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RON KNAPP
 bows out after four years as Catholic campus minister. Read Corey Stulce's interview in the Lifestyle section.



Student Legal Services contracts a new attorney

■ By LEAH HOLBROOK
 NEWS EDITOR

SIUE contracted a new attorney for Student Legal Services this month.

Marilyn Washburn, licensed attorney in Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas, was contracted by SIUE to serve as the attorney for Student Legal Services from July 1997 to May 1998. Washburn has offices in Granite City and Edwardsville. Washburn, graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law. She opened her own law firm last

year, and was an associate in two firms prior to opening her own practice. Washburn was an associate of the Law Office of Carl M. Ward in Clayton, Mo., and Eric Taylor and Associates P.C., in Creve Coeur, Mo. Washburn also served as a staff attorney with Vasileff and Vasileff in Madison.

Washburn is replacing last year's Student Legal Services Attorney, Victoria Vasileff. Lora Flamm, administrative assistant in the office of the vice-chancellor for student affairs, said Vasileff did not reapply this year due to the growth of her private practice.

Student Legal Services provides assistance, at no charge, to students that are currently enrolled and have paid tuition and

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 I want to make Student Legal Services more accessible and visible to students.”

Marilyn Washburn
 Attorney of Student Legal Services

the student welfare activity fee. The services provided cover a

variety of legal issues including landlord-tenant disputes, family law, contracts, consumer matters, bankruptcy, administrative agency matters, notarial matters, traffic court matters without criminal penalties, small claims and wills which only designate executors, beneficiaries, and guardians of children. Flamm said no policy changes will occur in the program with the change in attorneys. However, Washburn does bring a set of goals to broaden the program.

“I want to make Student Legal Services more accessible and vis-

ible to students,” Washburn said.

Washburn said some of the ideas she would like to implement to create these changes include making the office more accessible physically, adding a Student Legal Services web page and informative flyers. Washburn said she would like Student Legal Services to serve as a teaching tool and inform students of the law in order for them to avoid legal problems.

She said she was interested in moving the office closer to the campus in the future, and possi-

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Tom Hockett/Alestle
 Pictured in the above photo in foreground is Anthony Conner, 2-years-old, Riley Jackson, 3-years-old and SIUE childhood graduate student, Vicki Black.

Pictured in right photo is Dominique Scott, 3-years-old.



SIUE's Early Childhood Center is reaccredited

■ By CARRIE HOPKINS
 NEWS EDITOR

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) reaccredited SIUE's Early Childhood Center, placing it among the five percent of accredited early childhood programs nationwide.

The reaccreditation was a year-long process that involved a self-study performed by the center. La Vernn Wilson, director of the early childhood center, said the self-study includes evaluations completed by parents, staff and outside consultants.

Wilson said a representative of the NAEYC was sent to validate the accuracy of the information that the early childhood center submitted for reaccreditation.

The representative reviews the student-to-teacher ratio and the interaction between the staff, parents and children. The NAEYC also reviews the qualifications of the staff for the Early Childhood Center.

Wilson said the status of accreditation indicates a stan-

dard of quality in the program. While the status of being an accredited center does not directly affect funding for the program, Wilson said she hopes that the status does call attention to the quality of the program offered here at SIUE.

“I would hope the reaccreditation helps acknowledge we are providing a quality program, and it would also increase university support for the program,” Wilson said.

Wilson also said the status of being an accredited center reassures the parents of the children's excellent welfare while they are gone.

“Parents who look for the torch (NAEYC symbol) when choosing child care, or early education programs for their children will find programs that have made a commitment to excellence for young children and families,” Wilson said.

The status of reaccreditation is held for three years.

Earlier classes scheduled for the 1997 fall semester

■ By CARRIE HOPKINS
NEWS REPORTER

Earlier classes are in mode for the 1997 fall semester at SIUE, as scheduled by the Academic Affairs Enrollment Management Plan, to make more room for the upcoming fall students.

Beginning on Aug. 25, Monday, Wednesday and Friday class sessions will begin at 8 a.m., and these classes will end on the hour instead of on the half-hour. However, the Tuesday and Thursday classes that begin

at 8 a.m. will end at 9:30 a.m.

David Werner, provost vice president of academic enrollment management plan, said earlier classes is a way to address the increase of students without the financial expenditure of building more classrooms.

Dwight Smith, assistant to the provost of academic enrollment management plan, said these changes in scheduling have allowed for additional classes to be scheduled, therefore offering more class times.

These changes have increased

the number of classes offered on the Tuesday and Thursday sessions.

Smith said it was too soon to review the success rate of enrollment of earlier classes.

However, some students feel that the offering of earlier classes will not make a huge impact.

"The academic enrollment management might view it as a great idea, but students detest the theory of getting up before 10 a.m.," Melissa Koski, a sophomore at SIUE, said.

Health Department emphasizes need for immunization updates

■ By LEAH HOLBROOK
NEWS EDITOR

The Madison County Health Department reminds citizens to protect their children's health with immunizations.

