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After a good recruiting year, Head Coach Gary Collins is excited about the upcoming baseball season. With a revamped pitching staff and a number of offensive stars returning, Collins feels his team is ready to compete for a conference championship in their first season as a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

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Even though they only have two returning players from last year's team ranked 17th in the nation, the Cougars men's tennis team still looks strong. And with a tough schedule, the young Cougars will be looking for some guidance from the two returnees.

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The Lady Cougars softball team may be young, but they know that to win in the GLVC, they have to take one game at a time. With only one returning senior, the Lady Cougars will look for leadership from other players this season.

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The men's team looks strong with an abundance of upperclassmen and some of them should qualify for nationals. With the way they are running in the indoor season, they are prepared to run away with the outdoor title in the GLVC. The women are young but have the determination and drive to succeed in the GLVC.

With the weather warming up, intramurals continue to heat up, also. This spring, volleyball, softball, walleyball and sand volleyball head the sports on the list. The Cougar 5K and the Golf Tournament will begin their inaugural season.

## SIUE pitching for a strong season



#### by Eli Savoie sports editor

There is an old theory in baseball that says the key to winning is good pitching. If that theory holds true, the SIUE baseball team is in for a successful season.

"Pitching will be our biggest strength," Cougar head coach Gary Collins said about his revamped staff that includes only two players from last year's squad.

Collins credited a good recruiting year for making the pitching the team's biggest improvement. He said that he didn't have enough scholarships before and had to use walk-on players, but now that the team is in the GLVC, they have a few more scholarships to offer.

The pitching staff is anchored by the two returning members, sophomore Jeff Ridenour and senior John Mendez.

Last season, Ridenour finished with a record of 4-1 and a 2.93 ERA in 13 appearances that included 10 starts. Mendez, on the other hand, worked mostly in relief and finished 1-1 with a 2.17 ERA. In their practices so far, Collins likes what he sees from his veteran pitchers.

"The two guys we have back are throwing better than ever," he said.

With Ridenour and Mendez to lead the staff, Collins will then look to newcomers Matt Clark, Ryan Cox, Eric Mumma, Mike Vogt and Jason Guest to lend support. Collins said all of them will see time as starters, and as many as five pitchers could compete for the top spot in the rotation, but Ridenour will probably be the go-to-guy.

Also seeing time on the mound will be John Ebersohl, but Collins said the soft-throwing lefty will be used strictly in relief.

With some solid pitching in place, it will be up to the Cougar offense to score some runs to support them, and Collins doesn't see that being too much of a problem with four of the top five hitters from last year returning.

"We have guys back with experience and that have had success," Collins said about the offensive attack.

The group of returning players is led by senior outfielder John Spotanski who led the team with a .401 average last season.

"Spotanski has developed slowly, but steadily," Collins said. "He's a gap hitter and an excellent bunter."

Although Spotanski led the team in hitting last year, Collins said he thinks first-baseman Angel Santiago and third-baseman Jeff Silvey are the team's best hitters and he expects big things from them this year. Last season, Santiago hit .375 with six home runs and Silvey finished at .390.

### 1996 Men's Baseball Schedule

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Sun., Mar. 24	*Indianapolis (DH)	HOME	Noon	10 Jason Oucst
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Sun., Mar. 31 Tue., Apr. 2	*IUPU-Ft. Wayne (DH)	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Noon	15 Mike vog
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#### by Brett Licata sports reporter

A large class of juniors will fuel the SIUE Lady Cougars softball team this season. With only one returning senior, the younger players will see plenty of starting time, according to head coach Sandy Montgomery.

The pitching staff is led by two returning sophomores. Deanna Smith, who was in the starting rotation last season, and Stephanie Stinson from Cahokia. Junior Michele Sucich will share the pitching duties on occasion, and freshman Jessica Silbe from Pinckneyville will see time on the mound.

"She (Silbe) is doing very well right now, and hopefully will adjust to college hitting and be able to contribute," said Montgomery.

Kim Darrow from Washington, Ill., is a junior college transfer who will be a key part of the battery as the primary catcher this season.

"She is the best defensive catcher in Division II right now," said Montgomery. "She calls a really smart game and has an extremely accurate arm."

The infield is questionable at this point. Junior captain Christy Perry figures to have a handle on the first base position. She adds a left handed power hitter to the line up. Junior Jamie Thorp is a transfer from Belleville Area College who will play second base.

The shortstop position is being pursued by Jennifer Smith from Collinsville who may also see time as a catcher.

Montgomery said about Smith, "She is one of my most consistent hitters." Sophomore Jennifer Yorke will be at third base, a spot that she won last season.

