

YOUR FINAL E-NEWS OF THE FALL 2010 SEMESTER!  
6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010

**Invitation from Dr Michael Barclay to Syracuse London  
Students, Faculty & Staff:**

On behalf of the Drama majors studying at Shakespeare's Globe this semester, I wish to invite you all to attend their final showcase of scenes from TWELFTH NIGHT on the stage of the Globe Theatre on Wednesday 8 December at 6:30 pm.

The Globe is situated on the South Bank of the Thames next to the Tate Modern.

The nearest tube station is St. Paul's on the Central Line, on exiting the station follow the signs for the Millennium Bridge towards the Tate Modern. Turn left at the south end of the bridge and the Globe is to the right.

Attendance is free of charge, but please do let Michele Britton (m.britton@syracuse-u.ac.uk) know in advance if you would like to Attend as we need a list of names. (You can simply reply to this email.)



Please assemble in the foyer of the Globe which is opposite Starbucks no later than 6.00 pm where Dr. Barclay will meet you. Do wrap up warmly as the theatre is open air. This is a fantastic opportunity to see your friends perform on this famous stage!

Dr. Michael Barclay  
Globe Coordinator Globe Program  
Syracuse London Program

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Join us for our massive

**END OF SEMESTER PARTY!**

**When?** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Where?** 6pm in the Student  
Lounge and Auditorium



**Music and Merry-Making!**

**Exhibits!**





'Pop-Up' Performances of Christmas favourites PERFORMED BY SU London Drama Students!!

There will be FREE FOOD PLUS the welcome return of the legendary SU London

## GIANT CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

Entertainment includes KARAOKE hosted by those talented Edinburgh Festival favourites (and Student Guides!) Andy and Elliot from the excellent comedy act, *Idiots of Ants!*

Join us to round off your excellent London semester in the best way we know how!

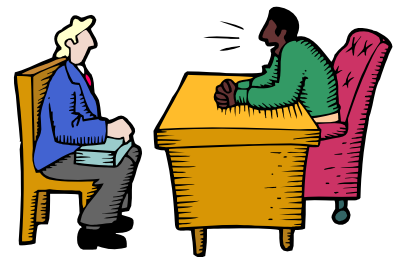


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## Your London Semester: How was it for YOU?!



Rather than interview you all individually to find out what you think of your courses here at the London Centre, we have sent you your Program Evaluation on line (this also helps us protect the environment!)



We really need you to evaluate your courses.

By now, you should have received the password that allows you onto the *online evaluation* for your London courses. Every class will have an online evaluation. Some classes will also have additional classroom evaluations so please don't get confused! The link to the general program evaluation is:



<https://oira.syr.edu/SUA/SR/>

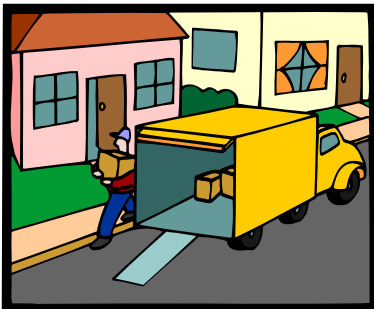


Please take a moment to complete the evaluation. It is important in helping us to make sure that the Faculty and the program in general is able to meet the academic needs of our students. The survey is brief, but you also have the opportunity to provide additional feedback. Your responses are important to us – we really want you to be heard, so tell us what you think, and please be assured that your responses are entirely confidential.

## Thank you!!!

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As this is the final e-news of the semester, it is primarily devoted to matters you will need to attend to before you leave: everything from vacating your apartment to storing and shipping excess baggage. Some of these tips have been sent to you in previous e-news and are repeated here at YOUR request. Please make sure you read through them this time (!) as the tips in here are intended to save you a lot of time and effort – I'm not going anywhere soon so I don't really need them ☺.



### VACATING YOUR APARTMENTS

Don't forget to pay all your bills (electricity, gas, phone) before you go. It saves us having to chase you down in the States and prevents Syracuse University from acquiring a bad name. It also might be a good idea to give your flat a good cleaning before your landlord comes around to

inspect it, as the cost of any cleaning will often be taken from your security deposit and I am guessing you don't need any unwelcome surprises before you leave.

#### Pre-arranged housing students:

Please note that your stay at the Gazzano comes to an end at 10am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

*To prepare for your departure please keep in mind the following:*

- *All garbage must be removed from the flat and placed in the rubbish bins*
- *All bed linen must be stripped and left in the bathtub*
- *All furniture to be replaced to their original positions*

- *All posters and pictures to be removed from the walls*
- *All apartments must be vacated by 10:00am*

It is your responsibility to leave your accommodation as you found it. Damages and missing inventory will result in charges.

Anglo American will be providing you with a departure letter containing this information again about three days prior to your departure date.

### Luggage Storage



Faraday House will be available for you to keep your luggage in if you are traveling after exams. If you want to leave your stuff **YOU MUST SEE RUSTEM**, our Chief Security Officer, at Faraday House to sign it in and sign it out when you collect it. You can come and collect your bags during the hours the Center will be open. Office hours after 7th May are 9.00 AM to 5.00 pm Monday through Friday.

