

Cougar Family News

Fall 2009

Dear Family and Friends of University Housing Residents,

I hope you will enjoy the Fall 2009 issue of the Cougar Family News (CFN). CFN is published three times per academic year by University Housing in an effort to keep you informed about the place your SIUE student has chosen as a home away from home.

By living on campus, your student has chosen much more than a place to sleep and keep his or her belongings. University Housing is dedicated to fostering a quality living and learning environment. This includes creating a place where residents can grow both personally and academically. Our commitment to this success includes providing opportunities for students to learn the art of cooperation, practice civility, enhance communication skills, experience diversity, and make and feel a connection to University Housing and SIUE. We are very excited about this year and strive to provide the support residents need to be successful both in and out of the classroom. *No matter where your student lives in University Housing, there is a support network that enriches the SIUE Experience.*

Now is the time to start thinking about where your student will live next year. Your student is already thinking about it. We are thrilled to offer two different options to our returning students, Cougar Village and Evergreen Hall. Our apartment complex, Cougar Village, is a great choice for those who want the academic and cost advantages of living on campus with the freedom of apartment life. If students are ready for more independence but still want the amenities of a residence hall, our newest facility, Evergreen Hall, meets both of those needs. Evergreen Hall is a unique mix of suites and apartments, most with private bedrooms, where residents can have a full kitchen or opt for a meal plan.

It's a great time to live on campus. By staying on campus, students stay in touch with the dynamic atmosphere and opportunities that the university has to offer. As a family, you may want to discuss housing options that are available. When you investigate the pros and cons and compare pricing, I think you will find that living in University Housing is still the best overall option.

If you would like to suggest ideas for future issues of the Cougar Family News or comment on any aspect of SIUE University Housing, please feel free to contact me at 618.650.4628 or mschultz@siue.edu. If you have an interest in finding out more about University Housing, please visit our website at www.siue.edu/housing.

Sincerely,

Michael Schultz
Director of University Housing

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For a complete list of the
2009-2010 University
Housing Staff, including
RA's, please visit the
About Us section of our
web site,
www.siu.edu/housing

What is MAP-Works?

MAP-Works is an initiative aimed at improving students' transition to the university atmosphere. First year students received a survey in mid-September that, when completed, generates a report to professional staff. The report will aid professional staff in assisting students with four critical factors that determine success and satisfaction in college.

The four critical factors are: academic success, retention, student development, and student involvement. The information will help professional staff act proactively and assist your student through a successful college experience. Please encourage your student to take the survey if they have not yet done so.

SIUE Director of Housing begins term as ACUHO-I President

SIUE Director of Housing, Michael Schultz, began his term as the ACUHO-I (Association of College and University Housing Officers - International) President this past June. ACUHO-I has established itself as the foremost authority on Housing and Residence Life. ACUHO-I members believe in developing exceptional residential experiences at colleges, universities, and other post-secondary institutions around the world. Members include thousands of housing professionals from more than 900 colleges and universities in 22 different countries, who serve approximately 1.8 million students worldwide. Congratulations Mike!

From the Editor:

Cougar Family News is published three times a year (October, January, and April) by University Housing. *Cougar Family News* welcomes letters to the editor, articles and other ideas from the family and friends of University Housing residents. Direct submissions to Mallory Sidarous, Marketing Specialist, SIUE, Campus Box 1255, Edwardsville, IL 62026. University Housing reserves the right to refuse any submission at their discretion.

For more information, contact Mallory Sidarous at 618.650.0546 or email msidaro@siue.edu.

Over 800 Students Experience "One Night"



On Tuesday, September 1, over 800 students gathered in the Morris University Center to experience "One Night". The idea for this program was a new twist on an old idea. Many universities have some type of alcohol awareness program, and many perform docudramas (car crash reenactment scenes). This particular program puts the students in regular situations they may encounter when consuming alcohol, and then presents an extreme change of events to show how easy it really is for a fun evening to have a tragic ending. The goal of the "One Night" program is to shatter the students' beliefs that they are invincible to the consequences of alcohol consumption and force them to reconsider how their decisions concerning alcohol could land them in a hospital, a morgue, or in jail.

Several University departments joined to host the program that was initiated by Missouri State University in 1999. Co-sponsors at SIUE included: University Housing, Counseling Services, Health Service, the Office of Admissions, Campus Recreation, Kimmel Leadership Center, University Police, the School of Nursing, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. A variety of local area organizations also donated time and resources to the program.

A special "Thank you!" goes out to the 481 student volunteers who volunteered to be a part of University Housing Move In Day on Friday, August 21, 2009! With their help, University Housing moved in close to 1500 residents. We also want to give a special thanks to our faculty and staff who came out to help welcome residents and their families. University Housing is thrilled that so many students are a part of this tradition and look forward to next year's crew— we couldn't do it without our volunteers!

