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Welcome back, SIUE

From the editor in chief

The Alestle keeps SIUE up to date with print, online editions

“The Alestle Back to School Survival Guide is designed to be your blueprint to the 2008-2009 academic year...”

-Catherine Klene,
Editor in Chief

And so another year begins.

To those of you who are joining us for the first time at SIUE, welcome, and to those of you who have returned for your next round of academic pursuits, welcome back.

The SIUE campus is growing in more ways than one. Looking around, construction is everywhere, from the massive piles of dirt where a new Student Success Center will rise, to the expansion of the Student Fitness Center on the other side of campus. Even the Early Childhood Center is getting a facelift as more little Cougars begin their educations.

Freshmen are as common a sight as construction equipment this year, with the largest admitted freshmen class in the university's history starting their first semester. Sports teams are gearing up after SIUE announced in June that it will make the move to Division I athletics as the newest member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Alestle Back to School Survival Guide is designed to be your blueprint to the 2008 — 2009 academic year, whether you've just started building your foundation here or are putting the final touches on your higher education. If you're trying to figure out how to get financial aid or buy a parking pass, looking for help in a class from Instructional Services or wondering where to vote on campus in this year's historic presidential election, The Alestle Back to School Survival Guide has you covered.

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As we grow, The Alestle is always looking for more voices and contributors. If you have an opinion, let us know with a letter to the editor. We also are currently searching for sports reporters, cartoonists and columnists. Journalism experience is not required, only responsibility, reliability and a willingness to learn.

Once again, welcome back, and look to The Alestle to keep you up to date with everything SIUE.

Catherine Klene
Editor in Chief



From the chancellor

Academics and activities create a well-rounded university experience

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, welcome to the 2008-2009 academic year! Having just completed the celebration of our 50th anniversary, we're ready for an exciting start to our next half century. To both our new and returning students, we are very glad you have chosen SIUE as the place to build upon your education and experiences of the past, and we remain committed to providing excellent service and support as you pursue a degree in higher education.

At SIUE, you will benefit from both our quality faculty and outstanding academic programs. And no education is complete without an appreciation of the wide variety of people, backgrounds and ideologies you will encounter through open dialogue and mutual respect. The university is based upon values of Citizenship, Excellence, Integrity, Openness and Wisdom, values that are so important to SIUE that you will be reminded of them each time you see them displayed on a large banner in the Morris University Center.

Whether you are a new or returning student, make the most of your time as a

Cougar and get involved, not only in the classroom, but also in extracurricular activities and within your residential community. As in all worthwhile endeavors, the outcome is often proportional to the investment. With over 200 student organizations to choose from, it's easy to find an outlet for your intellectual, creative and athletic abilities and this is part of a well-rounded university experience.

For example, there are frequent faculty and student exhibits in the Art and Design Building and in the MUC. There is also the Arts & Issues Series and a wide variety of organizations, associations, plays, musicals and clubs to broaden your university experience. The Student Fitness Center is home to a range of recreational programs and, while every day is a great day to be a Cougar, this is especially true on days with scheduled athletic events — students are admitted free. And what an exciting time in the life of the university

with SIUE's move to NCAA Division I athletics!

Another excellent way to stay involved and informed on campus issues is to read the university newspaper, The Alestle. The name is a combination of Alton, East. St. Louis and Edwardsville and highlights the unity of SIUE's three educational branches. The Alestle is one vehicle through which the entire campus communicates. Feel free to weigh in on topics of interest.

Once again, welcome to SIUE, a university that is on the move and gaining national recognition for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders. Your time here will be special. Years from now, you will find that fall brings to mind memories of textbook shopping, new friendships, rewarding classes and a surge of energy and anticipation for the promise of what lies ahead. Best wishes for a very successful academic year.

Go Cougars!

Vaughn Vandegrift
Chancellor



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-Vaughn Vandegrift,
chancellor

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From the student body president

Students must exercise responsibility in academics and politics

Welcome EVERYONE! Students, faculty and staff, welcome to the 2008-2009 school year. I'm sure this year will be very exciting for everyone. With us being in the middle of history taking place with the upcoming elections in November, I am sure this year is going to be interesting. Besides our elections taking place, we have just completed our 50th year anniversary, so this is the start of another wonderful 50 years. Let's all think of ways we can contribute to SIUE for the next 50 years.

I'm sure as you look around you can't help but notice all the construction taking place. These changes might appear to be an inconvenience, but it's in the hopes to improve SIUE. These changes and improvements are only for the advancements of our educational experience. One year from now the doors will open to the Student Success Center. The opening of this center will help enhance your education. So take advantage of that opportunity. If you take another look you will notice that the Vadalabene Center has been under construction. Right now it is being renovated. This renovation is taking place in the hopes to better accommodate the students as well as update our basketball facility for our move to Division I. They are to be done with the renovations this fall. Make sure you take advantage of these opportunities.

I spoke earlier of how we

were in the middle of history taking place with the upcoming elections happening this November. I know for many of you this will be your first time voting and I am sure that you are all very excited. I would encourage all of you to learn about each candidate. Do your research and KNOW why you are voting for that individual. I remember the first time I voted in 2004. I had just turned 18, and I was very eager. I know that you all will be very excited this year. Keep a few things in mind. Make sure you get registered, and if you are voting absentee, have your paperwork filled out so you can be a part of this exciting time. The Kimmel Leadership Center and various organizations, as well as Student Government, will have many events taking place here on campus surrounding the elections, so make sure you come out and take advantage of what they have to offer. There will be giveaways, informational forums, concerts, speakers, etc.

Now students, we all know that it's that time again ... Time to be students first again. With that we must know that our academics are our first priority. We must take responsibility for the importance of our education by going to class, completing our



assignments, turning them in on time and participating in class activities and discussion. Something that has always been helpful is the "4321" plan. It stands for:

- 4- 4 Years to graduate
- 3- 3.0 GPA or higher
- 2- 2 hours to study for every one hour of class
- 1- Get involved with one organization or activity

This plan has always helped me in my college career, and I am sure it will be very beneficial for you all. Also remember to make some time for yourself. Don't allow yourself to get too overworked. Make sure you take breaks and spend some "me" time. Go see a movie or treat yourself to dinner. Remember, you deserve it. You have been working very hard!

I hope you enjoy your school year. I know it will be wonderful because you are at the best school ever! I wish you nothing but success and I hope you have a wonderful year. If you ever have questions please feel free to contact me at 650-3821 or e-mail me at dmajors@siue.edu. I am here for you! You can also stop by my office in the Kimmel Leadership Center. Remember, Student Government is the place where voices are heard and action is taken. Have a great year!

Dominique Majors
President
Student Government

From the vice chancellor for student affairs

Vice Chancellor offers four points for SIUE success

Welcome to the SIUE community! This is an exciting time in your life. As a student, you will be introduced to many new and different ideas and experiences, you will be challenged to think logically and creatively about difficult questions and you will be asked to discuss the answers to these questions. Join in the discussions; you have much to offer.

From my perspective, here are some valuable points to assure your success as an SIUE student:

First, and foremost, invest the time and energy necessary to achieve good grades.

Most academicians recommend a minimum of two hours studying outside of class for every hour of class. Attend class regularly and make sure you know your instructor's attendance policy. Be on time and be prepared for every class meeting. Sit in the front of the classroom! Follow your syllabus and make sure that you are organized and that your assignments are completed in a timely manner. If you need help, talk with your instructor or adviser so they can direct you to the best source of help.

Second, resolve conflicts, differences and disputes by thoughtful discussion.

Civility is a cornerstone of our academic community; you are expected to act and behave accordingly. At times you may disagree with fellow



members of the academic community. Part of your college experience is learning to resolve disagreements in a fashion that is in keeping with your role as an educated member of the SIUE academic community.

Third, get involved in student life.

There are numerous opportunities available to you to become involved in activities and services beyond the classroom. Check out the student organizations on campus; they need your participation. Consider doing volunteer work related to your academic major or participate in the social and recreational opportunities on campus. All of these activities give you the chance to interact with your fellow students, faculty and staff and serve to enrich and broaden your education.

Fourth, and lastly, take care of yourself.

Achieve the balance between what is required to succeed at the university and the other obligations of family and work. Occasional stress is a normal part of a student's life. How you cope with it, in a constructive manner, will make all the difference for you. Make lifestyle decisions that are in your best interest.

Again, I welcome you to SIUE. I look forward to meeting you on campus and hope you find your university experience both rewarding and memorable.

Narbeth R. Emmanuel
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Student Success Center prepares to go above ground

Student Success Center to be completed summer 2009

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle A&E Editor

Peck Hall, Founder's Hall, back to Peck, over to Alumni Hall and to the basement of Rendleman Hall. This is the path an average student may need to take if they are searching for academic and support services on campus.

Come fall of 2009, students will be able to escape the run around once the Student Success Center is completed.

The building will house campus services such as the Career Development Center, Academic Advising, Student Opportunities for Academic Results, Health Services and Counseling Services. The Student Government office will also be expanded from Kimmel Leadership Center into the building. The two-story building will also include a computer lab and a student lounge.

Lora Miles, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said the decision to construct the SSC was made to take services that are currently spread throughout the university and combine them into one building. This will help prevent students from going from one building to another, which often causes confusion.

Miles said it was important to look at which departments made the most sense together in one building.

"Sometimes (students) don't even know about those

services or support because they don't see them," Miles said.

Construction began on the SSC in March, and, according to Vice Chancellor for Administration Rich Walker, above ground construction will be noticeable during the fall semester.

"By the time school starts in the fall, we should have all the column holes drilled and poured and some of the steel coming up out of the ground," Walker said. "You'll start to see some above ground progress by then."

Currently, the east entrances of the Morris University Center is closed off, though entrances are still available to the lower level of the cafeteria. Those entrances were only blocked off for a short time while utilities were relocated in March. A portion of the sidewalk is still only gravel, but once it settles, concrete will be poured over the area to recreate a smooth surface, Walker said.

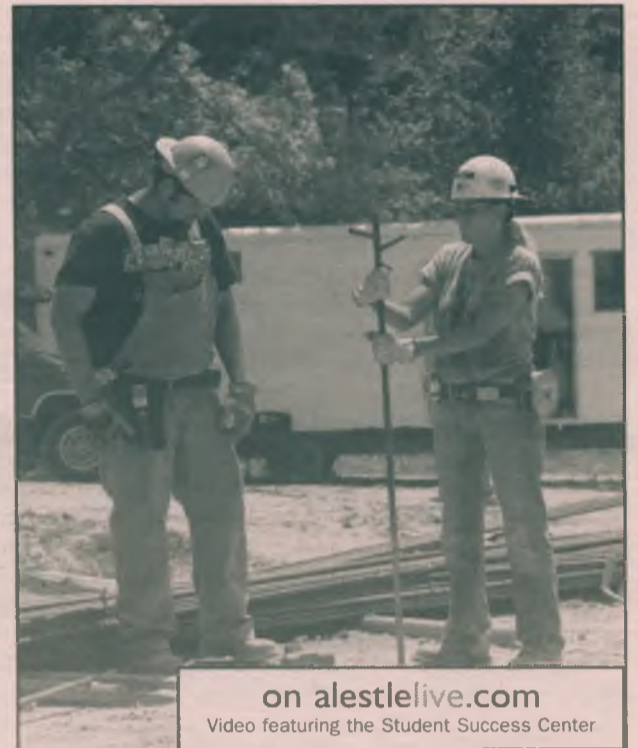
Miles said the building should be completed by next June and ready for student use by the fall 2009 semester, giving ample time for faculty to move into the building.

Construction is oftentimes an inconvenience to those surrounded by it, but Walker said the construction has not deterred any incoming students from joining the university.

"Parents and students see it as a positive thing that we are building new facilities and new spaces," Walker said. "They recognize it as a sign of progress and not a negative thing, except for a temporary inconvenience."

Walker said the increase in student population and the growth of facilities on campus go "hand in hand," and it is hard to say if either action is a direct reaction of the other. Walker said if the university was in a declining enrollment, these construction projects would likely not be going on because "they kind of feed each other."

Sophomore business and finance major Jory Lewis wasn't bothered by the construction going on behind the



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Video featuring the Student Success Center

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(Top) Two construction workers continue work at the Student Success Center. (Bottom left) Progression of a bull dozer at the construction site.



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MUC, but said he looks forward to the new building, especially the new computer lab.

"We need more computers," Lewis said. "It's kind of hard getting a hold of them in the library from time to time, and I'm not a big fan of renting the laptops."

Miles said she doesn't feel new students will notice the new building as much because they will think it has always been there, but she said she feels as though the new

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'Helping the underprepared prepare, the prepared advance and the advanced excel'

by Lori Bailey
Alestle Correspondent

Sharpened pencils, new notebooks and can-do attitudes might not be enough for some students when their first classes prove more difficult than anticipated.

For these students, Instructional Services is available throughout the academic year.

"We are here to help students do the best they can, academically," Martha Leese, director of Instructional Services, said.

Instructional Services offers many different programs for students who may need a little extra help in those trickier classes.

Summer Bridge Program

The Summer Bridge program is available for incoming freshman.

The Summer Bridge program is an "intensive six-week summer program that provides a head-start for making the social and academic transition to college," according to an informational brochure.

Students can complete developmental reading, writing and math courses to earn three hours of university-level credit before they officially begin at SIUE.

Academic Developmental Courses

Once the fall semester begins, Instructional Services is in charge of the Academic Developmental Courses.

This includes classes in reading, writing, mathematics, study skills and career planning and development. All of these courses are designed to bring students up to a college level to prep them

for a university experience.

The Math Resource Area

The Math Resource Area helps freshmen in developmental classes and students taking Math 150. The Math Resource Area is located in Peck Hall Room 1414, where qualified peer tutors and instructors, certified by the National Tutoring Association waiting to help students. The Math Resource Area also helps students on a first-come, first-served basis, allowing students to pop in for a little extra help whenever they have time.

The Writing Center

One of Instructional Services' most popular services is the Writing Center, located in Peck Hall, Room 1419.

"The Writing Center is a very valuable resource that more people should take advantage of," English professor Geoffery Schmidt said.

In addition to support with papers, reports, and theses, there are also self-instructional materials on a wide variety of writing-related topics such as organization, paragraphing, grammar and English as a second language. However, if you intend on receiving help at the Writing Center, be sure to make an appointment. If you show up without one, someone may not be available to help you.

Supplemental Instruction

Instructional Services also offers Supplemental Instruction, in which students can attend regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer-facilitated study sessions for a number of traditionally difficult academic courses. Student leaders and study group facilitators for the Supplemental Instruction program are also required to be certified by the National Tutoring Association.

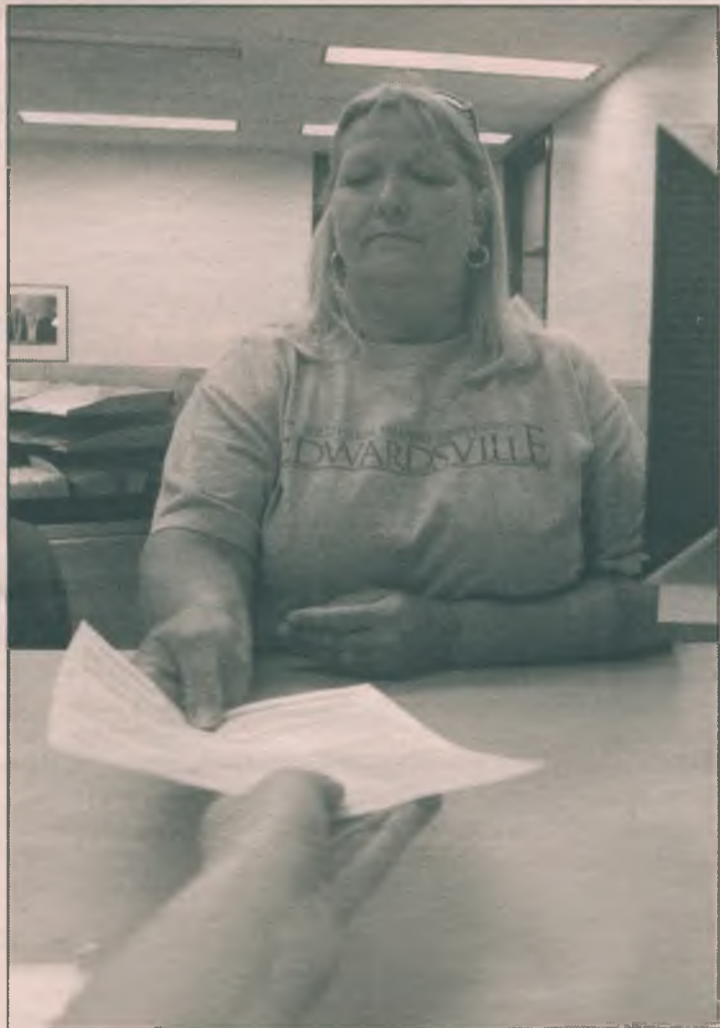
Testing

On top of assisting students in all levels of education, Instructional Services helps them get to the next level in their academic careers. Instructional Services is in charge of administering several standardized tests. Tests offered include the Miller Analogies Test, Nursing Tests, Placement Exams, CLEP Exams, Proficiency Exams, the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency and the Pharmacy College Admissions Test.