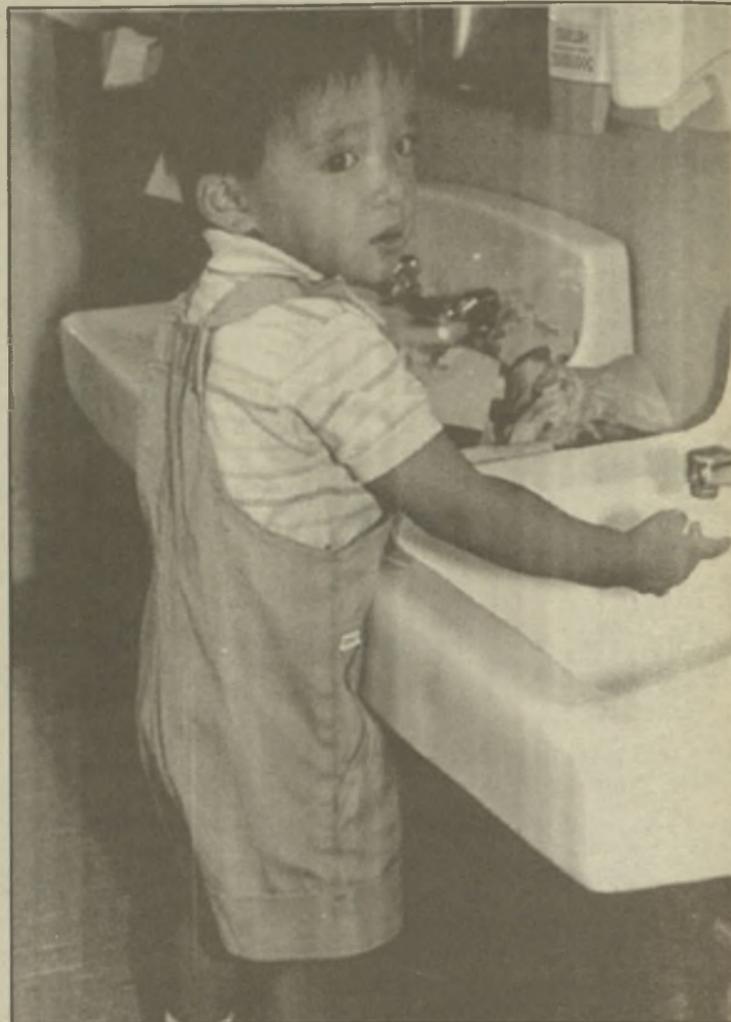
The Madison County Health Department is reaching out to the community to remind parents to

check and update the immunization records of their children. A reminder that is being issued by the department is the new requirement for all infants/toddlers entering day care for the first time and all fifth graders to be immunized with the hepatitis B series.

The Madison County Health

Department said it is their goal to increase the number of children in the community who are immunized.

The Madison County Health Department is open on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for immunization appointments.



Tom Hockett/Alestle

Pictured in above photo is Danny Gregor, 2-years-old, tidying-up at SIUE's Early Childhood Center.

Student Legal

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bly extending the office hours.

"Right now, I'm being flexible with scheduling appointments," Washburn said.

Washburn said she likes being involved with the university and she wants to reach out to the students. Washburn said

she would like to expand Student Legal Services to accommodate those students interested in law. She plans to have information available to interested students, and to offer internships in her office. An additional educational opportunity provided by Student Legal Services includes Law Day programs that present prominent

judges and attorneys.

Washburn's duties as the attorney for Student Legal Services include providing legal advice to enrolled students, acting as a legal consultant to student activities organizations, acting as a liaison with the local bar association, and informing students of their rights and assisting them in

avoiding legal difficulties. After sending out bids for the contractual position, a committee selected Washburn on the following criteria, accessible location for students, established office with sufficient staff support and experience in consultation with the services provided by the Student Legal

Services Program.

The office hours for students are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by appointment. For further information call (618) 656-9131 or (618) 876-5300.

Important Notice To Graduating Students

SIUE now holds a commencement ceremony after each term. You are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony held at the end of the term in which you complete your degree requirements. Application for graduation and advisor approval are required.

The deadline for submitting an *undergraduate* application for graduation is the end of the first week of the term in which you expect to complete all degree requirements. The deadline for submitting a *graduate* application for graduation is the first day of the term preceding that in which you expect to complete all degree requirements. Applications for graduation are available in Admissions and Records, Rendleman, Room 1207.

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Commentary

Students, take the opportunity to enjoy Cougar athletics - they are free

Students at SIUE need to realize one thing: Take advantage of things that are free.

Free stuff doesn't happen very often, especially on campus. So when it does, jump on it.

So, before you go out and blow a week's earnings in one place, start off the night at an SIUE sporting event.

Here at SIUE, the sports department works hard to put the best product they can on the field and they do a fine job of that. So whether you go to the Vadalabene Center to watch a basketball game or go to the baseball field to see America's favorite pastime, there is one thing that is consistent — good quality fun every time out.

And don't forget the most

important fact — it is free.

Once you get into the groove of things and start going to games, you will find out that SIUE sports are not that bad.

