



four people. Rental costs vary according to the type of accommodation.

For students with families, the Child Care Center provides day care, after-school care, and evening care for children age 15 months and over. School-age children attend the highly regarded Ball-Chatham schools, and regular school bus transportation is available for children living in campus housing.

Housing assignments are based on the date a completed application is received. You can obtain full information and application materials by contacting the UIS Housing Office at (217) 206-6190.

The UIS Housing Office also maintains information regarding off-campus accommodations. Staff will assist you in searching for off-campus housing, but you are responsible for arranging your own accommodations in the surrounding community.

ID CARDS

The *i-card* is your student identification card for the University of Illinois at Springfield. It is a permanent, multifunction photo ID card that combines traditional ID functions with other services.

You will need your *i-card* to use the library, on-line library resources, and the gym and fitness center.

You may also use the *i-card* to receive ticket discounts and/or admission to athletic home games and other UIS-sponsored events.

The *i-card* provides access to campus meal plans for dining on campus and to the “Campus Cash” declining balance account. Campus Cash is used for campus copiers, printing, laundry, vending, and other on-campus purchases.

There is no charge for your first *i-card*; however, there is a replacement fee for lost, stolen, or damaged cards. If you are transferring from UIC or UIUC, you must bring your old *i-card* to receive a replacement at no charge.

To obtain an *i-card*, visit the ID Center in the Public Affairs Center, room 108. Students must be registered for at least one course taught on campus (not solely distance learning courses) to be eligible for a photo *i-card*. UIS will mail a non-photo card to students enrolled solely in distance learning at the beginning of their first semester. All *i-cards* are activated upon registration for the semester. Students should bring a photo ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.) and copy of their schedules with them to the ID Center.

For more information on any *i-card* programs,

please contact the ID Center at 206-7718 or e-mail UISIDCenter@uis.edu.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL BOARD

The Inter-Club Council Board is a standing committee of the Student Government Association that coordinates and supports the many registered student clubs and organizations on campus. The board is composed of representatives from all clubs and organizations and coordinates club activities and administers the special activity grant program that provides funding support for club activities of benefit to the entire student population. For more information contact the Office of Student Life in SLB 22 or call (217) 206-6665.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs is responsible for advising all international students, staff, and faculty as well as for study abroad through the Global Experience Program.

The office is committed to meeting the special needs and interests of all students, staff, and faculty from foreign countries. Activities and assistance are designed to promote a successful educational experience for international members of the UIS communi-

ty and to foster intercultural awareness and cooperation on campus and in the larger community.

Services include:

- Orientation to American culture, the campus, and the community
- Assistance in academic, financial, governmental, institutional, and personal problem solving
- Social, cultural, and educational programming
- Host family program

International Affairs serves as an advocate for international students on campus, in the community, and with domestic and foreign government agencies. The office regularly publishes a newsletter to update students on U.S. Immigration regulations and to keep them informed of upcoming activities.

The office also serves as a resource for all UIS students who are interested in studying abroad through the Global Experience Program as part of their academic program. Information on options and UIS policies and procedures affecting study abroad is available in the office and on the office's web page.

International affairs is located in CPV 169 and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; phone (217) 206-6678. E-mail: jgold1@uis.edu;

or visit www.uis.edu/internationalstudentaffairs/index.htm.

OFFICE OF MINORITY STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Minority Student Affairs helps students of color meet their educational, personal, social, and cultural needs by organizing support activities (workshops, seminars, etc.) that motivate students toward self-affirmation and community involvement. Information on minority organizations, both on and off campus, as well as minority businesses, churches, and community services, may be obtained through the office. The office also publishes a bi-monthly online newsletter, *The Common Bond*. Activities sponsored through the center include an annual welcome reception, Kwanzaa celebration, cultural fest, and MLK Unity March.

The Minority Leadership in Public Service Program is designed to attract academically strong minority students with an interest in public service. The program is a two-year educational experience in an academic program, coupled with an internship experience in a work setting, that culminates in a bache-

lor's degree. To be selected for this program you must have achieved an overall grade-point average of B or better (3.00+) and must submit two letters of recommendation and an essay. A committee of UIS faculty and admissions staff make the final selection. Minority Leadership in Public Service students receive full financial aid packages combining federal and state grants with institutional funds.

Other programs administered through the office include information and applications for the U of I Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP). The office also serves as a liaison/advocate for students who need assistance with academic, social, cultural, and personal concerns.

The office is located in CPV 161, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (later by appointment). For additional information, phone (217) 206-6333, fax (217) 206-7252, e-mail omsa@uis.edu, or visit www.uis.edu/minoritystudentaffairs/.

PARKING

Full-time and part-time students, faculty, and staff who use the campus parking lots are required to purchase parking decals and display them on their vehi-