Moving On Up

In summer 2009, students will find assistance in a new location, as Instructional Services will move to the new Student Success Center.

"The new arrangement will promote more collaboration among the student-focused units of Instructional Services, Academic Advising and the SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Results) program," Leese said. "Students will have a central location to meet their academic needs."



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Margaret Barnhart was as an admissions records specialist at the Service Center in Rendleman Hall, where students can go to add or drop classes.

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Video featuring the library

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The first floor of the library has the reference and instruction area, a music listening room and computers. The second floor has a media collection area and microforms. The third floor contains government documents and a collaborative computing area.

Perfect for peace and quiet

Hit the books to study, research at a computer or take a nap on a couch at the Lovejoy Library

by Soni Kumar
Alestle Reporter

The new school year means spending long hours studying and considering the library as a home away from home.

Lovejoy Library's mission is to support and enhance instruction, scholarship and public service to SIUE and the region by providing scholarly information and archival resources.

The library has three floors of resources many students are oblivious to.

"I like the third floor especially, it is so quiet and such a good place to study that I can do whatever I want," senior pre-pharmacy major Inderpreet Dhillon said. "I can study, I can take a nap."

The first floor consists of reference and instruction areas, a music listening room and an array of computers available for student use. The second floor

contains a media collection area, thousands of microforms—a type of film paper used to hold many images from books—an array of magazines and articles and quiet study areas. The third floor has many print government documents and a collaborative computing area.

The library holds approximately 800,000 different volumes, 1,300,000 microforms, 540,000 U.S. documents, 150,000 maps and aerial photographs and 34,000 sound recordings.

"They have lots of research papers and articles to help me do my assignments for anatomy," Dhillon said. "This is the best place to study and be focused."

Even though Lovejoy Library has thousands of resources, they are still adding to the library to "better enhance the quality of learning," according to Regina McBride, acting dean at Lovejoy Library.

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Going back for seconds



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Dining Services employee Ginnie Keel cooks up a stir fry dish at Noodles/Pasta station in the Morris' University Cetner's Center Court.

Dining Services offers variety of meal and a la carte options for students

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

Dining Services will have its hands full this year with one of SIUE's largest freshmen classes hungrily flooding the Morris University Center's Center Court.

Interim Director of Dining Services Vickie Edsall is working on making sure things stay in order. There won't be any ground-breaking changes this year, but things are still moving forward.

"It's going to be the same concept that we've had in the past, just with some minor tweaks to (certain) areas," Edsall said. "(That includes) more vegetarian options ... (and) trying to meet the needs of all of our customers."

Students can choose entrées and side dishes from any of the Center Court stations like The Grille or Garden Patch, or other options such as panini, pasta and pastries. Even with all the selection, senior accounting major Gregg Gonzalez of Edwardsville said some things can get old at the end of the semester.

"Since I work (at the bookstore) I kind of get sick of it," Gonzalez said.

Edsall and company will try to spice things up throughout the year, offering promotions like dollar hamburgers and holiday treats, as well as personal pizzas at the Skywalk Café.

"A lot of times in the fall, we don't make huge

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changes," Edsall said. "We like to make them as the year goes on, and people kind of get bored with what they have and what's offered."

New food isn't the only change coming to dining services, according to Edsall. Center Court is also looking to add an eco-friendly twist to its meals.

"We're going to get started in the recycling end of it and offer to go containers that are recyclable ... and more recyclable napkins," Edsall said. "We're just looking in to being more conscientious of the environment and trying to go green."

Students will be able to pick up grab and go items from Dining Service's Home Meal Replacement selection. Frozen meals, salads and fruit can be purchased in a la carte fashion.

"When we first started out the grab and go area for the frozen meals, we thought of TV dinner ... but we found out (students) didn't want that," Edsall said. "They want to make their own choices. So then we got to doing entrées, separate vegetables ... and then different starches."

On the main level of the MUC, Auntie Anne's Pretzels and a newly remodeled Starbucks can still be found, as well as the Union Station Convenience Store, which won a "Best in the Business" award last year for its tightly packed walls.

"When I first came up here, there was between 2,600 to 3,000 items in the store," Anita Terry, manager for dining services, said. "It's just incredible. There are

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the doctor is in

Health Services helps to continue a healthy lifestyle

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Opinion Editor

Whether it's a relentless cough that eclipses your statistics teacher's lecture, a twisted ankle from dashing down the stairs of the MUC for a buffalo chicken pizza from Pizza Hut or a rush of very personal concerns after forgetting the Trojan Man at last weekend's soiree, SIUE's Health Services is there to provide whatever services a student may need.

Director of Health Services Riane Greenwalk said Health Services provides clinical visits on campus for short-term illnesses, routine examinations, STD screening and treatment, counseling, health education, birth control methods, allergy injections, blood pressure checks, tuberculosis skin testing and several immunizations.

"SIUE sees students for a variety of issues," Greenwalk said. "The most common are for respiratory illnesses such as colds, flu-like symptoms, cough and asthma."

Greenwalk said many students utilize

on-campus facilities at SIUE to meet immunization requirements for enrollment, as well. Health Services is able to provide the two vaccines necessary to meet the state mandate: tetanus/diphtheria and measles/mumps/rubella shots.

"We also stock the meningitis vaccine, and the hepatitis A and B vaccine. During the fall and winter season we provide the flu vaccine," Greenwalk said.

Health Services strives to accommodate student's sexual health concerns in addition to these rudimentary procedures. Students are able to receive all STD tests and treatment with the reassurance that their information will stay confidential.

"No matter why a student comes to Health Services, their information remains a private matter," Greenwalk said. "Our physicians and nurse practitioner are happy to meet with a student and confidentially discuss their concerns."

Female students are given the convenient opportunity to schedule yearly pap smear exams on campus as well. Women can also receive pregnancy screenings, emergency contraceptives and standard birth control methods at Health Services.

In order to accommodate class schedules, Health Services ask that all students call to make an appointment prior to arriving and bring their Cougar Card



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Health Services worker Chandra Emmanuel works with Phillip Pownall at the Health Services office located in the basement of Rendleman Hall.

with them to the appointment.

"Students pay a medical benefit fee each semester that covers many of the services in our office," Greenwalk said.

A currently enrolled student may see a member of the health care delivery team for a routine visit at no charge. A minimal fee is assessed for laboratory testing, pharmacy items, complete physical examinations and immunizations.

"While our office does not bill insurance, we highly recommend each student carry medical insurance for care needed outside of our office," Greenwalk said. "Radiology tests, emergency room visits and in-hospital care are very expensive and can become an unnecessary financial burden for students. Insurance can help control and minimize those costs."

Health insurance is required, however, for all international students.

In the event of a serious medical issue on campus, Greenwalk said all conditions will be reported to 911. Campus police are also part of a First Responders Team with Health Services and will work to guide ambulance personnel to campus.

Anderson Hospital, located in nearby Maryville, is the closest hospital to SIUE.

"All life-threatening cases are directed to the emergency room of our hospital," Natalie Head, communications director for Anderson Hospital, said. "We do see a lot of SIUE students here."

Head said Anderson Hospital serves Edwardsville residents and SIUE students primarily out of a subsidiary of the hospital, known as Expresscare, located fifteen minutes away from campus.

"Unlike the hospital, Expresscare specializes in non life-threatening mishaps that you would normally go to a family

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buildings will help with recruitment and retention of students.

"I think (newer students) are going to use the services more because they are going to be more visible, they're all going to be there together," Miles said. "I think we are going to be able to retain Lewits better."

Lewis said he doesn't use the different services on campus, but said he thinks he would as he gets closer to graduation.

"I would definitely be

checking (the building) out," Lewis said. "To succeed in college you need to use those services are your disposal."

The SSC will be connected to the MUC and access will be available through the Goshen Lounge past the Kimmel Leadership Center and Meridian Ballroom. Students may also walk through Center Court and Cougar Den to access the new building. Entrances will also be located on the outside of the building to prevent people from

having to come into the MUC to reach the center.

Though construction is expected to last another year, Miles and Walker both said it is best for the university.

"Summer is the time for construction," Walker said. "Sometimes it has to be worse before it can be better. We just have to live through the construction."

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Lovejoy contains over 5,000 electronic books where students can download full text books, articles and journals straight from the computer. Many hard copies are also available for check out to the students and faculty.

"We are on the move and we are constantly adding to our electronic resources," McBride said. "One of the new programs Lovejoy has implemented is Atomic Learning, where students can actually teach themselves how to use a specific program."

Atomic Learning is available 24 hours a day to students and faculty with more than 30,000 tutorial movies, 110 of the most popular software applications and approximately 500 new tutorials added every 45 days.

Another available electronic service is Refworks, a bibliographic management tool to help students correctly cite information they use.

One other helpful library resource is the "Ask a Librarian" online reference service.

When students are in a jam, they can ask a live librarian any question right from the comfort of their computers, 24 hours a day.

"When you go to our homepage, you can simply click on the 'Ask a Librarian' (tab) and type in your question... (It) has to be answered within 30 seconds," McBride said.

The library has become a more popular place to study in recent years, McBride said.

"The number of people coming to the library has increased by 13 percent since 2005," McBride said. "The gate counted 375,000 people coming into the library this year."

Students have their own reasons why they like Lovejoy Library.

"It is a good place to study and its quiet," senior pre-pharmacy major Vatsal Patel said. "We have all resources you can get including computers and books, assistants are always there to help you out. I think studying at the library helps improve grades rather than studying at home."

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physician for," she said.

Expresscare is not free for students. Head said she advises students who would like to establish "their own physician" at Expresscare to research their insurance coverage so they know what kinds of services are covered.

Expresscare is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, as well as holiday hours in case of emergencies.

SIUE's Health Services extends to student psychological issues, with the department of Counseling Services, located at the four way stop between campus and Cougar Village.

Ann Losoff is a staff psychologist at Counseling Services who urges all students who have thought about counseling to "come in and check out our services."

"Our top three (reasons students receive counseling) would be depression, stress and anxiety," Losoff said. "With a new school year starting, we will see lots of students who are having trouble adjusting to the university, or are homesick or lonely," she said.

Counseling Services works with students one-on-one to help students with these types of problems.

"If somebody is feeling bad and distressed we would much rather have them come in and talk about it," Losoff said. "We want our students to be happy

and successful."

All visits to campus psychologists and psychiatrists are included in students' health fee and are provided at no charge.

"We see a whole range of psychological issues from mild to severe," Losoff said. "There are some issues that are better served by specialty agencies and we refer those students out."

Greenwalt said that SIUE's Health Services has differentiated itself from this sector on other universities' student health programs because of the strong relationships it has built with other units on campus.

"Last year we joined with Counseling, Campus Recreation and Dining Services for a program called Cougar Balance," Greenwalt said. "It focuses on healthy lifestyle assessment and overall wellness for our students. We are involved in partnerships like this in order to better serve our students."

Health Services is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Monday through Friday in the basement of Readleman Hall. To make an appointment with SIUE's Health Services, call 650-2842. Students can make an appointment with Counseling Services by calling 650-2197.

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How to pay for college

Financial aid process requires patience, early start

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

It's never easy getting money, and getting it from the government can be even harder, but SIUE doesn't want it to be that way.

Junior speech communications major Katie Patton of Edwardsville and her mother, Nancy, were in the Financial Aid office, waiting to ask an adviser a question they had about the financial aid process.

"When you come in as a freshmen, there's a lot to absorb," Nancy Patton said. "It gets easier ... but it's very user-friendly and everyone is very nice and very helpful."

Even with all of the available help, Patton said she doesn't use it very often.

"We rarely come in (to the Financial Aid office) unless we have a question," Katie Patton said. "Most of it is done online."

Sally Mullen, assistant director of financial aid, said CougarNet plays a key role in financial aid and is also the way money is credited on student accounts.

"All of our communications with students happens (over CougarNet), almost everything now," Mullen said. "We ask students to keep an eye on their e-mail and their CougarNet, and that's how we do most of our communicating nowadays. Students are comfortable with that because this generation is very comfortable with handling their business that way."

For those who don't get through the process with such ease or simply have a question, help can be found on the second floor of Rendelman Hall.

"(Students) can get help from one of the financial advisers," Mullen said. "We have walk-in advising, (so) they can come in and sit down with an adviser if they need help. But quite frankly, most

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For anyone who has trouble accessing CougarNet, you can go to the second floor of Rendelman Hall to Student Financial Aid.



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All meters at SIUE are \$1 an hour, and lot C has a two-hour daily time limit. Lot C is located behind Rendelman Hall and next to the Morris University Center.



Parking patrol

To avoid a collection of parking tickets, make sure to park in the correct lot, put enough money in the meters

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

When walking out of Rendelman Hall or Starbucks, a handful of white parking ticket slips are usually snugly fit beneath windshield wiper blades on vehicles.

According to Parking Service's Web site, the university's Parking Service agents have issued 310,665 tickets between academic year 1998-1999 and 2006-2007.

That equals plenty of bad days for parking violators.

Director of Administrative Services Bob Vanzo said the total number of fines given last academic year is not available.

Parking Services issues tickets to make sure everyone is parking where they have paid to park with their respective color-coded permits, and to keep parking on campus as orderly as possible.

While Parking Services outlines specific parameters for students to follow to avoid becoming the next victim of a parking ticket, students often misinterpret or try to slip past the rules. Usually that strategy fails.

"The green lots by Bluff (Hall) expire at 7 p.m. so anyone can park there after that," junior business major Donny Ballard said. "I parked there at 6:55, and by 6:58 I had a ticket."

Ballard considers tickets in instances like his to be unnecessary.

"(Parking Services Agents) are just doing their job, but it seems they just hide in the bushes and wait to give out tickets," Ballard said. "It is not entirely fair to students."

A bond-model system determines the price of parking and fees which, according to Vanzo, determines what parking services needs to maintain its entities.

"We finance our parking improvements with revenue bonds and there is an amount we have to pay overhead," Vanzo said. "The bond model tells us what to charge, and it is all formula driven."

Fines are \$10 for meter violations, \$75 for misuse of a permit and \$10 for students parking in the wrong lot, without a permit or in a no parking

zone. Each subsequent parking fine in those categories will increase by \$10, as a second ticket without a permit will cost \$20.

Vanzo said the most common violation of parking services terms occur in the metered lot C between Morris University Center and Rendelman Hall.

"When you park your car (at the meters), you are expecting to go in for a set amount of time so you only pay the amount you expect to be in the building," Vanzo said. "It is really difficult to gauge how much time you are going to spend in an office if you are waiting in line."

All meters at SIUE are \$1 an hour, and lot C has a two-hour daily time limit. If testing the meter-man seems like a daunting task, and drivers would still like to park closer to campus, guest lot B is available with a \$1 charge per hour or part of additional hours.