If more people would have gone to games last year, they would have seen the fifth-best baseball team in the country or the softball team go undefeated in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

A student might have possibly seen Jason Holmes break the all-time school scoring record in men's basketball or seen the All-Americans on the wrestling team.

The women's soccer team was nationally ranked throughout the year, but most students didn't see them do it.

Going to games is easy.

All you do is drive on campus, park the car and walk onto the field of choice. Whether it is going to the Vadalabene Center or a track and field event at the stadium. It is all the same — free.

Let's be honest, the school already takes enough out of your pockets, so go and enjoy the things they give back to the students.

Even through the summer months, SIUE has had some great sporting events happen. This summer they had the Junior National Track and Field Championships. The Prairie State Games came our way once again. The school hosted the Region II Youth Soccer

championships. And there have been numerous camps hosted by the SIUE coaches associated with the sport.

No matter what time of year it is or what day of the week it is, there is no good excuse why an SIUE student can't support the school sports. I'm not saying you have to go to every game played here, but throw them a bone. Make the sports department feel like they aren't wasting their time with you.

At almost every game there are prizes to be given away. At half-time during the basketball season, a person is drawn to see if they can sink a putt to win a car. I know the volleyball team had someone try to serve a ball into a target on the other side of

the court for a prize.

So, next time you are with your friends wondering what you are going to do that night, check your *Alestle* and see what SIUE teams are playing. It is a good way to start out an evening.

It's a fun and enjoyable experience and who knows, you might even see a national champion.

Did I mention the fact that it is free?

*Todd Spann
Junior, Mass Comm*

Another anonymous letter sparks an editorial reply

You know, I really must have stepped on some toes with my recent commentary (*The Alestle*, June 18, 1997) on the reaction of the people of South Korea to the techniques of Amway employees.

I recently received a copy of an article written by Shad Helmstetter, Ph. D. - sent anonymously. The article praised Amway, saying that "there is an attitude throughout the Amway organization that is healthy, positive, and filled with belief."

I'm beginning to wish that I were a psychology major and could understand the implication of people sending letters, articles, etc. anonymously. However, regarding Amway's attitude - all I have to go on is my personal experience, anecdotal information provided by others and material I read (such as the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article).

According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article, consumer groups and local soap and detergent makers in South Korea are accusing Amway of willfully deceiving customers and subverting the nation's morals. Families and friendships and even communities are being destroyed by the pressure to sell to friends and associates, according to ads taken by a trade association in South Korea.

Research that I did in the library indicated that Amway considers its sales personnel to be well trained. If this is the case, then top management must be aware of the recruiting techniques used by their people.

Therefore, it would follow that these techniques are condoned by the company. Many people seem to find the sales and recruiting techniques used by Amway personnel to be offensive and aggressive. If people connected with Amway are concerned about these criticisms, then may I make the humble suggestion that they begin an aggressive campaign to encourage their sales personnel to change their tactics.

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*Rhoda Harpe
Senior, Business*

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Smoking: The evil vice
■By COREY STULCE
 LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I was driving down the highway the other day and I noticed a billboard that caught my eye. It looked like some kind of psychedelic EKG meter at first. When I got closer to it, I saw something in the center of the ad. It was an outline of a camel. I could swear the closer I got the more my body craved the sweet relief of nicotine. This was strange, because I'm not a smoker.

Apparently, R.J. Reynolds has decided to stop beckoning children to smoke with their cartoon character, Joe Camel. Instead, they have decided to hypnotize the entire population with their vividly-colored and originally-designed ad campaign.

The one I really feel sorry for is Joe Camel. The last I heard, he had been reduced to giving children rides on his back at a run-down petting zoo. I hope the rumor that he has a severe case of black-lung disease is exaggerated.

