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Jessica Foye

Returning from a spring semester in Limerick, Ireland this year is Junior, Sociology major Jessica Foye. Through the American

Institute of Foreign Travel, Jessica was enrolled in three Sociology classes, one History class, and one Business class from mid-January through the first week of May.

Though she struggled with feeding herself for the semester with only her limited cooking knowledge, she enjoyed the entire experience so much that she plans to return for a summer program.

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In her free time she took part in the kayaking club, which regularly kayaked on the Shannon River. For two weekends and Spring break she also traveled to London, Scotland, Paris, and Greece.

She kept herself very busy for the semester, but Jessica explains that that is the best way to keep homesickness at bay while also taking full advantage of the study-abroad experience.

Namgay is a first year student at CSC from Thimphu, Bhutan. After studying at Woodstock School, an International Academy in India, for his junior and senior year, he was inspired to enroll in college here by a former schoolmate who currently attends CSC.

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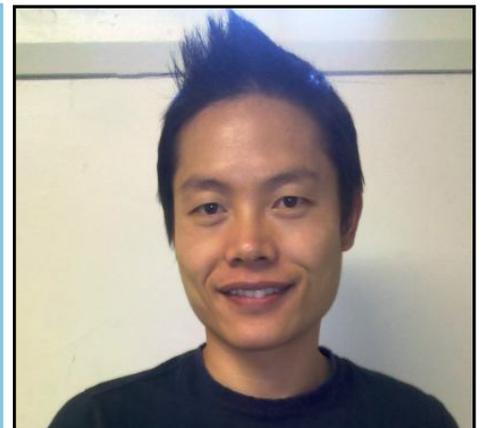
This is his first time in the USA, and after spending his first three days in the States in NYC, he instantly came to appreciate the peace and quiet that New London, NH offers. Adjusting to American culture was not difficult for Namgay, except for the food, which is much blander than the native cuisine of Bhutan. He confessed that for the first two weeks he put Tabasco sauce on all of his food, including toast. He is currently Undeclared for a major

but is considering Psychology. He also intends to participate in the International Speakers Bureau here at CSC in the future.

| Hannah Lise Raddatz



Namgay Tshering, Bhutan, CSC'16



Hanlong Fu

Professor Fu Hanglong, of the Southern Province in China, is teaching his first semester here at CSC. He is teaching classes in Media Criticism, Internet Publishing, and Digital Media. So far his experience working and teaching at CSC had been positive. He has come to enjoy the tight-knit sense of community that this campus offers, especially with regards to international students and diversity. For the future he hopes to be able to connect with not only the international students but also with international faculty on campus.

| Hannah Lise Raddatz

Did You Know...?

Global Café, as its name suggests, is a stage where global cultures and traditions are exchanged. A program initiated in Fall 2011 by the Office of International and Diversity Programs, Global Café has been one of the highly ap-

preciated events at Colby-Sawyer College. With the goal of fostering cultural diversity, Global Café has been helping students get together in a cozy café-life environment where different cultures are portrayed. The Global Café's mission is to provide

the college community a multicultural lens with which to view the world in a relaxed, social setting by showing films, playing great music, enjoying dance or poetry from around the world while enjoying tea and international treats.



The first Global Café invited the band "Chungking Express", arts and crafts, and Chinese food. The first Global Café invited the bando duo, The Littlest Birds, to demonstrate different Banjo playing styles and explain the music's African roots. Subsequently, the Cafes hosted CSC students from all over the world to read poetry both in their own language and in English translation for an International Poetry Night; the Nepali Night celebrated Women's History Month with the screening of the Nepali Documentary 'Sari Soldiers' and traditional Nepali food; an Italian Quartet performed traditional songs written during WWI and WWII from the Italian Apls at the Italian Night, along with CSC students who presented about their experiences studying abroad in Florence Italy; and the Chinese New Year was honored with a screening of the

film "Chungking Express", arts and crafts, and Chinese food.

The story behind

GLOBAL CAFÉ

This year, Global Café began with a very successful Tango Night in honor of Hispanic Heritage month. The evening was filled with tango dancing and lessons led by two professional performers. Everyone had smiles on their faces and enjoyed both the dancing and the wide variety of treats served. The latest Global Café was a Multicultural Mixer Night hosted by the Student Diversity Council. Those attending enjoyed a night of fun and games promoting a "getting to know you" atmosphere. Attending

students were encouraged to break out of their shells and get to know new people from different countries and backgrounds. The evening was topped off by an X-Box dance competition to win prizes. A kindle was also raffled off to close out the Diversity Council's "Gifts Campaign" that highlighted the unique gifts each student brings to campus because of their diverse backgrounds. As the above descriptions demonstrate, the Global Café has been helping students understand the various cultures and traditions practiced by the diverse community here at Colby-Sawyer College. It is thanks to the students, faculty and staff who have made this a huge success. We look forward to enjoying more cultures from around the world in the coming months.



