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SIUE, SEMO see enrollment increase

Cheng: 'We are studying our own enrollment strategies'

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

SIUC will look internally for answers to its enrollment numbers as other universities in the region have seen their enrollment reach all-time highs.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the university is looking into its own enrollment management office for answers.

"We are studying our own enrollment strategies," she said. "We're working to address any deficiencies in the ways that we are recruiting and approaching prospective students and their families. The work that other colleges are doing, some of the best practices out there, will be incorporated into the work we are doing in our own enrollment management."

Cheng said in an email to the university community that administrators would monitor fall enrollment numbers and "based on those numbers, additional steps, such as furloughs, may still be necessary."

SIUC has seen its enrollment drop every year since 2005, including a drop of 1,849 students from fall 2007 to spring 2010. Meanwhile, universities in the

region, like Southeast Missouri State University and SIU-Edwardsville, have seen their enrollment numbers soar to all-time highs.

SEMO officials have announced because of a rush of applications, admission for students outside a 50-mile radius of Cape Girardeau, Mo., would begin to be deferred to the spring semester.

In an interview with the Southeast Missourian, Debbie Below, assistant vice president of enrollment management at SEMO, said the university expects about 1,925

freshmen in the fall. She said SEMO had more than 1,800 the previous three years.

Below said other schools have also seen an increase in applications. She said the economy is a major reason for the increase.

SIUE broke its fall enrollment record last fall, with 13,940 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled, including 1,940 freshman students.

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It's not easy being green

Record temperatures cause tree deaths on campus

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale finally saw a break in record high temperatures and triple-digit heat indexes Monday when temperatures dropped to the low 80s.

The National Weather Service reported more than seven consecutive days of excessive heat warnings with indexes surpassing 110 degrees. The blazing heat affected more than 40 counties from the southern region.

Meredith Mendola, a graduate student in plant biology from the Chicago suburbs, said she stayed cool by drinking lots of water and electrolytes, swimming in nearby lakes, and wearing big crazy hats.

Mendola works at the campus horticulture center and said humans aren't the only ones trying to function in the hot weather. Students at the center have tested plants and have seen photosynthetic rates crash.

"Plants breathe just like we do and when it gets really hot they



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Rachel Goad, a graduate student in plant biology from Chicago, tests rates of photosynthesis in native prairie plants with the Li-Cor

machine at the SIU Horticulture Building. Goad said the plants' rates are crashing because of the heat and recent drought conditions.

can't get enough oxygen," said Rachel Goad, a graduate student in plant biology from Chicago.

Some lawns have patches of brown or "have turned completely brown, and it's just too difficult to stay up with the watering," said Lauren Rubin, a landscape designer at Greenridge Landscaping.

Rubin said heat isn't the only reason for the brown grass. Another cause is a fungal disease that develops when the lawn is watered in the evening. It's best to water early in the morning so the water has a chance to sink deep into the root systems, she said.

Black spots on large leafed trees indicate the fungus, too. Homeowners should remove the infected areas and possibly spray

them with a fungicide, Rubin said. But sometimes water and fungicide are not enough.

David Tippy, the assistant superintendent of grounds said he lost eight trees due to the heat.

"It was like overnight instantaneous deaths," Tippy said.

He said the university doesn't have the manpower to water trees or flowerbeds with a garden hose, but the grounds staff managed to save a majority.

While Tippy was struggling to save the trees and flowers Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities at the Physical Plant, was fixing several air conditioner breakdowns.

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Do's and don'ts for maintaining your lawn

Do water your grass and plants in the early morning when humidity is lowest.

Don't water your grass or plants in the evening. Fungal diseases will develop causing leaves to die or grass to brown. If this happens, remove infected areas and spray a fungicide. For grass, you may have to wait until fall to reseed the infected areas.

Do allow plants and young trees to develop deep roots early in the season by refraining from overwatering them.

Don't over water plants. A long, slow soak should be used no more than once a week.

