More Illinois travelers boarding Amtrak

City grant awarded to improve domestic violence response

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In addition to helping the victims of domestic violence, a three-year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women will help the city establish a Batterers' Intervention Program. Carbondale has not had such a program since 2006 and the closest programs are at least 40 miles away, which makes it hard for Jackson County judges to use the classes as a legal response.

“It’s something we have needed in the area for a while,” Cathy McClanahan, executive director of the Women’s Center in Carbondale, said. She described the 12-week programs as centers for accountability that explain to batterers the cycle of violence. The Illinois Department of Human Services will oversee the statewide program and additional training will be needed for those directing the program.

That training will be provided through the grant.

The Carbondale City Council will vote on an ordinance at Tuesday’s meeting that gives the Carbondale Police Department $162,000 of the $291,000 grant for the next fiscal year.

City Manager Kevin Baitz said the money would be given to the Police Department, which will pay different agencies including the Women’s Center.

He said the city has received the grant, titled the Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program, as it has been identified as an area in need of the funds. The proposed ordinance on the grant states when Fire Station No. 2 is completed, it will be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the city and will thus need to move radio equipment for $29,445.

The council will vote to purchase radio equipment from the existing fire station on Oakland Avenue and from City Hall.

“Staff has worked closely with the city’s telecommunication vendor, Roy Walker Communications of Makanda, Ill., to determine the specific communication needs of the new Fire Station and EOC. During this process every effort was made to reuse, relocate, and reinstall existing equipment and appurtenances,” the ordinance states.

City staff has proposed the city purchase additional services to move equipment for $29,445.

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Amtrak Illinois does not plan on slowing down anytime soon.

The passenger train company carried a record 31.6 million passengers in fiscal year 2013, according to an Oct. 14 press release. The release also stated that ticket revenue increased to a record $2.1 billion.

The Amtrak in Illinois provides services from Chicago to St. Louis, as well as many college towns. When Amtrak’s fiscal year ended Sept. 30, Illinois made up for about 16.4 percent of its travelers nationwide, Columbia Broadcasting System Chicago reported.

Carbondale was named one of the busiest Amtrak stations in Illinois, with the Chicago- Carbondale route being at an all-time high.

Marc Magliari, media spokesman for Amtrak, said college communities bring in large numbers for Amtrak.

“The college community is a great part of our business and that extends to students, faculty, and staff,” Magliari said.

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Amtrak operates six times between Chicago and Carbondale daily with three northbound trains and three southbound trains.
President Barack Obama said Monday that he was angry and frustrated with the failures of the federal government's new health care website and he vowed to solve them as soon as possible.

Obama said a team of America's top private-sector tech experts was working around the clock to fix Healthcare.gov, though he and his staff declined to name the companies that are involved or to provide a deadline.

"There's no sugarcoating it," the president said at a Rose Garden speech touting some of the benefits of the federal health care overhaul. "It's fair to say that nobody is more frustrated by that than I am. ... There's no excuse for the problems, and these problems are getting fixed."

Obama, in his first extensive remarks since the botched Oct. 1 rollout of the insurance marketplace, said the law that aims to provide more comprehensive, affordable health coverage remained a success and that any problems stemmed from interest that exceeded expectations. Nearly 20 million people have visited the website, and more than half a million people have successfully submitted applications.

"The product is good," the president said. "The health insurance that's being provided is good. It's high quality and it's affordable." The federal marketplace was supposed to provide a one-stop site for users in 36 states to browse, compare and enroll in qualified health plans. But numerous software problems overwhelmed the site shortly after the enrollment period for 2014 coverage began. Some improvements have been made, but delays and malfunctions continue.

A new Washington Post-ABC poll released Monday found that 56 percent of Americans say the website problems are part of a broader problem with the law's implementation, while just 40 percent see them as an isolated incident. Recent polls generally find that more people oppose the law than support it.

Consumers have until March 31 to sign up for coverage. The administration does not expect to extend the deadline, but it appeared to open the door Monday to the possibility that those who were trying to purchase insurance and had problems with the website might be exempted from the law's penalty for remaining uninsured.

Under current rules, people who buy marketplace coverage after Feb. 15 could be subject to a fine under the individual mandate — which requires most Americans to have insurance or pay a penalty — because their enrollment may not begin in time to meet the deadline. The administration is considering new rules that would allow marketplace coverage purchased after Feb. 15 to be delayed under the mandate.