"She has a strong arm and is very smart at that position," said Montgomery. Freshman Kim Messinger will be a fresh face in the Cougar outfield this season.

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Wed., Apr. 17	SIU at Carbondale (DH)	HOME	TBA
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"She has one of the strongest arms that I've seen," said Montgomery. Jenny Hagel from Pinckneyville will be the center fielder for SIUE. She will add

speed to the Cougars defense and is a base stealing threat. Montgomery figures to bat her in the lead-off position in the order.

Lori Peeples is the lone senior on the squad. She could see action at catcher or in the outfield.

Ashley Horton is a freshman from Granger, Ind., who is a consistent hitter and can play the infield or outfield.

Lisa Ness will try and rebound from rotator cuff surgery which caused her to red shirt last year. She will be competing for time in the infield.

"Our goal is to win the conference," said Montgomery, 27 "but we need to stay focused and take things game by game."

The Cougars will begin their season in Orlando, Fla., with ten games starting on March 3rd.

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Kim Messinger	Fr.	OF		Granger, Ind./Penn H.S.
Lina Ness	So.		R/R	Bridgeton, Mo./Pattonville H.S.
Lori Peeples		IF/OF	L/R	Newark, IL/Newark H.S.
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Stephanie Stinson	So.	P		Collinsville, Ill./Collinsville H.S.
Michele Sucich	Jr.	OF/P	R/R	Cahokia, III./Cahokia H.S.
Jamie Thorp			R/R	Newark, III./Newark H.S.
	Jr.	2B/SS	R/R	East Alton, Ill./Belleville Area College
Jennifer Yorke	So,	3B	R/R	Naperville, Il./Naperville North H.S.

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Head Coach: Sandy Montgomery . Assistant Coach: Joe Flaher . Student Assistant Coach: Jayne McMath

#### Spring Sporte Preview

## **Tennis team looking to** make racket in GLVC

#### by Todd Spann assistant sports editor

With two players returning from last years nationally ranked team, the SIUE men's tennis team is looking to rebuild back into the national elite once again.

"We are in a rebuilding phase after the loss of several players from last year's team, but I expect to still do well in the conference. In the regional matches we still have the same tough games against top teams in the country. They will be tough, but I still expect to play them well," head coach Bill Logan said in is office Monday arternoon. "We kept the difficult matches because I intend to play them next year and if you want to do that you have to keep playing them no matter what. Plus it gives the young kids the experience."

One of the returning players is senior Ethan Halberg from Chatham, III., who finished the fall season off with a semifinal showing at the National Rolex Tournament. That helped Halberg establish himself as one of the great players in the nation.

Halberg comes into the season with a ranking of 45th in the nation and holds the only ranking on this year's team.

"He has improved his net game and ground strokes and has become a much more solid player this year. He hopes to continue to improve and move up in the rankings," Logan said about Halberg.

Junior Jason Geminn from Fairview Hts. Ill., will be the other hold over from last year's squad and Logan is overjoyed to have him back in the line-up.

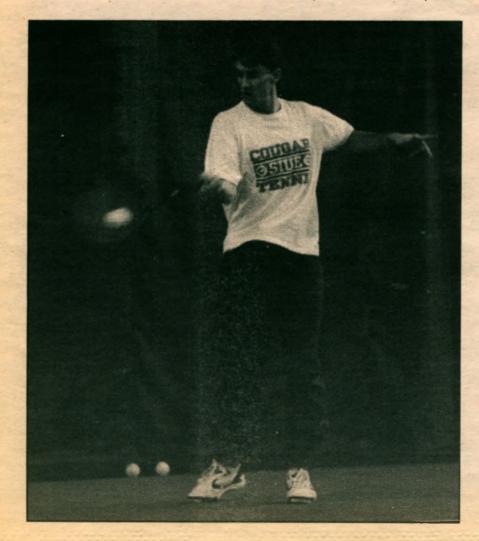
"He went to Baylor University for a short period and decided he wanted to come back home and play for us again and we are glad to have him back. He is a solid player and has the ability to play well under pressure and in difficult conditions," Logan said. "When I need him, I can count on him."

