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SEEKING RIDES TO/FROM CHICAGO

I am going to Chicago by myself on Spring Break, and I would like to see if I can find a ride either way. My check in at the hostel is March 14, wednesday, and I would return on March 18, sunday. It would be very good if I found a ride either way, not necessarily for both days (I could take a bus).

If you can help, please reply to Dayane at dayfranciss@hotmail.com

ROOMMATE WANTED

Hello! My name is Laura Scarce. I am looking for a roommate to share an apartment at Jennings Dr. Must be female. No drugs and very little or no drinking preferred. If you are interested please call me at [\(319\) 321-2708](tel:(319)321-2708). or email me at sscarcel@uni.edu Thanks!

SPRING TRIP UPDATE

International Services and the CIEP Activities office are planning an overnight weekend trip to Minneapolis, MN for UNI international students on April 14-15, 2012. All trip arrangements are nearly in place, so we are planning to send an announcement next week via this mailing list to inform everyone when sign-up will begin and what the cost will be. This trip will include plenty of time to shop at the Mall of America, but it is NOT the same trip as the UNI Campus Activities Board (CAB) trip to the Mall of America on March 3 (tomorrow).

We will be staying overnight at the luxurious Hotel

Minneapolis: <http://www.thehotelminneapolis.com/>

INCOME TAX FEEDBACK REQUEST

As announced earlier this semester, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will not be available for international students this season due to technology and training problems. Students may be eligible to file returns using Free File, available from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at www.irs.gov. You may also hire the services of a tax preparation or accounting firm of your choice. We would like to collect information about what you, our students, have been doing to meet your tax filing obligations. If you have filed your 2011 tax return, we invite you to reply to this message and let us know how you chose to do so: By filing yourself, using Free File, a tax preparation service or some other way. We want to be able to share this information with students who are still not certain about how to handle their taxes this season.

Just a reminder: If you did not have a job in 2011, you should still file IRS form 8843, available here: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf> You will only need to complete Part I and Part III before signing at the bottom of the form and sending it to the IRS at the address indicated in the instructions.

April 15, 2012 is the deadline for filing all 2011 tax returns!

WATCHING MOVIES TO LEARN ENGLISH

This club's main goal is to help international students to improve their English and have fun at the same time. We are not official club, we just do it for fun, so there is no membership fee or any other cost. The club meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 2422 College St. Write to uni.movieclub@gmail.com if you have questions or comments.