"The law is clear that if you do not have access to affordable health insurance, you will not be forced to pay a penalty," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Republicans' insistence that the health care law be delayed or defunded led to the partial shutdown of the federal government, but the bill that reopened the government last week after 16 days included no substantive changes to the program.

"The taxpayers have already shelled out hundreds of millions of dollars to build the original website," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said after Obama spoke. "How much more money is President Obama going to demand?"

The president's Rose Garden appearance seemed at times like a campaign rally. More than 100 supporters were seated in the audience, applauding regularly as he spent the bulk of his 25-minute speech touting some of the benefits of the law: freer preventative care, cheaper medicine for seniors, and insurance for those who have pre-existing medical conditions.

"Let me remind everybody that the Affordable Care Act is not just a website," he said. "It's much more."
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Magliari called Carbondale, Champaign, Bloomington-Normal, Macomb and Charleston as some of the college towns Illinois Amtrak regularly provides service for. "Anywhere there's a college community, you will find college students, faculty, and staff using our service," Magliari said.

Magliari said the Chicago to Carbondale route set a record high in the past year. "I think anyone who has driven I-57 versus taking the Amtrak train knows they're better off on the train than they are on I-57," Magliari said.

Magliari said cost efficiency as well as productivity are pros of taking Amtrak. "They can be more productive, it's more relaxing, and you know exactly how much it's going to cost you," Magliari said. "You can study, text or doze off while on the Amtrak, and you can't do that while driving."

Magliari said fluctuating gas prices make driving an inconsistent mode of transportation, while Amtrak services may remain constant if a traveler plans ahead and locks in their price. "You never know what gasoline is going to be the next week or next month," Magliari said. "Whether you're traveling for breaks or holiday or to visit family and friends, you can lock in your price with Amtrak, but you can't when you're driving."

Magliari said Amtrak plans to expand in the future. He said the states of Illinois, Missouri and Michigan are providing funds for new rail cars. Within the next three years, Magliari said Amtrak will be able to add more capacity to current trains.

Several years down the line, Magliari said rail cars will not be the only thing that Amtrak train. "Over time, a conversation will be started to add new trains," Magliari said. "It's a growing service that we enjoy providing through the state of Illinois."

Students said they think Amtrak is an efficient service, but agreed that transportation in general, including Amtrak, is expensive. Jacob Clerk, a senior studying history from Harrisburg, said using the train would not be a good option for him since Harrisburg is in closer proximity to Carbondale, but he has relatives living in northern Illinois who have used the service.

Portia Taylor, a senior studying animal production from Chicago, said she agreed with Taylor that Amtrak can be more expensive, but she still does not mind using it. "The key," Offord said, "is to plan ahead, which is sometimes hard for college students to do. "You often have to buy your ticket a month ahead of time which can be hard since you have to plan around finals and sort out your traveling plans." Offord said. Another transportation option used by student is Greyhound buses, which serve students who might want to go from Carbondale to St. Louis, a route Amtrak does not offer.

Alexandra Pedetini, media spokeswoman for Greyhound, said Greyhound services 25 million passengers each year on average. "Greyhound has a network of over 3,800 destinations across the country and North America," she said. "So if a student wants to go from Chicago to Dallas, they can."
Bacteria found in breast milk sold on Internet

CHICAGO — Human breast milk is sold for babies on several online sites for a few dollars an ounce, but a new study says buyers beware. Testing it showed it contained potentially dangerous bacteria including salmonella.

The warning comes from researchers who bought and tested 101 breast milk samples sold by women on one popular site, which during the weekend said it was making changes to its policies. Three-fourths of the samples contained high amounts of bacteria that could potentially sicken babies, the researchers found.

The results are "pretty scary," said Dr. Kenneth Boyer, pediatrics chief at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, who was not involved in the study. "Just imagine if the donor happens to be a drug user. Your baby could get sick.

The research published in medical literature cites several cases of infants getting sick from contaminated milk.

Breast milk is also provided through milk banks, whose clients include hospitals. They also charge fees, but screen donors and pasteurize donated milk to kill any germs.

With Internet sites, "you have very few ways to know for sure what you are getting is really breast milk and that it's safe to feed your baby," said Sarah Kinslin, the lead author and a researcher at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. "Because the consequences can be serious, it is not a good idea to obtain breast milk in this way."

