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MEMO TO: University Community

FROM: David Werner *DW*

SUBJECT: Mardi Gras Madness

Everyone is invited to celebrate **Pack the Gym: Mardi Gras Madness** on Thursday, Feb. 11. SIUE women's and men's basketball teams play the University of Missouri-St. Louis at the Vadalabene Center. Game time is 5:30 p.m. for the women's game and 7:30 p.m. for the men's game. Everyone with a valid SIUE ID (faculty, staff and students) and their guests are admitted free.

Among the activities associated with Mardi Gras Madness are:

- Wear red and white or University logo apparel and show Cougar spirit for Dress Down Day on February 11.
- Free hot dogs and a beverage will be served from 4:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Student Fitness Center's main lobby for faculty, staff and students.
- SIUE Athletics will give a free box of popcorn to anyone who brings a new or like-new children's book (ages 1 to 5) to the game. All of the books gathered will be given to support SIU's "A Book in Every Home" campaign.
- Faculty and staff are invited to a special social with food and refreshments during the break between games. The social is in SIUE basketball's Varsity Room located on the second floor of the Vadalabene Center just above the concession stand.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to invite their students and student workers to the game. Aside from Saturday's afternoon contest against Quincy, this will be the last time you can see the basketball teams this season.
- Mardi Gras beads and other surprises will be distributed during the basketball games.
- The entertainment during halftime of the women's and men's basketball games includes the SIUE Pom Pon Squad, a chance to win a 1999 Dodge Intrepid at both games by sinking a 60-foot putt, a chance to win a spring break trip courtesy of Campus Recreation and an opportunity to win gift certificates from the University Bookstore.
- The Greek Council is sponsoring a dance open to all SIUE students in the Student Fitness Center Aerobics Studio (second floor) immediately after Thursday's doubleheader. Food and refreshments will be served.

This is your opportunity to show your Cougar spirit. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Intercollegiate Athletics at 650-2871.

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