Although a ticket while parking on campus seems like nothing but inevitable, there are ways to avoid getting that dreaded slip on your windshield.

"The best advice to avoid getting a meter violation is to obviously put extra money in the meters," Vanzo said. "The key to not seeing a parking services agent is to buy a permit and only park where that permit allows."

Students seem to agree with Vanzo's philosophy, although time often dictates how a student parks.

"If I am in a hurry I will usually leave it to chance," sophomore engineering major Joel Eilers said. "Usually it doesn't work out too well."

Parking tags for 2008-2009 are currently available both online and in the Parking Services office.

"I would encourage everyone to buy parking tags online," Vanzo said. "You can have it mailed to your home and it is much more convenient, there is no need for anyone to have to wait in line for a permit."

For more information about Parking Services or to purchase a parking tag online, go to www.siu.edu/parking/about.shtml.

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-Donny Ballard
junior, business major

Construction around every corner

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

It seems that universities are always a work in progress, and SIUE is far from an exception, with new buildings and expansions already in the works.

The most visible project on campus is the expansion to the Morris University Center, dubbed the Student Success Center. The center will serve as a way to centralize all of the arms of SIUE's student support staff and will help the various groups going in the building to interact better, according to Cheryl Tucker-Loewe, acting director of Academic Counseling and Advising.

"In a section of the Student Success Center there is Academic Advising, Instructional Services and the (Student Opportunities for Academic Results) program," Tucker-Loewe said. "The plan is that all these units will work more closely together, and some of that will simply be a result of proximity, but there's also an effort to be more intentional about working together."

The Success Center will also house a host of other groups under its roof, according to Lora Miles, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"Health Service and Counseling Services will go in (the Student Success Center)," Miles said, " (as well as) International Student Services, Career Development and an expansion to the Kimmel Leadership Center, which will house Student Government."

According to Rich Walker, assistant vice chancellor for administration, construction for the Student Success Center should be finished by May 2009.

For an in-depth look at the Student Success Center, see page 6.

The Vadalabene Center is getting some work done as well, with a large expansion and reworked gym currently being constructed, according to Student Fitness Center Director Mick Ostrander.

"The new expansion will allow us to play a wide variety of intramural sports, club sports, (and) other



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Construction for the Student Success Center is the most visible project on campus. The expansion of the Morris University Center will serve as a way to centralize the SIUE's student support staff.

student activity functions ... in addition to a wide variety of fitness activities," Ostrander said.

Ostrander said the expansion comes as a response to an overall growth in activities due to the increased number of students living on campus.

As for the Vadalabene Center itself, the gym will be getting a facelift while sneaking in a few new classrooms.

"We're putting new bleachers into the gymnasium and a new wood floor," Walker said. "As a result of how we're configuring the bleachers, we're going to get some new classrooms (under the bleachers)."

Also included in the Vadalabene Center upgrade is a new storage area, the expanded restrooms and a few new offices. Walker said the upgrade to the gym will be finished by October and the classrooms will be open for the spring semester. As for the Fitness Center, the expansion will be finished in May 2009.

Possibly the most important construction on campus has yet to begin though, as a new science building is in the works.

Chemistry department chair Robert Dixon said the new building would help ease some of the pressure on the current labs, which hold classes all week long, including nights and weekends.

"We will have six labs, and at that point we will have labs that will only need to run Monday through Friday from 8 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock at night," Dixon said. "We'll be back to a schedule where we're not going late at night and on the weekend."

Funding for the new science building is tied to the Illinois Works bill, which is currently under consideration by the Illinois General Assembly. The bill would provide \$75 million for the new building.

For the time being, Dixon said the current labs can carry the weight. There are also new labs being constructed for a quick shot of relief.

"Last year the university paid a million dollars to have two labs built in the Biotech Incubator Labs ... so chemistry got two labs last year," Dixon said. "Biology will have two labs put out there for starting enrollment in the spring semester ... We should be able to deal with anything that comes up in next couple years before the construction (is complete)."

There's also something for children being built at SIUE. The Early Childhood Center, which acts as a daycare for children of students, faculty and staff, is currently being expanded.

"We're going to almost double the size of the Early Childhood Center by adding some additional classrooms (for children)," Walker said. "The electrical contractor just began his work, so it's just getting started, but that will be ready in the spring."

Future projects include the renovation of the bookstore in the MUC starting in October, a computer back up facility, some roadwork near Woodland and Prairie Halls and a student lounge in pharmacy lab for small groups.

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More than just a text message

Receive warnings concerning campus through e-lert text messages

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

The tragic shootings that took place on college campuses such as Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University have sparked increased safety concerns at colleges and universities around the country.

Since the tragedies, SIUE has worked hard to ensure that students on campus are protected.

Last March, SIUE implemented a text messaging system called e-lerets. The system sends a text message to students who sign up, alerting them to problems such as class cancellations due to inclement weather, power outages or hostile occurrences on campus.

"The e-lert was established to enhance our emergency communications at SIUE," David McDonald, director of emergency management and safety, said. "We continue to send e-mails, use university telephone messaging, SIUE's homepage, warning sirens and local media. The e-Lert may work when phone lines are jammed. Because e-Lerts are text messages, they tend to be quicker than e-mail."

According to the SIUE emergency management Web site, text messages worked better than any other type of communication during Hurricane Katrina.

"I feel that e-Lerts are a great way to make sure you receive notice of an emergency on campus in a timely manner," McDonald said.

McDonald said many students already have a text messaging plan as part of their

cell phone service, so registration does not cost them any additional money.

"If they don't have a text messaging plan, e-Lerts may result in a charge of 15 to 20 cents on their phone bill in the event of an emergency," McDonald said.

SIUE student Prashanthi Gundagoni said she is signed up for e-Lerts and is very pleased with it.

"It keeps you exactly informed of what's happening on campus right now," Gundagoni said. "That way, if there is a (hostile person) on campus, we can know to stay in our rooms and lock our doors. It helps keep us safe."

Sophomore Natasha House said she is not signed up for e-lerets but is not worried.

"I feel very safe on campus, regardless," House said.

Occasionally SIUE will send out test messages to make sure the system is working, but so far, the messaging system has been successful.

"The comments I have received on the e-lert system have been very positive," McDonald said. "I think everyone wants to have the most current information in the event of an emergency, and the e-lert system provides another way to keep informed."

To sign up for e-lerets, students should go to www.siu.edu/e-lert/ and click on the "sign up now" link. Once there, students need to enter their e-ID and password, as well as their cell phone number.

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**"I feel very safe on campus,
regardless."**

-Natasha House, sophomore

Your key to SIUE e-ID

Create, remember and use your e-ID to access online information

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Students will still connect to the same Internet in the fall, but the place they will go for customer service will change.

The Office of Information Technology, which handles nearly every aspect of technology at SIUE, has merged with Telecommunication Services and Academic Computing to form Information Technology Services. The new department will lead students searching for customer service in times of technological distress to a new location, the basement of Lovejoy Library, as opposed to its previous headquarters in Dunham Hall.

"The public space for student services and customer support will be moved to the library," Jennifer Vandever, director of Academic Computing, said.

"Most of the Telecommunication and OIT staff, administration, analysts, programmers and training staff will stay in Dunham... There is not enough room in the library, so we will have a split physical location."

ITS will still have the responsibility of connecting over 13,000 students and faculty members to the Internet and handling e-ID, or electronic identification, services, which include Web mail, Blackboard, AdvisorTrac and Student Telephone Account Numbers (STAN), as well as maintaining the Banner system.

While cell phone use has virtually eliminated the use of the STAN, Vandever said the service is still available to students, some of which use the service. Signing up for a STAN can be done by visiting the e-ID Web site, costing students 2 cents for local calls and 10 cents per minute for long distance calls.

Vandever said the merger was mostly for organizational purposes.

"Last year, before the merger, OIT and Telecom were part of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, and Academic Computing was

part of the library," Vandever said. "Since then, the decision was made to reorganize it into one office, so we are now a part of the division of Academic Affairs."

According to Vandever, the merger will also create a new position within the university, the associate vice chancellor for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.

"We are working on several different things to make the transition as smooth as possible for us as well as students,"

Vandever said. "It is going to be a slow process, but we are working on those initiatives, and it is very exciting."

A large portion of ITS' job is maintaining the servers that keep online operations of the university running smoothly.

"(ITS) maintains and operates over 200 servers on campus," server administrator Mike Hanei said.

"We manage all of the servers which provide those services."

One of the most important resources available to students through ITS is the e-ID, which is accessed by every student and faculty member and is required at SIUE.

"The e-ID and password are used to gain access to system resources, such as lab machines, e-mail and personal Web pages," Hanei said. "Just about every application on campus uses it to see if you are who you claim to be."

Each student is reserved an e-ID upon registration with the university and the account can be activated online at the e-ID Web page, at www.siu.edu/eid.

When obtaining an e-ID for the first time, students will need to fill out their name, birth date and SIUE student ID number.

Students must then select the postcard option. This postcard will arrive in the mail within two weeks of e-ID activation. Before those two weeks are up, students must enter the key code printed on the postcard. The e-ID creation process will also prompt students to create a secret phrase

"(Changing my password) every 60 days may be a little inconvenient, but I don't mind it."

-Brad Rae,
sophomore

anthropology major



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Bored, sick of homework or just looking for something new? Try these entertaining Web sites

by Holly Meyer
Alestle Managing Editor

It is always more entertaining to do something totally unproductive than it is to accomplish something. Sure, it might feel better to finish the term paper or read the six chapters for tomorrow's class, but putting it off for an hour immediately gratifying than that hard-earned sense of accomplishment. Passing by the standard time-wasters like Facebook or Myspace, check out these Web sites to pass the time.

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Every Sunday Frank Warren, the founder of "PostSecret," posts about 20 postcards on the Web site. The postcards are mailed to Warren anonymously. Each postcard is uniquely designed and displays someone's secret. The secrets range from dark and sad to humorous and ridiculous. The secrets stay up for a week, but they are not archived. Each Sunday, Warren chooses a new batch of postcards to share with the PostSecret community. Not all postcards sent to Warren show up online. Some secrets the public will never see, but some have made their way into one of the PostSecret books. Warren has compiled four books from secrets submitted to him: "My Secret: A PostSecret Book," "The Secret Lives of Men and Women: A PostSecret Book," "PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives" and "A Lifetime of Secrets: A PostSecret Book."

www.siu.edu/POLICE

If you really want to know if that was your friend pulled over by SIUE's finest, then check out the police media log online. If anything happens on campus, it usually shows up on the police media log. Type in the Web address, click on statistics and pick a month in which the offense occurred. Statistics for the current and past two months are available online. Probably the most popular offense on the list is speeding or a stolen parking hang tag, but occasionally you will come across a few gems of interest. If you enjoy Facebook stalking old classmates, add the SIUE Police blotter to your daily list of must-check Web sites.

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DINING SERVICES

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new products coming in and somehow they all find a place.”

Union Station is also trying to fill the needs of its customers, cramming some new items on its already loaded shelves.

“(We’re adding) more organic food and a better selection of Indian food ... (We’re) going through and making sure everything is stocked up,” Terry said.

After former Dining Services director Bill Canney left SIUE this summer, Lora Miles, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said the search for a new director of dining services is already in the works and should be completed by the time classes resume.

“We’re looking for someone that can direct the overall management and operations of dining services,” Miles said. “It’s a \$9 million operation, so I’m looking for someone who has some experience to handle that complex of an organization.”

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WHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS:

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- Bluff Hall Cafe
- Chick-fil-A
- Deli/Panini
- Entrees
- Freshens
- Garden Patch
- Noodles/Pasta
- Pizza Hut Express
- Skywalk Food Court
- Starbucks Coffee
- Taco Bell Express
- The Commons Grill
- The Grille
- Union Station
- University Restaurant

e-ID

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and clue to be used in the event of a forgotten password.

Every 60 days, students must change their password and will not be able to re-use any of their previous six passwords.

“(Changing the password) every 60 days may be a little inconvenient, but I don’t mind it,” sophomore anthropology major Brad Rae said. “Just make sure you take care of it, because you don’t want it to expire.”

In order to change the password, visit the e-ID Web site and click on “I know my password and I want to change

it.” Once that is completed students will be clear for two months before they must repeat the process.

If the seven to eight character password is not changed before its expiration, a trip to the ITS office for a reset is merited to get accounts back in order.

The security measure calling for bi-monthly password resets went into effect as a law in the state of Illinois in July 2006, Hanei said.

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FINANCIAL AID

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students don’t. Most students get on and apply and check their CougarNet.”

The process of applying and receiving financial aid isn’t too difficult after finishing the paperwork. The first thing students need to fill out is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

“It all starts by the student completing the FAFSA,” Mullen said. “We ask students to do that by March 1 of each year for the next fall. That gives time for the feds to process things and for us to process things in order to get aid on the student’s account in time for fall semester.”

Students can still apply after March 1, but aren’t guaranteed to get the money in time for the start of the semester.

After they get the info from the federal processor, SIUE determines how much aid a student is eligible for. Some students will be selected to verify

that the information on their FAFSA is accurate. Finally, the student is given a reward notice on CougarNet and can either accept or decline it, or look to finish off their payments with student loans.

“If they do want loan money, there is some further information they have to take care of with the lender,” Mullen said. “They need to choose a lender and complete a promissory note, and then do home counseling with that lender, and then we will take care of processing everything and get it on to their account.”

So exactly how much aid is being given out by the university? According to Mullen, 11,411 students were paid a combined \$98,348,618 last year, a 25 percent increase over the previous year’s total of \$78,612,768 paid out to 9,674 students.

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Broadcasting yourself: no such thing as online privacy

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Opinion Editor

"John Doe just joined the group DRUNK SK8 2008."

"Jane Smith is soooo sick of her literature class and professor Hamilton."

Despite constant Internet incrimination, freshman Daniel Rowell said he knows he is protected when he surfs Myspace and Facebook.

"I post nothing I would be embarrassed about if someone else read it," Rowell said.

He said these Web sites have helped him find and keep in touch with many friends and relatives, as well as meet new classmates.

Myspace and Facebook have made fortunes off of the willingness of students to broadcast information to anyone and everyone on the Internet.

"Students are more hooked up to their computers and phones now," James Klenke, associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said. "There has definitely been a shift in how students get to know each other."

Klenke said there have been countless changes in university life since the conception of these sites, including a major loss in "face to face" communication.

Sophomore Margaret Sheerer said sees this shift in communication as a positive advancement for college students.

"The sites can provide a place where people with common interests can come together and university organizations often use these sites as a means of much stronger communication between students than in the past," Sheerer said. "I think the effects are mostly positive, although there is the occasional underage drinking bust or loss of job credibility."

Sheerer said she regularly uses these sites, though she has made her Myspace page private and never includes personal information on any Internet sites.

"Students should first and foremost think strongly about pictures and things they post online before doing it," Sheerer said. "They should consider the possibility of future employers or other important people seeing anything that might damage the students' reputation."

Klenke said SIUE cannot protect students against breach of privacy when they willingly upload pictures or include information telling of the "habits they have."

"When you put something up on Myspace or Facebook, you're giving up that privacy," Klenke said.

Students are urged only to include information on the Internet they would want to see posted on billboards, Klenke said.

"Students think that somehow, people will not see these pages," Klenke said, "but experience tells us otherwise."

Director of Telecommunications Daniel Chace said students should work to protect their personal information on the Internet by never sharing their passwords and always looking for the "padlock" in the browser to ensure a Web site is secure.

SIUE takes several additional actions to protect students on the internet, including e-ID timeouts, forcing a student out of system after a period of a student, screen-locking procedures, encrypted services and many others.

"The main problem with social

networking sites involves students sometimes not thinking beyond the moment," Chace said. "Attending an underage party during your freshman year in college, an experience documented in inappropriate pictures posted to your social network account, might seem humorous at the time, however, the repercussions can often be far-reaching, both personally and occupationally."

Even though students may change or remove content from either Myspace or Facebook, programs such as the Wayback Machine can see the content as it once was, Chace said.

Chace said that the shift in communication from interpersonal to Internet has caused students to act differently, as well.