Do water your grass and plants using a garden hose and a long, slow soak. Approximately six minutes of slow trickle per foot of height. This is better for the plant's root systems by allow water to penetrate deeply into the soil.

Don't water plants and trees too early in the season. This will cause them to develop shallow roots resulting in less root strength.

Sources: Lauren Rubin, landscape designer at Greenridge Landscaping, Cathy Nelson, associate of Plantscape Nursery & Landscape in Herrin, Rachel Goad, a graduate student in plant biology from Chicago

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Students, residents reap rewards from Rovercard

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Three SIU students have made bargain hunting their business as they have revolutionized the way students and residents receive discounts to local businesses.

Senior Mike Philip, along with graduates Josh Freeman and Brad Miller founded their business, Rover Enterprises LLC in June 2009 and developed the Rovercard, a membership card that allows cardholders to receive money saving deals and discounts to more than 65 local establishments via text message.

He said the card is different than the typical discount card because consumers can use the card as much as they want and they receive a "deal of the day" text message.

"We have the deal of the day so customers don't put the card in their wallet and forget about it

66 We have the deal of the day so customers don't put the card in their wallet and forget about it and they actually take advantage of it because they get a text message every day.

and they actually take advantage of it because they get a text message every day," Philip said.

Philip said the idea behind the Rovercard is to help business owners and consumers prosper even in tough economic times. He said it is really convenient for businesses and consumers in the area to sign up and both parties receive benefits.

"Businesses are able to get free advertising and consumers are able to take advantage of the text message deal and more than 70 deals every day from our website," Philip said.

Jason Buchner, owner of the Printing Plant, said Rovercard couldn't have started at a better

time. The past two years have been tough financially on any business in Carbondale but the Rovercard has made business a little easier, he said.

"By the time Rovercard came around, it was silly not to be involved as far as a business goes because the way that they structured it in terms of the businesses being so involved with it and the services they have provided," Buchner said. "It has definitely given us as small business owners a tool to use to reach out to students and the local population."

Philip said cardholders not only get deals and discounts but they also have opportunities to

participate in contests to win cash prizes and giveaways.

Philip said the cards could be purchased at 710 Bookstore or online at Rovercard.com. He said card membership is not limited to students.

Tim Salita, a senior majoring in business management, said he uses the Rovercard four to five times a week. Salita won a picture message contest in February when he sent in a picture doing something outrageous while holding the Rovercard.

"I won a \$50 dollar gift certificate to Stadium Grille because I jumped into the campus lake in February while flashing my Rovercard," Salita said. "The best part

about the card is that it pays for itself time and time again with how much you save."

Philip said the business has grown considerably in the past year and has eight interns working within the company. He said he plans to develop new ideas to make the business more convenient and efficient.

"One year ago I was using my bedroom as my office and now we are based out of the small business incubator at the (Durr-Richmond Economic Development Center) on campus," Philip said. "I never would have fathomed that I would be where I am today."

As his business continues to grow, Philip said he wants to expand his business nationally, but for now the Rovercard will stay in Carbondale.

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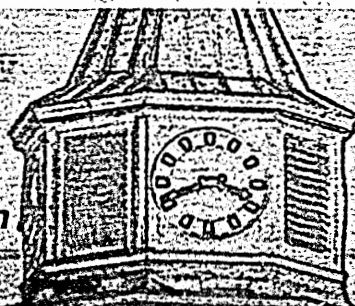
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ENROLLMENT

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SIUE has seen its freshman enrollment increase every year since 2005, and applications for undergraduate and graduate programs jump 21 percent since 2007, according to its release last year.

John Nicklow, interim assistant provost for enrollment management, has said he would not comment or speculate on fall enrollment numbers until they came in.

Cheng said she still sees a positive growth with transfer students, and she hopes that translates into a growth in enrollment.

