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<http://international.syr.edu>



A tranquil afternoon at the E.M. Mills Rose Garden in Thornden Park.

- If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>
- Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot! - SU Health Services

2012 London Summer Olympic Games Showing @ The Slutzker Center

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Let The Games Begin!



These Olympic events will be shown on the 42" Plasma Screen TV in the Slutzker Center on the following days and times:



Monday July 30

9:00 am- Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Badminton, Field Hockey, Handball
10:00 am- Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Rowing, Canoeing

Tuesday July 31

9:00 am- Field Hockey, Basketball, Soccer, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Handball, Badminton
10:00 am- Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Canoeing, Rowing

Wednesday August 1

9:00 am – Soccer, Basketball, Boxing, Weightlifting, Fencing, Table Tennis, Handball, Badminton
10:00 am- Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Rowing, Canoeing

Thursday August 2

9:00am- Basketball, Water Polo, Field Hockey, Handball, Badminton, Judo, Equestrian
10:00 am- Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Rowing, Canoeing

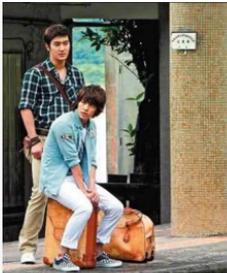
Friday August 3

9:00am-9:30am – Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Handball, Equestrian, Badminton, Table Tennis



Host A New International Student

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New Students arriving every day! Hotel costs are high, and the last week of the peak arrival period (August 20-27), there is often no space available at local hotels! If you would be willing to host a new international student (without charging them any fees) for a night or more, please let the Slutzker Center know as soon as possible. Your assistance will be most appreciated! Send the following information to lesci@sy.edu: Your Name, address, email and phone number(s), Where you live, What dates you can host a student(s), Would the student(s) be staying in their own room, or in a shared room, or in the main living area, on a couch? Can you pick them up at the Slutzker Center?



Thank you so much!

Additional Volunteer Peer Assistants Needed

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We are looking for few additional Peer Assistant volunteers to welcome the new arriving students and assist during the Fall Orientation.

If you are willing to meet new students, and help for few hours per week, please fill out the [application](#) and send us back by next **Friday, August 3, 2012 before 12 pm**. After we collect the applications, we will have a short training for all peer assistants and schedule the shifts. Please indicate which day will work for you best in the application

Join Other Students – Dinner and Friendship

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You are invited...

to a dinner at the Allbrandi Catholic Center (110 Walnut Place) on Friday, August 4, 2012 at 5 p.m. This dinner is hosted by Michael Shenouda Samaan Shenouda, an SU alumnus and a junior preacher at St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church here in Syracuse, New York and on behalf of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. He would like to help form a sense of community among international students with fun activities and which invites all nationalities to the dinner and outings. He would like everyone to share a little about their culture and their religion, "and form a general sense of morality." A sign up sheet is available at the front desk of the Slutzker Center for International Services (310 Walnut Place). Michael can only accommodate the first twenty people who sign up, and you must come in to the Slutzker Center in person to sign up. They will try to accommodate vegans and vegetarians.

Syracuse ArtsWeek Events

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July 28: All Aboard for ArtsWeek!

Summer@Syracuse is sponsoring limited Connective Corridor bus service on Saturday, July 28. Connective Corridor bus service will run every 20 minutes from noon to 6 p.m. on July 28 to provide students and the SU community access to the following Syracuse ArtsWeek events:

- [The Stage of Nations Blue Rain ECOfest](#)
Haudenosaunee values and environmental stewardship merge with eco-friendly vendors and educational opportunities in Hanover Square. Native American crafts, food, and entertainment.
- [42nd Annual AmeriCUI Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival](#)
A 3-day showcase of some 200 talented artists, craftspeople, and entertainers, in downtown's historic Columbus Circle.
- [Northeast Jazz and Wine Festival](#)
The only festival of its kind east of the Rockies!

Connective Corridor bus service begins at the East entrance of the Life Sciences Complex on Comstock Avenue and includes stops at Archbold Gym, Stadium Place, Syracuse Stage, Center of Excellence and on Washington Street across from The Warehouse. For more information, visit the [Connective Corridor web site](#).

Career Forum for Japanese-English Bilingual Students

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DISCO International, organizer of the world's largest job fair for Japanese-English bilinguals, invite Japanese-English bilingual students to our upcoming Career Forums this fall. We encourage students to register early to be fully prepared for the event.

---Los Angeles Career Forum---

Sept. 14 & 15, 2012

Loews Hollywood Hotel

* Early bird special offer ends July 31

* Special services available for participants <http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/7lang-e>

---Boston Career Forum---

Nov. 11th - 13th, 2011 (Fri. - Sun.)

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (Boston, Massachusetts) <http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/7lang-e>

Los Angeles/ Boston Career Forum are for anyone who is:

- Japanese-English bilingual(at minimum conversational level in both Japanese and English)

- looking for a full-time or internship position

Companies will be holding seminars as well as interviews at their booth during the event. Some companies may give out offers by the end of the event. Registration and attending the event is free.

For online registration and more info regarding the above, please go to:

Los Angeles Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/7lang-e>

Boston Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/7lang-e>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at en@careerforum.net.

We look forward to seeing you in LA and Boston!

Sincerely,

Orange Dialogue for Peace

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Call for Applications

Central New York Chapter

ORANGE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE
September, 7, 8 and 9, 2012



Through the Stutzer Center for International Services & the Outdoor Education Program

Syracuse University
Division of Student Affairs

If you have ever experienced an unresolved inter-group conflict that you would like to explore or if ethnic/ religious/territorial conflict is or was a part of your life, or if you are simply interested in fun interaction with an inclusive group of students and being part of a unique story-telling experience, participants work together in the context of fun, outdoor and indoor teambuilding, and engage in student driven

then please consider participating in the Fall 2012 Syracuse University Orange Dialogue for Peace program. Participants establish mutual understanding and trust, and help to lead the world to move toward sustainable world peace and friendship.

