <http://www.campusrec.uiuc.edu/skating/publicskate.html>
- **Football – UI vs. Northwestern.** Saturday, Nov 17, Memorial Stadium, Time: TBA.
- **Volleyball – UI vs. Northwestern.** Nov 2, 7pm, Huff Hall.
vs. Michigan State. Nov 3, 7pm, Huff Hall.
vs. Michigan. Nov 10, 7pm, Huff Hall.
vs. Minnesota. Nov 23, 7pm, Huff Hall.
vs. Iowa. Nov 24, 7pm, Huff Hall.

"Your friend is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving."

-- *Kahlil Gibran*

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