The advice echoes a 2010 recommendation from the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"When human milk is obtained directly from individuals or through the Internet, the donor is unlikely to have been adequately screened for infectious disease or contamination risk," the FDA says. "In addition, it is not likely that the human milk has been collected, processed, tested or stored in a way that reduces possible safety risks to the baby.

The researchers believe theirs is the first study to test the safety of Internet-bought milk, although several larger documented bacteria in mothers' own milk or in milk bank donations. Some bacteria may not be harmful, but salmonella is among germs that could pose a threat to infants, Boyer said.

Sources for bacteria found in the study are not known but could include donors' skin, breast pumps used to extract milk, or contamination from improper shipping methods, Keim said. The study was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The researchers attempted to buy milk from two websites, but only tested milk obtained from women on one site, onlybreath.net. An undetermined number of websites that issue that statement saying the Incline Village, Nev.-based company is planning to stop informal milk sharing and will seek to improve donor screening and pursue "professional milk processing." The website appeared to be for sale in early November.

There are many milk-sharing sites online, including several that provide milk for free. Sellers or donors tend to be new mothers who produce more milk than their own babies can consume. Users include mothers who have difficulty breastfeeding and do not want to use formula and people with adopted infants.

Breanna Clemmons of Dickinson, N.D., is a donor who found a local woman who needed breast milk through one of the online sites where milk is offered for free.

"A lot of people are like, 'Wow, it's weird,' but they haven't been in a situation where they didn't want their child to have formula, or couldn't produce enough milk," Clemmons said. She said she shared her medical history with the recipient.

Clemmons is breast-feeding her 7-month-old and stores excess milk in her freezer. Fewer every week, she meets the recipient and gives her about 20 6-ounce bags. Clemmons said the woman has a healthy 9-month-old who "loves my milk."

Keim said it is unclear if milk from sites offering free donated milk would have the same risks because donors might differ from those seeking money for their milk. And in a comparison, the researchers found more bacteria in breast milk purchased online than in 20 unpasteurized samples donated to a milk bank.

Bekki Hall is a co-founder of Modern Milksharing, an online support group that offers advice on milk donation. She said there is a difference between milk sellers and donors; milk donors "don't want to gain anything by donating so they have no reason to lie about their health."

Hall, of Red Hook, N.Y., used a donor's milk for her first two children and plans to do so for her third, due in February, because she does not produce enough milk.

"Breast milk is obviously the preferred food" for babies, she said.

Long-term impacts of glyphosate exposure are unknown.

In a written statement, Monsanto spokesman Charles Helscher said the company "does not condone the misuse of pesticides or the violation of any pesticide law, regulation, or court ruling."

"Monsanto takes the stewardship of products seriously and we communicate regularly with our customers regarding proper use of our products," Helscher said.

Argentina was among the earliest adopters of the new biotech farming model promoted by Monsanto and other U.S. agribusinesses. In response to soaring complaints, President Cristina Fernandez ordered a commission in 2009 to study the impact of agricultural spraying on human health. Its initial report called for "systematic controls over concentrations of herbicides and their compounds," as well as exhaustive laboratory and field studies involving formulations containing glyphosate and its (91%) metabolite. It has never been adequately screened for infectious disease or contamination risk.

FDA
‘Nightmare’ bacteria are real, and the U.S. needs to act fast

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Last spring, Arjun Srinivasan, an associate director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, delivered a presentation to state health officials with some alarming information.

Before the year 2000, he said, it was rare to find cases of bacteria resistant to carbapenems, a class of powerful, last-resort antibiotics. But by February 2013 they had been seen in almost every state.

Srinivasan also briefed Thomas Frieden, director of the CDC. On March 5, Frieden issued a public warning about “nightmare bacteria,” a family of germs known as CREs.

“They can kill up to half the patients who get bloodstream infections from them, resist most or all antibiotics and spread resistance to other strains.”

Last month, Frieden released a report estimating that at least 2 million Americans get infections each year that are resistant to antibiotics and that at least 23,000 people die as a result.

Margaret Chan, director general of the World Health Organization, warned last year: “A post-antibiotic era means, in effect, an end to modern medicine as we know it. Things as common as strep throat or a child’s scratched knee could once again kill.”

