

The Saluki Watch Dawg



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TAX SEASON IS UPON US. . .

Filing taxes is a real-world wake up call. As a student, do you know when to file a tax return and what deductions and credits are available to you?

1. What if you attend school outside your home state?

Your federal tax return should be filed with the IRS based on your permanent address. State taxes are a different story and you need to check your local state tax code to determine if you must file a return.

2. Do you have to pay taxes on a scholarship?

You do not have to pay taxes if the scholarship is used to cover the cost of tuition and required fees. Money used to pay for housing, travel, and research, is taxable and should be included with wages on the W-2.

3. Are there any tax breaks?

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is good for the first two years of college and can be claimed twice per student. This tax savings offers up to \$1,500 in savings.

4. When is my tax return due and what records do I keep?

Federal returns are due April 15, state deadlines vary. You should keep all your receipts for tuition and books, scholarship information, financial aid, and any proof of enrollment.

Valueyourmoney.org

SIU Campus Resources

SIU Police

618-453-3771

Parking Division

618-453-5369

Counseling Center

618-453-5371

Wellness Center

618-536-4441

Health Center

618-453-3311

Night Safety Transit

618-453-2212

Carbondale Resources

Carbondale Police

618-457-3200

Women's Center

618-529-2324

Memorial Hospital

618-549-0721

Violence Prevention & Response Training

Due to the recent increase in requests for active shooter training, the SIU Department of Public Safety is now implementing free monthly Violence Prevention and Response training for students, faculty, and staff. The training will be held at DPS (located in the lower level of Trueblood Hall) . This training will consist of a presentation, a viewing of the "Run, Hide, Fight" video, and discussion. The sessions will be held in the evenings on the first Wednesday of each month.

To sign up please call or email Lt. Kendall Hollister (kendallh@dps.siu.edu) or Officer Kevin Cox (kevinc@dps.siu.edu), (618) 453-3771.

Services Provided

Emergency Response
Training

Report Suspicious Activity

Campus Emergency
Response Guide

Night Safety Transit

Campus Map

Parking Map

Daily Crime Log

FOIA Request Form

SIU Campus Crime Report

Safety Awareness Facts and
Educations

Housing Personal Safety

March Calendar

March 8th

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Dollar Night
Student Center Bowling

March 18th

12:00 p.m.
Softball Game
Charlotte West Stadium

March 22nd

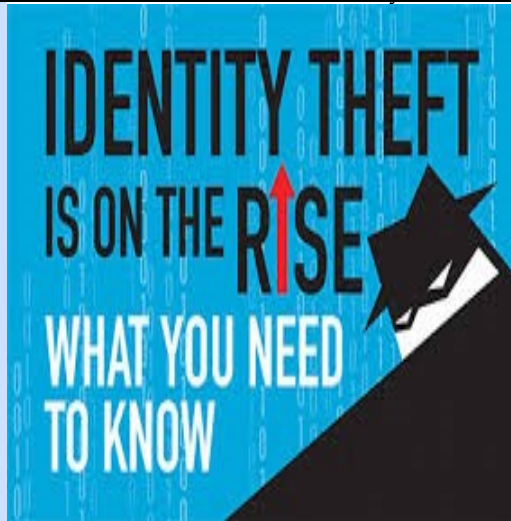
5:00 p.m.
Baseball game
Itchy Jones Stadium

March 23rd

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free Puppy Kisses
North Entrance Student Center

SPRING BREAK

March 12 to March 19



I dentity theft occurs when someone uses another's personally identifying information, such as their name, identifying number, or credit card number, without their permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

To guard against identity theft, minimize the amount of identification information that you carry on your person. Try not to carry your Social Security card in the event you lose your purse or wallet. Put passwords on your credit card, bank, and phone accounts, but do not use an obvious password such as your birthday, address, or phone number. Never provide personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the internet, unless you have initiated the contact or know who you are dealing with. Frequently check your online bank or paper statements for unauthorized charges.

I f you think you are the victim of identity theft, notify your credit card companies and banks immediately. Notify the police to file a report as soon as possible. Supply them with as much information as you can. Call the national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security Number.

Join SIU Police for An Upcoming Event!