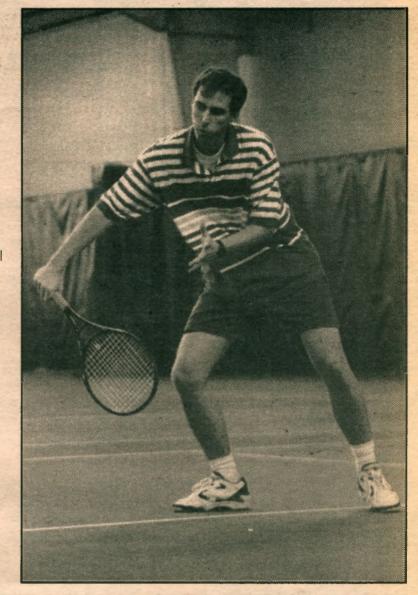
To round out the top three in the Cougar line-up will more than likely be senior Nate Reede from Aberdeen, South Dakota. He played for SIUE from 1990-92 then took a couple years off and now finds himself back in a Cougar uniform.

"Nate was a high school All-American who brings back a wealth of experience and wants to help out the team as much as possible. He has the ability to really be a major player on the team," Logan said.

Logan knows that his top three players will have to take charge during the season and guide the team throughout the year. Their experience over the years in regional play will help the team out tremendously.

"They know how to win and that is worth a lot when you have please see TENNIS, page 7





#### Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 1995-96 Men's Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
ThuSat., Sep. 28-Oct. 1		Indianapolis, Ind.	
Fri., Mar. 15	Washburn	Topeka, Kan.	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 16	Northwest Missouri State	Topeka, Kan.	9 a.m.
	West Texas A&M	Topeka, Kan.	2 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 22	*St. Joseph's	Rensselaer, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 23	*Northern Kentucky	Rensselaer, Ind.	10 a.m.
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Fri., Mar. 29	*IUPU-Ft. Wayne	номе	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30	•Indianapolis	HOME	10 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 31	Northeast Missouri State	Alton, Ill.	10 a.m.
Fri., Apr. 5	Ferris State	Indianapolis, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 6	Northwood	Indianapolis, Ind.	10 a.m.
Tue., Apr. 9	*Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro, Ky.	3 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 12	*Bellarmine	Romeoville, Ill.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 13	*Lewis	Romeoville, Ill.	10 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 14	Southwest Baptist	Alton, Ill.	1 p.m.

ThuSun., May 16-18	NCAA-II Championships		TBA	
FriSat., May 3-4	Midwest Regional Championships	TBA		
ThuSat., Apr. 18-20	GLVC Championships	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA	

#### Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 1996 Men's Tennis Roster

Name	Year	Hometown/High School
Jason Geminn	So.	Edwardsville, Ill./Belleville East
Ethan Hallberg	Sr.	Chatham, Ill./Chatham
Calen Hanks	Fr.	Fairview Hts., Ill./Belleville East
Matt Hanks	Sr.	Fairview Hts., Ill./Belleville East
Brett Licata	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo./
Nate Reede	Sr.	Aberdeen, S.D./

## Track program headed in right direction

#### by Todd Spann assistant sports editor

Imagine going to the extraordinary new track facility used during the St. Louis Olympic Festival and seeing the SIUE track team doing field events like the discus, shot put and hurdles.

Eventually, over several years, the money the university decided to put into the track program will help bring in these kind of events.

But for this year they will stick to running and a little bit of jumping.

"The direction that we are heading is a good direction," head coach Darryl Frerker said last Thursday about the future of the track program. "We have not had the money before to bring in other events. This year we will have sprinters and jumpers. We will be doing long jumps, triple jumps and maybe have a pole vaulter ... Little by little we will be building on the track and field program and looking to increase the programs interest."

Not having a full fledged track team probably will hurt the team in conference play when the schools are competing against each other. They will not have as many points because they don't have as many opportunities as the other schools with full programs.

This is one reason why the Cougars focus a lot of attention on individual performances rather on team performance. Qualifying for nationals is the ultimate goal for an individual and along the way Frerker makes them strive for personal and school records.

The women have already had several good individual performances running in indoor tournaments during the past month.

Sophomore Colleen Casey broke the school record last weekend at SIU-Carbondale and also broke personal records over the past month. And on a team of fairly young runners Frerker said she will provide a lot of leadership during the outdoor season.

"Colleen provides a lot of leadership with her dedication and her performance on the track. Plus setting a school record puts you in a position of people looking up to you," Frerker said.

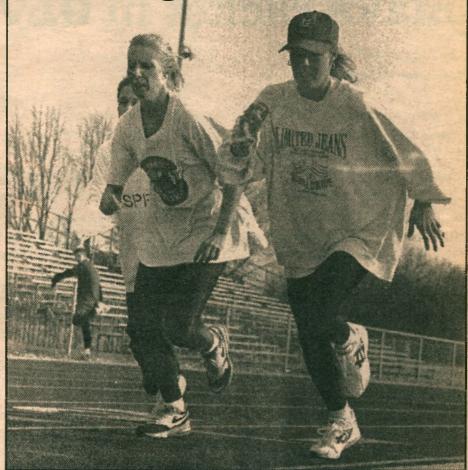
The Cougars will also be relying on lone senior Stephanie Mielkl and junior Vicki Johnson to help lead a team filled with freshmen.