The words of Frieden and Chan ought to make us stand on end. But my reporting for the documentary “Hunting the Nightmare Bacteria,” which is to air Tuesday on PBS’s “Frontline,” suggests that past warnings about antimicrobial resistance were largely discarded.

This is not a threat that causes people to jump out of their chairs. It always seems to be someone else’s problem, some other time.

We ought to snap out of our long complacency. Alexander Fleming warned of resistance to penicillin in his 1945 Nobel Prize lecture. But after World War II, the “wonder drugs” seemed inexhaustible and their powers immensely potent, opening doors to new horizons in medicine.

Resistance is real. It is not going away. The answers came in dozens of reports, books and scientific reports warning that bacteria were developing resistance to antibiotics, in part because of careless overuse.

In 1982, Marc Lappé published the book “Die Antimicrobial Resistance Has Been Tracked Among Countries Without Boundaries and the Spread of Resistance Genes Has Been Tracked Among Animals Throughout the World.”


The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment weighed in with a massive report in 1995. Since then, there has been a stream of popular books and articles.

If Frieden is right, a public health crisis demands more than a business-as-usual approach in Washington.

I found smart people at the CDC, NIH, the Food and Drug Administration and elsewhere all working on the resistance crisis, but it is almost impossible to find anyone at — or near — Cabinet-level who is leading the charge. I am told the main coordinating effort is an interagency task force created in 1999. It meets once a year.

Our indifference can’t be chalked up to lack of evidence. Resistance is real. But politically, there is no active constituency — no patient groups marching in the streets.

We take antibiotics for a short period and then forget about them. And hospitals, which can be cauldrons for resistant bacteria, often remain silent about infections and outbreaks out of concern for adverse publicity and patient privacy.

Yet another dimension of the crisis is that the economics of drug development have led major pharmaceutical firms to abandon research into new antibiotics while they pursue more lucrative therapies for chronic disease.

Antibiotic pipeline is slowly drying up. President Obama ought to shake us out of this lethargy and appoint someone to tackle antimicrobial resistance across all fronts.

The goals are clear: far more detailed, national data reporting; improved stewardship of existing antibiotics; and a major antibiotic drug discovery and development effort.

We shouldn’t expect government to do it all. This crisis will require truly broad collaboration, including scientists, clinicians, hospitals, regulators and the pharmaceutical industry. But government can light a spark and galvanize people toward a result that each could not achieve acting alone in the face of a real threat.

Antimicrobial resistance is driven by evolution, a relentless process. But we shouldn’t throw up our hands. We do not have to return to the pre-antibiotic age. To sustain the wonder in wonder drugs, to find a way forward, a little leadership would go a long way.
Mike Czerwonka, of Hoyleton, explains his magic marker drawings to a customer Saturday during Vulture Fest in Makanda. Vulture Fest, an annual event that celebrates the migration of black and turkey vultures into the area, features music and displays from local artists selling their work. Czerwonka, who attends the event every year, said he started drawing after recovering from a kidney transplant. “It is my stress reliever,” he said.

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Christine Miklosik, of Chicago, sets up her Dogz on Wheels stand Monday in the Murdale Shopping Center parking lot. Miklosik said she started her business because it was hard to find an authentic Chicago style dog in Southern Illinois. “I sell up to 80 hot dogs a day,” Miklosik said. Miklosik said her stand will remain open daily until Nov. 6.

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Brett Dunker, a junior from Red Bud studying exercise science, takes a break Monday in front of Morris Library. Dunker, a transfer student from Southwestern Illinois College, says he’s enjoying SIU so far. “It’s a beautiful campus,” he said.
St. Louis vs. Boston

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Pick up the Daily Egyptian each day to test your crossword skills

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Gemini — Today is a 7 — Communication comes naturally. There could be breakdowns in the transmission or with transportation. Make sure your message gets received as intended. Track all packages.

Cancer — Today is a 7 — Consider your personal philosophy or that of someone admired. Take on qualities and characteristics that they model. Schedule extra time for the unexpected.

Leo — Today is a 5 — Go ahead and get cerebral. Embrace your inner brainiac. Plot your scheme and get it all down on paper. Group involvement provides satisfaction and mutual benefit.

Virgo — Today is a 7 — Uncage your creativity for a new stimulus. Use it to benefit a social cause dear to you. Allow extra travel and delivery time. Double-check reservations over the next three weeks.

Libra — Today is a 6 — Allow plenty of travel time, and keep mechanical equipment in repair. You feel strongly about ethics and philosophy. Take leadership and a group cause.