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— Rita Cheng
SIUC Chancellor

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— Rachel Goad
graduate student in plant biology from Chicago

HEAT

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Air conditioners in several buildings on campus malfunctioned on one of the hottest days last week, Dillard said. Administrative workers from Parkinson Lab, Anthony Hall, Davies Gym, the Recreation Center, Neckers Building, Fanner Hall and several others were sent home for several days while the repairs were made. The malfunctions were indirectly related to the heat because the

air conditioners were obviously working much harder, Dillard said.

"It was just an amazing stream of hot days," Dillard said. "It was so warm the staff was inundated with those air conditioner maintenance calls."

Dillard said the plant recorded the highest temperature in 13 years Aug. 4 at 102.1 degrees on top of the building.

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Blagojevich guilty on just 1 count; feds vow retrial

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The Associated Press

Rod Blagojevich showed no emotion as the verdict was read, neither smiling nor grimacing.

CHICAGO — A federal jury found former Gov. Rod Blagojevich guilty Tuesday of one count of lying to federal agents, and the judge said he intends to declare a mistrial on the remaining 23 counts.

Rod Blagojevich showed no emotion as the verdict was read, neither smiling nor grimacing.

Prosecutors said immediately that they intend to retry the case against Blagojevich and his co-defendant brother, Robert Blagojevich, as soon as possible. The charges had included the accusation that they had tried to sell or trade President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

Judge James B. Zagei set a hearing for Aug. 26 to decide manner and timing of their retrial.

The verdict came on the 14th day of deliberations. The count on which Blagojevich was found guilty included accusations that he lied to federal agents when

he said he did not track campaign contributions and kept a "firewall" between political campaigns and government work. It carries a sentence of up to five years in prison.

Before jurors came in, a somber-looking Blagojevich sat with his hands folded, looking down, picking nervously at his fingernails. After the verdict was read, defense attorney Sam Adam Jr. rubbed his own forehead and mouth, appearing to shake his head in disgust.

The former governor's wife, Patti Blagojevich, showed more emotion throughout. Right after the verdict was read, she leaned over in her chair, shaking her head.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald was in the main courtroom for the first time since the trial began. He sat at the end of a spectator's bench near a wall on the opposite side of the room from Blagojevich, his hands

folded across court documents. He looked on blank-faced as the verdict was read. His team of young prosecutors reflected the same mood, also looking on impassively.

It had been clear that jurors were struggling. Last week, they told Zagei they had reached a unanimous decision on just two counts and had not even considered 11 others. There was no immediate explanation about whether they later disagreed.

Jurors appeared more haggard than they did during the trial. As they filed into the courtroom, many appeared nervous, some looking down at the ground as Zagei read the verdict form to himself first, then passed it on to a bailiff. They had asked earlier Tuesday for advice on filling out their verdict forms and a copy of the oath they took before deliberating.

Zagei said Blagojevich's bond will stay the same.

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GOP calls Obama insensitive over stand on mosque

PHILIP ELLIOT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican candidates around the country seized on President Barack Obama's support for the right of Muslims to build a mosque near ground zero, assailing him as an elitist who is insensitive to the families of the Sept. 11 victims.

From statehouses to state fairs on Tuesday, Republican incumbents and challengers unleashed an almost unified line of criticism against the president days after he forcefully defended the construction of a \$100 million Islamic center two blocks from the site of the 2001 terror attacks.

Recalling the emotion of that deadly day, Republicans said that while they respect religious freedom, the president's position was cold and academic, lacking compassion and empathy for the victims' families.

"He is thinking like a lawyer and not like an American, making declarations without America's best interest in mind," said Andrew Harris, a Republican running for Congress in Maryland against first-term Democratic Rep. Frank Kratovil.

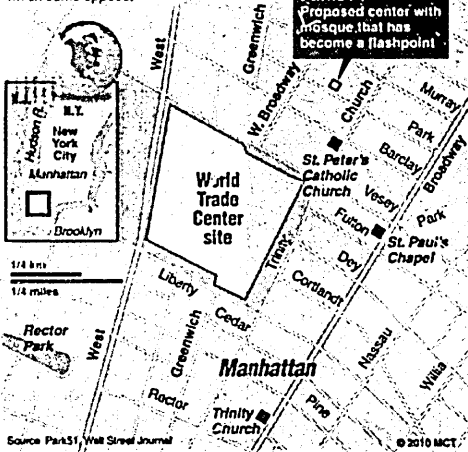
That line — emerging as a boilerplate attack — forced the endangered Democrat to respond.

