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Basketball Campaigns Set To Kick Off At 'Midnight Madness' On October 17th

Men's and women's basketball squads to conduct 15-minute scrimmage at 12:01 a.m.

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Chicago, Ill. - Another basketball season is upon us, and at the stroke of midnight on Friday, October 17th, the University of Illinois at Chicago men's and women's basketball squads will hit the UIC Pavilion hardwood to open their 2003-04 campaigns, with both teams participating in a 15-minute scrimmage.

The men's squad will be returning all five starters after last season's second consecutive post-season appearance, while the women's team is coming off a second-place finish and their best season record since 1995-96.

Admission is free and the festivities start at 10:00 p.m., with food, music, contests and prizes such as a 25-inch TV and DVD player, along with special performances from the nationally-ranked UIC Cheerleaders and Dancing Flames.

Shuttle buses will run from the dorms, beginning at 9:45 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

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UIC Head Men's Basketball Coach Jimmy Collins will lead his troops into 'Midnight Madness' on October 17th.