Virtual tours give insight into universities

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A new virtual touring website could make picking the right college easier for incoming freshmen.

CNN posted a video April 16 about an online university-touring site, Unigo.com, that features pictures, videos and different university reviews in more than 1,600 higher education institutions across America. Prospective college students who use the site can read reviews written by university students and information not normally shared through universities. The site is also constantly updated so students have the latest information available to find the right programs for incoming freshmen.

Dave Dardis, of Makanda, admires his Grim Reaper sculpture Tuesday at Rainmaker Art Studio in Makanda. This year will be Dardis’ 40th year making and selling metal jewelry and sculptures. Dardis has been preparing for Makanda’s annual Spring Fest, which is set for Saturday and Sunday. He said 5,000-7,000 people typically attend the local art and music festival.

State program to increase campus safety, readiness

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Universities statewide are participating in a test program designed to inform students that safety is a high priority on their campus.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency announced a pilot program April 22 for the Ready to Respond Campus initiative, a program that will set rigorous standards for universities to meet in order to receive program designation. The certification will allow universities to use approval in their promotional material and allow parents and students to determine whether their university places high importance on campus safety.

SIU is one of nine participating schools in the program alongside the University of Illinois in Champaign and Columbia College in Chicago, according to the IEMA website. The program is expected to expand to other schools and universities January 2014, according to the website.

Brian Bedelmyer, Illinois Emergency Management Agency regional coordinator, said the program’s university-level role is to have adequate safety plans that are updated and to practice safety measures for each university. IEMA director Jonathon Monken created the program concept, he said.

Bedelmyer said the campuses must demonstrate compliance with standards such as hazard identification, operational and violence prevention planning, incident management, training and exercises to attain the Ready to Respond designation. However, Todd Sigler, department of public safety director, said the program is an extension of safety programs and preparations that EPS has been working on for several years.

“This is sort of an outgrowth of work that the university has already been doing in regards to all hazards planning,” he said. “As of 2008, college campuses and community colleges of Illinois are required to have an emergency response plan ready to go, prepared and on file.”

The pilot project is exciting because it allows the department to look over its plan and fix any gaps or flaws that might be in some plans, Sigler said. While it would be nice to receive the Ready to Respond rating, he said, the department’s main focus has always been safety first.

“Don’t do it for gratitude,” he said. “We do it so that the campus can be as prepared and as safe as possible for students, faculty, staff and visitors. To get the recognition, to successfully complete the program and to be certified … as a campus ready to respond, we would take a lot of pride and satisfaction in that.”

Sigler said the pilot program covers areas of campus safety such as communication, how to continue in disaster aftermath and how to handle media outlets.

Committee seeks code improvements

JESSICA WETTIG MILES
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Officials are working to clarify sections of the university’s student code of conduct.

Student Rights and Responsibilities director Chad Trilder said his department must update the code every five years, and many changes are under way for the 2013-2014 code. Many simply involve reworking the present code to avoid confusion, he said. The new code will reduce the revisions to every two years instead of five and create one document every student can look at and understand what’s expected of them, he said.

Trilder said a committee composed of students, staff and faculty was formed to determine updates, he said, and the group was thorough in their analysis and decisions.

“At this point we have what we think is a pretty solid draft, but we want every student, every staff and faculty member to tell us what they think we missed or what they think should be in them,” he said.

Dean of Students Katherine Sermersheim delivered a campus-wide email April 23 that requested commentary on the proposed changes from anyone who wishes to provide it. Anyone can download the new code and comment, Trilder said, and the new code will go into effect sometime this summer for the fall semester.

“We’re asking for anything,” he said.

Undergraduate Student Government President Elect Adrian Miller, a sophomore from Carbondale studying political science, said incorporating the student’s voice is the most important policy change in the code.

“Administrators might not understand the student (or) the situation,” he said. “To be able to have the student’s voice present on that appeals process will reassure the students that the university does care about the students, and that they are striving to do things to ensure that they are represented.”

Cheating is one issue the code addresses. Trilder said the process for dealing with a student who is caught cheating is too long of a process that could take months and includes the professor addressing the student. The complaint then travels to the department’s chair, then the dean and then the provost. Code updates could shorten the process by making it much more specific in what must be done when, and issues will go directly to the department dean to resolve the issue in half the time, he said.

Harassment is another issue the code mentions but does not clearly define, especially concerning the Internet, he said.

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If you are looking at the academic programs we offer, the virtual tour can point you to certain university facilities like the College of Engineering, College of Education, mass communication, media arts, liberal arts, all those elements are embedded in the tour," he said. "If someone is just browsing the web and needs insight, the virtual tours can really help you in the right direction." Ideally, he said, virtual tours would help convince prospective students to visit the university in person.