"Hurtful, embarrassing or inflammatory comments are posted and, although they can be removed from public view (either by a user or site administrator), the damage is done," Chace said. He said that many students ignore standard "netiquette" and behave in ways they never would in a real life

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How safe is your identity?



Illustration by June Farley/Alestle

E-mails and credit card applications are perfect resources for identity thieves

by Catherine Klene
Alestle Editor in Chief

When students hit their eighteenth birthday, some may get birthright cards in the mail, but many others get appealing applications for credit card offers.

While some sign up for the buy now, pay later promise, others pitch the unopened envelopes into the trashcan along with a handful of weekly ads. But those unopened envelopes can easily be picked out of the garbage and used to make plenty of purchases — at the addressee's expense.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said identity theft is when someone's personal information is used illegally or fraudulently, usually for financial gain.

Schmoll said if students aren't going to use the credit card applications, they should shred them instead of tossing them in the trash. If students do sign up for credit cards, Schmoll said the fewer they have, the easier they are to manage.

"Limit yourself to maybe one or two credit cards, or none if it's at all possible," Schmoll said.

Credit card applications through the mail are only part of the identity theft problem. The ever-increasing use of the Internet to exchange personal information is quickly becoming a quick grab for identity thieves prowling for bank account

numbers, social security numbers and other personal information.

Schmoll said people often put personal information on Web sites such as Facebook or Myspace, and people also purchase more things online using credit card numbers and personal information, making it more accessible to identity thieves.

"If you do make purchases online, make sure it's a secure site," Schmoll said.

Schmoll also said identity thieves can send deceptive e-mails requesting bank account numbers or social security numbers.

Becky Yarbrough is the center manager for the Cougar Banking Center, the SIUE Bank of Edwardsville branch in the Morris University Center. Yarbrough said students are most susceptible to online identity theft.

"What I see the most at the center is the credit card number or the debit number being stolen online," Yarbrough said.

Schmoll said victims of identity theft often don't even know until they are contacted by their credit card companies or banks.

"A lot of times, the credit card companies contact them," Schmoll said. "They see an unusual (purchase) pattern and contact the person."

Yarbrough said the Bank of

Edwardsville monitors accounts for unusual purchases. For example, she said, an account with several charges in Edwardsville and suddenly one in London would raise the bank's suspicions and would prompt them to contact the customer.

"We don't catch everything, but we do what we can," Yarbrough said.

Yarbrough said if a Bank of Edwardsville account holder becomes a victim of identity theft, they should immediately call and cancel the debit card. The customer is only liable for \$50 of the stolen funds, and Yarbrough said generally the stolen money can be returned.

"Normally they end up getting all of their funds back," Yarbrough said.

Financial loss is the most obvious consequence of identity theft, Schmoll said, but the time and frustration involved trying to fix the problem can be equally taxing.

"With that financial loss, your credit score will suffer, too," Schmoll said.

Schmoll said while identity theft is not a large problem at SIUE, students at the university get their "fair share" of identity theft.

Director of Telecommunications Dan Chace said passwords play a key role in identity theft protection and recommended using the same guidelines offered for e-ID password creation.

"The best way (for students) to protect yourself is to not share passwords," Chace said.

If an e-ID is stolen, Chace said students should immediately change their password and contact OIT to let them know the account has been compromised.

Students who find themselves the victims of identity theft on campus should contact the SIUE Police, as well as the banks or credit card companies involved with the theft. In instances where purchases are made out of state, the FBI is contacted to assist with the investigation.

"These investigations are usually very lengthy," Schmoll said.

Chace said ultimately, most identity theft is done out of spite.

"It's usually just malicious people doing nasty things to each other," Chace said.

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online yellow pages. Users can search for restaurants through three categories: type of cuisine, dining options and average price for a meal.

Cuisine: From pub fare to pizza to cafe style eating, the food options vary. Even the pickiest eaters will find something through this search.

Dining Options: If gas is too expensive or you just don't want to leave your apartment, then click on the delivery icon to see which restaurants will bring the food to you. Also available are carry out and the classic dine-in options.



Average Price: If you spent a breadsticks, The Alestle is here to help with the latest addition to alestlelive.com, The Alestle Dining Guide.

The Alestle Dining Guide is an online database of nearly 30 restaurants in the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon areas. Each dining venue in the database will list the contact information and



little too much money last week and are looking for a quick and cheap meal, The Alestle Dining Guide can show you where you can get a bite for as little as \$4. However, if Mom and Dad are coming to visit and are offering to pay for dinner, then the sky's the limit and more expensive options are available as well.

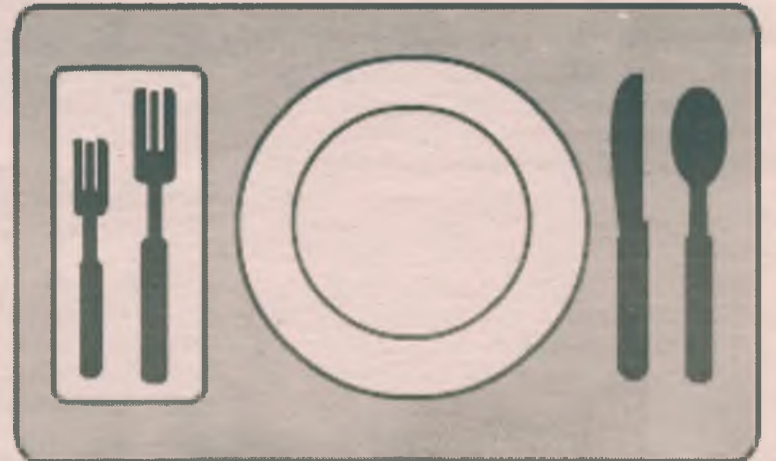
More local restaurants will be added throughout the year, so keep checking back for more options.

Bon appetit!



location for each restaurant, as well as whether or not they offer the Cougar Discount.

But The Alestle Dining Guide is more than a glorified



Rami Al-Hadady/STL

Go to alestlelive.com and click on the Alestle Dining Guide. Look for the icons to determine what type of restaurant suits your needs the best. A place that offers a drive-thru will have an icon with a car and a person handing a bag to the driver. For carry out, look for the open container, and for delivery look for the car with a food sign above it. A plate with utensils represents the dine-in option.

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The Religious Center welcomes all faiths to its wordly, spiritual sanctuary

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle A&E Editor

The blue glass dome of the Religious Center sticks out sharply against the brown brick of most of the other campus buildings.

Sister Claudia Calzetta, who heads the Catholic Newman Student Union of Campus Ministries, said members of the Religious Center are trying to get the word out to students that the building is for everyone to use, not just denominational groups.

"We are going to try and advertise that all faiths, all denominations are welcome," Calzetta said. "This is not the sole building for one different group, and we are really trying to foster inter-religion (communications)."

Calzetta said it is important for students to know that it is not just Catholics who use the building for worship. Protestant, Baptist, Lutheran, Pentacostal and Native American groups have used the building for worship, as well as Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim groups.

Other services offered in the Religious Center include a multipurpose room anyone can reserve for no charge, a kitchen that has free coffee and the only Coke machine on campus. The building

also offers wireless Internet and computers for student use.

Besides religious worship, the World Religion Knowledge and Science Group of Edwardsville has been hosting a series of speakers and lecturers over the last two years. Two years ago, the Metanexus Institute in Pennsylvania provided the a grant, enabling the founding of the WoRKS Group of Edwardsville.

Greg Fields, philosophy professor and WoRKS chair said when WoRKS was first created, monthly programs alternated between community study groups and national religious and scientific speakers to the Religious Center dome.

Last year, WoRKS held discussions focusing on developing strengths for the campus, including sustainability.

"Green is very important right now," Fields said. "We want to continue to reinvigorate Fuller's way of thinking when it is needed."

Alongside sustainability, Fields said WoRKS also wanted to focus on cultural diversity, systems of knowledge, religions and philosophies and ethics. Fields said despite differences between religions, he and the members of WoRKS feel there is "a need for human and environmental

RELIGION/pg.26

Who will be my roommate

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

For many college students, bad roommates top the list of biggest fears for the new school year. Luckily, the SIUE Housing office has a system that helps to prevent roommate horror stories.

When filling out the Housing application, students fill out a personal questionnaire on the back of the application about their living and study habits. The questionnaire asks about preferences like what type of music each student prefers to whether he or she is morning or night person.

After the applications are all turned in, the data from each application is put into a computer, and assignments are made based on the information. When the process is complete, the Housing staff will go back over the assignments to double check.

"This system is flexible enough to allow us to balance the changing needs of our students," Scott Glantz, associate director of Housing, said.

The problem comes when students are not honest on their applications, or when they have a family member fill it out for them.

"Ultimately, our assignments are only as good as the information provided on the back of the application," Glantz said. "Thus, the importance (is) that the student answers the questions, not a family member."

Another problem that can cause some questionable match-ups is when there are last minute cancellations.

"When we get the cancellations we don't have the same pool, so we have to match up with what open spots we have left," Michael Schultz, director of Housing, said. "Those are our not-so-perfect matches."

Schultz said before the computer system, the housing office used to do all matches by hand but found it to be too time consuming.

"We've done it both ways but found that we were getting the same results," Schultz said.

As another way of preventing roommate conflicts, the Housing office asks that all roommates fill out a roommate contract at the beginning of the year. The roommate contract helps roommates agree to certain boundaries that could potentially cause conflict later in the year, such as working out a cleaning schedule, setting rules for study time and

even agreeing upon the latest time visitors can come to their room.

"They are setting up parameters at the very beginning, before the trouble starts," Schultz said. "We find that if they go through (the contract) they have less problems."

Even with these preventative measures, roommate conflicts are still inevitable.

"Everyone hears the horror stories, and they are the examples of why not to live on campus," Glantz said. "They range from using each other's clothes, personal items, having sex in the room while your roommate is sleeping to just being a night versus day person."

Still, the Housing office has found, more often than not, the problems come from roommates who did not talk about the issues before they happened.

"Nine times out of 10, the people who have problems haven't done the roommate contract," Schultz said.

Whenever a conflict between roommates comes up, there are many ways of helping them work through it.

"The Residence Life staff get involved to resolve the issues as quickly as they can," Glantz said. "The RAs (Resident Assistants) have a variety of options. There is talking with the roommates, ensuring that the Roommate Connections workbook has been completed, mediating the conflict, and of course, referring the students to the Hall Director or beyond. It just depends on the situation and the issues at hand."

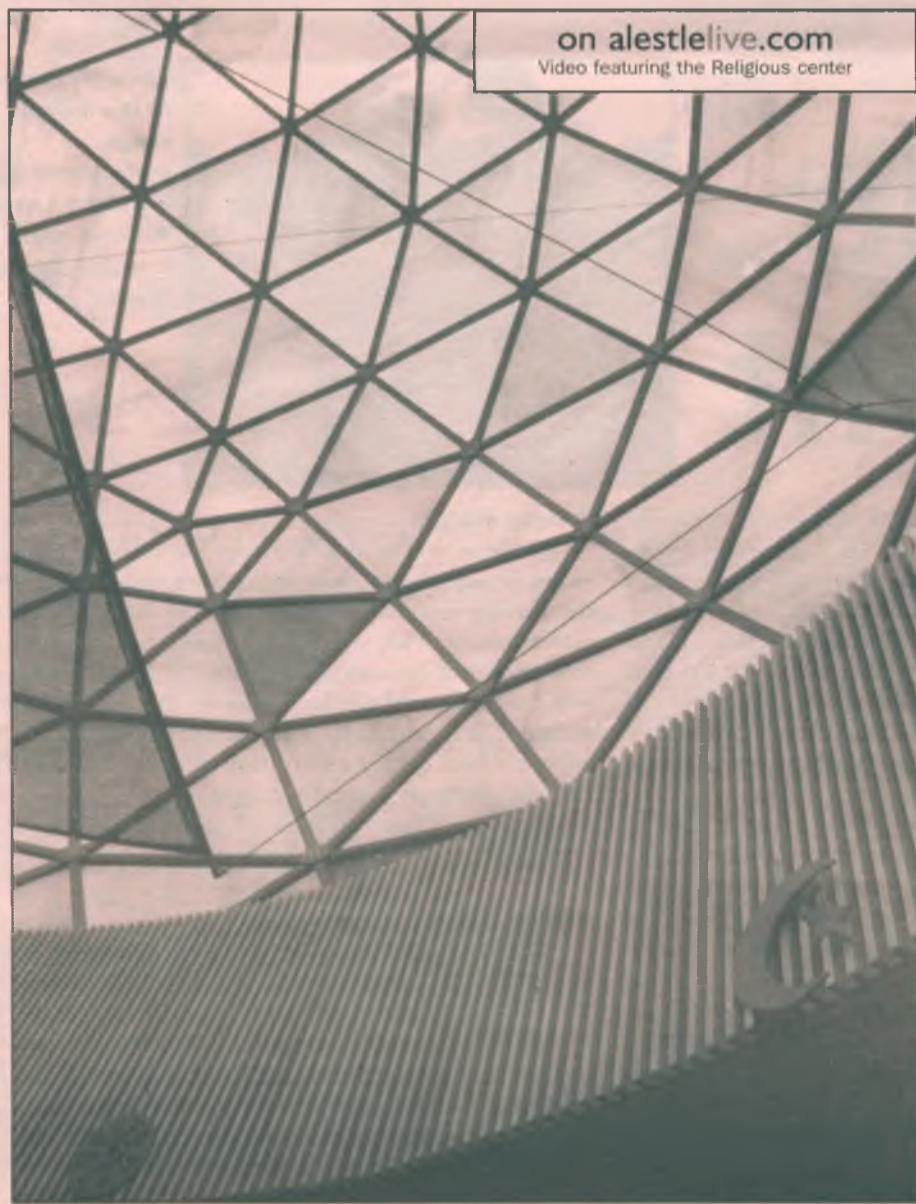
If every option has been exhausted, and the roommate arrangement still does not work out, the Housing staff will look into switching the rooming arrangements, but only after the roommates have been living together at least three weeks. Often, issues can be resolved after the roommates get used to living together.

"College is a learning process," Schultz said. "It's all about learning to cooperate, negotiate and communicate."

SIUE sophomore Brittany Zehr said she has had a randomly assigned roommate before and feels these assignments are better for new residents.

"I was glad I did because you get to meet new people and expand what you've been used to," Zehr said. "You can step out from the friends that you are used to. It really helps you grow up."

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The blue domed Religious Center, privately owned by the WoRKS Group of Edwardsville, offers students religious services and discussion for all faiths throughout the year.

Arts & Entertainment schedule

Arts & Issues

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Thursday, Oct. 9
7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

BARE SOUNDZ
Thursday, Oct. 30
7:30 p.m.
SIUE Dunham Hall Theater

Boys of the Lough
Wednesday, Dec. 10
7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

Doris Kearns Goodwin
Thursday, Feb. 5
7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

First Person: Stories from the Edge of the World
Friday, Feb. 20
7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

Beyond Abbey Road featuring Peter Mayer and Company
Friday, March 20
7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

T.S. Monk
Saturday, April 25

7:30 p.m.
Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

Music Department

Jazz Supper Dance
Sunday, Oct. 5
Time TBA
Meridian Ballroom

Concert Band and Wind Symphony
Tuesday, Oct. 21
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Orchestra Concert
Friday, Oct. 24
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Coffee Concert
Monday, Oct. 27
7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom

Choirs Concert
Tuesday, Oct. 28
7:30 p.m.
St John's Methodist Church, Edwardsville

Concert Jazz Band/Jazz Lab Band
Tuesday, Nov. 18
7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Concert Band and Wind Symphony
Friday, Dec. 5
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Choirs Concert
Sunday, Dec. 7
3 p.m.
Eden Church, Edwardsville

Suzuki Concert
Sunday, Dec. 7
12:15 to 4:30 p.m.
Location TBA

University Orchestra Concert
Friday, Dec. 12
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Theater & Dance

Point of Revue
Oct. 15 to 19
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Dunham Hall Theater

Le Coeur a' Gas (The Gas Heart)
Oct. 29 to Nov. 2
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Metcalf Theater

Dance in Concert 2008
Nov. 12 to 16
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Dunham Hall Theater

The Lower Depths
Dec. 3 to 7 and 12 to 14
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday

Metcalf Theater

Anton in Show Business
Feb. 25 to 28 and March 1
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Dunham Hall Theater

Recent Tragic Events
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7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Metcalf Theater

Student Dance Concert 2008
April 15 to 19
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Metcalf Theater

As You Like It
April 22 to 26
7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Dunham Hall Theater

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Anton in Show Business
Feb. 25 to 28 and March 1
Dunham Hall Theater
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2 p.m. Sunday

Edwardsville entertainment

by **Holly Meyer**
Alestle Managing Editor

In between the parties and the homework, an SIUE student has to find something to do, and sometimes hanging out in the dorm or going to the bar does not always curb the boredom. Sure, Edwardsville and the surrounding communities are not buzzing with activity like St. Louis, but they have their own quirky attractions that offer some off beat entertainment. Check out these area hot spots for some alternative fun or at least kill a little time.

