The International Student Council strives to improve international students’ academic environment and increase cultural understanding. The ISC serves as the liaison to administration and supports students in their transition and daily life at Zhejiang University International Campus.

**WE HEAR YOU!**
Your Problems, Our Solutions

We are excited to announce that authority for the usage of the Hai Club has been given to the ISC/International Students. We would like to use the space as a good representation and would like you to assist us in making use of the Hai Club in creative and enjoyable ways! Please send any suggestions and interesting ideas to Aisling Maguire at Maguire.17@intl.zju.edu.cn

*Keep sending us suggestions and we will advocate on your behalf!*

**A note from the ISC and administration:**

*Regulations regarding men and women dorms*

We urge all students please to inform themselves regarding the rules and regulations of male and female blocks.

An updated version stating regulations of Zhejiang University International Campus will be communicated once available.

Have any cool stories or pictures? Send them to the Communications Committee to be included in the next ISC Newsletter! Have any ideas on how to make the newsletter better? Join the Communications Committee!

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**
Join a committee today!

- Events committee
- Model United Nations Committee
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- Canteen Committee
- Communications Committee
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**REQUESTS, PROBLEMS, OR CONCERNS?**
Feel free to reach out to a representative today!

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So Long, Farewell…

As some of our beloved comrades will be leaving us this year for bigger and better things outside our little utopia, the Residential College Student Committee and International Student Council hosted the Farewell Festival for those who have contributed to the international campus in so many ways, even just with their presence. From the colour run, water games and the slippery slide - to the pizza, Fifa tournament and after party – there was something to do for all! We would like to thank the ones who worked behind the scenes in making this lovely day possible for everyone to enjoy! We say goodbye to the ones listed on the next page. Thank you for leaving behind something special about each one of you and for what you have contributed in making Zhejiang University International Campus a better place! We wish you well and hope to see you again, at least for a reunion.

-Simohn Engelbrecht
**Staying Over The Summer?**
*All the information you need to know*

- The Residential College and your rooms will remain **open** the entire summer
- People will be able to store things in their rooms over the summer
- **If staying you may need to move** to one floor for the purpose of consolidating students and conserving energy and resources
- The **canteen** will remain open the entire summer
- The **gym** will be closed from early July to early September
- The **Teaching and Learning Buildings** will be available upon request - just notify the OISA office
- For those of you who will be here next year (2 year MCS, PIEGL, PME), fill out this [SURVEY](#) about staying over the summer
- Also, please fill out the summer travel plan [SURVEY](#) for the Entrance and Exit Department
- **Note:** Students **will not have to change rooms next semester, but can upon request**
- **Be safe and stay cool this summer!**

**Did you know?**

Prison escape is not punishable by law in Germany – German law maintains that it’s a basic human instinct to be free and therefore, prisoners have the right to escape jail. Escapes, however, rarely go unpunished because prisoners are held liable if they cause damage to property or inflict bodily harm against any individual upon their breakout.

Germany has legal say on what babies can be named – German law bans names that don’t denote a gender or use a family name as a first name.

Fanta originated in Germany as a result of the Second World War – due to a trade embargo that prevented importing Coca-Cola syrup into Germany, the head of Coca-Cola in the country decided to create a domestic product for the market using available ‘leftover’ products like whey and apple pomace.

**College education in Germany is free even for internationals** – tuition fees for bachelor’s degrees in public universities was abolished in 2014 due to politicians thinking that having to pay for higher education as ‘socially unjust’.

Munich is the second most punctual large airport in the world – out of the category of large airports, only Tokyo is more punctual, according to an OAG report.

**Country Highlight:**
*Germany* 🇩🇪
Q: How does your family feel about you being in China?
A: At first, they were questioning me why I have chosen China and so soon but then they came to visit me here and really liked it. So, now they are totally okay with it.

Q: I noticed you have made good friends with many Italian people here. Do you have a lot of Italian friends back home as well? Why do you think you got so close with them?
A: Haha, no. Not a single one. I guess it is because we are classmates and our way of thinking is kind of similar. They are critical which I liked them for. They also like to sit outside in the evenings, drink some beer, as I do.

Q: I know you have travelled a lot, especially through African countries like Ethiopia, Lesotho, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda and some more. How different does it feel to be in China?
A: I have never been to Asia before and I really like China. It is totally different from everything I have seen so far. Of course, Chinese culture differs from European, American and African in many ways. I like it because it is a new experience, especially a new language.

Q: Which cities have you already been to in China? Which city do you like the most and why?
A: I have been to Shanghai, Nanjing, Suzhou, Guangzhou and Nanning. I really, really like Shanghai because we do not have such kinds of big cities in Germany. I have walked through less famous, comparatively poorer areas of the city which I perceive as a real China and I found that the atmosphere there is very nice. Shanghai is a cool mix of modernity and tradition.

“People should be aware of the fact that Chinese culture is different and it is necessary to adopt into it, be open for some changes of your living habits.”

-Dinara Mamleyeva
Q: How are you handling the attention from Chinese people? Is their reaction different from African people’s reaction when they see you?
A: I am used to that as I faced it even more when I was in Africa. People there tend to touch you because your skin is white but it is super nice. Even if I recognise the attention in China as well, it does not bother me. However, Chinese people like to take pictures of you without asking a permission which is something I don’t quite understand. Even though they do it, they are more distanced than African people. While African people could come to me and ask questions about me very easily, Chinese people just stand and watch. I wonder would it be the same at the countryside of China.

Q: Do you have a favourite place inside the campus?
A: Inside the campus, there are stairs on the right side of the library near the lake that I like to go in the evenings. As I sit there, it looks like a picture to me: the bridge is lightened and the tower can be seen. A very quiet, beautiful and perfect place to drink beer.

Q: What was your favourite event of this academic year?
A: The Cultural festival was one of the best and biggest events. I saw the huge amount of effort that was put into the organisation of it. I also really liked the Christmas party because the food was nice, the atmosphere was great.

Q: How is learning Chinese going for you?
A: Emm... It is okay, but I hope that I can learn more. I have several problems because on the one side I haven’t had enough interaction with Chinese students. That is mostly because of the age difference between me and them. I feel like they are too young for me.

Q: What is your favourite Chinese food?
A: Fried jiaozi.

Q: The canteen does not serve jiaozi, so where can we find those restaurants that do? Can you also suggest any places to go in Haining?
A: There is one restaurant in Intime called “Mama cai” and it is the best Chinese restaurant so far. There are also some more places to eat outside of the Intime where they have fried jiaozi. Additionally, there is one Halal restaurant near the train station which is really-really delicious. And of course, if you want to have some western food, Rosemary is an expensive but a good option.

Q: 5 seconds to answer: Baozi or mantou?
A: Baozi!

Q: What’s after graduation?
A: I will go back to Germany, write my master thesis. When I am finished with that, I will probably search for a job there. It would be nice to connect my future job with China but my focus is the African continent. Generally, I want to work for innovations or international organisations.

Thanks Jakob! We’ll miss you next year!
It has been quite the year, ZJU. The Haining International Campus has seen a leap in its international student population, and with their arrival the new students brought influences and ideas from all over the world. Through the introduction of new events and programs – the holiday party, the MUN conferences, the cultural festival, the farewell party – students were able to share their cultures with their peers and gain a deeper understanding of life around the world. We have certainly had our ups and downs while working through the growing pains of establishing a new campus and paving the way for new programs. But ZJU-IC, we have made lasting relationships that will ensure you always have friends, regardless of where you end up in the world.
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