

A photograph of a large, multi-story red brick building with Gothic architectural features, including a prominent clock tower and arched windows. The building is illuminated from within, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting dusk. A rainbow flag is visible on a tall pole to the right of the building. The overall scene is a well-maintained university campus.

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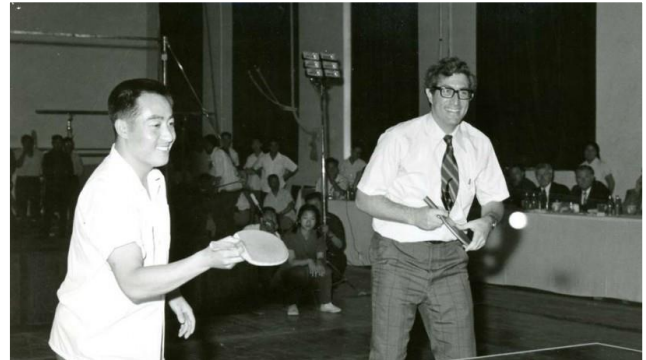
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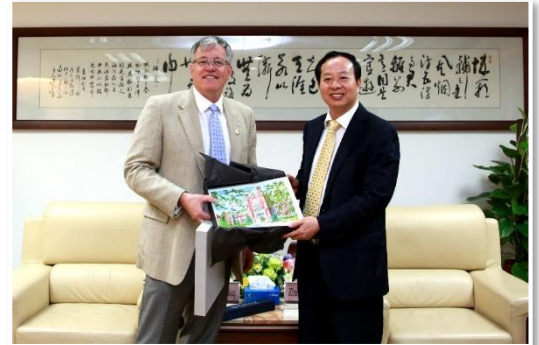
PING-PONG DIPLOMACY

- Sports and cultural activities break down barriers
- Table tennis an important part of U.S.-China historical relationship
- U of I views table tennis as an entry point for students to appreciate Chinese culture and learning opportunities



A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

- Opened at U of I in 2013
- First and largest Confucius Institute in Idaho
- Programs and opportunities for students and community members
- Continued meetings with U of I, HanBan, and SCUT



ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- U of I Student & Community Member Offerings
 - Asian Studies minor available since 2015
 - College of Business and Economics focus
 - Language & culture: Moscow, Boise, Coeur d'Alene
- K-12 system curriculum
 - Includes junior high & high school
 - Expanded to kindergarten & elementary schools 2017
- Confucius Institute Scholarship program

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EDITOR'S PICK

A window to the outside world

UI professor spreads Chinese language and culture to American students

By Alysen Boston, Daily News staff writer Oct 10, 2017 (1)



Hexian Xue (center), co-director of the Confucius Institute, talks to Mary Conniff and Frank Brown during a Chinese language class at the University of Idaho on Monday in Moscow.

Geoff Crimmins/Daily News

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Hexian Xue, a professor of Chinese at the University of Idaho, believes learning Chinese really isn't as hard as Americans might think.

"When students attend the first few classes, to be honest, they do not have the confidence to learn the Chinese language well," Xue said. "But step by step, day by day, for at least some of the students, they become comfortable to say, 'Chinese is not as hard as I assumed.'"

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

STATEWIDE PRESENCE

- Confucius Institute China Studies Program
- China Summer Camp Program
- Chinese food clubs
- Chinese movie nights
- Chinese New Year Gala
- Chinese seminars



U OF I TABLE TENNIS

UNIQUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Instructor from China
- Table tennis club
- Table tennis class