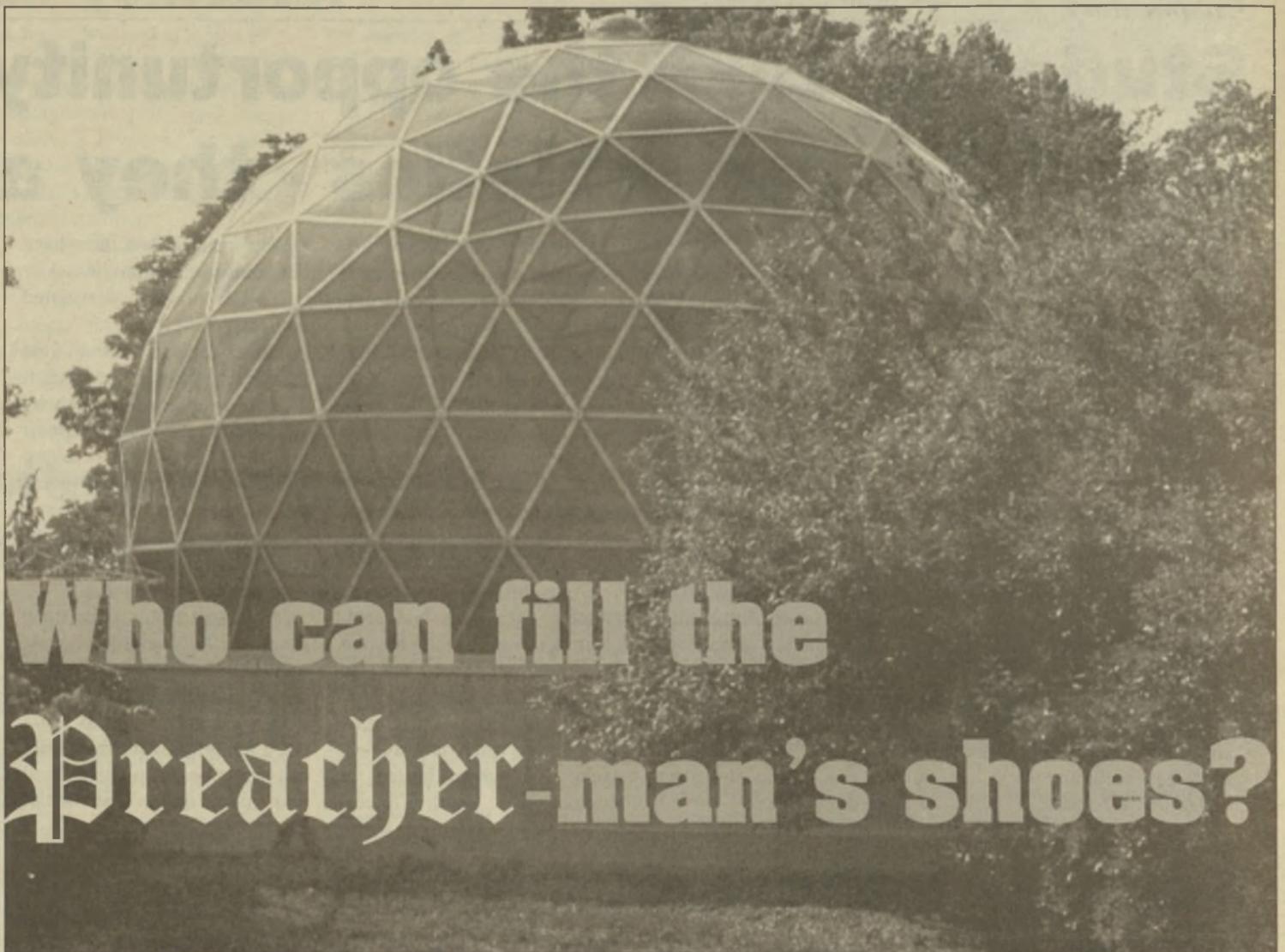
Actually, even though the new Camel ads are striking, the rest of the cigarette ads I've been seeing lately aren't. Many ads, I won't name any more companies because they don't need the recognition, have been saying how pure their cigarettes are. Pure what? Toxins, poison? Who cares how pure a cigarette is, it'll kill you the same.

I'm going to come down on

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Box Office Biggies

1. Air Force One \$37.1 million
2. George of the \$ 13.2 million
3. Men in Black \$12.6 million
4. Contact \$9.5 million
5. Good Burger \$7.3 million
6. Nothing to Lose \$6.7 million
7. Face/Off \$5.6 million
8. Best Friend's... \$4.5 million
9. Hercules \$2.9 million
10. ...Condor \$1.6 million



■By COREY STULCE
 LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I am Catholic, well a part-time Catholic, anyway. I haven't gone to church much and really wasn't too aware of what went on at the Religious Center on campus. When I was assigned to do a story on the departure of Ron Knapp, the campus minister, I was a little worried.

It's hard not to think of preachers as people who don't shove the preaching down your throat. I was pleasantly surprised, and a little saddened that I hadn't known him earlier, after speaking with Knapp.

He is not a priest, but instead referred to as the lay director of the Catholic campus ministry. Lay person meaning he's a priest without the cloth. Knapp completed all of his studies to become a priest, but he left the seminary months before the final transformation.

He comes across as wise, funny and sure, holy. What he doesn't come across as is preachy. According to Knapp, the biggest misconception about him is that people, including myself, assume he is going to be raging on about fire and damnation, and instead all he's trying to do is to listen and nurture, spread the word of God, not shove it down any throats.

"[My job involves having] lots of people skills, being approachable, having a servant's attitude, enjoying people and having a sense that life is an adventure," Knapp said.

Knapp was raised in Eckmeyer, a small town in Illinois. He was brought up Catholic and his parents were very involved in the church.

"[It was] a very positive, small rural

church where everybody knew each other. We sort of worked together, apart from now, where politics enter into what church life is supposed to be about. [It should be] focused on trying to love God and trying to love each other," said Knapp.

He learned early that the church was going to be a large part of his life. "Even as a little bitty kiddo, I would ride my little 20-pound Huffy bicycle to church," said Knapp.

He was an altar boy and, after getting a degree in English and a teaching certificate, he studied theology, getting a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

At SIUE, Knapp worked with students to try and spread the word, not just of God, but that there was more to being complete than religion, faith and just praying.

"I think it's a sense of balance and wholeness and integrity. Wholeness is related to holiness, but there are lots of priorities, challenges and things tugging at us. We have to learn to stop, press the pause button and make deliberate choices. We've got to sort things out, about which direction we're headed, and ask 'Who does it serve, does it glorify God, does it help the people I care about?'" Knapp said.