LOOK FOR ORANGE DIALOGUE for PEACE ON FACEBOOK

We depart from College Place at 1:00pm on Friday September 7 and return on Sunday September 9th by 6:00pm
A free program, funded by the Division of Student Affairs and the CNY Fulbright Association – Includes:

- Travel to Antlers Camp on Raquette Lake to spend the weekend at the SUNY Cortland Educational Center
- Indoor / Outdoor Teambuilding/High Ropes/Low Ropes/Canoeing/Kayaking
- Narrative Meditation Dialogue Sessions
- Moonlight Hike
- Lodging / Meals / Roundtrip transportation from SU to SUNY Cortland Educational Site

To apply, please e-mail the following information to Elane Granger elcarras@sy.edu - subject line:

[Orange Dialogue for Peace Application](#), by August 31, 2012

Early Applicants will be given priority and will be notified of acceptance by e-mail

APPLICATION PROCESS

- First and Last Name
- Department / School / UG or Grad
- Country of Citizenship
- SUID / Telephone / Email
- Fulbright Affiliation: Yes/____ No/____
- Tell us briefly why you would like to participate in this program

Questions? Email ELCARRAS@SYR.EDU
Or Call Elane Granger @ 443-2457



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La Familia to perform with the world famous Tito Puente, Jr. Orchestra THIS Sat, July 28th in Skaneateles!!!



You heard it right! The World famous Tito Puente 12 piece Latin Orchestra will be in concert at Stella Maris Retreat Center and La Familia has will be performing with them! The concert is THIS Sat, July 28th... Tickets include cocktails and a fee lesson by La Familia at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and concert and dancing at 8:30pm! For complete details and to purchase tickets to this once in lifetime event: [Click Here](#) or go to SKARTS.org. This concert is going to be unforgettable, so **DON'T MISS IT!** To listen to Tito's interview on WAER Jazz 88 FM [Click Here](#).

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Festival



Enjoy great Ukrainian food, beer, dancing, music & more! This wonderful family event features arts & crafts, children's activities, raffles & church tours. Located in the Tipperary Hill area of Syracuse's west side, this event offers fun for all!
Location: 207 Tompkins St. When: Saturday, 2pm - 11pm.

Oswego HarborFest, Saturday & Sunday



Enjoy & celebrate summer at this great annual event!! Great food, outstanding music, games, rides, arts & crafts, boats, & so much more!!! Check out their [website](#) for more details!

Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show



Sparkling clean water - gleaming classic mahogany boats - beautifully restored antique wooden boats - live music filling the air, a feeling of yesteryear...join us for the Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show! Antique & classic boats are on display both in the water and on land. Activities include: 3 concerts, boat parade (3 p.m. Saturday), kids' activities on Saturday, shopping, huge raffle, and more. The Syracuse Model Boat Club will have boats on display, and the Skaneateles Historical Society will be hosting historic tours of the Village on Saturday and Sunday. Fun for the whole family. For more details, please go to the website link.



There's a lot happening in downtown Syracuse the next few weeks! Check it out here: <http://su.usc.edu/117/qgqn>

- Some great upcoming events through the Whitman School. Be sure to visit their [calendar page](#) often for professional development opportunities, programmatic offerings, open-houses and more.
- How do you get experience if nobody will hire you without any? <http://www.cnn.com/2011/LIVING/01/12/cb.get.experience.without.any/index.html>

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E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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The lists below cover employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The lists

contain the following:

- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
- Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
- Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
- Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
- Workforce size (five or more)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(AK-AZ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(CA-CT\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(DC-MA\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(DC-ND\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(NM-SZ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (S86KB XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(SD-WY\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)

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CPT/OPT seminars

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An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

July 31 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
August 2 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
August 7 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
August 9 - 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who will graduate this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS **no later than 60 days** after their degree completion date. The program completion date for Spring semester is May 9, 2012.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card **in your hands**.

This also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

Full-time Course of Study

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NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full-time enrollment means **Graduate students** must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate students** must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, if **Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement. For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses**.

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking fewer than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo <http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo.su.pdf>

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A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

All students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at scis@syr.edu, so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to complete the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail scis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need help enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an advisor at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are **not in compliance** with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus**.

You **must** be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email.

Transferring out of SU?

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If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SCIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html>

Is this your last semester at SU?

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Students who will be completing their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D.), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see Item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

Studying Abroad?

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2012 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S.

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.

(FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009
(FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008
(FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

On June 11, 2012, USCIS received a sufficient number of petitions to reach the statutory cap for FY 2013. On June 7, 2012, USCIS also received more than 20,000 H-1B petitions on behalf of persons exempt from the cap under the advanced degree exemption. USCIS will reject petitions subject to the cap for H-1B specialty occupation workers seeking an employment **start** date in FY 2013 that are received after June 11, 2012.

USCIS continues to accept petitions exempted from the cap and DDO cooperative research worker H-1B petitions and Chile/Singapore H-1B1 petitions requesting an employment start date in FY 2013.

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 2012, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Students with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in May 2012 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form. As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell).

Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/intuarrest.html>

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Housing Update: Address Change

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Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your **MySisce self-service** and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySisce.

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FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED**

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (It's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

"Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at:

<http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and off campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be).

• Property of the University is covered while in your care

- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"I think and think for months and years. Ninety-nine times, the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right."

- **Albert Einstein**

"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."

- **Leonardo da Vinci**

"Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity."

- **Aristotle**

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

- **George Bernard Shaw**

"Delay is preferable to error."

- **Thomas Jefferson**

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