Tregid Morgan, admission counselor and campus visit program supervisor, said it is important to keep up with technological trends because of the new generation of students the university wants to recruit.

"The students we are trying to bring to the university are a technologically-based generation, and they are more computer and web savvy," she said. "A lot of students start their search online, so it is important that we try to reach out to those prospective students.

Morgan said many people who want to attend college start their search online, so ensuring the university maintains a web presence is important.

However, she said, as convenient as virtual tours are for students without the time or money to check out universities individually, the tours do not have the same personal touch that comes with an on-campus visit.

"We are all consumers, so we make decisions based on how we feel and how comfortable we are with a product, or if we feel it is a good investment for our money," Morgan said. "With a virtual tour, you do not get to see that personalized touch or feel that you would from a tour of campus in person.

Some students said online tours are a good option for prospective students to go to universities’ options, but websites do not replace a physical tour.

Mark Shannon, a freshman from Chicago studying kinesiology, said physical campus tours are more effective than virtual tours because it helps students understand a college layout.

"Virtual tours can help students see what college life is like firsthand," he said.

Dante Leventrie, a junior from Fayetteville, N.C. studying radio-television, said on-campus tours are welcoming to prospective students, but virtual tours can help give a more general view of a particular university.

"I used to be a tour guide for the university, so I know guides are a first look into college life for students," he said. "Students are getting some real experience from someone who has been there. I know the online virtual tours are more in-depth than they used to be, and keeping that information updated and open to the public gives a good overview of the campus."

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Editor’s note: The FBI released a statement Tuesday that requests help from the community regarding the series of threats the university received during the fall semester. The statement's text reads as follows.

“As the public is aware, someone sent communications during the fall semester of 2012, threatening acts of mass targeted violence against the entire SIU Carbondale community. The language was frightening and law enforcement responded quickly and appropriately. Although no one has been harmed by this person so far, this is not a harmless prank. Evacuations caused by threats are disruptive and create safety hazards to others. We would like to ask for assistance from the community. This person sending these communications may be known to those around him as having one or multiple grievances related to what he perceives to have been a wrong or a series of wrongs done to him. He may have been continually angry during the fall semester and prone to making rash, if unbelievable, statements about his complaints. He is likely to be immature and lacking in focus. The person is probably familiar with the SIU campus and campus life, although it is not necessarily a student or former student.

We would ask the author to please write again, to explain how he has been wronged and what can be done to address these concerns. We are also releasing selected handwriting from one of these communications. We are asking the public to examine this unusual printing to see if it is familiar. Anyone with information is asked to call 618-453-3771.”

For more photos issued by the FBI, please see www.dailyEgyptian.com
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Goelzhaser, Harms and Erickson earned flags for finishing in the tournament's top 18. Newton said he was proud of his team's performance over player careers, especially the seniors. "The seniors, they were the team," he said. "They worked with our juniors and worked with our freshman. While they were taking time to help their teammates, well, they were just getting better themselves."

Mid-inning relief has been a Saluki strength, especially with junior pitcher Matt Murphy. Murphy is often the first guy out of the bullpen once a starter is removed from a game. He has eight strikeouts and has a 3.3 record after 14 appearances and has allowed only seven earned runs.

The Salukis are a good pick to advance far in the MVC tournament because of its strong pitching staff and a surging offense. It took a while for the Salukis to get moving, but, this team should be a force to reckon with with a strong season finish.

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**ACROSS**
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3呱呱_ were the
5 S__ of 2
71 "__" were the
73 Burden
8 Burden

**DOWN**
1 Give up
2 Muslim noble
3 Jews pioneer
4 October custom
50 "Bah!"
53 Second-deepest
54 New Zealand-__
58 Strauss

**Jumble**
Uncramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**Town Square Market**

**NATURAL FOOD**

**A WHOLE LOT MORE!**

**Can this go on with the regular**

**I’m not getting any**

**You’ll want to eat**

**and need as much**

**GUNNY**

**MOBOS**

**WANOPE**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**Answer:**

**Horoscopes**

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**Aries — Today is an 8 —**

- Mercury enters Taurus, and for about two weeks, get practical and profitable. Avoid snap judgments and assumptions; all isn’t as it appears.

**Taurus — Today is a 9 —**

- Don’t argue. Postpone travel for a few days. You’re even more practical for the next few weeks, although prioritizing a big opportunity over mundane chores makes sense.

**Gemini — Today is a 9 —**

- Hold your horses and study the situation. Stick to a budget. Check exact wording. Clear old messes the next few weeks. Assent leadership, and don’t get rattled by disagreement.