Of course, getting people to listen to your ideas is difficult, but having a sense of humor helps.

"Humor is a great blessing," said Knapp. "a great agent for getting perspective. If I take life too seriously, I'll be a failure. A sense of humor

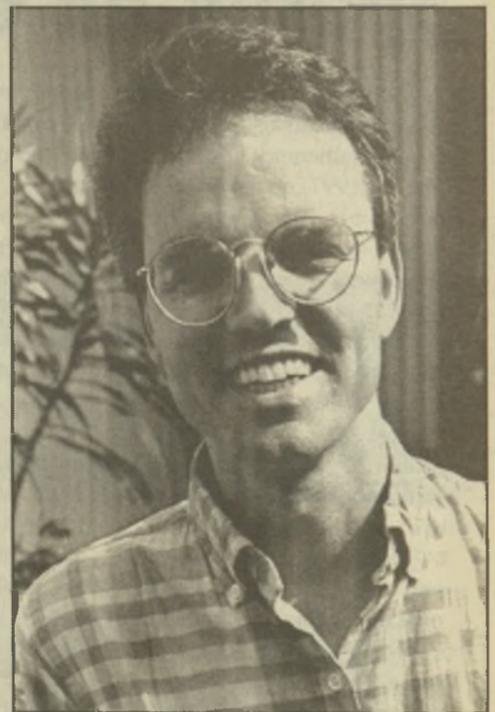
is critical. People need the ability to step back and laugh at themselves. There's some kind of redemption in humor," Knapp said.

Unfortunately, his wisdom and honesty is leaving SIUE. He is moving on to Saint Louis University after receiving an offer he couldn't refuse, one that will be best for him and his family.

He does feel that he made a few changes

...bringing people a sense that God and faith and church don't have to be dry has been an accomplishment."

**Ron Knapp
 Catholic campus minister leaving SIUE**



Top: The Religious Center at SIUE. Above: Ron Knapp, Catholic campus minister at the Religious Center is leaving SIUE after four years of "building bridges" with students and faculty

photos by Tom Hockett/Alestle.

during his four-year tenure at SIUE, though.

"Building connections, building bridges, and bringing people a sense that God and faith and church don't have to be dry has been an accomplishment," Knapp said. "I've seen the campus become less and less impersonal. I've been a part of that, networking, and getting campus departments to program together," Knapp said. Of course, he won't take credit for all of that himself, but he does claim to have a part in it.

His only regret is that he didn't have the chance to make more of an outreach with the faculty and staff of SIUE. Of course, he is only one man, and can only do so much. □

Health Watch Corner

A stinging development

■By REBECCA HOPKINS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Anyone who hangs around long enough on this campus knows that at certain times of the year we have a problem with bees and, because of the proximity of the wooded areas on campus, there are times when other insect or animal bites or plant poisonings may occur. Do you have the first aid knowledge necessary should you, or a friend or family member, need assistance?

Poisoning results when a foreign substance enters the body through any of four ways: ingestion, inhalation, absorption or injection.

Ingestion means swallowing (and can include foods to which some people have allergies) substances such as: alcohol, medications, cleaning products, pesticides and plants.

Inhalation poisoning occurs when a person breathes in toxic fumes such as gases like carbon monoxide or fumes from glue and paint or drugs like crack cocaine.

An absorbed poison enters the body after it comes in contact with the skin. These can include plants like poison ivy and also fertilizers and pesticides.

Injected poisons enter the body through the bites or stings of insects, spiders or snakes or medications and drugs injected with a hypodermic needle.

It is estimated that between one and two million poisonings occur each year in the United States and more than 90 percent of these take place in the home. In the last 30 years, poisoning fatalities among adults 18 and over has markedly increased due to suicides and drug-related poisonings.

Signals of poisoning include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chest or abdominal pain, breathing diffi-

culty, sweating, loss of consciousness and seizures. The most important thing is to recognize that a poisoning may have occurred by looking at signals such as unusual odors, flames, smoke, open or spilled containers or medicine bottles, or an overturned or damaged plant. If you suspect a poisoning, try to find out what type, how much and when it was taken then call the nearest poison control center for further instructions. The nearest poison treatment center in our area is located in Belleville, the phone number is 233-1935.

Severe allergic reactions to poisons are rare but can be a life-threatening emergency. This reaction is called anaphylaxis and is a form of shock which occurs within seconds or minutes of exposure. Symptoms include redness and swelling, hives, itching, rash, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and breathing difficulties. It is important to maintain and open airway and call emergency medical help immediately.

To treat skin rashes from poison ivy (or other plant), stings and insect bites, wash with soap and water then make a paste of baking soda and water or Adolph's Meat Tenderizer and water and apply to the affected area to relieve redness, swelling and pain.

Any animal bite should be cared for by a doctor and an attempt made to capture the animal to test it for rabies. Clean the wound with soap and water and try to minimize bleeding by applying a gauze bandage.