SIUE

Looking for something to do on campus? Check out the SIUE events Web site at events.siue.edu/siuevents/. Search by day, week or month to see what is happening on campus. A large chunk of the events are sponsored by Campus Activities Board, whose main purpose is to provide interesting and free events for students. Make sure to keep an eye out for the Psychic Fair, when the university brings in tarot card readers and aura fluffers for students to try out. Students receive one free ticket to all of the Theater and Dance department productions such as plays and concerts with their Cougar Card.

Bingo & Trivia

Bored on a Monday night? Dig out your lucky

rabbit's foot and head to the Edwardsville American Legion for a night of B-I-N-G-O. The fun starts at 7 p.m. and make sure you are on time because Bingo regulars don't mess around. The cost to play depends on how many cards you think you can handle at one time. If you don't have a bingo dapper, they are available for less than \$2. For those who shout "BINGO," a regular game can pay out \$40, and the end of the night Black Out winner can rake in up to \$500. The American Legion sells food for relatively low price and draft beers are \$1.

If Bingo is not your game, Tuesday night is trivia night at the Legion. It also starts at 7 p.m. Trivia is usually played in teams of four or five, and the winners will receive a \$15 gift certificate to the American Legion. The American Legion is located on S. State Route 157.

Madison County Transit Trails

Edwardsville may not have a Metro Link station, but it does offer several areas of access to Madison County's 85 miles of paved trails. The trails are open to bikers, skaters, runners, pet walkers, etc., just not motored vehicles. Two of the nearly 10 trails go through SIUE's campus, and the others can be easily accessed through these two. The trails are scenic, go through tunnels, over bridges, up and down hills, through rural areas and the county's towns. Exercising on the MCT trail system may also help keep that sneaky college weight off and save on gas in the process.



Ashley Hinkle/Alestle
At the driving range,
professional golf instructor **Laura McCune, right,** instructs **Carissa Krupski, left.**

Driving Range

Whether you need to work out the kinks in your golf swing or you are not quite sure what a under par means, the driving range can usually offer an hour or two of entertainment. Pick your favorite club, buy a bucket of balls and see if you can drive it past 250 feet. A bucket of golf balls is around \$5 depending on the size. It doesn't matter if you can't keep it in the fairway, just don't hit anyone. Check out the two driving ranges in Edwardsville that are relatively close to campus. Route 66 Driving Range is on Chain of Rocks Road and Goshen Golf Driving Range is on Old Troy Road.

Melvin Price Lock and Dam

If you are up for a short drive, follow Illinois Route 143 to East Alton and check out the Melvin Price Lock and Dam. Its main purpose is to control the flow of the Mississippi river for barge navigation. The dam is 1,160 feet long and has nine gates that are 110 feet wide and 42 feet high. If you are into a more tranquil activity, sit on the river bank and watch the barges go by. Free tours of the site are also available on a daily basis. Also, peruse the National Great Rivers Museum, which is located next to the lock and dam. The dam is also a popular Bald Eagle watching area during the winter, usually December through March.

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Student organizations offer new experiences

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

Between classes, exams, tests and studying, college can take up most of a student's time, but SIUE has many student organizations to help fill up the free time. Organizations range from students who are interested in social awareness to students who enjoy freefalling out of airplanes.

CAB

Campus Activities Board is a student organization that plans about 140 campus life events per year. The events range from organized student discussions to Casino Night and the Edwardsville Block Party. CAB also offer students discounted prices on tickets for St. Louis Cardinals and Blues games, concerts and shows at the Fox Theater.

"CAB is a wonderful organization to be involved with, and I would encourage all students to at least learn a little more about us," Michelle Welter, assistant director for Campus Life, said. "Students that become a part of CAB will gain leadership experience along with real-life experiences that will more than likely help them when they begin searching for jobs."

Students who join CAB will assist in planning the events on campus, choosing performers, advertising the event and doing post-event evaluations. Students can serve on any of the twelve CAB committees, including concerts, current affairs, recreation, special events, multicultural programming and even homecoming.

Welter said there is a large variety of students involved with CAB.

"CAB seems to be a melting pot for students. We have nursing students, education majors, engineering students and more," Welter said. "We are open to everyone. Our members just have to be willing to

volunteer their time to ensure that all students at SIUE have a great time on campus."

For more information about CAB, call 650-2686 or e-mail at CAB@siue.edu.

Flying Cougars

For the more daring students, SIUE offers a sky diving club called the Flying Cougars. The club meets every weekend year-round and jumps at Archway Skydiving Center in Vandalia, Ill., about 50 minutes east of campus on Interstate 70.

"Archway Skydiving Center has been open for 43 years," Flying Cougar member Corrin Wuertz said. "When you join the club, Archway gives a discount to all SIUE Flying Cougar members."

Wuertz said any student can join the Flying Cougars. The first time a student goes with the group to jump, he or she will fill out a membership form. Wuertz said for first-time jumpers, there are three options: a static line first jump course, the tandem skydive or the accelerated freefall.

Wuertz said he often gets asked which method is best for the first jump.

"My answer is always to pick a method that they are the most comfortable with," Wuertz said. "I always say that if you are looking to skydive as a sport I would go with the static line or the (accelerated freefall) method. If you are looking for more of a Six Flags ride, I would go with a Tandem Skydive."

Wuertz said reservations are required to make a jump, and those who are interested should visit archwayskydiving.com for more information.

For more information about the Flying Cougars, contact Wuertz at cwuertz@siue.edu.

RHA

For students who are concerned with improving on

campus living, the Resident Housing Association could be a good fit. RHA is an organization dealing with on-campus housing, both in the dorms and Cougar Village. There are three ways to be involved with RHA.

Residents of housing can be elected as an RHA representative for their living area. Representatives must keep at least a 2.0 GPA and must live on campus.

The second way of being involved with RHA is to be on a standing committee. The three RHA committees are Programming, Community Relations and the Issues, Services and Facilities committee.

Finally, students can simply attend the meetings, answer questions and provide input. Meetings take place at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in Woodland Hall's activity wing.

Sheila Coressel, assistant director for training and development and adviser for RHA, said RHA is a great way for students to get involved on campus.

"You get involved in the area of campus you spend most of your time in, and you get to meet people outside your living area, and can develop friendships from outside your wing or building," Coressel said.

Coressel said housing values any input received from students in RHA.

"Getting involved in RHA is a great way to help shape policies," Coressel said.

RHA's first meeting of the year will take place at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 in Woodland Hall's activity wing.

For more information about RHA, contact RHA president Stephanie Matteson at smattes@siue.edu.

If none of the organizations appeal to students, they can get a group together and create their own. For a complete list of student organizations at SIUE and for more information on how to create a new student organization, go to www.siue.edu/STACTV/.

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Save money with the Cougar Card

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

While some Cougars don't realize it, being a card-carrying member of SIUE's student community is like having a book of coupons in the form of a Cougar Card.

A number of businesses around SIUE offer discounts on purchases, ranging from food, longer tanning sessions and even discounted eye exams.

While the discounts offered are numerous, they may not be offered without a Cougar Card to present.

Sophomore pre-dental major Jennifer Tello said she has gone to many different stores without knowing that she could have received a discount on items, one of

them being Bella Milano.

"That's great that you're having a great meal and getting a discount for being a student," Tello said. "That just makes me want some."

Martha Davis, assistant manager of Bella Milano, said the 20 percent discount was instituted about six months ago to try to bring in the close student population and make them feel comfortable.

"Being a fine dining restaurant, some students don't consider coming over this way," Davis said. "We encourage students to visit us. It's casual and there's no dress code."

While the stores offering discounts may not give them automatically, but if a Cougar Card is presented the discount will

be given.

While Bella Milano is one of the more recent stores to offer a Cougar discount, a few stores have had reduced student prices for many years.

Mary Cooper, assistant manager of the Edwardsville Great Clips, said the store had offered a 10 percent discount on haircuts for over 11 years.

"The discount is unique to our store," Cooper said. "The owner (of the Edwardsville store) had to go through the general manager to get it instituted."

Cooper said the discount is to help SIUE students who already have enough to pay for.

"We try to support our students," Cooper said. "Edwardsville is a college town."

Other businesses in the SIUE community have had a long history of offering discounted services to Cougars.

Hollywood Tan in Edwardsville has a group of discount tan packages, including five visits for \$20 or one month of unlimited tanning for \$50.

Manager of Hollywood Tan Megan Brown said most of their customers take advantage of the discount tan packages, with over 75 percent of their customer base being SIUE students.

"Money can be tight for college students," Brown said.



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"We try to give our students a little bit of a break."

Brown said the best way to keep college customers happy is to offer some form of incentive.

"Students just need to show their ID, and they can take advantage of our discount," Brown said.

Restaurants offering a 10 percent discount on purchases include Quiznos, China King, Cold Stone Creamery, Nori Sushi Japanese Grill and Culvers.

SIUE Student Government compiles and updates a list yearly of local businesses that offer discounts to students. The list will be updated by the beginning of the semester.

For a complete list of stores in the Edwardsville area that offer discounts to students, look for updates at alestlelive.com.

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What's the alternative?

Save an extra buck by switching over to another form of fuel efficient transportation

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

A car isn't necessarily the only way to prowl SIUE campus and the Edwardsville community.

Other options have become available for students, whether it is by foot, bus, bike or the increasingly popular scooter.

Junior music major David Dickerson of Hillsboro used to rely solely on his car for travel between his apartment in Cougar Village and campus. He then decided to invest in a 1981 Honda CVX scooter about five months ago.

"(The scooter) is more efficient because I live so close to school," Dickerson said. "It's not only fun but it's financially better."

Dickerson said his scooter, which gets about 40 miles per gallon, has helped save money on gas and has cut his car use.

"I use my car for long-distance drives," Dickerson said. "I still use it for grocery shopping too."

For those who prefer a less open air mode of transportation, Madison County Transit's bus routes run to places as close as downtown Edwardsville and extend as far as downtown St. Louis.

S.J. Morrison, MCT director of marketing and planning, said a large number of SIUE students use the Edwardsville 16, a bus that runs throughout Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and SIUE.

"The Edwardsville 16 is a tour bus of Edwardsville," Morrison said. "It circles through the major parts of the Edwardsville area."

Stops along the route include Wal-Mart, Target, Esic Drive and other convenient locations for students.

The cost for a one-way ride on the bus

is 75 cents. Monthly passes can be purchased at Morris University Center's Information Desk for \$37.50 for unlimited rides in the Madison County area.

Metrolink passes, which include buses to St. Louis, cost \$50.

Morrison said the bus schedule is very easy to adapt to, with various ways of obtaining schedules, including an interactive Web site and their operator-assisted phone line, 931-RIDE.

"When in doubt, give us a call," Morrison said. "We're happy to help any new riders to the system."

Because of the circular route of the Edwardsville 16, Morrison said he recommends new riders take an entire trip on this route.

"It's like a tour bus of Edwardsville," Morrison said. "It's a good way to familiarize yourself with the area."



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Scooters at Moto Italia in Edwardsville are just one increasingly popular option for short distances to campus while saving money on gas.

Sophomore architecture major Jordan Kappmeyer of LaGrange Park said he spent his first semester at SIUE living at Bluff Hall, without his car.

"When I needed to go somewhere off campus, I would bum rides off of friends," Kappmeyer said.

When it came to on campus travel, Kappmeyer said he occasionally used a skateboard to make his way from class to class.

"You really have to watch out for people though," Kappmeyer said. "Especially on hills."

When vehicles aren't an option, or if it's simply a nice day, SIUE also has an extensive system of biking and walking trails that connect the campus to the outside world.

Morrison said that MCT has over 100

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Dining Services and Housing make it easier for SIUE students to go green with more ecofriendly options

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Going green isn't as simple as getting paper instead of plastic anymore.

SIUE has begun to incorporate the idea of sustainability into nearly every part of campus, from residential areas on campus to the cafeteria.

Vicki Edsall, interim director of Dining Services, said Dining Services has made plans to advance their current policy for sustainability in the next year.

"We've always been as proactive as possible," Edsall said.

New policies for the upcoming fall semester include the introduction of a recyclable to-go container to replace the current Styrofoam containers and reusable cloth bags.

Sophomore actuary science major Anthony Steppe of Effingham said he thinks recyclable to-go containers is a step up from the old.

"Styrofoam just shouldn't be used," Steppe said. "It's really bad for the planet."

Other plans for the future include a "composter" for the dish room to help break down the waste.

One of the old staples for a greener campus is recycling, and even more will be recycled thanks to a tighter recycling policy for the plastic containers food products come in at the cafeteria.

Edsall said recycling in the cafeteria improved dramatically when the recycling bins for plastic bottles and aluminum cans were moved closer to the trashcans.

"Not everyone uses the (recycling) bins, but they're fuller than ever," Edsall said.

Edsall said one of former Dining Services Director Bill Canney's ideas for sustainability included growing produce on SIUE grounds.

"The university owns a lot of ground," Edsall said. "If we grew our own fruits and vegetables on campus, it would lower freight costs and allow us to say our food is home-grown."

While the cafeteria is a great place to recycle, Housing is helping to encourage sustainability by simply living on campus.

Director of Housing Michael Schultz said Evergreen Hall has become the model of sustainability for residential life from the time it was built.

"Sustainability isn't only about reducing wastes," Schultz said. "It's more than a recycling program."

Most of the materials for Evergreen Hall came from within five miles of campus, Schultz said.

Sustainable features for Evergreen Hall include a recycling condensation system for the air conditioners, a natural landscaping plan for the building and Energy Star approved appliances in the building.

Steppe said his apartment in Evergreen hasn't inconvenienced him with the greener living style.

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"I had no idea it was different," Steppe said. "It's comparable to Bluff."

Programs put on by Housing have tried to reduce waste with ice cream socials where students are encouraged to bring their own dishes, an absence of programs at functions and distribution of collectable, reusable cups.

Schultz said Housing also includes sustainability tips at the end of each e-mail newsletter sent to students every week.

"If students pick up the tips and take them home, it will branch out into society," Schultz said.

Even the Housing office has joined the encouragement of greener policies by printing on both sides of papers and refilling used printer cartridges.

All the freshmen residence halls come with a blue recycling container to encourage residents to do their part in sustainability.

Schultz said one of the biggest pet peeves of recycling is when containers are contaminated with foreign materials.

"Contaminating the recycling bins causes more hassle than help," Schultz said. "Get involved in the programs and follow the tips provided in the newsletters."

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Obama or McCain?

by Sydney Elliot
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The upcoming 2008 presidential election between Republican candidate Sen. John McCain and Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama is slated to go down as one of the most significant in the country's history.

Political science professor Lynn Maurer said voting is important, especially in the upcoming election. Understanding the platforms and which issues each candidate stands behind is more important, Maurer said. She suggested students go to the candidate's Web sites to learn more.

"I use the new technology because it says where they stand on all policy issues," Maurer said. "Even if some students don't know what they believe in usually."