Scorpio — Today is a 7 — Don’t get frustrated by micromanagement. Just allow extra time and deliver important messages twice. Enjoy frequent conversations with key partners for mutual benefit.

Sagittarius — Today is a 6 — Communication is the key for successful travel together. Stay patient, and wait to clarify assumptions or snap judgments.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — Discipline and service allow greater freedoms. There’s satisfaction in impacting a cause. Pad the schedule around deliveries, transportation and electronic equipment.

Aquarius — Today is a 6 — Stay flexible and easy-going. Fun with interesting people tempts you to play hookey. Handle the basics, and ask your crew for support. Maybe you can work something out for mutual benefit.

Pisces — Today is a 7 — Express your creativity at home. Balance your color scheme, furniture layout and style. Handle household repairs. Plan extra time for deliveries, for unexpected visitors or delays.
Men's tennis excels in tough tournament

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Daily Egyptian

Youth was thought to be the weakness of the men's tennis team early this season, instead it has turned out to be a strength.

Three Saluki players came away with singles wins and three doubles teams claimed victories during the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Regional Championship in Tulsa, Okla. Thursday through Saturday, which featured 15 of the best teams in the region.

Coach Dann Nelson said his team played well and he was surprised his team had a freshman and sophomore in the main draw of singles play.

"The wins we had, we played really good competition," Nelson said. "We continue to play good doubles."

The future of Saluki tennis is exciting with the play of freshman Michal Kianicka and sophomore Jonny Rigby this season. Kianicka and Rigby each won one singles matches during the tournament.

Kianicka had an impressive 6-1, 6-2, win over Chris Haworth from Oklahoma State University, but fell to conference for Alen Salbic from Drake University. Salubic is ranked No. 7 in the country.

Rigby had some reminders of home in his loss to Mike Nott of Arkansas. Nott's brother, Chris Nott, was influential in Rigby coming to the United States to play tennis.

Rigby said it was cooling playing with Mike Nott, because when Rigby was younger, he would pay Nott to play with him.

"It was a good match for me, I probably played my best tennis," Rigby said. "That was really fun to play in such a good match."

Not only are Kianicka and Rigby winning singles matches, they are also a reputable doubles team. The duo grabbed two wins before losing to Austin Siegel and Dave Webb from the University of Oklahoma.

Kianicka said he and Rigby have two more years to grow as teammates and hopefully can claim a championship title.

"I'm really surprised that we are doing so well," Kianicka said. "We are playing seniors most of the time."

Nelson said during the summer, it is necessary to discuss the doubles teams for the upcoming season and figure out who will play well with each other.

"So far it's worked out with those guys," Nelson said. "They've gotten better with every tournament they're playing."

The experienced team of junior Jorge Cavero and junior Szymon Opieczonek were forced to settle their match against Arkansas with a tiebreak. They won the tiebreak 8-0 and the match 8-7.

Cavero continued his singles success from the Saluki Fall Classic on Oct. 12. He won two matches Thursday beating Arthur Romanet from Bradley University 6-4, 7-6, in his first match. He won the tiebreak 6-0 in his opening match. Cavero went on to defeat Santiago Munoz from the University of Arkansas in straight sets 6-4, 7-5.

Cavero's singles tournament ended Saturday with a loss to Nathan Roper of Oklahoma State University 6-4, 6-8.

"I feel like my confidence has grown with each match," Cavero said. "I feel really good about myself and my game." 

"I felt that's what made the difference. If I would have lost that match my confidence would have gone down completely again." 

Cavero struggled early in the season, dropping all three of his singles matches in the opening tournament at Middle Tennessee State University, but Nelson said he has been playing very well as of late.

"I think he's starting to turn things around to where he's more confident and just playing better," Nelson said.

The final test of the fall season comes Nov. 8-10 in Des Moines, Iowa where the Salukis will play in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament.

Nelson said the team needs to be able to work hard to stay in matches throughout the tournaments.

"We just need to get more consistent, we have to play at a high level for longer," Nelson said.

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Seniorquarterback out
4-6 weeks with injury

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The SIU football team will be without an important piece of the puzzle for the latter part of this season as senior quarterback Korey Faulkner is out four to six weeks with a right hand injury.

The three-year starter suffered a fracture to his right index finger in Saturday’s 31-10 loss to North Dakota State University.