The best approach to any of these emergencies is to practice safety and prevention. Keep all harmful substances out of the reach of children, wear long sleeves and long pants when hiking and avoid underbrush and tall grass, inspect your body carefully after hiking in woods for ticks, rashes or any other sign of injury.

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smokers, just because I can't stand the smoke. I can't say that I don't have any vices, but mine don't make anyone's eyes water or sick to their stomachs.

Sure, I believe in freedom and all of that, but I just can't find it in my heart to feel sorry for someone who has lung cancer due to smoking. I have as much sympathy for them as I do for a drunk driver who just ran into a school bus full of children.

This may not be a popular opinion, especially around this campus. I heard nothing but complaints when smoking was banned in all the buildings, even in people's offices. It was the subject of many a lecture in my mass communications classes. Now, though, as soon as the 50 minute class is over, there is a quick whoosh of wind, and suddenly the professor is downstairs, outside, and enjoying the fresh

taste of smoke.

It's amusing to see how many students do the same thing. I just don't find it amusing to walk through a large cloud of smoke every time I attempt to go to class. My vices aren't hurting anyone but myself, so I have to expect the same from others, right? Wrong. So, I have a solution for non-smokers.

Start doing something to offend them. My new vice is going to be either spraying smokers with a water pistol or blowing one of those air-compression noise makers right in their ear.

This will last until my minions have stopped smoking forever or until I am found beaten senseless in a large dumpster covered in discarded cigarette butts.

Attention!!!

The Lifestyle section is looking for some students who may have input on upcoming stories. Are any of you participating in the Illinois State Fair? Are you a big fan or collector of Superman comics or merchandise? Does your house not have running water? Do you have problems managing a relationship with your school and job? If any of these pertain to you, call Corey Stulce at The Alestle at 3528, or drop a note on the top floor of the University Center.

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Air Ball

■ By **TODD SPANN**
SPORTS EDITOR



McGwire

By the time you read this it may already be old news. That is, Mark McGwire's being traded to the Cardinals for some top prospects.

All day yesterday it was reported that the Oakland A's slugger was headed to St. Louis for minor league catcher Eli Marrero and right-handed pitcher Manny Aybar. But the deal may depend on how the Cardinals do against Houston.

Rams

The Rams' ever growing line-up has just gotten bigger. James Harris has been indicted on drug charges.

If the Rams are trying to take the focus off of problem running back Lawrence Phillips then I think the team is going about it the wrong way.

Irabu

Yankee import Hideki Irabu was sent back down to the minor leagues for more practice.

Once again George Steinbrenner makes us wonder why he is in charge.

Trades

Here come the trades.

The Orioles reacquire Harold Baines from the Chicago White Sox for a player to be named later and the Yankee's trade Duncan to the Blue Jays.

The flood gates are open with only two shopping days left.

Messier

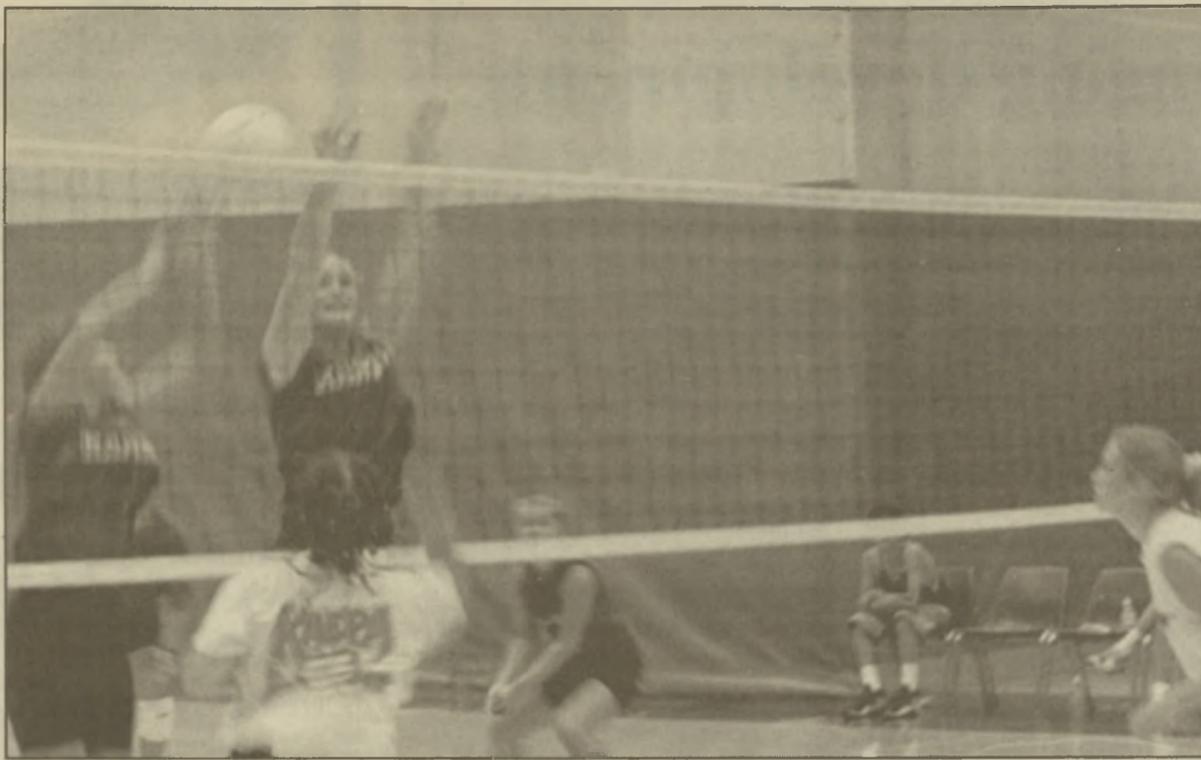
Mark Messier will leave the New York Rangers to end his career in Vancouver.