"I mean, it seems to me those are issues related to local zoning laws and so forth, and that's a decision that they're going to have to make, but I don't see the federal government having any role in that," Kratovil said.

In Ohio, where the president was headed Wednesday as part of a three-state political swing, Republican congressional candidate Jim Renacci took issue with Obama's

Controversy near Ground Zero

Location of a proposed community center near the former World Trade Center that will include fitness facilities, an auditorium, a restaurant, a library and a mosque, which some oppose:



position and challenged his opponent, first-term Democrat John Boccelli, to do likewise.

"Just because we may have the right to do something, doesn't necessarily make it right to do it," Renacci said.

The Boccelli campaign said the candidate was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

In New York, one of the developers of the planned Islamic Center said in a television interview Tuesday he was dismayed that the project had become a national political issue.

"I'm surprised at the way politics is being played in 2010," Sharif El-Gamal told NY-1. "There are issues that are affecting our country which

are real issues — unemployment, poverty, the economy. It's a really sad day for America."

Republicans who weren't on the ballot this year — but possibly looking ahead to challenging Obama in 2012 — sought to make it a political issue.

"Well I think it's another example of him playing the role of law professor... We can have a great debate about the legal arguments. But it's not about that," Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said in an interview Monday on Fox News.

Obama, a graduate of Harvard Law School, was a professor at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004.

Democrats face an unforbearing

political landscape 11 weeks before midterm elections, with high unemployment, ethics charges against two senior House Democrats, and Obama's low approval ratings taking a toll. The president injected another issue to the mix when he said last Friday that Muslims "have the same right to practice their religion as everyone else in this country" and that included building the Islamic center in lower Manhattan.

A day later, Obama told reporters that wasn't an endorsement of the specifics of the mosque plan.

Republicans called it the "9/11 Mosque" and the "Ground Zero Mosque," falsely describing it as if a place of worship were being built in the crater left behind when the Twin Towers crumbled. Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott started running a TV ad in Florida that said: "Mr. President, ground zero is the wrong place for a mosque."

With a steady drumbeat, Republicans tried to force Democrats into difficult positions of either standing with the president or bucking him.

GOP Senate candidate Carly Fiorina told reporters in Sacramento that the issue was not about religious freedom. "Rather, she says it is about being sensitive to those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks. Her opponent, Sen. Barbara Boxer, said it was an issue for New Yorkers.

In Ohio, Republican Senate candidate Rob Portman issued a statement on the eve of Obama's visit designed to force his Democratic opponent, Democratic Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, to make a statement.

"It's not a question of whether or not they have a right to build it," Portman said. "It's a question of whether or not they should."

Democrats in Washington advised candidates to do what was best for their campaigns, reminding them of state demographics and poll results. Democrats sought to keep the conversation focused on job creation — their main message as economically struggling voters look to unleash their fury, on the party in power.

In the end, senior Democrats told candidates, it wasn't as though the president of the United States or the White House needed their defense.

"This wasn't something that the president viewed through a political lens," White House deputy press secretary Bill Burton told reporters aboard Air Force One as Obama flew to an appearance in Seattle. "This is something that he saw as his obligation to address."

But it has been Democratic candidates who have had to address the issue of the mosque.

In Illinois, Rep. Mark Kirk, the Republican running for Obama's former Senate seat, said he respects religious freedom but suggested the Islamic center be built at a "less controversial site."

His challenger, Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, defended the decision to build the facility.

"This is about every single religion and remembering what this country was founded on," Giannoulias said as he visited the state fair in Springfield. "You can't just say things when they're nice and flowery. You have to say them when it's the right thing to do."