The process of voting is easy. Choosing a candidate to be the next president of the United States is not. People can often get confused about the issues and where to register to vote. SIUE can help with both of those problems.

Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, assistant director of Kimmel Leadership Center, said the university will be hosting a series of voter education forums to

allow students the opportunity to learn about the issues regarding the election and to help students vote responsibly.

"We do forums because debates don't get anywhere," Kutterer-Siburt said. "Forums hit the issues. I don't know if people understand the issues and how the platforms affect our area."

The hype around the election may be one of the reasons more students are expected to show up at the SIUE polls come November.

Ryan Watson, senior history and political science major from Chicago Heights, said there has been a great increase in college students who have registered to vote over the last year. He said it might be partly because of Obama.

"The range 18 to 25 has the lowest voter turn out, but I think Obama has really changed that," Watson said. "He's really got young people excited about politics and voting."

Because of this, Watson said he believes there will be a difference in the college student age range, especially in Illinois.

Kutterer-Siburt said the most important thing besides learning about the issues is to register to vote. Those needing an absentee ballot need to pick it



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early from where they are registered. In Missouri, voter registration is done through the secretary of state's office, whereas in Illinois it's done through each individual county. It may be different in other states, Kutterer-Siburt said.

Students can register to vote on the SIUE campus within the first few weeks of classes, and again later in September. Voter registration will close at the end of the business day on Oct. 7, and Kutterer-Siburt said she was willing to help students register until then.

Important issues in the upcoming presidential election include the economy, the mortgage crisis, healthcare,

education and the war in Iraq.

Dometi Pongo, sophomore business major from Chicago, said the state of the economy and the educational system are the two main issues he was concerned about. Pongo said he is not only concerned with college tuition, but the No Child Left Behind Act as well.

"Funds are taken away from schools that aren't performing as well, and I feel that it should be turned around," Pongo said. "Those are the schools that need the most help."

Pongo said he liked Obama's idea to restructure the No Child Left Behind Act, though admitted he wasn't sure what McCain's views on the issue were.

Concerns of race and sex have shadowed the issues of the election, but Watson said he thinks the topics of debate between candidates have stayed on target during the campaigning.

"I think (the candidates) pretty much stayed on the issue. I watched (Clinton) and Obama a little more, so they seemed to stay on the issues," Watson said.

Pongo disagreed and said the candidates did not stay on topic and instead were distracted by controversy caused by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Richard Wright, though Pongo

said it might not be entirely the candidate's faults.

"I don't think it's necessarily their fault, but the media," Pongo said. "I know these things because I chose to read up on them ... but (the media) is talking about Jesse Jackson making comments about Obama, and Richard Wright saying comments that people didn't agree with."

Watson said he is excited to see whom the candidates will choose as their vice presidents.

Watson said he thinks Obama may choose to go in a different direction than choosing Clinton as a running mate, and said he feels McCain may choose someone from a minority group, a female or someone much younger than himself as VP.

"I think (Obama is looking at different candidates)," Watson said. "... I am curious to see who (McCain) chooses as his VP to see if he picks someone a little bit younger."

Election day is Nov. 4 and polling locations on campus can be found in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Early voting will take place Oct. 14 to 30 and will take place in the Missouri Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

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Stepping out of the classroom

Students take summer classes away from SIUE campus, into Costa Rica and China

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Opinion Editor

Senior Elizabeth Overman is no stranger to unconventional classrooms and foreign accents. She has been on trips to both Ireland in the fall semester and Costa Rica this summer as part of SIUE's study abroad programs.

"SIUE currently sends about 50 students on semester-long study abroad programs each year," Study Abroad Coordinator Julie Beall-Marshall said. "This number has grown from no more than a handful of students going on semester long study abroad programs in the year 2000."

Beall-Marshall said students can see the world through exchange, provider and direct placement study

abroad programs.

"Some of the most popular destinations for study abroad include Spain, Costa Rica, Australia and the UK," Beall-Marshall said. "However, in recent semesters more students are showing an interest in non-traditional study abroad destinations like China, Korea, Czech Republic and Ghana."

In addition to semester-long study abroad options, SIUE offers a number of short term "travel study" programs led by SIUE faculty. Last year approximately 130 students enrolled in SIUE travel study programs, according to Beall-Marshall.

Overman said her favorite part of study abroad is making new friends and seeing new places.

"I made friends with students from several different countries," Overman said. "I learned a lot about their culture and used that information to compare to see how different we are, as well as how similar."

Overman said students should take the opportunity to study abroad if they can.

"Take it while you have the chance because you may not get a chance to go later," Overman said.

Pharmacy professor Cathy Santanello co-taught Overman's trip to Costa Rica with geography professor Mark Hildebrandt this summer.

Santanello said the main focus was global warming, Latin American culture, tropical diseases and medicinal plants.

"Students can read about these topics anywhere, but the impact of having students walking into the rainforest ... seeing examples of medicinal plants and talking to local experts about these plants is a great example of experiential

learning that you just cannot replicate in a traditional classroom," Santanello said. "I wish that every student could have such an international experience because I feel they become a more global citizen if they really experience another place and culture."

Thomas Lavalée, professor of foreign language and literature, led a class of students through Shanghai, Suzhou and Xiamen, China on a travel study this May, all in the pursuit of international business knowledge.

Lavalée explained that the Illinois Trade Office is located in Shanghai. Andrew Telecommunications works out of Suzhou and Xiamen, and China works directly with Illinois in international trading. This two-week course yields a GBA 489 International Business credit, Lavalée said.

"Some of the students who go have never been out of the country," Lavalée said. "They are blown away by a lot of the different cultural aspects... Primarily, it's a chance for them to add a very powerful international perspective to their life, education and career."

Senior international business major Ram Gopal was one of the students who traveled to China with Lavalée. He said the experience opened his eyes to another culture and showed him an image of his own as well.

"When you immerse yourself in another country's culture and you get to live for a little while in their life, it makes you think about everything you have at home, and you come away from an experience like this ... being grateful and thankful for everything we have here in the United States, as well as for the friendships and relationships you form from an experience such as this," Gopal said.

Gopal said his favorite part of the class' trip through China was the interaction between SIUE and Xiamen University students.

"Just being able to talk to them and learn from them was an experience that I feel was most beneficial from our trip," Gopal said.

SIUE offers a variety of study abroad programs ranging from a couple of weeks to semester and full year programs, most of which are available to students who have completed one year at SIUE and have a GPA of at least 2.75, though requirements differ from program to program.

When making decisions about study abroad, students must consider location, academics, structure, living arrangements, cost, eligibility and duration. For more information about SIUE's many study abroad opportunities, go to www.siue.edu/studyabroad, or contact Beall-Marshall 650-2419.

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"Take it while you have the chance because you may not get a chance to go later."

-Elizabeth Overman, senior



photo courtesy of Thomas Lavalée

A Chinese student (left) and senior business major Paul Feliciano (right) chat during a travel study trip through China in May.



photos courtesy Cathy Santanello

(top) A group of study abroad students explore a tropical rainforest in Costa Rica. Pharmacy professor Cathy Santanello and geography professor Mark Hildebrandt co-taught the trip. (bottom) Recent SIUE graduate April Hosto holds an endangered scarlett macaw on her arm.

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well being," which creates a common ground for people to work together to reach a common goal.

This topic is a focus of the Religious Studies minor as well, according to philosophy professor Lucian Stone.

"It is a great minor to have in relation to other majors..." Stone said. "95 percent of the world's population claims to practice some form of religion, and it would be good to be familiar with some of the basic ideas of those belief systems ... (to) just have a mutual respect for people."

Stone said having a minor in religious studies would be beneficial because topics within the minor itself are "interrelated with how people view the world."

It is important to know where people come from in respect to their ideas and ways of life, Stone said.

"Our hope is that students will take some classes that have a great deal of content focused on religion," Stone said. "This could be particular religions or a survey of religions just to gain some form of religiosity."

The Religious Center dome, designed by Buckminster Fuller, is a unique building, with an exact replica of the world etched inside the glass dome. Calzetta said when looking up inside the dome, it is as if you are standing in the middle the earth with Edwardsville as its center.

"A lot of people wander in

here just because of the dome," Calzetta said. "And when you realize that this is one of (a) kind, it's a big architectural feat."

Calzetta said Fuller's idea was to "allow the transcendent to merge with the world" and come into the building. That way the dome's occupants are always in the presence of a higher being.

"It really centers around a lot of religious activity, but there are a lot of other groups that use it as well," Calzetta said.

The Religious Center was granted local landmark status in July by the Edwardsville Historic Commission and is currently under consideration by the state of Illinois for state historical landmark status, Fields said.

Although hours for the Religious Center are listed as Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., it is possible to access the building after hours, Calzetta said.

"The building technically closes at 3:30 p.m. but that's when the secretary leaves," Calzetta said. "Just try the door," Calzetta said.

For more information about the services held in the Religious Center, visit www.siu.edu/religion/ or call 650-3246. For more information about a minor in Religious Studies, visit www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/philosophy/religiousstudies/.

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interaction.

"Hiding behind your online persona has created, in some respects, a culture of people who are not brave enough to raise their hands in class, but will flame or 'cyberbully' people online in a heartbeat," Chace said.

Internet slander that can result from this type of "cyberbullying" can get students in trouble with the law as well, Sgt. Daniel Reed of the SIUE Police Department, said.

"The SIUE (Police Department) has investigated cases in the past of identity theft, slander and threats made over the Internet," Reed said. "What we try to do is educate the students by way of informational material and presentations on campus. We also investigate Internet-related complaints to see if any state or federal laws (or student conduct code) has been violated."

Reed said students should become aware of what is illegal on the Internet. Visiting sites that contain child pornography (children under age 18 in Illinois), tampering with someone else's computer, hacking, online fraud and making any type of terrorist claims can get a student into serious trouble with the law.

"One of the most important things is not knowing for sure who is on the other end of the Internet connection with you," Reed said.

He said students are constantly led into hacking or "phishing" schemes which force them to send private information to unidentified receivers.

"Students should also be wary of online predators," Reed said. "They could be exposed to inappropriate content they don't want to see, or could be targeted to be a potential victim of an assault."

Reed said despite all of the possible negatives of social networking sites, he still thinks they are good for SIUE's environment.

"They make it much easier for students, faculty and staff to stay in touch with one another," Reed said.

With the Internet constantly changing, Klenke said it is extremely important for students to understand how to protect their privacy and future.

"What students decide to include on these pages is a matter of good judgment," Klenke said.

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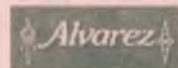
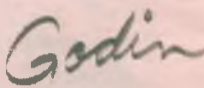
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miles of trails in Madison County. Most of these trails originated as unused railroad tracks and were converted into the current trails. These same trails connect to the St. Louis Trails, crossing over the Mississippi River.

"We hope to become the nation's leaders in bike trails," Morrison said. "There are a number of trails on campus that have become very popular."

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The trails go through a variety of landscapes, whether they're surrounded by greenways, forests, creeks or even farm fields.

"Madison County is very lucky because of the preserved greenways," Morrison said. "We want as many people to take advantage of them as possible."

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Largest Freshman Class

by Catherine Klene
Alestle Editor in Chief

As quickly as new buildings are springing up around campus, more new freshmen are appearing to fill them.

As of July 25, SIUE has admitted the largest freshman class in the university's history, with 5,551 admitted students out of 7,773 applicants. After this summer's

Springboard to Success sessions, 2,001 of those admitted freshmen are now registered for fall 2008 classes.

According to the 2008 SIUE Fact Book, this is the highest number of enrolled freshmen in the past 15 years.

Director of Enrollment Management Scott Belobrajdic said these numbers are an 11 percent increase in freshmen admittance over last year and a 17 percent

increase in applications.

Belobrajdic said he attributes much of the interest in SIUE to word of mouth.

"We have to assume current students are having a good experience," Belobrajdic said.

Director of Admissions Todd Burrell also credits current SIUE students with the growth rate.

"Our biggest recruiters are our students themselves," Burrell said. "That word of mouth has helped us to grow our application pool."

The large number of applicants is part of a growing trend over the past several years at SIUE and is part of a larger, national trend of growing collegiate class sizes.

Burrell said SIUE has anticipated the larger class size because the 2008 high school graduation rate was so high.

Burrell said while word of mouth may be the primary factor for more students, he also said increased interest in academic programs such as nursing and pharmacy was also important, as well as SIUE's location, housing options and student organizations.

"Students are attracted to the programs that we have ... as well as the institution itself," Burrell said.

Belobrajdic said SIUE's reputation has spread not just to the local Metroeast but into northern and central Illinois, with an approximate 18 percent increase from

the Chicago area.

As the freshmen applications continued to come in, Emily York, assistant director of Admissions, came up with the idea to change the Springboard to Success freshmen registration program from a one day program to a two day, overnight program.

York said the feedback from both students and parents was positive.

"(Students) liked the fact that they got a lot more than just information from the program," York said.

Belobrajdic said he saw the benefits of the new program format when he noticed Springboard participants exchanging cell phone numbers as they waited for the Cougar Card photos.

"The Springboard groups really seemed to be bonding with each other and getting to know each other ... and all of that bodes well for retention," Belobrajdic said.

With a high demand for SIUE, Belobrajdic said it was important to keep the size of the freshmen class to a manageable level, roughly 1,850 to 2,000 students, and to make sure the university admitted those with the "best chance of success at SIUE."

Faculty Senate President Kay Covington said the current admissions policy was changed three years ago, and a



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The university admitted the largest freshman class in SIUE's history with 5,551 students. After this summer's Springboard to Success sessions, 2,001 of those admitted are registered for fall classes.

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Competition with the construction

The Student Fitness Center's biggest rival is construction, while still offering same programs plus new additions

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

While the improvements to the Student Fitness Center are not scheduled for completion until May 2009, Campus Recreation will still provide students with several options in intramural sports and programs to satisfy the expectations of even the stingiest fitness enthusiasts, -- just pardon the dust.

Renovations to the center have been ongoing since early May and call for the addition of two gym courts, renovated fitness and wellness space, an additional cardio room and over 4,000 square-feet of added space.

Rich Walker, assistant vice chancellor for Administration, said the expansion project is on time, and although dealing with the construction may take some getting used to for students who use the facility, the end product will be worth the headache.

"So far, so good," Walker said, noting that piers have been drilled and concrete poured on the site where the foundation has been laid out.

With an increase in court usage and workout space, Walker sees the expansion as something that will benefit everyone who attends SIUE, particularly those who reside on campus, as they will have access to more and improved equipment close to home.

According to Walker, the ongoing construction should not have an effect on the activities at the existing portion of the SFC. However, students returning in the fall will have to get used to the new parking arrangement at the center.

"There will be an adjustment period," Walker said. "The new court space will take up some of the existing parking upon completion, since we built a new parking lot across the street some students will just have park in a different lot."

Access to the center during

construction is available at the rear entrance.

Despite all of the construction, competition and fitness still live in the Student Fitness Center. Throughout the semester, students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of intramural sports and fitness classes through Campus Recreation.

"We are going to do some of the things we have done traditionally, but offer a few new programs," recreational

specialist Nathan Scott said.

Scott specializes in intramural sports at the university and said students should



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Video featuring the Student Fitness Center

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Graduate student Katie Wendt works out at the Student Fitness Center. The construction includes two new gym courts, renovation of the fitness and wellness space and an additional cardio room.

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expect a diverse offering in the coming semester.

"We are going to tap into a different population than we had in the past," Scott said. "If anyone is familiar with Harry Potter, we will have a Muggle Quidditch tournament, and will also be doing a power-lifting competition in the fall."

The intramural sports schedule will also feature more conventional team sports, such as soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, dodge ball and a two-person bass fishing derby.

This year, Campus Recreation will offer outdoor soccer during the fall, as opposed to the typical indoor variety.

"Outdoor soccer seems to be a little more popular during September, so we are going to give that a try," Scott said.

Aside from intramural sport offerings, Campus Recreation also appeals to those who want to relieve stress or take in an intense workout.

Numerous classes will be offered in the fall, including Pilates, belly dancing, boot camp, Latin dance, water aerobics, turbo blast and faculty staff circuit training.