Thank You!

Cougar Parent and Family Connection

October 1
e-Chat: Academic Advising 101...Preparing for Spring 2010

October 9-11
Family Weekend

October 10
Parent Advisory Council Breakfast
Parent Hospitality Tent @ Homecoming Club Football Game

November 3
e-Chat: Ways for your Student to get Involved at SIUE

November 12
Parent Advisory Council e-Meeting

January 21
e-Chat: On-Campus Housing Options for Fall 2010-Spring 2011

February 5-6
Sibs and Kids Weekend

February 5
Parents Party Deck: Men's Basketball v. University of South Dakota

March 24
e-Chat: What should I do with my life...? Helping Undecided Students

April 20
e-Chat: Beyond SIUE...Study Abroad Opportunities

www.siueparents.com

Site is under construction, please check back periodically.

How to Send Mail and Packages to your Student

Bluff Hall

Resident Name
60 Circle Drive
Bluff Hall Stop #
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Prairie Hall

Resident Name
2 Prairie Drive
Prairie Hall Stop #
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Woodland Hall

Resident Name
1 Residence Drive
Woodland Hall Stop #
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Evergreen Hall

Resident Name
74 Circle Drive
Evergreen Hall Stop #
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Cougar Village

Resident Name
Building # Cougar Village, Apt. #
Edwardsville, IL 62025

For up to date information on H1N1 and how SIUE and University Housing are working to prepare and educate our population, please visit <http://www.siue.edu/misc/h1n1/>.

Important Break Reminders

Bluff, Prairie and Woodland Halls will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009 for Thanksgiving Break and will reopen on Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Bluff, Prairie and Woodland Halls will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009 for Winter Break and will reopen on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Please plan accordingly to pick your student up by the stated deadlines.

Follow University Housing online!

www.flickr.com/groups/siuehousing/

www.facebook.com/siuehousing/

Notes from Central Housing

Canceling the Housing Contract

The Single Student Housing Contract covers the nine month academic year, August 2009 - May 2010. Residents wishing to cancel their housing contract must follow the cancellation procedures described in the Single Student Housing Terms and Conditions. Canceling housing during the contract period is limited to the following reasons: withdrawal, graduation, academic suspension, marriage, serious illness, military induction, counseling considerations, and death in the immediate family. **All requests must be made by the December 1 deadline.**

After the December 1 deadline and before the beginning of the Spring semester check-in, the resident pays the entire Fall semester rent, in addition to a \$300 contract cancellation fee. Those requesting cancellation due to graduation will not be required to pay a fee if their cancellation request is received on or before December 1st. Terms and Conditions of the University Housing contract and cancellation procedures and forms may be found online at www.siu.edu/housing.

Housing for Summer 2010, Fall 2010 - Spring 2011

Current residents DO NOT need to fill out a new housing application to live in University Housing for the next academic year. Students should participate in the Reservation Process in early Spring 2010 to reserve their space for Summer 2010 and/or Fall 2010-Spring 2011. Each resident will receive information in their campus mailboxes about this process. More details will be included in the January edition of this newsletter and our web site, www.siu.edu/housing, beginning January 2010.

Family Weekend 2009

October 9-11, 2009

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Family Weekend is a great opportunity for families to enjoy SIUE and the surrounding community. There are a variety of events scheduled for everyone in your family all weekend. Events include: Chili Cook Off, Bingo and Casino Night, SIUE Men's and Women's Soccer games, Club Football game and more!

www.siu.edu/family/

What Do You Know About Sustainability?

University Housing recognizes that we are in a unique position to help create solutions to sustainability challenges. Our department contributes to a campus climate where active, experiential and collaborative learning and real-world problem solving is the norm. By doing so, our residents develop knowledge and skills to apply to their future employment, consumption decisions and lifestyle choices; benefiting their future communities.

To learn more, please visit www.siu.edu/housing/sustainability/

SIUE Launches Official Athletics Web Site

Attention Cougar fans! The new SIUE Athletics Web site will allow you to stay connected with your favorite teams at a whole new level.

The new Web site features an improved design with updated news, blogs, RSS feeds, Facebook and Twitter access, mobile alerts, video streaming of live events and statistics about all aspects of SIUE Athletics as it continues its transition to NCAA Division I status.

Most significant is the addition of a number of CBS College Sports website features including GameTracker (TM), which allows you to follow live simulcast game action of your favorite teams. GameTracker (TM) provides updated stats, game details and full play-by-play for basketball, baseball, soccer and many others. SIUE Sports Information also will provide editorial content and will soon launch an online store with SIUE Cougar merchandise available for purchase as well as an online auction site.

www.siu.edu/cougars.com

Tell Me All About...Housing FAQ's

Who is responsible for cleaning student rooms?

