

Student Center Spotlight

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Welcome



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Welcome to the first edition of **Student Center Spotlight!**

We hope this newsletter will contribute to the quality of communication among the nearly 400 employees of the Student Centers. Our goal is to highlight changes in the Student Centers, to introduce new and exciting programs among the departments, to recognize outstanding employees, and, overall, to share information about this big organization.

As is always the case throughout Student Centers, we are eager to have your ideas and suggestions. Feel free to e-mail at rmrouzer@uic.edu with any ideas you may have for future topics to be covered or any other suggestions regarding this newsletter or Student Centers in general. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Rob Rouzer

Feature Article

Values! It's a word that's often misunderstood and at times used incorrectly by many. Values are actions or beliefs that act as a guide for one's daily existence. Just as individuals or families have values which are important to them, so do organizations.

In Student Centers Building Operations, we have our own set of values that are important to us as we carry out our daily operational responsibilities. I would like to share those with you.

1. Provide **excellent and responsive customer service;**

2. Provide a **clean, safe, and secure environment** for our students and staff;
3. Operate with **respect for tradition** and a **vision towards the future;**
4. Build and maintain **strong and ethical relationships;**
5. **Focus on the development** of the student employee and full-time staff;
6. Operate with **honesty and integrity;**
7. Operate as a **team.**

Values are an important component for an organization to have. Without them, an organization (or

individual) is like a ship without a rudder, just floating along aimlessly without a sense of direction. Our values provide a foundation which guides us in setting goals and deciding what is important to us at Student Centers.



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Updates @ Student Centers

Illinois Room

On July 18th, the sledgehammers started hitting the walls in the Illinois Room. Between now and January, the Illinois Rooms will receive their first major face-lift since the opening of the building. New heating and ventilating systems, lighting, wall treatments, ceiling, floors and movable walls will be a part of this \$2 million transformation. In addition to the work in the Illinois Rooms, the escalators to the third floor are being totally rebuilt. While this project has placed some serious constraints on event planners this semester, we're certain the final product will be well worth the inconvenience.

Roof Repairs

The second phase of the roof replacement for Student Center

East is underway. The last portion of the main building roof will be replaced as well as the roof for the link to the Student Center Tower and the roof for the Loading Dock.

Signs

The final items for the Student Center East sign project are being installed while the replacement of signage at Student Center West is just getting started. Eventually, all of our facilities (Student Center East, Student Center West, Sport and Fitness Center, Student Recreation Facility, and UIC Forum) will have the same signage system and Campus Publications will be providing the sign inserts for us.

Student Recreation Facility

Coming VERY SOON to the UIC Campus: a brand new, 150,000 square foot, state of the art campus recreation center! With leadership from Power Construction, the contractors have been very busy on the recreation center this summer. The walls are up, the roof is on, the windows are in, and interior construction is very far along. We plan to be moving into the facility in early 2006. Watch future issues of this newsletter for photos and information about the newest addition to our Student Centers!



UIC Forum

Any day now, the construction work will begin on the UIC Forum at the corner of Halsted and Roosevelt. When completed in the summer of 2007, the Forum will be a state of the art venue for concerts, speakers, exhibitions, banquets and meetings. The Forum is a part of the development of the South Campus along with the James J. Stukel Towers, a new residence hall with space for 750 students. In addition to the residence rooms and Forum, the complex will include meeting rooms, a 250 seat dining hall, a snack bar, and a 150 seat auditorium. We'll feature this "superblock" complex in a future issue of the **Student Center Spotlight**.

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