

International students take opportunity to travel during Winter Break

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As we approach winter break, the campus tends to clear out and most students race home for some relaxing time with their families, away from homework and professors. While those students head home, what do the international students do? It's a much longer trek for them to "race" home to their families when home is thousands of miles away.

Jasmine Zhao, education masters student, is from China and is going

home for Winter break. She said she is looking forward to working back home during the break and then coming back to Southwestern to finish up the school year. She will then graduate with her masters in education. Zhao is also ready to travel to see her family and spend some time catching up with them.

While some international students decide to go home, Hui Huang and Lei Wang decided to travel while they have the free time. The pair will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to visit Walt Disney World and enjoy their time away from

campus.

With the same idea in mind, Veiger Qian, computer science freshman, and Nancy Fang, biology freshman, have decided to do a little bit of traveling while seeing some of their family. Qian is planning to go to Kansas City to stay with his aunt and enjoy the presence of family while de-stressing from the semester and preparing for the next.

Fang is traveling a little farther and going to California to stay with her sister. She is ready for the change of scenery and looks

forward to sight seeing during her time.

While the majority of Southwestern students travel across the Midwest to go home and spend time with their families, the international students who come from around the world make the best of a tough situation and take the opportunity to travel across the United States, and sometimes even visit extended family.

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In Loving Memory of

BARBARA KAISER



Barbara Kaiser was a woman who could put a smile on anyone's face without even trying.

"Barbara cared about everyone. She cared about all the students, she cared especially for the athletes. She would go to a lot of the volleyball games and especially basketball. That was her favorite I think," said Kristin Humphreys, associate vice president for business services.

She was recently diagnosed with cancer and started chemo

in the last month or so.

Kaiser started at Southwestern College in 1986. She used to work at Saint John's College (where Baden Square is) but when that closed she came to Southwestern.

Humphreys said "Barbara always joked around that she would never work for Southwestern College because she was so loyal to Saint John but over the years, she absolutely loved Southwestern."

Kaiser was a huge supporter

of Builder athletics.

Along with her husband, Gordon, she was at every basketball and volleyball game. This was partly because during her time here at Southwestern, she fostered student athletes.

Kaiser's contagious smile and hugs will be missed by many across the Southwestern campus.

Her funeral is scheduled for Wednesday morning, December 2 at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Winfield.



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