The 36-year-old made his name with the Edmonton Oilers and is happy to be returning to Canada.

News Editor and hockey fan Leah Holbrook said, "He will be a great addition to the Canucks."

I love getting everybody involved.

Volleyball camp



Serve'em up

SIUE hosted a 16 team volleyball camp this week that attracted several top high schools. There have been several different sport camps here at SIUE and the coaches like hosting camps for their recruiting potential. Just having college bound kids on campus is a plus by itself.

Todd Spann/Alestle

Pagnozzi's future up in the air

ST. LOUIS (AP) — If Tom Pagnozzi doesn't play for the St. Louis Cardinals next year, they've had plenty of time to get used to the idea.

The veteran catcher has been on the disabled list twice, first with a calf injury in spring training and now with a hip flexor injury that's sidelined him since late April. He's appeared in four games and had all of eight at-bats.



Next year, the Cardinals want to give the job to prospect Eli

Marrero. And there's talk Pagnozzi, who began a rehab stint at Triple-A Louisville on Monday, will not be protected for the expansion draft. He wouldn't blame the team.

"If I was running it, I'd go with the young guy, somebody you can build with," said Pagnozzi, who turns 35 on Wednesday. "Time will tell and I'm not going to worry about it."

"Next year, if they feel he's ready, they've got to break him in and move on, it's that simple."

The Cardinals would have had to protect Pagnozzi because he's a 10-year veteran with five seasons on the same club, except he waived that right in his last contract. He wouldn't mind finishing his career in Phoenix, his off-season home, with the expansion Arizona Diamondbacks.

But he said he's not alone.

"I think you can probably talk to 200 guys in the major leagues that want to go there," Pagnozzi said. "I grew up there, it's home, and every kid would like to play at his hometown, especially at the end of his career."

"It's tough the first year, but I'm a lot older and can handle that a lot easier."

The Cardinals might want to keep Pagnozzi, a three-time

Gold Glove winner, to help Marrero adjust to the big leagues. Next year he'll be in the final year of a two-year contract, and the Cardinals have had ample opportunity to audition Tom Lampkin and 28-year-old rookie Mike Difelice for possible future backup duty.

If he's not back with St. Louis, where he broke into the majors in 1987 and has been the regular catcher since 1990, Pagnozzi is confident he'll land somewhere.

"I look at the catching in the big leagues and I know I can catch and throw with most of them," Pagnozzi said. "I know I can out-hit a lot of them."

"How many teams have everyday catchers? I was an everyday catcher for a few years and I know I can do it."

Pagnozzi began last season on the disabled list with a wrist injury. He recovered to enjoy career highs with 13 home runs and 48 RBIs in 117 games.

The question now is whether he can stay healthy. He tried a rehab stint from the hip injury a month ago and it lasted only three nights. The Cardinals cleared him for another try but only after he tested his arm, footwork and then worked on blocking balls in the dirt.

Pagnozzi was injured trying to block a pitch.

"There was a point where I was really wondering because the progress was not being made," Pagnozzi said. "I just didn't realize the severity of the injury. The last time was definitely too soon."

La Russa said the Cardinals have missed Pagnozzi, but he wasn't blaming the replacements for the team's mediocre record.

"They've really filled in well," La Russa said. "Our record is not because of the catching, although we're better when Pagnozzi plays."

Fantasy Baseball

Who's hot:

Juan Samuel, Blue Jays, hit .667 with 6 RBIs in his last four games.

Todd Stottlemyre, Cardinals, is batting .467 (7-15) and 3 runs scored in his last eight games.

Cal Ripken, Orioles, has a .438 (7-16) batting mark with 3 runs scored in his last four games.

Who's not:

Ryan Klesko, Braves, batted .136 (3-22) with 6 strikeouts in his last seven games.

Gerald Williams, Brewers, is batting .100 (1-10) with 4 strikeouts in his last three games.

Brad Ausmus, Astros, struck out 11 times in the past ten games while batting .184.

In the news:

Steve Woodard, in his major league debut with the Milwaukee Brewers allowed one hit over eight innings of work and struck out 12 batters. Woodard out-pitched Toronto Blue Jay **Roger Clemens**.

Dennis Eckersley pitched in his 1,000th career game Monday night when he picked up his 26th save of the season. Only four other pitchers have seen more action than Eckersley.

The Numbers

Slap Shot

■ By CHRIS CLAYTON
FOR THE ALESTLE

One man has been indicted on charges of being the "money man" behind a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and another charged with driving under the influence.