**Cancer — Today is an 8 —**

- Work effectively in groups. Financial planning scores today and tomorrow. Upgrade equipment without spending a lot; get creative, barrier or pen friends to get funding.

**Leo — Today is a 9 —**

- Take on more responsibility. Don’t get intimidated. Pause ever results; favor negotiations and compromise. Go slowly to avoid mistakes. Talk about love more than money.

**Virgo — Today is a 9 —**

- Reschedule a meeting to stay at home. Improve living conditions. Change doesn’t happen all at once. Details are important, so get involved. Double-check data.

**Libra — Today is an 8 —**

- Objective about a hot topic and avoid gossip. Lay low; get into your work, and make a discovery, which can remain private. You have great emotional support. Decid du jure.

**Scorpio — Today is a 7 —**


**Sagittarius — Today is an 8 —**

- Work requires more of your attention. Accept constructive criticism; if you can’t be nice, be quiet. There’s a good suggestion in there somewhere.

**Capricorn — Today is a 9 —**

- Consider an interesting suggestion. Costs are higher than expected, and tempers short. You’re entering a two-day business phase. Play that ace you’ve been holding.

**Aquarius — Today is an 8 —**

- Keep faith and ask questions later. Travel is complicated; adjust your schedule. Decide what role to play. Take leadership. Resolve a family issue. It’s easy at home.

**Pisces — Today is a 9 —**

Close games make or break Dawgs

The Pinch Hit

With Jack Robinson

The Salukis have lost 16 games by three runs or less this season, and the team looks to improve on late-game errors for these final 11 games.

It seems every time the Salukis are close to sealing a win, there is some extraordinary error or play that deflates them.

The team can be in good shape for the playoffs if it can improve on these minor errors.

There is more emphasis on the team’s mental state in the playoffs. I see no reason why SIU won’t return to the MVC championship for the second-consecutive year if the team maintains its high level and the Salukis can travel well and play through adversity.

The Salukis have worked against themselves more than their opponents this season. SIU has 64 errors to its opponents’ 59 errors and have a .961 team fielding percentage.

Senior outfielder Austin Montgomery has been a team leader in hitting this season, as he boasts a .337 batting average. Montgomery hit his sixth home run during Saturday’s game against the Wichita State Shockers and has driven in 34 RBIs this year. With Montgomery feeling confident, he can get the Salukis going when the team needs offense.

Besides Montgomery, junior infielder Jake Welch has a high .317 batting average and provides a spark for the Salukis in base running. Welch has 17 stolen bases on 19 attempts and has also posted 42 runs this season. Along with having an offensive side, Welch holds a .950 fielding percentage and has put out 79 runners this season. With a player such as Welch on a hot streak going into the season’s final two weeks, he can provide the spark the team could use late in the season.

The Salukis’ struggle this year has consistently been hitting with runners on base. Welch has left several runners stranded and left 14 runners on base in an April 21 game against Creighton University. The team has tried to improve hitting in situations with runners on base during practice. However, head coach Ken Henderson, said there is no way to recreate a genuine game scenario in practice.

Salukis pitching has been consistent throughout the season. Team ace junior pitcher Cody Forsythe broke the SIU record in career starts Friday with his win against WSU. Forsythe has a seasonal 2.79 ERA and has struck out 45 batters, which is second on the team to sophomore pitcher Sam Goosmood, who has 48 strikeouts on the season.

Salukis take third at MVC championships

MATT FERGUSON

Daily Egyptian

After back-to-back bottom finishes at the Missouri Valley Championship, the Salukis ended the 2013 season with a third-place finish.

The first two rounds of play positioned SIU at third with a score of 600. They maintained third with Illinois State taking second and Wichita State winning the tournament by 32 strokes. Coach Leroy Newton said he was happy to be back among the top three MVC finishers.

“I am thrilled to death for the kids,” Newton said. “They all worked hard before the tournament and were a team.”

Senior Joe Goelzhauser’s 148 score through the first two rounds made him the only Saluki to finish in the tournament’s top 10. He finished No. 9 overall after scoring 74 on the final round with an overall 222 tournament score. The final score tied him for his second lowest three-round score on the season.

Goelzhauser said he was ecstatic to get his game on track.

“I’m just glad I could finally get my game together and start playing well,” he said. “I was being patient with my game and driving the ball consistently. If you keep it on the fairway on this course you can do really well.”

After having a Saluki worst score of 85 in the first round, junior Caleb Harms shot a team-low 69 the following round. His 226 final score was good enough for 15th overall. The finish was the highest he has placed in any tournament this season.