"(Fitness classes) provide a great way to exercise and have fun at the same time," recreational specialist Samantha Hackbart said.

Aside from using the Student Fitness Center to help maintain a healthy lifestyle, meeting new people and making friends can come from participating in intramural sports or fitness classes.

"Every incoming freshman wants to get involved, and this is another opportunity to do that," Scott said. "We try to have something for everyone, and our goal is to appeal to as many students as possible. Obviously, it satisfies the competitive appetite of individuals."

Registration for intramural sports and fitness programs take place at the Student Fitness Center front desk, and most team sports cost \$20 a person. For more information on intramural sports, fitness classes or ongoing construction updates, visit Campus Recreation's Web site at www.siu.edu/crec.

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Faculty Senate curriculum council will review its effectiveness this fall.

Currently, the average incoming freshmen has a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4 and an ACT score between 20 to 25, according to the Admissions Web site.

"The (committee's) charge was not to determine if we change the policy, but is it effective?," Covington said.

Covington said the admissions policy takes more into account than who has the highest

ACT score.

"It isn't just about GPA and high school rank," Covington said. "We always are very concerned about our diversity of student population."

Covington said the increase in the freshmen class raises concern about the ratio of students to faculty in the classroom and whether the professors can adequately provide for the students.

Belobrajdic said throughout the Springboard registration, the

advising department kept in close contact with the provost's office to handle new sections for classes.

"As we've been going through the Springboard process ... the folks in Academic Advising would tell the provost's office where we needed more classes," Belobrajdic said. "We have been committing more resources to making those courses available."

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Cougars go DI with Ohio Valley Conference

by **Josh McCarty**
Alestle Sports Editor

Arguably the biggest moment in SIUE sports history took place during the month of June, not on a field or court, but rather at a podium in the Morris University Center.

After fifteen months of speculation, SIUE officially announced it would be the

11th team to join the Ohio Valley Conference, taking a major step to complete its transition to Division I.

By a unanimous vote of the OVC Board of Presidents, SIUE was accepted into the conference.

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt recognizes the importance of finding compatibility in athletics, but it was the academic standards of the OVC that also drew his interest.

"As academic institutions, they have a very strong commitment to athletes and academic success," Hewitt said. "Every bench mark that's out there that people in higher-ed look at is very positive, which

has always been a high priority for our institution."

With five conference rivals within 300 miles of SIUE, the proximity became another attractive quality.

"The mileage is a smaller travel than what the GLVC was for us," Hewitt said. "With gas prices and the cost of travel, we could not have found a better geographic fit for us."

The OVC also has a compact conference scheduling process across the board, which gives SIUE a lot of flexibility in scheduling non-conference opponents. That flexibility should allow SIUE to build some out of conference rivalries.

"There are 27 Division I schools within a three-hour radius of SIUE," Hewitt said. "Besides men's basketball, (Division I schools) will play you in every sport. All of our schedules are amazing with some of the big time schools we will be competing against."

Teresa Phillips is the Athletic Director at Tennessee State University of the OVC, and said SIUE was a good fit for many reasons.

"SIUE really had some great credentials to strengthen our conference," Phillips said. "They're similar to other OVC schools, and they have done quite well in many of our sports."

Phillips said SIUE will challenge the other OVC schools early with its well-rounded athletics. According to her, the challenge will force everyone else in the conference to improve.

"Competition is what you want because it makes everyone raise up and do a little better," Phillips said. "We do think we have strengthened our conference."

Of the 16 university sponsored sports at SIUE, all will join the OVC except for men's soccer and wrestling. The university is continuing to try to find conference

affiliation for those two programs.

"We might have an answer by November," Hewitt said. "There is one conference that has an interest in both sports, but they don't want to make it public yet. In October, (Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift) and I should be allowed to go present at the conference meetings. I'm hoping by 2010 they'll both be locked in (to a conference)."

One program that won't be in the future of SIUE is football, which Vandegrift reiterated at the June press conference.

"I've often said during this transition that I committed to move this institution to Division I, absent football," Vandegrift said. "There would probably be some chancellor in the future that will bring football here, but it won't be this one."

By NCAA regulations, universities making the transition to Division I will not be able to compete in championships for five years.

Two programs that won't have to wait the full five years to compete are softball and the men's soccer team. The NCAA allows universities the opportunity to "fast track" two programs, allowing them to compete for post-season play within two seasons.

For the other teams, this could be viewed as a negative. But to many Cougar athletes, this opportunity available to them is much bigger than any trophy.

"Twenty years from now when I'm in the business world, and SIUE is possibly winning championships, I can say I was on the first team to play Division I," said SIUE junior tennis player Rob Young. "I think it's pretty neat to be a part of that transition."

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(left) SIUE will become the 11th team to join the Division I Ohio Valley Conference. (bottom) From left to right, Junior basketball player Jessie Stapleton, junior softball player Amanda Pucel and sophomore basketball player Brandon Dunson, look on as the Ohio Valley Conference announcement is made in June.



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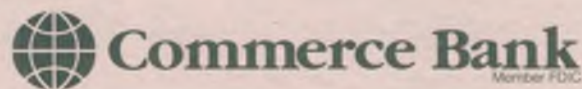
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Cougars' accomplishments and aspirations

by Josh McCarty
Alestle Sports Editor

While there may not have been any games played over the summer semester, there was plenty of progress made in all of SIUE's athletic programs. Coaching changes, recruits signing and a new conference home highlighted a busy summer for SIUE sports.

With the fall semester ushering in the beginning of the athletic season, here is a brief overview of where your favorite SIUE teams stand.

Men's Soccer

Before looking forward, fans should look back as an SIUE coaching legend left the university following the 2007 season. Ed Huneke retired from SIUE as the winningest coach in SIUE soccer history, leading the program to two National Championships.

Taking over for Huneke will be longtime assistant Kevin Kalish. While it's always difficult to see a legend go, Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said it was easy to determine his replacement.

"Kevin has been with us a long time," Hewitt said. "He has all of the skill sets and all of the connections. He is highly motivated and respected. He was a major impact on the resurgence of the program."

The Cougars finished last season with a record of 11-4-3. They opened the 2008 season Aug. 19, in an exhibition game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis at SIUE.

Women's Soccer

Coming off of a 13-5-1 2007 record, the SIUE women's soccer team will head into Division I play under new head coach Derek Burton, replacing previous head coach Lynda Bowers.

With only three seniors on the 2007 roster, the majority of the team remains intact for 2008. Burton, a St. Louis native, has experience coaching in the Ohio Valley Conference as an assistant coach at Morehead State.

"Derek was just an incredibly lucky stroke for us," Hewitt said. "We weren't quite sure that he would be interested in our position, thinking his next step would be a major program. He had a real strong interest. I couldn't be more happy with that."

As of press time, the 2008 women's soccer schedule was not released.



Alestle file photo
Another Cougar basketball player takes the ball in for layup during a men's basketball game last season.

Track and Field/ Cross Country

2008 was a record-breaking season for SIUE track and field. For the fifth year in a row, the men's team won the Outdoor GLVC Track and Field Championship, and the women's team earned the honor for the fourth year in a row.

Sixteen Cougars in total made it to the NCAA Division II National Championship, with former Cougar Deserea Brown bringing home first place in the 400-meter hurdles. The women's team also earned a National Championship at the indoor championships in the 4 x 400-meter relay.

The challenge for third-year head coach David Astrauskas will be replacing the graduating seniors, including Kyle Rose, who leaves SIUE holding four school records.

"You don't replace a guy like Kyle," Astrauskas said. "You get somebody that can run those times, and that's tough in itself. We have a real good junior class including Chris Littleton, Alphonso Sheppard and Nick Harlod."

Standout Scott Block also returns for his senior season after setting five school records during his junior year as a thrower.

The cross country teams will begin their season Aug. 30, in St. Louis at Washington University.

Volleyball

Todd Gober's seventh season as SIUE head volleyball coach was his most successful, as the team finished with their highest national ranking in school history of 14th in the American Volleyball Coaches' Poll. The team's overall record was 27-7, with a GLVC tally of 17-2, making it to the NCAA Tournament for the third year in a row.

With the challenge of facing Division I opponents looming, Gober is building his program around speed and athleticism.

"We're not going to be huge by Division I standards," Gober said. "We're 5'11" to 6-feet across the front row."

The season will begin Aug. 29 in Clarksville, Tenn, for the Austin Peay Tournament.

Golf

SIUE head women's golf coach Jennifer Jakel and head men's golf coach Kyle Viehl are both entering their third seasons with their respective teams.

The women's team finished the 2007-08 season strong with a fifth place finish at the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament. While the women's team had three seniors on last season's roster, including All-GLVC honoree Julie Cline, the men's team will enter the 2008-09 season with their roster intact, plus three freshman.

Viehl said playing at the Division I level is a great opportunity for the program.

"We're going to be going against better competition, which is what we need," Viehl said. "We're going to start off in the middle of the pack, but hopefully in the next five to seven years we'll be at the top."

As of press time, the 2008-09 schedule was not released.

Men's Basketball

Under first-year head coach Lennox Forrester, the Cougars earned a No. 2 seed in the GLVC tournament behind a 17-10 overall record. T.J. Gray was the leading scorer with 448 points in conference play, but he was a senior and will not return this year.

In his second season as coach, Forrester recognizes the challenge of making the Division I transition and said his team is up to the task.

"Our guys have been here this summer, working hard and playing together, trying to gel," Forrester said.



Alestle file photo

A Cougar basketball player takes the ball down the court during a game last season against University of Indiana.

"We're going to be very young, but we're very happy with our recruiting class."

As of press time, the 2008-09 schedule was not released.

Women's Basketball

With the transition to Division I comes a new era of women's basketball at SIUE, led by first-year head coach Amanda Levens. Levens, 29, will become the third youngest women's basketball head coach at the NCAA Division I level.

One of the challenges for a coach at the Division I level is the recruiting process, which Levens has met head-on this off season.

"She has signed some incredibly fantastic recruits already," Hewitt said. "I've met every one of them. They're a little bigger, a little stronger and, from what I hear, a little faster. Those types of things don't fall in your lap. You have to go out and work at it."

As of press time, the 2008-09 schedule was not released.

Wrestling

Last season was a difficult year for the wrestling program, as they finished with a 1-11 record, finishing ninth out of nine teams at Regionals. One bright spot for the Cougars was freshman Eric Pretto, who earned a 21-17 record in the 157 pound weight class, earning a trip to the NCAA Division II National Championships.

While Pretto will return this season, head coach Pat McNamara will not, after announcing his resignation in July.

"(We) have had 25 résumés already from all over the country," Hewitt said. "Our goal is obviously (to hire someone) before school starts."

Baseball

The SIUE baseball team will enter 2009 Division I play behind head coach Gary Collins. Collins is entering his 31st season with the Cougars, with an overall record of 944-637-7. In 2008, the team went 25-26

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With six players on the 2008 roster now graduated, the challenge for 2009 will be continuity.

"We're going to be a little younger next year," Collins said. "We got some talented kids coming back, and we think we've had a good recruiting class."

The 2009 season will begin Feb. 20 in Spartanburg, S.C., for the annual University of South Carolina Upstate Tournament.

Softball

The SIUE softball team followed up their 2007 National Championship with 49-11 record and a trip to

finals of the Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

Five Cougars were named to the All-Region team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, including standout pitcher junior Kaitlin Colosimo, who also earned the Great Lakes Regional Pitcher of the Year honors.

The team is led by head coach Sandy Montgomery, who is entering her 21st year in the position. By being fast-tracked by the university, the softball team will be allowed to compete for post-season Division I honors in two years.

While that may seem like a daunting task for a

program transitioning to Division I, Athletic Director Brad Hewitt has seen enough from Montgomery's teams over the years to know they are up to the challenge.

"I don't want to be perceived as arrogant, but I have been in higher education in intercollegiate education for almost 27 years, and I am very confident that softball can (compete)," Hewitt said. "Every fall we play 11 Division I teams, and we win seven to eight games."

The 2009 schedule is highlighted by a doubleheader against the University of Missouri March 4, in Columbia, Mo.

Tennis

Last season was supposed to be a year of transition for the SIUE tennis program. In his first season as head coach, Kyler Updyke fielded a men's team led by freshman Paulo Gonzalez and sophomore Rob Young. The women's team didn't have any juniors or seniors, and like the men's team, played a freshman, Carli Connors, at the No. 1 spot.

Both teams ignored the youth movement and put together respective pushes for a conference tournament bid. The men's team won seven of their last eight matches to make it to the GLVC tournament, while the women's team rode the momentum of a 10 match winning streak into conference play.

Gonzalez and Connors both earned conference freshmen of the year honors, and both, along with SIUE junior Rob Young, earned 20 victories on the season.

More important than any individual effort was how quickly this team grew together.

"Team chemistry in tennis is very important," Young said. "I know it's thought of as an individual sport, but when we got together, we fed off of it and were able to get some conference wins."

For more information on SIUE athletics, visit siue.edu/athletics as well as alestlelive.com for up-to-date news.



An SIUE baseball player takes off after a hit during a game last season.

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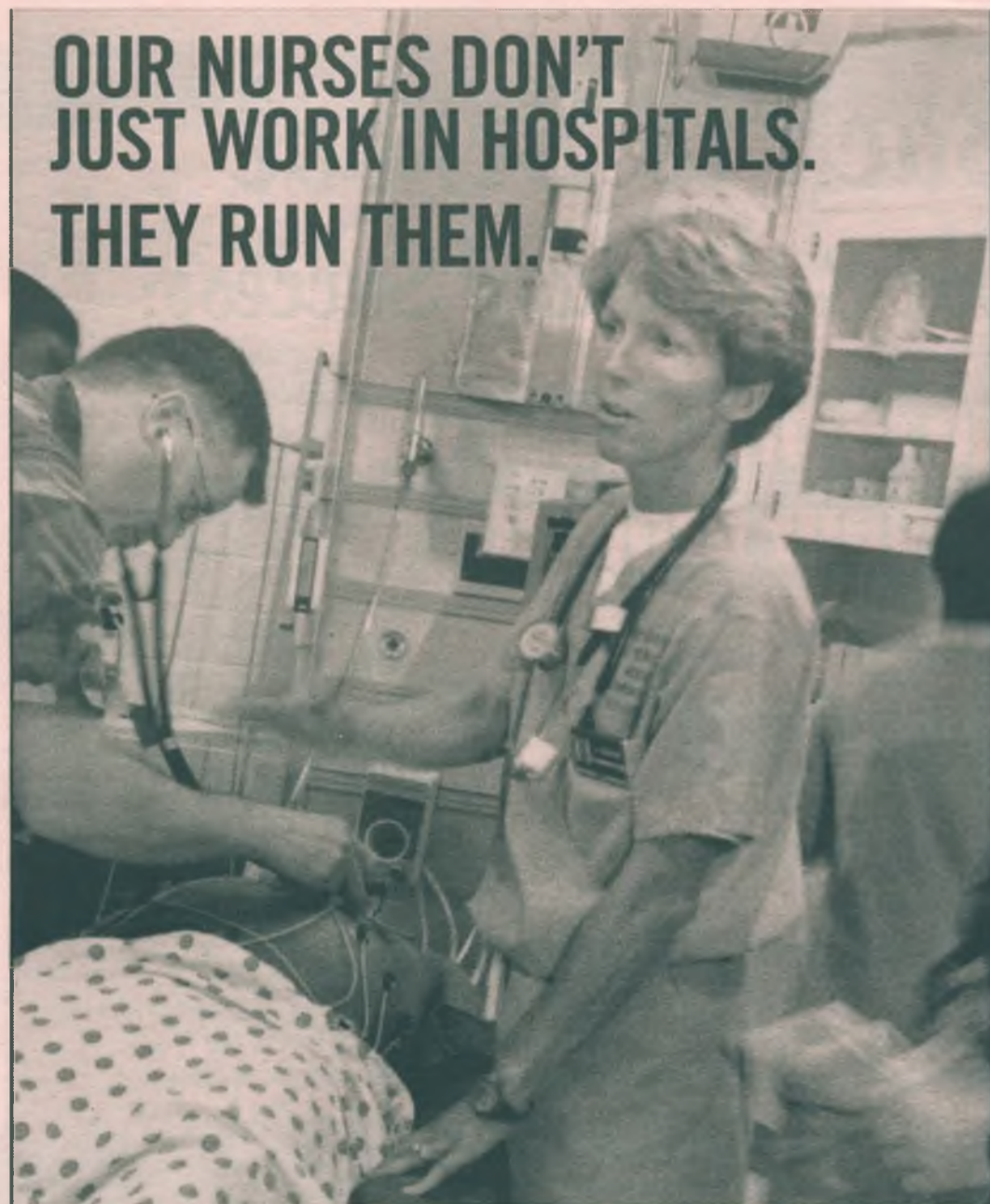
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Fall sports schedule

