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WE WISH ALL STUDENTS A SUCCESSFUL FINALS WEEK!

...and, we apologize for the premature message sent earlier. There is apparently a keyboard combination in Gmail that sends the message immediately if a person is not careful enough with the keyboard!

RIDE WANTED

I plan to leave Cedar Falls for Minneapolis on Thursday, May 3th. But the bus did not stop by cedar falls since March. I want to find someone who can drop me off during his or her way to Minneapolis . I want to pay the gas fee. The leaving time is not fixed. Contact:zhoum@uni.edu, [319-429-5833](tel:319-429-5833).

SUBLEASER WANTED

Female sublease wanted. On campus apartment, Begin from May 31 to next semester or next year. Or if you only want to stay in summer, it is also ok. Rent: 270+Utility(15-35per month depend on how much you use). Free cable and Internet. Very quiet and nice place to live. You will share with another girl, who is very nice. Address: 3938 Jennings Dr. Cedar Falls. If interested, please contact Danli: [641-583-1893](tel:641-583-1893)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT UNI

Beginning Monday, May 7, International Services and most other campus offices will begin to observe summer office hours from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Regular office hours will resume in August just before classes begin.

SUMMER BREAK TRAVEL REMINDER

Please be sure to check your I-20 or DS-2019 form to make sure you have a valid travel endorsement if you will travel outside of the U.S. during the summer and return to UNI to continue your studies in August 2012. For F-1 students, the third page of your I-20 form should have a signature that will be less than one year old upon your return to the U.S., for J-1 students the DS-2019 form should have a similar travel endorsement on the first page in the travel validation section. Please be sure to check your visa also; if it will expire before your return to Cedar Falls, you will need to apply for a new visa while in your home country.

NOW is the time to check your I-20 or DS-2019 form if you have not already done so. Please do not leave it until the same day your flight departs. Please plan ahead and drop your documents off at International Services soon if you need a travel endorsement.

FOR RENT

3 bedroom duplex, 809 W. 20th St., \$930/bedroom incl. cable internet - large yard, washer/dryer [319-415-5807](tel:319-415-5807).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY CHANGE FOR FALL 2012

To: UNI International Students

From: University of Northern Iowa Student Health Clinic

Subject: University Policy for Required Student Health Insurance Coverage

Effective August 1, 2012 all CIEP, undergraduate and graduate International students will be required to carry the University of Northern Iowa Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP).

- The university policy will affect all new incoming and current UNI international students with F1 and J1 visas.

- The student only health insurance policy is currently \$120 per month and will be billed on your

university account for the entire semester. The premium will change slightly effective 9/1/12.

- The insurance will be billed from the 1st day of the month you are enrolled in on-campus classes and will continue through the last day of the month in which you cease to be registered at UNI.

Exceptions allowed under the university policy are as follows.

- International students with foreign government –sponsored or corporate health insurance (e.g., Saudi Mission Scholarship insurance, John Deere and Co. insurance, and other comparable government or corporate insurances approved by the UNI Student Health Clinic). Students with any of the aforementioned coverage will need to show proof of coverage to the Student Health Clinic by the tenth day of class each semester.
- International students who spend three weeks or less at the University of Northern Iowa will not be required to purchase SHIP insurance.

APPLY TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION PEER ADVISOR FOR FALL 2012

Student Peer Advisors are needed to help with the Fall 2012 International Student Orientation and Registration Program that will take place from August 13 through August 17, 2012. Peer Advisors will help welcome new international students to UNI, help with information sessions, assisting and advising new international students, and helping the International Services office to serve our new students. A modest wage will be paid to those selected as peer advisors for this program. If you are interested, please reply to this message and include a statement about why you would like to become an international orientation Peer Advisor.

HIRING DRIVERS FOR FALL 2012 NEW STUDENT AIRPORT PICKUPS

International Services will be hiring UNI students who are willing and available to serve as drivers of both 7 and 11 passenger vans that will be used to make multiple trips to the Waterloo and Cedar Rapids airports during the period of August 10-13. These students will be an important part of our efforts to welcome new international students to UNI and to Iowa beginning with airport pickup, driving back to campus, and checking into residence halls and apartments. We prefer to employ advanced undergraduate students or graduate students who already hold UNI jobs or assistantships, but other responsible applicants with good driving records will be considered. It will be essential for applicants to hold valid Iowa driver's licenses. If you are interested, please reply to this message.