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MULTICULTURAL NIGHT ON FRIDAY

This event will be held at the University Room at the Union Lower level (Dec 9, 2011 - 7pm to 11pm). there will be 26 - 28 countries participating in this event and up to 12 performances. the event is a collaboration with (The African Union, Hispanic/Latino Student Union, Black Student Union, Black Male Leadership Union, Saudi Club, International student Association), please see the attached flyer for more information.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Hi all! My name is Alina and I am graduating from UNI in December. In less than 2 weeks, I am going to move out from University Apartments and am currently trying to find a "new home" for some of my items. I have the following stuff for sale:

- Kensington 6 Outlet Surge Protector - \$5
- Extension Cord w/3 outlets (15', brown) - \$3
- Sharp Alarm Clock - \$5
- Clip Lamp (black) - \$5
- Desk Lamp (black) - \$5
- Bookcase (5-shelf, black) - \$15
- Vase (green glass) - \$1
- White Basket (with plaid blue cover) - \$1
- Black & white Blanket (warm and cozy) - \$5
- 3 Pillows (regular white, very soft) - \$1 each
- Mattress - \$25

I am a little bit in a hurry with selling my stuff, because I am leaving Cedar Falls on December 15th. If interested, please contact me via email. I have pictures of all my items and will be glad to send them to you.

email: byzovaa@uni.edu

Alina

END OF SEMESTER REMINDERS

The International Services Office would like to remind you of a few things as we approach the end of the Fall 2011 semester: First, for those of you who live in UNI residence halls or apartments and will not be returning for the Spring 2012 semester, please make sure that you follow the instructions for checking out of your rooms or apartments. Your hall office or the UNI apartments office can answer any questions that you might have. For hall residents, there may be penalties for damaged rooms, dirty rooms, or penalties for not following the proper checkout procedures. If you need to stay longer than the designated check-out date (to catch a later flight home, for example) then you must make arrangements IN ADVANCE at your hall office and be prepared to pay a modest fee for each extra night.

Our second reminder is about transportation to the airport of your choice. **All international students are responsible for their own transportation to departure airports.** Be sure to make arrangements with friends, host families, or taxi services to get to the airport on time to prepare for your flight. Please see our transportation page at <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/localtransportation.shtml> for taxi company contact information. If you need help traveling to

the Cedar Rapids/Eastern Iowa Airport, the Airport Shuttle Service may be able to help you if you make reservations in advance:
www.crshuttle.com

Next, a reminder about immigration documents and maintaining your status: For those of you who may not travel over the break, now is still a good time to look at your I-20 or DS-2019 form to make sure that it will be valid for next semester. Sometimes students reach the ending dates on these forms without realizing that they needed to request an extension. Please take a moment to look in section 5 of your I-20 form (F-1 Students) or section 3 of your DS-2019 form (J-1 Students) to see if the ending date is still accurate. If you need an extension of the ending date on either type of document, please contact your academic advisor and ask her or him to send Ross an e-mail message (ross.schupbach@uni.edu) indicating that you are making good progress toward degree completion, but that you will need additional time to complete all course requirements. Your advisor should include an anticipated completion date. (May 2012 or December 2012, for example)

WINTER 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 winter break. 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 endorsement 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, not at the end of finals week or the same day your flight departs. Please plan ahead and drop your documents off at International Services soon if you need a travel endorsement.