What's Happening on Campus...

November 12th

Wesson Honors Research Presentation

Gordon Hall, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Enoch Holu presents on 'Modern Day Effects of The Slave Trade on Ghana' with introduction by Prof. Eric Boyer

November 12th

Screening of the film 'An African Election', (2011)

Gordon Hall, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The 2008 presidential elections in Ghana, West Africa, serve as a backdrop for this feature documentary that looks behind-the-scenes at the complex, political machinery of a third world democracy struggling to legitimize itself to its first world contemporaries.

Hosted by Prof. Eric Boyer

November 13th

African Students Cultural Poster Session

Sawyer Center Lobby, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

African students at CSC will present the diverse cultures in various regions of Africa through poster displays. Stop by to view these and speak with the students about their cultures.

November 13th

Screening of the film 'Sweet Crude, (2007)

Gordon Hall, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The documentary film Sweet Crude tells the story of Nigeria's Niger Delta. The region is seething and the global stakes are high. But in this moment, there's an opportunity to find solutions. What if the world paid attention before it was too late?

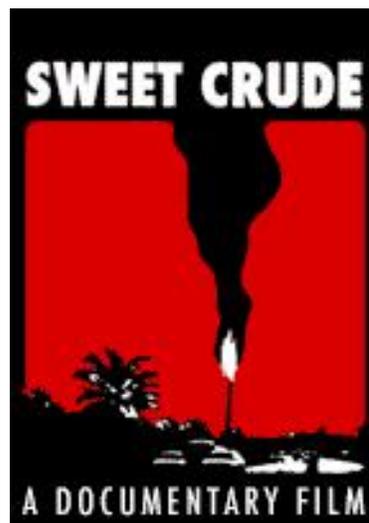
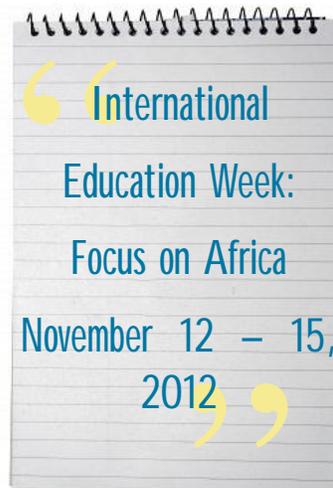
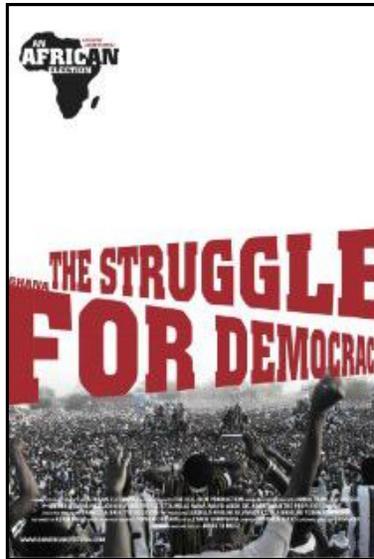
Hosted by Profs. Harvey Pine & Jen White

November 14th

African Student Celebration

Sawyer Center Lobby, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fashion show of traditional African attire, African food, corn row braiding, traditional dances from various regions of Africa, and vibrant African music will be shared by our African students. Come and celebrate!



November 14th

Global Nomads presentation and Million Bones community service collective art project

Gordon Hall, Sawyer Center Lobby, 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

The GNG's Million Bones project is calling students all over North America to take a stand against ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). North American students will be encouraged to participate in the One Million Bones Challenge; a participatory arts project to cover the National Mall in Washington, D.C. with 1,000,000 handmade bones. Our students will have an opportunity to make papier-mâché bones that will contribute towards this project in D.C.

Hosted in partnership with Professors Jon Keenan and Mary Mead

November 15th

Study Abroad Information Drop-In

Sawyer Center Lobby, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

This is another opportunity for students to learn more about where they can study abroad.

November 15th

Sayon Camara West African Drumming Workshop

Sawyer Center Lobby,

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. (For toddlers and nursery school children at Windy Hill).

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (For CSC students, staff and faculty, drums provided, just bring your rhythm and curiosity!)

8:00 to 10:00 Sayon Camara Performance

Sayon Camara is an extremely talented djembefola with an intimate knowledge of the music for all the drums of the Malinke culture and an impeccable sense of time. Sayon will take you places in drumming and traditional Guinean music that you didn't know were possible and will do so with contagious joy.