

# Feature Story

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Fall of 2011 is when the women's club soccer team first set cleats to the fields of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Edwardsville IL- After countless days of advertising their team throughout the MUC on campus, chili cook-offs, and being actively involved on the Campus Activity Board this team finally rounded up enough girls to play their first season.

Before long a handful of players graduated last season needless to say, the women's club soccer team has been on the lookout around campus to see if any girls would be interested in joining the team. President of the women's club soccer team, Lauren Bunch, stepped up after the former president last year couldn't make the time commitment to the team so she volunteered. Bunch stated "This is season is better than last season because we know what to expect and what we need as a club." Whether it had to do with organizing practices on certain days and contacting teams from other schools for games, as well as tournaments they are planning to attend out of state. Whereas compared to last year, it was loosely put together and slightly unorganized.

Keith Becherer also helps the club become more organized, he is in charge of SIUE's club sports, he deals with any problems the team has, money for the club, for whatever reason. He also works with graduate student Brian Richardson who helps out a lot with our team. Anything the team needs they go to either one of them whether its field reservations, or game cancellations.

The team is fundraising with the help of Buffalo Wild Wings to help get their name out there and get SIUE women's club soccer known to not only the university but to the city. The team also has the opportunity to fundraise through Pita Pit a new local food business in Edwardsville where they will be taught how to roll pita's, and they will get 15 percent of what Pita Pit makes that day.

Whether it is fundraising through the city or university, or reaching out to girls on campus that might be interested. SIUE's women club soccer has a great season coming; these girls make up a team that is the greatest team you have never heard of. "Somewhere behind the athlete you've become and the hours of practice and the coaches who have pushed you is a little girl who fell in love with the game and never looked back...play for her."

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