Event: "Don't Get Duped: The Reality of Identity Theft"

When: Wednesday, March 29th from 5p.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: Student SVCS Multipurpose Room 150 & 160

Questions: jordeejjustice@siu.edu or 618/453-4611



Meet Your Liaison!

Mae Smith– Ofc. Allen

Schneider– Ofc. Fager

Neely– Ofc. Smithpeters

U. Hall – Ofc. Smith, Ofc.
Sneed

Saluki Athletics– Cpl. Cunico

RSO– Ofc. Harrell

Trueblood– Ofc. Dozier

Morris Library– Ofc. Bryant

Lentz– Ofc. Dozier

Recreation Center– Ofc. Dozier

Evergreen Terrace– Ofc. Stark

Wall & Grand– Ofc. Dintel-
man, Ofc. Emery

Bailey, Baldwin, Abbott, Smith,
Warren, & Kellogg– Ofc. Rafe,
Cpl. Murphy , Ofc. Pendley

Felts, Brown, Steagall, Bowyer,
Pierce– Ofc. Rafe, Cpl. Mur-
phy, Ofc. Presley

For more information on your
Liaison Officers, click [here](#).

Bicycling on Campus

Required equipment:

- Reflectors on each pedal, side reflectors, front and rear reflectors
- From sunset to sunrise, front white lamp and rear red lamp or reflectors .

Registration is required:

- You can complete a registration form at the Parking Division when you bring your bicycle and student/staff ID to obtain your decal.

Citations may be issued for the following violations:

- Failure to yield to pedestrians.
- Disobeyed a traffic-control device.
- No valid registration.

SPRING BREAK 2017

Spring break is a time for students to relax and escape the everyday grind of college, but it has also become notorious for traveling to party spots and engaging in risky behaviors. Make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Remember you can be held responsible at SIU for what happens on Spring Break.

Don't put yourself at risk

- ⇒ Follow the local laws of your destination.
- ⇒ Be aware of your surroundings, do not travel alone, and avoid dark, isolated or questionable areas.
- ⇒ Always keep hotel and balcony doors locked.
- ⇒ For security and fire safety reasons, choose a hotel room between the 2nd and 6th floors.
- ⇒ Check to see if your health insurance coverage is valid out of state or out of the country.
- ⇒ Remember to bring prescriptions in their original labeled containers with your name.
- ⇒ Decide as a group what your plans are: If you leave as a group, come home as a group. **DON'T LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND!!**
- ⇒ Designate a driver before going out, or put money aside for a cab.

If you become the victim of a crime, contact the local police to report the incident and get immediate help. If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime overseas, please refer to this list of [embassy](#) and consulate locations. If you know someone who has been the victim of a sexual assault overseas, please contact the Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 1-888-407-4747 (from overseas: 202-501-4444) or the U.S. Embassy or Consulate nearest you.

Looking Back...**February**

February 1, 2017
Domestic Violence
 Student Center

February 1, 2017
Stop Violence Against Women
 Morris Library

February 2, 2017
Domestic Violence
 Student Center Dining Hall

February 2, 2017
Stop Violence Against Women
 Morris Library

February 2, 2017
Domestic Violence
 Dunn Richmond

February 8, 2017
Safe Walk
 Morris Library

February 9, 2017
Domestic Violence
 Student Recreational Center

February 12, 2017
Crime Prevention
 Lentz Dining Hall

February Housing Presentations

Mae Smith Hall
Domestic Violence

Evergreen Terrace Bus Stop
School Bus Safety
Weather Safety

Mae Smith Hall
Alcohol Awareness
Drunk Goggles and Video Games

Schneider Hall
Severe Weather Preparation
Dating Violence

**POLAR PLUNGE.**

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

On February 25th the Polar Plunge, presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run and GEICO, was held at the SIU Recreation Center. The Polar Plunge and Donut Dash are unique opportunities to support Special Olympics athletes by taking a dip into Illinois' frigid winter waters. The Polar Donut Dash 5K is the only 5K around that not only tests your speed but your ability to eat donuts! Participants were treated to multiple donut stops along the route, and those who stopped received a one minute deduction from their overall time for each donut they consumed along the course. All proceeds collected by plungers benefit more than 22,000 traditional athletes and 20,000 young athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

**Results for the SIU CAMPUS
 FEBURARY 25TH, 2017:**

\$30,319 Raised **88** Dashers **152** Plungers