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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs



UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Always present and always on watch, the University Police Department continually protects and serves our campus community. With 11 sworn officers (including the Chief of Police, one lieutenant, and two sergeants), UPD enforces state and federal laws, patrols campus and surrounding areas, partners with local law enforcement agencies, provides security for events, and locks and unlocks campus buildings. Helping students, staff, and faculty by unlocking or jump-starting vehicles is just one example of "outreach" our UPD supports. Civilian training on security and safety are also provided by our men and women in blue.

Shop with a Cop, Men Who Cook, and various other local charitable events are all part of the campus and community outreach in which UPD officers participate. Since 2016, Kent Martin has held the position of Chief of Police and has implemented several civilian trainings and campus/community opportunities. Coffee with a Cop, ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate) training, and the UPD Student Advisory Board are all opportunities for campus and community interaction.

UPD recently celebrated the graduation of two new officers from the Police Academy, Rodney Redfern III and Travis Schumacher. Redfern previously worked at EIU as a building service worker and both his father and father-in-law are retired UPD officers. Schumacher is originally from Altamont and lives in Mattoon. Seen below are Officer Jordan Hellman, Sergeant Andrea Beals, and Officer Rodney Redfern III enjoying pizza in celebration of National Police Week, May 9-15.



Safety tips learned as a child are still the rule of thumb when it comes to present day dangers. Be alert, know your surroundings, and listen to your gut all still hold true. "Your voice in your head and gut are almost always right," said Martin when asked for safety tips for campus. "If you think something isn't right, call us right away."

DO YOU KNOW ...

VPSA Voice

My sincere thanks to the Student Affairs Recognition & Professional Development Committee for hosting a wonderful gathering of our colleagues on May 12th at the campus pond. Please enjoy photos of staff in conversation, eating lunch, playing yard games, and being together in community.

As May ends, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, schedule time for rest, utilize vacation days, and plan for the coming academic year. I am looking forward to seeing family and friends in Iowa, Kansas, and Oregon. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. Be kind to your mind!

With new guidance related to COVID mitigation, I recognize our staff have different comfort levels about the country reopening. Please extend grace to others as we navigate this new space.

Namaste,
Anne

**Guessing Game
Winners**
Mints: Charlie Jenkins
Rolos: Eric Davidson
Starbursts: David Smith



Juanita Jenkins, Vicki Daniell, Linda Cruz, Charlie Jenkins, and President Glassman



Brian Gough and Ryan Risinger



Jody Stone



Jeremy Alexander and VPSA Anne Flaherty



Annie Wilson



Vicki Daniell and Cathy Engelkes

NOW YOU KNOW...



Andrew Hubbard and Teri Waterman



Kevin Linker and Paul Noble



Tanya Willard, Brittany Floyd, and Heather Webb



Angie Campbell, Keri Marti, and Amanda Repp



Juanita Jenkins and Sarah Jacobs



Crystal Brown, Beth Dunahee, Anne Lewis, and Beth Gillespie



Nathan Wehr and Annie Wilson

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Do you have an item for the newsletter? [Fill out the submission form here!](#)

Student Affairs Sidekick



Want to keep your new hire in the know and connect them to other staff members within the Student Affairs division? Fill out the [SA Sidekick Form](#) and a member of the Recognition and Professional Development committee will get them connected. We want to make sure that a new Panther is getting acquainted with campus, the community, and knows a familiar face outside of their department!

What does it mean to serve as a Sidekick?

You will serve as an informal resource to a new SA team member. This may include a welcome coffee or lunch, tour of campus, and an occasional check-in with the new team member to see how they are doing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Student Affairs Retiree Mitch Coe

Mitch managed the EIU Bookstore for over 15 years while also managing Textbook Rental for the last 4.5 years. When asked what he will miss about his role at EIU he stated "watching students mature and gain confidence in themselves while working in the Bookstore and Textbook Rental."

**Thank you for your years of service and
we wish you well Mitch!**