



Congratulations and Good Luck to our Class of 2012!!!

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- 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
- Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1st Monday of each month
- 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

### Syracuse University Commencement Weekend

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(Photo by: Stephen Sartori)

#### Sunday May 13th, 2012 9:30 A.M. Carrier Dome http://commencement.syr.edu/

#### Saturday, May 12

All Day: School/College Convocations and Receptions. See the Convocations and Receptions page for full details. Or download the 2012 Convocation Schedule.

4-5:30 p.m Coronat Scholars Reception at the Visitor's Center, 301 Hall of Languages. Questions, call 315-443-1414 or email clperrea@syr.edu

Commencement Eve Buffet Dinner at Drumlins Country Club. For reservations call 315-446-4555. 5:00 p.m. Setnor School of Music Hooding Ceremony Setnor Auditorium, Crouse 4:30-10 p.m

College, Questions call 315-443-2191or e-mail mjtaylor@syr.edu

6:00 p.m Itanwa Orinwa Celebration (cap and gown required)

Hendricks Chapel: Presented by the Descendants of Africa Congratulatory Committee and the Department of African American Studies for degree candidates and families. Candidates

assemble at 5:15 p.m. in the Noble Room. Reception immediately following the ceremony in the Panasci Lounge, Schine Student Center.

#### Sunday, May 13

See detailed Commencement Schedule

#### Summer bus schedules now available

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Starting Monday, May 14, Syracuse University will begin operating its summer shuttle schedule. No service is scheduled on Monday, May 28, or Wednesday, July 4, when Syracuse University offices are closed. Bus schedules have been posted at all shelter locations. Schedules will not be available at our outlets, but can be printed from our website at <a href="http://parking.syr.edu">http://parking.syr.edu</a>. Regular service resumes when classes start in the fall.

Website: http://parking.syr.edu

Contact Person: Scot Vanderpool, Parking & Transit Services, 443-4652, parkmail@syr.edu

#### Groundbreaking day for new College of Law building at SU

Two years after announcing plans for a new \$90 million College of Law on campus, Syracuse University officials are set to break ground on the project this afternoon.

The 200,000-square-foot, five-story building – to be named Dineen Hall – is to be built on the site of the Raynor parking lot on the western edge of the campus across Irving Avenue from the current College of Law buildings and the Carrier Dome.

The building is being named in honor of two SU College of Law graduates – Robert Emmet Dineen (class of 1924) and Carolyn Bareham Dineen (class of 1932). A \$15 million donation from the couple's three children – federal appeals Judge Carolyn Dineen King of Texas, Kathryn Dineen Wriston and SU trustee Robert E. Dineen Jr. – back in 2010 kicked off a fundraising campaign for the construction project.

The building, slated to open in the fall of 2014, is to include a central atrium at the main level, a library and a 330-seat ceremonial courtroom/auditorium beneath a green roof that will create a seasonal outdoor terrace space. The lead architect on the project is SU alumnus Richard Gluckman of the Gluckman Mayner architectural firm in New York City.

A new law school building has been a key element of a \$1 billion fundraising campaign at SU that was kicked off in 2007.

SU Chancellor Nancy Cantor, College of Law Dean Hannah Arterian and members of the law school community are expected to be joined by Robert Dineen Jr. for the groundbreaking ceremonies at 3:30 p.m.

Source: Syracuse.com

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Concert: Joe Bonamassa

Central New York's own bluesman Joe Bonamassa will be coming home to play the beautiful Landmark Theatre! Born & raised in New Hartford, NY, Bonamassa is a 4th generation musician, opening for B.B. King at age 12.

As Joe Bonamassa grows his reputation as one of the world's greatest guitar players, he is also Location: Downtown War Memorial at Oncenter,501 Montgomery, Street, Syracuse, NY evolving into a charismatic blues-rock star and singer-songwriter of stylistic depth and emotional resonance. His ability to connect with live concert audiences is transformational, and his new album, Black Rock, brings that energy to his recorded music more powerfully than Time: 7:30 pm ever before. The tenth solo album and eighth studio release of his career – as well as his fifth consecutive with producer Kevin Shirley (Led Zeppelin, Black Crowes, etc.) – the disc adds an enlivening dose of 'world' vibes to Bonamassa's virtuoso mix of '60s-era British blues-rock (à la Beck and Clapton) and roots-influenced Delta sounds.

Date(s): 05/17/2012

Location: Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13202

Time: 8:00 pm

Cost: \$81, \$71, \$61, \$51

Age Level: Everyone

Telephone: 315-475-7980

Visit Web Site



Slammin' WWE action featuring the main event with John Cena & CM Punk vs. Chris Jericho & Dolph Ziggler - RAW Tag Team Match. Plus all your favorite RAW Superstars including: The Miz, Kofi Kingston, R Truth, Jack Swagger, Zack Ryder, Santino Marella, Eve, Kelly Kelly and many more!

