

## Experiences from Students and Parents

October 20, 2012

Thank you, Tracey (Academic Advisor for Automotive Technology)

I think you are doing a wonderful job with this program :)

Also, my son said if he minors in something he needs the higher math and that's not his forte so he chose the more basic math.

Can he still minor later on?

p.s. as a side note, when we were at family weekend, the issue of safety has come up between some parents regarding University Hall with the student who fell from the 4th floor....now the boys say a guy from their Auto Floor in their dorm was mugged and beaten up by 3 guys when he was returning to the dorm. Has security beefed it up at all?

It's just a bit scary when I am 5 hours away and this is our 1st going away to college!

Kind Regards,

M.S. (Mom)

Tracy's email to DPS and Housing:

I thought it was important that you know what the parents/students are discussing. I have heard the concerns noted above from a number of parents and students. They have all heard of the student who fell from the 4 th floor and the two males who were robbed and assaulted. I also have one student who is requesting to move out of Mae Smith because of these incidents and also referenced an incident where a student was held up at gun point. They are all very concerned. If there is anything I can tell them to help alleviate their fears please let me know.

Tracey Logeman  
Academic Advisor  
Automotive Technology

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November 5, 2012

Name: S.K.

Phone:

Email:

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Address: Mae Smith

Support: Shannon is going through an emotional time based on a traumatic incident that happened on campus. She alleged that she was sexually assaulted in her room by a male friend.

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November 13, 2012

My son Austin is currently a freshmen in his first semester at SIU. Unfortunately, he has decided to leave the school once this semester ends in December. He has made the choice to return home to our local junior college. His decision to leave has nothing to do with grades or that he does not like college. He has adjusted well and really does like the college life style. Austin's decision is really based on security and the lack of it at SIU. From the moment he moved into the Towers, he has never felt safe on campus. We did work with housing to get him out of there as quickly as we could. He was moved into Thompson Point and that was better. During the day when he entered the Towers, he was constantly hazed by folks loitering outside of Neely Hall. One evening, he was riding with a fraternity brother and others back to the Towers. Austin told the driver that he would just get out at one of the other Towers and walk to his Tower just to save the guy a trip over. The guy told Austin due to safety reasons; he did not feel comfortable not bringing Austin directly to his dorm. He warned Austin that the Towers were a very dangerous place.

About a month ago, Austin parked his car and was moving back through the parking lot to his dorm. He was chased by 2 guys in a car and was lucky he had his long board and was able to get away from them. He has had friends chased and hazed for their gym shoes by the rec center. In addition, a few weeks ago on campus with another guy at 7:00 PM, he heard 2 gun shots on campus. One right behind him and one in front of him. He and the friend fell to the ground in fear that they were going to be shot. I have had other parents and co-workers tell me that many kids they know have transferred out of SIU due to the lack of safety. It's a well know fact I guess that for some reason we were unaware of. The first time we brought Austin on campus for orientation in April, we pulled up to the Towers to see a police altercation going on. It looked like a gang fight was about to happen. I should have taken that as a sign at that point. We were very concerned but dismissed it trusting that the University would have these things under control.

As we have looked at where Austin will transfer, we have spoken to several other Universities. One asked us what was going on over at SIU as they have received many requests to transfer out of there. Many of Austin's friends feel the same way he does and are looking to transfer as quickly as they can.

Before Austin leaves SIU, I felt we should express our concerns to someone. We tried Angie Royal and it appears she no longer works at SIU. I am hopeful that this feedback will get to the proper folks. SIU should be responsible for our student's safety. These issues are not something any college student should have to deal with. Please understand that I am not talking about issues like being safe on campus and following good rules such as never walk alone at night etc. These are practices that all University students should follow and I know my son tries to as much as he can. These are much bigger issues. Your crime report shows clearly that you have major issues that need to be dealt with before anyone gets seriously hurt or killed. A great example of this is when dorm floor meetings advise students to have baseball bats in their room for protection. This is not what we expected or want as a college experience for our son.

I have included Lisa Marks on this email for housing. Based on the circumstances, I am really hoping you all will not charge us to break our housing lease. Thanks for your time.

DT (Mom)

Senior Manager Client Delivery

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November 15, 2012

Mother of A.B. contacted Saluki  
Cares for assistance with her  
daughters housing situation.

According to mom, A. is having  
serious problems with suite mates.  
They have called the police to  
intervene. The suite mates are  
"trying to start a physical fight".  
Apparently neither parties are  
willing to move.

Mom would like a call back from a  
University Housing representative  
to discuss this further and learn  
about additional options.

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November 20, 2012

Subject: K.S.

K. S. called regarding her daughter Kaitlyn. She is a freshman and wants to leave SIU next month and go to Eastern. She lives in Mae Smith and is intimidated by her roommate and the roommate's friends and cousins. She tries to stay away from her. Kaitlyn does not drink and is having a hard time finding friends here who are similar to her. Her mother would like her to stay at SIU at least thru the end of spring semester. She thinks her daughter wants to transfer to Eastern to be with her boyfriend. Mother suggested trying to find another place for Kaitlyn to live. Hopefully, there is something we can suggest to help her daughter fit in more here.

Please contact KS at 314-681-XXXX

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