"We do have a young team but with myself and assistant coach Jody (LaFollet) still running regularly, we can provide some of the leadership needed," Frerker said. "Jody right now is trying to get ready for the Boston Marathon. So, since we are still running we can provide some of it."

The one thing that is different about the men's team is that they have more experience than the women.

"Overall we have strong upper-class with three seniors who are Danville Junior College transfers in Travis (Roundcount), Gus (Coronado), and Chris (Wolf). With that kind of upper-class we are very competitive and we have been throughout the indoor season.

"With Travis, Gus and Chris running well in the indoor, they have a good chance at qualifying for nationals," Frerker said.



The Cougars also have senior's Wayne Bloemer and Jason Gass. Plus some added depth with junior George Patrylak.

The Cougars will begin the outdoor season at the end of March in the Washington Invitational in St. Louis. Before that, they finish out their indoor season with the Indiana Invitational and then the NCAA-II Indoor Championships.

Over the past weekend at the Knox Invitational, Roundcount led SIUE with a record-breaking performance in the 1,500 meter run. His time of 3 minutes 59.1 seconds not only earned him first place but also broke the school record, which stood at 4 minutes and 1.5 seconds.

"The indoor season builds on itself. We try to achieve the same things in the indoor as we do in the outdoor season. It is used to get in great shape and prepare for the outdoor," Frerker said.

Plus the indoor season will allow a runner another opportunity to make nationals. If they run cross-country and track, this gives the runner three chances at it during a full year.

Overall the track team will try to continue it's success from the indoor season and hopefully bring it outside.

"We just try to do the best of our ability and everybody is giving 100 percent and improving everyday," Coronado said at the track stadium Wednesday afternoon about the up coming track season.

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#### Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 1995-1996 Men's Track Roster

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Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 1995-96 Men's Indoor/Outdoor Track Schedule

Derek Bright Gus Coronado **Jason Gass** Rob Handshy Ben Hobbs Ernie Kopp Luke Lay Andrew Miller George Patrylak **Erik Rottier** Travis Roundcount Chris Wolf

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#### 1996 Women's Track Roster

Name **Colleen** Casey So. Becky Hagenbruch Fr. Tricia Huelsmann Fr. Vicki Johnson Jr. Sr. Stephenie Mielke Libby Mullvain Fr. Kendra Newell Fr. Christine Ray So. Jacqi Vazquez Fr. Head Coach: Darryl Frerker Assistant Coach: Jody LaFollett

Hometown/High School Year St. Louis, Mo./Oakville Decatur, Ill./Mt. Zion Breeze, Ill./Mater Dei Plainfield, Ill./Joliet Catholic Danville, Ill./Georgetown-Ridge Farm Winnebago, Ill./Winnebago Mount Vernon, Ill./Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, Ill/Mount Vernon Sterling, Ill./Sterling

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#### INDOOR

Date	Event	Site	Time
Fri., Dec. 8	Eastern Illinois Invitational	Charleston, Ill.	TBA
Sat., Jan. 27	Eastern Illinois Invitational	Charleston, Ill.	TBA
Sat., Feb. 17	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Inv.	Carbondale, Ill.	TBA
Sat., Feb. 24	Knox Invitational	Galesburg, Ill.	TBA
Fri., Mar. 1	Indiana Invitational	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA
FriSat., Mar. 8-9	NCAA-II Indoor Championships	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA

#### OUTDOOR

Sat., Mar. 30	Washington Invitational	St. Louis, Mo.	TBA
Sat., Apr. 6	SEMOtion Relays	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	TBA
Sat., Apr. 13	SIUE Relays	номе	TBA
Sat., Apr. 20	Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships	номе	TBA
Fri., May 10	North Central Invitational	Naperville, Ill.	TBA
Fri., May 17	North Central Invitational	Naperville, Ill.	TBA
ThuSat., May 23-25	NCAA-II Outdoor Championships	Riverside, Cal.	TBA

#### Spring Sports Preview

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The other top hitter returning for the Cougars is Mark Briggs, who will join Spotanski and Mark Burris in the outfield.

Joining Santiago and Silvey on the infield will be Brian Geluck at second and Ryan Crawford handling the shortstop responsibilities.

Collins said the Cougars are a little weak at shortstop because they lost one player from last year, and this year's back-up, Jaymie Munson is out five weeks with an injury. The losses leave Crawford all by himself as the season begins.