**REMEMBER YOU MUST SIGN YOUR LUGGAGE IN AND OUT AND YOU LEAVE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

### STORAGE AND SHIPPING and EXCESS BAGGAGE INFORMATION

You might find that you now have more than you can carry but too much to leave behind, so you'll need to have it sent separately

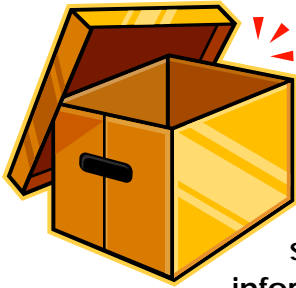
For sending packages up to 2kg, the Royal Mail is still your best bet. Our nearest post office is at the corner of Russell Square, so just a short walk from Faraday House. However there are many great services that I have been looking at via the moneysavingexpert.com site. I am going to cut and paste the link here so that you can copy it into your browser as sometimes links don't work properly in pdf files and this one is particularly useful: it's

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/cheap-parcel-delivery>

This suggestion has been provided for your perusal, for use at your own risk. Please note that SULP does not endorse any one in particular.

**PEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE DONE BY YOU. SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY WILL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO!**

## Storage



Apart from the storage facilities that we can provide here at Faraday House, there is generally storage available at main stations and airports through out the UK. Check out [this website](#) for details on a company called Excess Baggage who provide luggage storage facilities at railway and airport terminals. It's got information for Heathrow, Gatwick, and Paddington Station as well as many others. They do student discounts. Call 0800 783 085 for details. Website: <http://www.excess-baggage.com/> and go to 'Contact Us' for their locations or email: [sales@excess-baggage.com](mailto:sales@excess-baggage.com).

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## Having your mail forwarded to you



**Make sure you tell anyone that may write to you that your address will change after the end of the semester! In order for us to know where to forward your mail, please email our Program Manager, Ria Bourne, [r.bourne@syracuse-u.ac.uk](mailto:r.bourne@syracuse-u.ac.uk) or fill in the slip at the end of this e-news and give it to Ria in SR101. YOUR MAIL WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER UNLESS YOU TELL US OTHERWISE.**

## HOLDING MAIL



If you are traveling at the end of the semester and want your mail to be held in the office, it is important that you let Vicky know, otherwise it will be returned to sender!!! You can also use the slip attached to this email to let us know how long you'd like your mail held. Alternatively you can email her with the details of how long you'd like her to hold your mail.

The Royal Mail is also able to forward/deliver mail. Please check their website ([www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com)) for information if you would like to use this service.

## FORWARDING OF EXAM PAPERS

Papers will not be sent to you unless you have handed in a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to your professor. Don't forget to weigh and measure your paper first so you know exactly how much it will cost.

**Non- SU Students Please Note:** Transcript requests must be submitted on line once you have received your grades.

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## Donate your spare change to help UNICEF



Don't know what to do with your left over spare change? Don't let it go to waste! Donate it to **UNICEF!** UNICEF is the world's leading organisation protecting the rights of children and young people. Around the world, [children's rights](#)



are being denied on a daily basis, including in [emergencies](#) such as natural disasters and conflict.

UNICEF is working in over 190 [countries](#) to protect children's right to be [educated](#), to be [healthy](#), to a [childhood](#), to be [treated fairly](#) and to be [heard](#). They work with local communities, partners and governments to ensure these rights are upheld.

Drop your change – **ANY CURRENCY, ANY DENOMINATION** - off in the collection buckets in the Student Life office or in the foyer at Faraday House.

**Thank you for your support!**

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## Today is 'The big give'



The pedant in me really does not like the idea of calling the day 'the big give' – I would rather it were called 'donation day' or even 'the big gift' or something else that wasn't coined to sound so gimmicky!! Still, the idea is an excellent one: people are encouraged to give donations to charities and just for today, Monday 6

December, donations given via the website <http://www.thebiggive.org.uk/about/> are

**DOUBLED** by sponsors! One of the charities being supported this year is

[www.Womenforwomen.org](http://www.Womenforwomen.org) who work with women survivors of war to help them rebuild their lives. Some of the supporters of this charity are incredibly inspiring – for example, over the weekend I was reading about a young English guy called Chris Jackson, who has run 12 marathons on 12 months to raise funds and awareness of women survivors of sexual violence in the Congo. The civil war in the Congo has cost the lives of over 5 million people and rape is widely used a specific weapon of violence not just against women, but against children and men too. Chris Jackson also has a fundraising site at [www.justgiving.com/eonanddonate](http://www.justgiving.com/eonanddonate) -if you don't get round to giving money through the Big Give today, I urge you to log on to Chris' site and support him. It really is wonderful that young men like him are doing something to help.