Each University Housing resident is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their suite (room and bathroom) or apartment. University Housing staff assists residents with this process by helping them have conversations with their roommates about sharing the cleaning responsibility. Housing Staff conducts cleaning and safety inspections several times a year. During the inspection, staff enters living units, and assesses whether the unit is clean and safe by Housing standards (standards can be found in the Living Guide at <http://www.siue.edu/housing/livingguide.shtml>).

Who should students contact for room repairs?

Students need to initiate the repair by reporting it to University Housing Facilities Management (UHFM) at <http://odyssey.siue.edu/>. UHFM responds to student initiated repair requests as a first priority.

What security is in place on campus?

The front desk of our residence halls serve as a security function. Residents must use their Cougar card to swipe into the building and gain access 24 hours a day. Visitors of residents must stop at the front desk and register. Visitors must leave a valid picture ID and must be escorted by a resident host. The University Police provide a campus wide escort service to individuals who feel apprehensive about walking alone on campus. Students can contact the University Police for an escort. There are emergency blue light telephones located all throughout campus. An emergency call from these telephones will immediately dispatch an officer to your location. Each phone is also equipped with a strobe light that is automatically activated when the phone is used.

What can students do to manage stress?

Students should first talk with their RA. RAs are trained to appropriately refer residents to other campus offices that can best assist that resident. University Housing works closely with the Counseling Center. Residents can refer to the Counseling website, <http://www.siue.edu/counseling/>.

The Campus Recreation Center offers many exercise classes, fitness opportunities, massages, and more to help residents find balance in their lives. Check out their website, <http://www.siue.edu/crec/>.

What can the RA, Front Desk Manager, Community Director, and Secretary assist my student with?

RAs and Front Desk Managers should always be the first line in answering any resident question. These employees are trained to serve as resources. They are proficient in policy knowledge and know how to appropriately refer residents. The hall secretary can assist students with questions they may have about the laundry room, vending machines, and general concerns. The secretary will refer the resident to the Community Director if necessary.

The Community Director can best assist residents with questions about policy, situations where residents may have been documented for policy violation, roommate concerns, and general housing questions. Community Directors have offices in the building they are responsible for. These staff can be seen in attendance at many of the events that take place in their area of responsibility. Any student is welcome to make an appointment with the Community Director if they'd like to. They can do this through the secretary.

When will University Housing staff notify parents/guardians of student behavior?

University Housing will notify a parent/guardian via a letter, when an underage student has been found responsible for a drug or alcohol violation. Students may sign a release form from the Assistant Community Director/Community Director that permits the professional staff member to freely discuss the incident with a parent or guardian.

What activities are available to students in University Housing?

There are different activities every day in the residence halls and apartments. The individual wings and building lobbies always have advertisements posted for events going on in the community or on campus. Residents can always ask RAs for more information, check out the Kimmel Leadership Center or visit the SIUE Events webpage, <http://events.siue.edu/siuevents/> for more options.

What do I do if my son or daughter won't answer my phone calls?

If your student does not answer your phone calls for a prolonged period of time, one in which you may be concerned for their well being, contact your student's Hall/Cougar Village Commons number and the secretary will forward your concern to the appropriate staff member. If this is an emergency and you cannot get a hold of staff, please contact SIUPD at 618.650.3324.

What academic support is available in the halls?

There are study lounges in all wings in each residence hall and a large room is available in the Cougar Village Commons. There are often tutoring sessions available within the residence halls that are advertised through emails and banners in the lobby and the Cougar Village Commons. Each residence hall has a 24 hour computer lab and the Cougar Village Commons has a computer lab with hours posted.

More Questions?

Contact the Central Housing Office at 618.650.3931 or via email, housing@siue.edu.

October

5 - 10	Homecoming Week
9 - 11	Family Weekend
12	Preview SIUE
30	Installment Payment Due

November

11	Preview SIUE
20	Installment Payment Due
20	Bluff/Prairie/Woodland close at 5 p.m.; last meal is lunch
20 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
26 - 27	University Closed
29	Bluff/Prairie/Woodland re-open at 10 a.m.

December

1	University Housing cancellation deadline for Spring 2010
12 - 18	Quiet Hours
12 - 18	Final Exams
18	Bluff/Prairie/Woodland close at 5 p.m.; last meal is lunch
19	Textbook Return Deadline
19	Commencement
20 - 1/10	Winter Break
20	Cougar Village/Evergreen close at noon for those not returning Spring 2010
24 - 1/1	University Closed
10	Bluff/Prairie/Woodland reopen at 10 a.m.
11	First Day of Spring Classes