His remarks came one day after the Senate's top Democrat, Harry Reid of Nevada, came out against plans to build a mosque near the World Trade Center site.

Craigslist suspect wrote ex-fiancee's name in cell

LYLE MORAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — A former medical student accused of killing a masseuse he met through Craigslist scrawled the name of his former fiancée on the wall of his cell — apparently in blood — before committing suicide, authorities said Tuesday.

The name "Megan" and the word "pocket" were found written above the door in Philip Markoff's cell at the Nashua Street Jail in Boston after he was discovered unresponsive Sunday morning, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said. Investigators were

still trying to determine the meaning of the word "pocket."

Markoff used a pen and a piece of metal to fashion a "primitive scalpel" and used it to inflict several wounds in his neck, arms, wrists and ankles, striking his veins and his carotid artery, and then covered his head and feet with plastic bags that were available to inmates, Conley said.

Preliminary autopsy results show the air loss and blood loss combined to kill him, Conley said.

While his death robbed the family of Julissa Brisman, of New York City, of the chance for justice because Markoff won't go to trial, Conley said the suicide was "the

ultimate indicator of consciousness of guilt."

"He won't be tried, but he's far from an innocent man," Conley said, adding authorities would someday outline for the public all the evidence they had gathered against him.

Surveillance video shows Markoff was alone in his cell when he turned out the light at 1:59 a.m. on Sunday and was discovered dead eight hours later. He said no one entered Markoff's cell during that interval.

Toxicology tests were still being conducted to determine if Markoff took any drugs, and results were expected to take several weeks.

Conley said he does not know why Markoff was not on a suicide watch, but authorities are considering that question as part of their investigation.

He said surveillance video at the jail does not extend inside the cells but covers hallways. He questioned that guards have any "duty and obligation" to wake up inmates during routine observations.

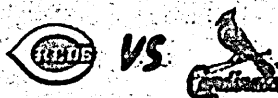
Markoff, 24, was taken into custody during a traffic stop as he and his then-fiancee, Megan McAllister, were driving to Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut last year six days after Brisman's death. Authorities say he had lured Brisman to a hotel and botched a robbery to support a gambling habit.

Authorities also had charged Markoff in the armed robbery of a Las Vegas woman and the assault of a stripper inside a Rhode Island hotel.

McAllister, who met Markoff in 2005 while volunteering at a medical center, ended their relationship and canceled plans for an Aug. 14 beachfront wedding in New Jersey after visiting him in jail soon after his arrest.

Markoff was found dead the day after what would have been their first anniversary.

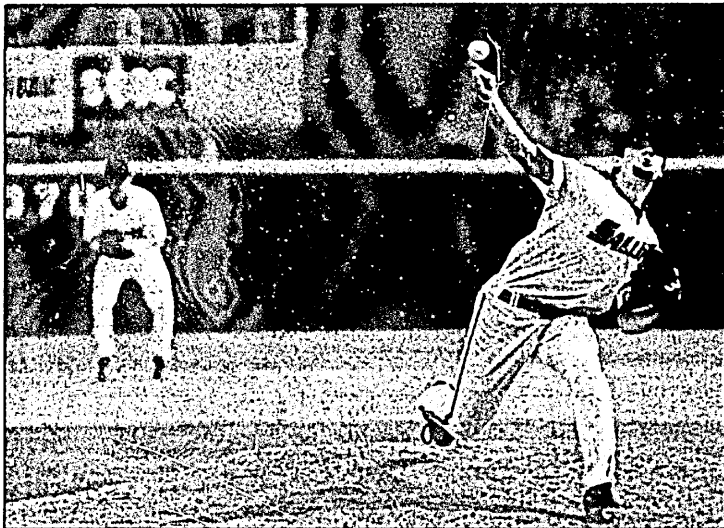
Conley said Markoff's body should soon be released to his family for burial.