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### Top Tip Tenner Competiton

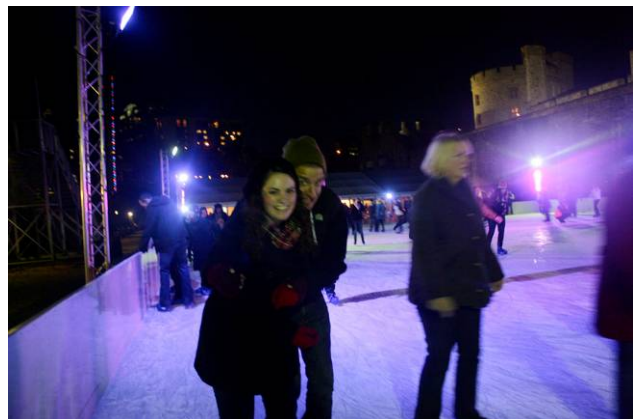
The top tip tenner competition is like a London bus! You wait for one for ages then two come at once! As this is the last e-news of the semester, we thought we would pass on both these winnings tips in the hope that you will be able to take advantage of them before you leave the country – the first is from Laura Leatherman, who writes:

“Hi Charine! Here are two money-saving tips I thought I'd share if you still want them!



1. Be in the studio audience of a BBC show! A friend and I signed up online for free and were in the studio audience for a taping of the \*harry bikers cook-off! We spent a few hours on the set watching these guys and the guest families cook, and there was an entertaining

host who played fun trivia games with the audience between shooting. We met a mother and daughter who sat with us at our table, we won a few trivia questions (and being from america, that was quite the accomplishment against all the other local people there), and we got a free \*harry bikers bandana and coffee cup. Definitely one of the best free things I've done here and I would recommend it to everyone!



(Note from Charine: I know this might sound dreadful to those of you with more delicate sensibilities, but this Geordie duo really are called the HAIRY bikers, not the harry bikers – and yes, they are more than a bit hairy!!)

2. The 'yellow card' at The Court. The Court has become a regular hangout for my friends and I. It's so student-friendly: It's open later than most pubs, the food and drinks are relatively cheap, there is a pool table and a juke box, so its low-key but is always super crowded. The tip here is to invest in a yellow card. The card only costs £1 and it gets you great discounts on food, drinks, and pitchers. There's no catch! And it can be used all semester."

Laura also attached a few pictures she took while ice skating at the Tower of London over Thanksgiving weekend, and sent in some lovely comments about the event: thanks Laura – come and get your ten pound prize when you can!



The second £10 prize goes to Carol Vanderbosch, who also charmed me by sending in a lovely picture taken at the Tower ice rink (Carol is pictured in the middle here, between Angela and Alex). She says:

"Hi Charine,

Linda forwarded me this website to see if it was useful/helpful and I think it is quite good. It has loads of tips on things to do for free or on the cheap here in London. (I think I'm going to check out the Carol Performances at Trafalgar Square myself.)

<http://www.londontourist.org/free.html>



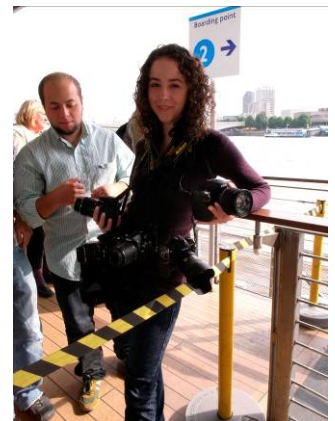
As a student, I can say the fact that the word "FREE" greeted me upon opening this link made me instantly like it." (Carol has already been awarded her £10: one of the joys of being a work/study student!!)

Having both these tips come in accompanied by such lovely pictures has reminded me to send out the plea I normally send out at this point of the semester:

# SEND US YOUR PHOTOS PLEASE!!!

We would love it if you could share some of the photos you have taken over the course of the semester. There's a real gap in our collection and it would be superb if we could use your brilliant photography in things like the E-News & much more so that everyone, even the folks back home! - can really see what this experience is about.

E-mail Charine → [c.john@syracuse-u.ac.uk](mailto:c.john@syracuse-u.ac.uk) with your photos



or even a link to a flickr account, blog ect... It would be greatly appreciated!

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Here's a message from one of our dear friends, the excellent comedian Patrick Monahan – here's doing a gig tonight so if you don't have too many assignments, why not get down to 'the Water Rats' near Kings Cross Station: it's sure to be a lot of fun!



Patrick says:

"In case you want to find love before the end of this decade , come along to my brand new show in King's Cross on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Guest stars include James Redman (Casualty, Holby City) and Jodie Marsh. For your tickets, please visit"

[http://www.themonto.com/events/view/2169/Patrick+Monahan-Monday+6th+December+2010.](http://www.themonto.com/events/view/2169/Patrick+Monahan-Monday+6th+December+2010)

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Happy Chanukah!

There is some Chanukah information on the West London Synagogue site [www.wls.org.uk](http://www.wls.org.uk), as well as on the <http://www.tonyblairfaithfoundation.org> site

**NOW PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR THE FORM YOU NEED TO FILL IN TO HAVE MAIL FORWARDED!**

**Please detach and complete this form and hand to Ria Bourne  
SR101, Faraday House.**

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