Date: 05/12/2012

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Cost: Tickets start at \$15

Age Level: Everyone

Telephone: 315-435-2121

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#### Maxwell blood drive

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The Center for Policy Research at the Maxwell School will host a blood drive on Wednesday, May 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Executive Study Room (204 Maxwell Hall).

To set up an appointment to donate, please contact Peg Austin at <a href="mailto:mmaxwell.syr.edu">mmaustin@maxwell.syr.edu</a> or 443-9070.

Thank you for your continued support.

Contact Person:

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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 (MD-NJ) as of March 15, 2012 ( XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (NM-SC) as of March 15, 2012 (5863KB XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (SD-WY) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)

Click here for more information

Graduating? Get The Orange Album – The Official Sounds of Syracuse University

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Need a SU souvenir or memorial gift? Get SU's very own Orange Album at the Bookstore or online at:

The Orange Album is a collection of songs performed by the Syracuse University Recordings House Band, Syracuse University Marching Band, the Men's Glee Club and the Drumline. Selections include the Fight Song, Alma Mater, and the Fanfare. 11 selections.

For discount, group pricing or any other questions, please contact Syracuse University Recordings (Anqi Jiang: anjiang@syr.edu).



Syracuse University Recordings®

# Grand Canyon Backpacking and River Rafting Expedition – Recreation Services Back>>



# Explore the majestic Grand Canyon and Colorado River! May 31 – June 8, 2012

3 days / 2 nights of backpacking through the Grand Canyon

4 days / 3 nights of whitewater rafting on the Colorado River

In partnership with Northern Arizona University (NAU)

\$700 SU/ESF Undergraduate Students

\$1,000 all other SU/ ESF ID Card Holders

Travel to and from Phoenix, AZ is **not** included in the fees.

Participants are expected to arrive in Phoenix, AZ (PHX) by 2:00pm on Thursday, May 31st and to book flights after 12:00pm on Friday, June 8th

#### Tentative Itinerary:

#### Thursday May 31: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ

- Travel to Dubeau Hostel Flagstaff
  - Meet NAU Staff for Orientation / Equipment Rental
- Overnight at Dubeau Hostel

#### Friday June 1: Travel to Grand Canyon South Rim

- Arrive to GC South Rim Visitors Center
- Backpacking through the Grand Canyon trail system
- Overnight at Backcountry Campsite

#### Saturday June 2: Backpacking to Bright Angel

- Backpacking through the Grand Canyon trail system
  - Overnight at Backcountry Campsite

#### Sunday June 3: Backpacking out of Canyon - Travel to Flagstaff

- Travel to Flagstaff / Van Rental Return
- Overnight at Flagstaff Hostel

#### Monday June 4: River Section Begins

- Meet NAU staff / Orientation / Diamond Down for River Trip
  - Put in at Diamond-Down Section
- Overnight on the river

#### Tuesday June 5: Full day on the river

- Rafting / Day Hiking / Canyon Exploration
  - Overnight on the river

#### Wednesday June 6: Full day on the river

- Rafting / Day Hiking / Canyon Exploration
- Overnight on the river

#### Thursday June 7: Finish river trip / take out and travel back to Flagstaff

- Rafting
- Return to Hostel / Celebration Dinner in Flagstaff, AZ

Friday June 8: Travel from Flagstaff to Phoenix for flight out of Phoenix

Travel to Phoenix Airport

Return Van Rental / fly out to destinations

To register for this program, please contact Scott Catucci as soon as possible as space is extremely limited! Click here for more information

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#### CPT/OPT Seminars

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May 31

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

 May 14
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

 May 15
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

 May 17
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

 May 21
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

 May 22
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

 May 24
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

 May 29
 - 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".

- 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 <u>9 credits</u> every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least <u>12 credits</u> every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your** <u>first</u> **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.

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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

#### Important Reminders

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#### A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 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 lescis@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

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy 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 <a href="lescis@syr.edu">lescis@syr.edu</a> or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser 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 <u>not in compliance</u> 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 <u>syr.edu</u> email address. Please watch for that notice (check your <u>syr.edu</u> 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 SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: <a href="http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html">http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html</a>

#### 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

#### **IMMIGRATION UPDATES**

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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.

H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011

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

#### FY 2013 H-1B Cap Count

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H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	32,500	05/04/2012
H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	13,700	05/04/2012

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the USCIS website.

http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM1000000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM10000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566814040A0000b92ca60aRCPD&vgnextchannel=735668140A0000b92ca60a0A0000b92ca60a0A0000b92ca60a0A0000b9

#### 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 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.

Student's 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.

To learn more, visit: http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html

#### 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/isss/publications/instuarrest.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 "MySlice 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 MySlice.

#### Department of Public Safety Reminder

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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: <a href="http://publicsafety.syr.edu/publicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/2011%20Clery.pdf">http://publicsafety.syr.edu/publicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/2011%20Clery.pdf</a>

#### **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:

"Really great people make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." - Rabindranath Tagore

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." - Brian Littrell

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself." - Saint Teresa of Avila

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