Faulkner was having a career year for the Salukis with 18 touchdown passes and four interceptions and has thrown more touchdown passes this season than the 16 touchdown passes he had entering the year.

He said the injury is unfortunate, but his setback doesn’t deter the Salukis from playoff aspirations.

“It’s the game of football and you can’t really do anything about it now,” Faulkner said. “We have four games left and they are all winnable games so hopefully if we can get into the playoffs then maybe I will have a chance to play again.”

The injury occurred early in the third quarter on a pass attempt after the Salukis forced a North Dakota State fumble to put the offense in position to score.

“I was throwing it and once I followed through my hand got stuck in a (defender’s) facemask and broke my right index finger and knuckle,” Faulkner said.

Coach Dale Lennon discussed the injury Monday during the Lennie Live talk show, and said Faulkner has a double fracture in his index finger. After visiting a hand specialist Monday, Faulkner was told he would be out of games and practice for four to six weeks. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, and both Lennon and Faulkner hope for the best. “It’s going to be different having to watch,” Faulkner said. “I’m still going to be a big part of the team.”

AARON GRAFF
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The men’s club rugby team is only a few wins away from an appearance in the national tournament, making them the first SIU rugby team to ever do so.

Club president Carson Pearce, a junior from Plainfield studying aviation technologies said the team is in its first place and if they win against St. Louis University, they should get a bid for the Sweet 16 of the national tournament.

“I believe this is the 42nd year of the club,” Pearce said. “We are the oldest most winning club on campus, and this is the first time we would go to nationals if we were to do so.”

The team has a 4-1 record, and its only loss came from The University of Central Missouri, a match played when SIU was down in numbers. The team had 17 to 18 players in the loss when they usually have at least 25 players at every event.

For every win the team gets, it receives four points. If the team scores four or more tries, similar to touchdowns, per match the team gets an extra point.

The team with the most points in the union, or region they are in, at the end of the season goes to the Sweet 16.

This year is different than recent years however. Last year the union had a regular season and a four-game playoff to decide who would go to the national tournament. SIU is also in a different conference this year and some of the teams were not accustomed to SIU’s traditions.

A former club president, Daniel Unes, a senior from Peoria studying mechanical engineering, said rugby is very traditional and social, but at the same time is a sport. After every match the teams invite the opposing team over for food and celebration.

“Before this year, the conference used to be all Illinois teams,” Unes said. “It was just assumed, when we would go anywhere they would show us the same hospitality and we are trying to bring that custom to new teams.”

Unes said other sports are battles on the field and anger off the field but rugby differs in the sense that they would grab a burger after the game with the other team. This year a team SIU has not seen before refused the invitation to the social at first, but then learned of SIU’s team customs.

“(Inviting the other team over) is something that’s pretty unique to rugby,” Unes said. “Other sports you hate the other guys and you battle on the field and go home (open) at each other. In rugby you’re there and you fight the other team, but as it’s over you get together with the other team.”

Since rugby is a full contact sport, sometimes there are heated battles on the field, but Unes said afterwards all the players cool off and get over it. At the social, the two teams award a player from the opposing team the “man of the match.”

Vincent Mitchell, a sophomore from Chicago studying information systems and applied technology, compared rugby to a fraternity, because the team does so much together.

“Every Thursday the team gets together and there’s a social event,” Mitchell said. “Rugby is a traditional sport, we eat together and we sing, we sing songs together as a team.”

Mitchell said most of the songs are traditional and semi explicit, and they really capture the team bonding.

Mitchell played rugby in high school and won the state title his senior year in 2012. He said the biggest difference from high school is the level of play. Even though SIU does not have an actual rugby team, club rugby offers fierce competition, and he is near certain that because of the growing popularity, within five years more colleges will have rugby teams.

The team pays dues like most club sport teams. It is more than the opponent, traveling costs and tournament costs however. The rugby dues cover insurance provided by USA Rugby, which is mandatory to have on any team across the United States.

One can join the rugby team by going to the SIU club rugby Facebook page and contacting a member of the team. Unes said some guys come out one to practice, while others stay for hundreds.

“We are always looking for new recruits,” Unes said. “We got a pretty good rookie class this year, new semester and even at the end of this semester we are looking for more people.”

The team plays St. Louis University Nov. 2 and hope to capture a spot in the national tournament.

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