

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-



cles. Decals are sold at the Bursar's Office. You may purchase two decals without presenting vehicle ownership information. If you need decals for more than two vehicles, you must present a current vehicle registration card for each additional vehicle to the Bursar's Office .

PETITION PROCESS

This catalog contains several references to the student petition form. Some of the more common uses of this form are requests for course overload, petitions for credit, and various requests for waivers. In general, the student petition form may be used to request an exception to any campus policy.

RECREATION

The Campus Recreational Sports program includes informal, open recreation, intramural sports, fitness and instructional programs, outings and trips, sports clubs, and special events. Both structured and non-structured activities are offered. Recreational equipment is available for check-out. The Fitness Center offers free weights, dumbbells, individual selectorized weight machines, recumbent and upright bicycles, stair steppers, ellipticals, and treadmills. Lockers and

showers are available and are accessible to those whose mobility is impaired. The gym is available for basketball, volleyball, badminton, aerobics, running, or walking. Outdoor facilities include four tennis courts, recreational sports fields, a lighted sand volleyball court, two lighted basketball courts, and a softball field.

Nearby Lake Springfield offers two public beaches, fishing facilities, public boat launching docks, parks and picnic areas, and a children's zoo. One public golf course is located near the lake, with seven others scattered around the city. The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, located on the lake shore, features nature trails that wind through 60 acres of trees, shrubs, and flowers native to the Midwest of Lincoln's time.

The Fitness Center and gym are located in the Student Life Building. The Campus Recreational Sports office is in the Fitness Center in SLB 118.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (SAC)

The Student Activities Committee is a standing committee of the Student Government Association that provides social, recreational, and cultural activities to enhance student life on campus. Events that have be-

come part of the UIS tradition include Welcome Week, Homecoming, Springfest, and the annual graduation celebration. SAC also hosts a variety of other activities including comedy nights, casino nights, live music, movies, and more. You are encouraged to take part in these and other events. For more information contact the Office of Student Life in SLB 22 or call (217) 206-6665.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association is an integral part of the campus governance structure and is a primary conduit for student input and advice regarding campus policy and procedure. The SGA appoints students to a variety of campuswide committees and maintains several standing committees of its own. Among the standing committees are the Inter-Club Council Board, which coordinates the registered student clubs and provides supplementary funding through the special activity grant program, and the Student Activities Committee, which is the primary student activity programming body.

The SGA consists of six officers (including the president and the student representative to the Board