Women's soccer has not been announced	Friday, Sept. 26 7:30 p.m. Dayton Dayton, Ohio	Saturday, Aug. 29-30 Time TBA Austin Peay Tournament Clarksville, Tenn.	Chicago	Friday, Oct. 24 7 p.m. UT Martin Home	Saturday, Sept. 27 10 a.m. Saluki Invitational Carbondale	Heartland Crossing Indianapolis, Ind.	Sunday through Monday, Oct. 5-6 Butler Fall Invitational Eagle Creek GC Indianapolis, Ind.
Men's Soccer Tuesday, Aug. 19 7 p.m. Missouri-St.Louis Home	Friday, Oct. 10 7 p.m. Mckendree Home	Time and Date TBA Bradley Tournament Peoria	Friday, Oct. 3 5 p.m. Providence Chicago	Wednesday, Oct. 29 7 p.m. Saint Louis St. Louis, Mo.	Saturday, Oct. 11 11 a.m. ISU Pre-Nationals Terre Haute, Ind.	Monday through Tuesday, Sept. 29-30 Murray State Invitational Time TBA Murray, Ky.	Monday through Tuesday, Oct. 20-21 UMKC Kenneth Smith Golf Classic Fred Arbanas GC Lee's Summit, Mo.
Saturday, Aug. 23 8 p.m. Bradley St. Louis	Wednesday, Oct. 15 7 p.m. Jefferson Home	Friday, Sept. 5 11 a.m. Eastern Michigan Peoria	Saturday, Oct. 4 4 p.m. Quinnipiac Chicago	Friday, Oct. 31 7 p.m. Chicago State Home	Women's Cross Country Saturday, Aug. 30 9 a.m. Washington U. Early Bird St. Louis, Mo.	Monday through Tuesday, Oct. 6-7 Butler Invitational Time TBA Indianapolis, Ind.	Monday through Tuesday, Mar. 2-3 New Wave Communications Racer Classic Frances E. Miller Memorial GC Murray, Ky.
Saturday, Aug. 30 5:30 p.m. Missouri State Des Moines, Iowa	Friday, Oct. 17 6 p.m. SIUE Alumni Home	Friday, Sept. 5 6 p.m. Bradley Peoria	Tuesday, Oct. 7 7 p.m. Indiana Sate Terre Haute, Ind.	Saturday, Nov. 1 4 p.m. Eastern Illinois Home	Friday, Sept. 12 5:30 p.m. EIU Panther Open Charleston	Sunday through Monday, Oct. 12-13 Illinois State Invitational Time TBA Normal	Thursday through Friday, Mar. 12-13 EKU El Diablo Spring Invitational El Diablo G&CC Citrus Springs, Fla.
Sunday Aug. 31 7:30 p.m. Drake Des Moines, Iowa	Wednesday, Oct. 22 7:30 p.m. Memphis Memphis, Tenn.	Saturday, Sept. 6 1:30 p.m. UW-Milwaukee Peoria	Friday, Oct. 10 6 p.m. Eastern Kentucky Richmond, Ky.	Tuesday, Nov. 4 4 p.m. Eastern Kentucky Home	Saturday, Sept. 19 4:15 p.m. Illinois Intercollegiate Normal	Monday through Tuesday, Mar. 9-10 SIUE Invitational PGA National GC Port St. Lucie, Fla.	Sunday through Monday, Mar. 29-30 Saluki Invitational Crab Orchard GC Carbondale
Friday Sept. 5 7 p.m. Northern Illinois DeKalb	Saturday, Oct. 25 7 p.m. Alabama-Birmingham Birmingham, Ala.	Wednesday, Sept. 10 7 p.m. Evansville Evansville, Ind.	Saturday, Oct. 11 7 p.m. Air Force Home	Tuesday, Nov. 11 7 p.m. Illinois-Chicago Chicago	Saturday, Sept. 27 10:45 a.m. Saluki Invitational Carbondale	Sunday through Tuesday, Apr. 5-7 Tennessee State Hermitage GC Nashville, Tenn.	Sunday through Monday, Mar. 29-30 Saluki Invitational Crab Orchard GC Carbondale
Friday, Sept. 12 7 p.m. Wright State Dayton, Ohio	Saturday, Nov. 1 7 p.m. Oakland Detroit, Mich.	Friday, Sept. 19 7 p.m. Illinois Champaign	Tuesday, Oct. 14 7 p.m. Missouri State Springfield, Mo.	Friday, Sept. 12 5:15 p.m. EIU Panther Open Charleston	Saturday, Oct. 11 10 a.m. Border Wars Home	Women's Golf Monday through Tuesday, Sept. 15-16 Payne Stewart Memorial River Cut GC Springfield, Mo.	Monday through Tuesday, April 6-7 Bradley Invitational Weaver Ridge GC Peoria
Sunday, Sept. 14 3 p.m. IUPUI Fort Wayne Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Saturday, Nov. 8 1 p.m. Belmont Nashville, Tenn.	Saturday, Sept. 27 6:30 p.m. Missouri Columbia, Mo.	Saturday, Oct. 18 7 p.m. Illinois State Home	Saturday, Sept. 19 4:15 p.m. Illinois Intercollegiate Normal	Saturday, Oct. 18 11 a.m. ISU Pre-Nationals Terre Haute, Ind.	Saturday through Sunday, Sept. 20-21 IWU Fall Classic Ironwood GC Norma	Saturday through Sunday, April 11-12 EKU Lady Colonel Classic Arlington GC Richmond, Ky.
Saturday, Sept. 20 7 p.m. Wisconsin-Milwaukee Milwaukee, Wis.	Saturday, Nov. 15 2 p.m. Central Arkansas Conway, Ark.	Tuesday, Sept. 30 7 p.m. Loyola Chicago	Tuesday, Oct. 21 7 p.m. Southeast Missouri State Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Saturday, Sept. 19 4:15 p.m. Illinois Intercollegiate Normal	Men's Golf Monday through Tuesday, Sept. 15-16 The Links at		
Sunday, Sept. 21 3 p.m. Loyola Chicago	Volleyball Friday through	Time and date TBA Chicago State Tournament					



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Spring sports game schedule

Men and women's basketball have not been announced.

Men's Baseball

USC Upstate Tournament
Spartanburg, S.C.

Friday, Feb. 20 4 p.m.
Wofford
Spartanburg, S.C.

Saturday, Feb. 21 4 p.m.
USC Upstate
Spartanburg, S.C.

Sunday, Feb. 22 10 a.m.
George Mason
Spartanburg, S.C.

Friday, Feb. 27
Time TBA
Arkansas State
Jonesboro, Ark.

Saturday, Feb. 28
Time TBA
Arkansas State
Jonesboro, Ark.

Sunday, Feb. 29
Time TBA
Arkansas State
Jonesboro, Ark.

Saturday through Sunday, Mar. 7 to 14
Time TBA
Palm Beach Classic
Palm Beach, Fla.

Wednesday, Mar. 18 6:30 p.m.
Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Friday, Mar. 20
Time TBA
Tennessee-Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Saturday, Mar. 21
Time TBA
Tennessee-Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Sunday, Mar. 22
Time TBA
Tennessee-Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Tuesday, Mar. 24 3 p.m.
St. Louis University
Home

Wednesday, Mar. 25 3 p.m.
St. Louis University
Home

Saturday, Mar. 28
Time TBA
Murray State (DH)
Murray, Ky.

Sunday, Mar. 29
Time TBA
Murray State (DH)
Murray, Ky.

Wednesday, Apr. 1 6:30 p.m.
Illinois
Champaign

Friday, Apr. 3
Time TBA
Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn.

Saturday, Apr. 4
Time TBA
Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn.

Sunday, Apr. 5
Time TBA
Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn.

Wednesday, Apr. 8 7 p.m.
St. Louis University
Home

Friday, Apr. 10
Time TBA
Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.

Saturday, Apr. 11
Time TBA
Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.

Sunday, Apr. 12
Time TBA
Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.

Tuesday, Apr. 14 7 p.m.
Missouri-St. Louis
Home

Wednesday, Apr. 15 3 p.m.
Butler
Indianapolis, Ind.

Friday, Apr. 17
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Saturday, Apr. 18
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sunday, April 19
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Tuesday, Apr. 21 6 p.m.
Central Missouri
Home

Thursday, Apr. 23 6 p.m.
Indianapolis
Home

Saturday, Apr. 25
Time TBA
Eastern Illinois (DH)
Charleston

Sunday, Apr. 26
Time TBA
Eastern Illinois
Charleston

Wednesday, Apr. 29 6 p.m.
Bradley
Peoria

Friday, May 1
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Saturday, May 2
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Sunday, May 3
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Friday, May 8 7 p.m.

Morehead State
Morehead, Ky.

Saturday, May 9 3 p.m.
Morehead State
Morehead, Ky.

Sunday, May 10 1 p.m.
Morehead State
Morehead, Ky.

Wednesday, May 13 7 p.m.
St. Louis University
Location TBA

Friday, May 15 6 p.m.
Illinois State
Normal

Saturday, May 16 4 p.m.
Illinois State
Normal

Tuesday, Apr. 14 7 p.m.
Missouri-St. Louis
Home

Wednesday, Apr. 15 3 p.m.
Butler
Indianapolis, Ind.

Friday, Apr. 17
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Saturday, Apr. 18
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sunday, April 19
Time TBA
Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Tuesday, Apr. 21 6 p.m.
Central Missouri
Home

Thursday, Apr. 23 6 p.m.
Indianapolis
Home

Saturday, Apr. 25
Time TBA
Eastern Illinois (DH)
Charleston

Sunday, Apr. 26
Time TBA
Eastern Illinois
Charleston

Wednesday, Apr. 29 6 p.m.
Bradley
Peoria

Friday, May 1
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Saturday, May 2
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Sunday, May 3
Time TBA
Evansville
Evansville, Ind.

Friday, May 8 7 p.m.

Mississippi State,
Miss.

Wednesday, Mar. 4 2 p.m.
Missouri (DH)
Columbia, Mo.

Saturday through Sunday, Mar. 7 to 8
Time TBA
SIU Carbondale
Tournament
Carbondale

Tuesday through Saturday, Mar. 10 to 14
Time TBA
Rebel Spring Games
Kissimmee, Fla.

Wednesday, Mar. 18 1 p.m.
Drake (DH)
Home

Thursday, Mar. 19 2 p.m.
Wichita State (DH)
Home

Saturday, Mar. 21 1 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky (DH)
Richmond, Ky.

Tuesday, Mar. 24 2 p.m.
Illinois-Chicago (DH)
Home

Thursday, Apr. 2 4 p.m.
Missouri State
Springfield, Mo.

Saturday, Apr. 4 1 p.m.
Eastern Illinois (DH)
Home

Tuesday, Apr. 7 2 p.m.
Bradley
Peoria

Wednesday, Apr. 8 3 p.m.
Southeast Missouri
State
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Friday, April 10 4 p.m.
Austin Peay State (DH)
Clarksville, Tenn.

Wednesday, Apr. 15 2 p.m.
IUPUI-Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Ind.

Wednesday, Apr. 15 4 p.m.
Morehead State
Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Apr. 18 1 p.m.
UT Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Sunday, Apr. 19
Time TBA
UT Marin
Martin, Tenn.

Tuesday, Apr. 21 3 p.m.
Western Illinois (DH)
Home

Thursday, Apr. 23 4:30 p.m.
Bradley

Home

Tuesday, Apr. 28 3 p.m.
Central Arkansas (DH)
Home

Wednesday, Apr. 29 5 p.m.
Saint Louis (DH)
Home

Men's Tennis (Tentative)
Saturday, Sept. 27 9 a.m.
Lipscomb
Martin, Tenn.

Saturday, Sept. 27 2 p.m.
UT-Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5
Time TBA
Western Illinois
Invitational
Macomb

Friday, Jan. 16 6:30 p.m.
IUPUI-Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Jan. 16 6:30 p.m.
IUPUI-Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Noon
Eastern Illinois
Charleston

Saturday, Feb. 7
Time TBA
Bradley
Peoria

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA
Robert Morris (Pa.)
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA

Dayton
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday, Feb. 28 1 p.m.
UM-Kansas City
Kansas City, Mo.

Sunday, Mar. 8
Time TBA
Belmont
Nashville, Tenn.

Wednesday, Mar. 11
Time TBA
Presbyterian
Clinton, S.C.

Thursday, Mar. 19 2 p.m.
SIU Carbondale
Carbondale

Saturday, Mar. 28
Time TBA
Saint Louis
St. Louis, Mo.

Sunday, Mar. 29
10 a.m.
Lewis
Home

Women's Tennis (Tentative)
Friday through Sunday, Sept. 12 to 14
All Day
Western Illinois
Invitational
Macomb

Saturday, Mar. 28
Time TBA
Saint Louis

Saturday, Sept. 27 2 p.m.
UT-Martin
Martin, Tenn.

Saturday, Sept. 27 9 a.m.
Lipscomb
Martin, Tenn.

Friday through Sunday, Oct. 3 to 5
All Day
IP-Fort Wayne
Tournament
Fort Wane, Ind.

Friday, Jan. 16 6:30 p.m.
IUPUI-Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Jan. 24
Noon
Eastern Illinois
Charleston

Friday, Feb. 6
Time TBA
Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA
Robert Morris (Pa.)
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday through Sunday, Feb. 14 to 15
Time TBA
Dayton
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday, Feb. 21 1 p.m.
Bradley
Peoria

Sunday, Feb. 22 1 p.m.
Northern Illinois
Dekalb

Saturday, Feb. 28 1 p.m.
UM-Kansas City
Kansas City, MO

Saturday, Mar. 7 10 a.m.
Murray State
Murray, Ky

Sunday, Mar. 8
Time TBA
Belmont
Nashville, Tenn.

Wednesday, Mar. 11
Time TBA
Presbyterian
Clinton, S.C.

Thursday, Mar. 19 2 p.m.
SIU Carbondale
Carbondale

Wednesday, Mar. 25 3 p.m.
Southeast Missouri
State
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Saturday, Mar. 28
Time TBA
Saint Louis

St. Louis, Mo.

Sunday, Mar. 29 10 a.m.
Lewis
Home

Men's Track and Field Indoor
Friday, Jan. 9
Missouri Invitational
Columbia, Mo.

Friday through Saturday, Jan. 16 to 17
Badger Track Classic
Madison, Wis.

Saturday, Jan. 24
Redbird Invitational
Normal

Saturday, Jan. 31
Illinois
Intercollegiates
Charleston

Friday through Saturday, Feb. 6 to 7
Rod McCravy
Invitational
Lexington, Ky.

Friday, Feb. 15
Hoosier Hills
Bloomington, Ind.

Friday, Feb. 20
EIU Friday Night
Special
Charleston

Outdoor
Saturday, Mar. 14
FAU Outdoor
Invitational
Boca Raton, Fla.

Friday through Saturday, Mar. 27 to 28
Spring Classic
Carbondale

Friday through Saturday, Apr. 3 to 4
SEMOTION
Invitational
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Saturday, Apr. 11
Cougar Classic
Home

Friday through Saturday, Apr. 17 to 18
Vanderbilt
Invitational
Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday, Apr. 25
SIUE Twilight
Home

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