Manning the designated hitter spot for the Cougars will be Ridenour and Clark when they are not pitching, and Collins said Mark Steinmann will also see some time as the DH.

Collins likes what he sees in his team this year and has high hopes for their first season in the GLVC.

"I can't imagine ever being out of the top five," Collins said.

The Cougars conference schedule includes four games (two doubleheaders) against each of the four conference schools located nearest SIUE and a doubleheader against the six others.

The Cougars will begin their season March 1 when they travel to



Valdosta, Ga., and then on to Ft. Myers, Fla. on March 4. While down south, the Cougars will play a total of 12 games, including a battle with Florida Southern, the number one ranked Division II team in the country. The Cougars will also face Valdosta State and Mansfield, ranked number three and number seven respectively.

#### Tennis \_

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players who can instill that type of experience on a team in the rebuilding stage," Logan said.

Freshman Brett Licata from St. Charles, Mo., will fall into the mix this upcoming season and he believes he has already learned a lot from the veteran players.

"From practicing over the fall with the team I've already gotten a taste of college calibre play and, throughout the course of the season, I hope to continue improving my game," Licata said.

Calen Hanks is another freshman making his way onto the college scene with his lefty style of play, which may prove to be an advantage over the season.

"Calen has excellent ground strokes and since he is left handed, that is a definite advantage for him" Logan said.

The elder of the Hanks, Matt, is a senior from Fairview Hts., and is making his second appearance on the team. Two years ago he joined the Cougars in place of an injured player and now he is back to contribute again.

"He is a hard worker and has a great deal of enthusiasm for the game," Logan said.

The Cougars will start the season off in Topeka, Kan. against some of the regions top

### Women's Tennis Spring Schedule

Fri., Mar. 15	Washburn	Topeka, Kan.	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 16	Northwest Missouri State	Topeka, Kan.	10 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 31	*Northeast Missouri State	HOME	10 a.m.
Tue., Apr. 9	Washington	St. Louis, Mo.	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 14	*Southwest Baptist	HOME	1 p.m.
FriSat., May 3-4	Midwest Regional Championship	25	TBA
ThuSun., May 16-18	NCAA-II Championships		TBA

\*Simpson Tennis Center, Alton

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teams. First off is Washburn College, which is ranked #6 in the region. Then they play Northwest Missouri State, who is #7 and top off the weekend against #3 West Texas A&M .

"Playing top ranked teams help players gain experience and it also gives some of our players the opportunity to defeat players who have a national ranking," Logan said about the tough schedule.

The women's tennis team will also be on the courts trying to take care of business during the spring portion of their season and continue their dominance.

They rolled over teams in the fall portion of their schedule and finished the season with a mark of 11-0.

Name	Year
Ann Colter	Fr.
Amy Hazen	Jr.
Kate Himstedt	Sr.
Kelli Kane	Sr.
Julie Klueter	Sr.
Keri Livingston	Sr.
Layla Rosenfeld	Jr.
Sonya Wohltman	Fr.
Head Coach: Bill Log	gan

Hometown/High School Troy, Ill./Triad Wood River, Ill./Wood River Collinsville, Ill./Althoff Effingham, Ill./St. Anthony Bethalto, Ill./Civic Memorial Granite City, Ill./Granite City Monroe, N.Y./Monroe Effingham, Ill./St. Anthony

# Intramurals ready to spring into ction

#### by the Alestle Sports Staff

The SIUE intramural program is ready to kick into action with 11 events ready to be held.

While there are still the same old favorite events, this year Campus Recreation has added two new events to its schedule.

The new programs this spring included the Cougar 5K and The Golf Tournament.

The Cougar 5K will be a road race around campus and is open to all students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The Golf tourny will consits of four person teams competing as two sets of two playing a best ball scramble.

It is open to all students, faculty, staff and alumni and will be played on Wednesday, April 24 at a local course to be announced at a later date.

For more information on any or all of the spring intramural sports, contact John Bell at 692-B-FIT.



#### **Registration Deadline**

#### Cost

Women's Night Out NONE FREE (To be held at the Student Fitness Center from 8:30 - 10:00pm on Wednesday, Feb. 28th)

Volleyball	March 12	\$20.00/team
1 on 1 Basketball Tourney	March 13	\$1.00/person
Softball	March 13	\$20.00/team
Walleyball	March 14	\$10.00/team
Spades Tournament	March 15	FREE
Team Tennis Tourney	March 25	\$1.00/person
Cougar 5K	April 9	FREE
Golf Tournament	April 15	TBA
Tug-O-War	April 15	FREE
Sand Volleyball	April 16	\$10.00/team
Track Meet	April 17	\$1.00/person