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Baseball players use offseason to develop skills



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Right-hand pitcher Andrew Bever strides toward the plate during a 13-1 loss April 20 at Abe Martin Field. Bever had a 2.91 ERA while going 6-1 with the Gunnison Colorado Colts of the Rocky Mountain Baseball League.

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Daily Egyptian

The college baseball season ended in May, but some players never stepped off the pitching mound or stopped swinging their bats.

Nine Saluki baseball players participated in summer leagues from Anchorage, Alaska, to Harrisonburg, Va., to advance their baseball skills: pitchers Andrew Bever, Austin Johnson, Aaron Snyder and Lee Wedd; infielders Brock Harding and Chris Serritella; and outfielders Austin Montgomery, Jordan Sivertsen and Nick Johnson.

Serritella traveled to Alaska to play for the Anchorage Bucs of the Alaska Baseball League. The opportunity let the junior see a side of Mother Nature he hadn't seen before, and the extra swings should help his game for the upcoming season, he said.

"It gives me a lot more confidence to take into the season," Serritella said. "Hopefully, I can put up some good numbers and go to a regional for once."

Serritella said the Bucs played half their season at home and half in Kenai.

"In Kenai, we stayed in bingo halls," Serritella said. "While we were sleeping, old ladies would be playing bingo. It was really weird."

Serritella played in 52 of the Bucs' 57 games. He led the team with a .385 slugging percentage, hit three homers and brought in 21 runs.

Sophomore Nick Johnson spent his summer playing for the Alton Indians of the St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball League. The Indians won the league, but lost in the national championship game. Johnson tied for the league lead in RBIs during his 111 at bats.

Johnson said summer league play was different than a regular season with the Salukis.

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SIU Infielder

still wants to win, but (it was) definitely a change from the everyday grind of being a Saluki," he said. "There's not as many practices and a lot less emphasis on winning."

Serritella and Johnson said they decided to play throughout the summer after encouragement from coaches and after they heard from teammates it would help them become better players.

Head coach Dan Callahan said summer play is a valuable tool in a player's progression. It helped last year's ace Nathan Forer become the Salukis' No. 1 pitcher after he struggled his junior year, Callahan said. Forer was selected by the New York Yankees in the MLB draft earlier this summer.

"Where he really turned the corner was his confidence," Callahan said.

The 2010 Salukis finished the season 28-29 and lost their two games in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Callahan said he hopes summer league play will have the same effect on his players for next season as it did for Forer.

Other SIU players who had an impressive summer include Bever, who finished 6-1 with a 2.91 earned run average and a 47 to 7 strikeout to walk ratio; and Snyder, who went 6-0 with a 3.10 ERA and led the Hamptons Collegiate League with 62 strikeouts.

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AUGUST 19-22, 2010

An extended orientation and welcome for all new salukis

THURSDAY AUGUST 19	
7:00-8:00pm Welcome Fest	Student Recreation Center
8:00-9:00pm Family Reception	Student Recreation Center
FRIDAY AUGUST 20	
8:00-9:00pm Make-Up Sols	Student Center Ballrooms
9:00-10:00pm Monster College Sale/Trade	Student Recreation Center
10:00-11:00pm Saluki Survival Skills	100% by College CAS and Fire Dept
11:00-12:00pm Southern Soccer with cook-out	Old Main Hall, in front of Brock
12:00-1:00pm Southern Softball with cook-out	Student Center
SATURDAY AUGUST 21	
8:00-9:00pm Explore Your Community	Carleisle
9:00-10:00pm Houses of Faith	Student Center
10:00-11:00pm 2010 Saluki BBQ: Get your grill on	Student Center
11:00-12:00pm Meet & Greet with our athletic teams	Student Center
12:00-1:00pm Lunch	Student Center
1:00-2:00pm Outdoor Life and Move	Student Center
2:00-3:00pm Meet with our student government	Student Center
SUNDAY AUGUST 22	
10:00-11:00am World War Fest with character	Old Main Hall, in front of Brock
11:00-12:00pm Find your classrooms with your RA or SLA	Carleisle

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