Are these just ordinary people from the police beat? No, they are professional athletes. In fact, one is a St. Louis Ram and the other a Buffalo Bill.

On Monday, James Harris of the Rams was indicted on drug charges in Peoria and on Sunday, All-Pro Bruce Smith of the Rams received a DUI from Virginia police.

Personally, I hope Harris is convicted and he serves the maximum life sentence. And for Smith, I hope the league sees past his stellar pro career and fines and forces him to get the help he needs.

Now I could go on and on about the fact that, yes, this is a blemish on the NFL and their respective teams. Or I could take this opportunity to examine a problem that may arise because of these two men's mistakes.

There is a problem in today's society that, for some reason, professional athletes are considered role models to children and adults alike.

But as Charles Barkley once said, athletes shouldn't be role models.

These are people who get payed to play a sport, not to be a role model to a child. And when one of them does something like this, the whole group of athletes as a whole is criticized for not being proper role models for children.

Granted, they are paid an insane amount of money, but nowhere in their contract do they agree to take on the role of being a pillar of virtue for society.

Society as a whole needs to look to our teachers, doctors and parents for role models not to people who get money to play a sport.

Baseball

National League						American League					
East						East					
Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak	Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak
Atlanta	67	39	.632	—	W2	Baltimore	64	38	.627	—	W3
NY Mets	59	45	.567	7	L2	NY Yankees	59	44	.573	5.5	W1
Florida	58	45	.563	7.5	L3	Toronto	50	52	.490	14	L3
Montreal	53	50	.515	12.5	W1	Boston	49	56	.467	16	W2
Philadelphia	31	72	.301	34.5	W1	Detroit	47	55	.461	17	L3
Central						Central					
Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak	Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak
Houston	57	49	.538	—	L1	Cleveland	54	46	.540	—	L2
Pittsburgh	52	54	.491	5	L1	Chicago	51	52	.495	4.5	L3
St. Louis	51	53	.490	5	W3	Milwaukee	50	52	.490	5	W5
Cincinnati	45	58	.437	10.5	W1	Minnesota	46	58	.442	10	L4
Chicago	43	63	.406	14	L5	Kansas City	43	58	.426	11.5	W3
West						West					
Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak	Team	Win	Lost	Pct.	GB	Streak
San Francisco	58	48	.547	—	L1	Seattle	60	44	.577	—	W5
Los Angeles	57	49	.538	1	W4	Anaheim	58	47	.552	2.5	W2
San Diego	52	54	.491	6	L1	Texas	50	54	.481	10	L1
Colorado	50	56	.472	8	L1	Oakland	42	65	.393	19.5	L3

Monday's results

Cardinals 2, Houston 1
Cincinnati 4, Florida 0
Atlanta 6, Chicago 0
Montreal 3, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 8, San Diego 4

Thursday's games

Atlanta at Florida, 6:05
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6:35
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 6:35
San Diego at Montreal, 6:35
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:05

Today's games

St. Louis at Houston, 7:05
Montreal at Col. 2:05
Cincinnati at Florida, 6:05
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:45
New York at San Fran, 9:35

Monday's results

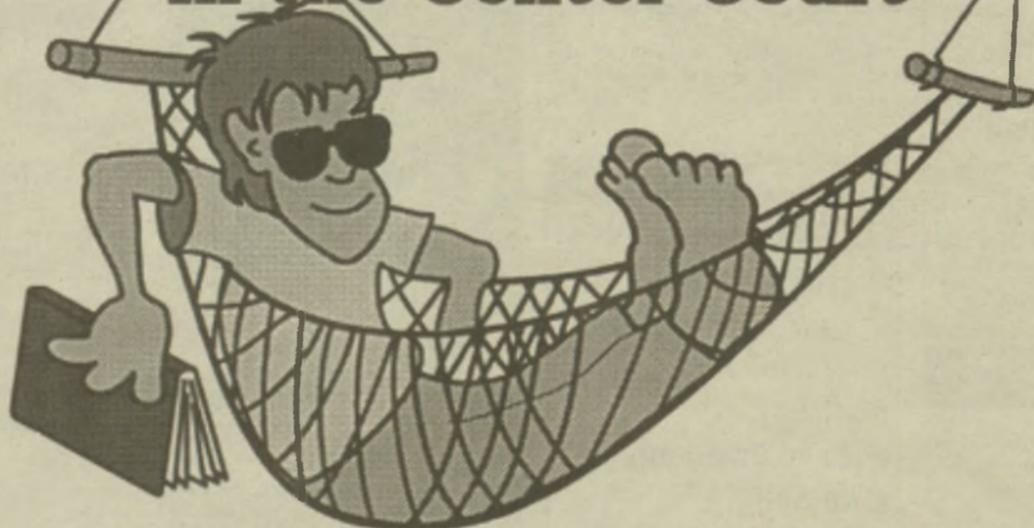
Anaheim 2-10, Cleveland 0-7
Milwaukee 1-9, Toronto 0-3
Kansas City 10-5, Minn 3-2
New York 4, Oakland 3
Baltimore 7, Texas 2

Thursday's games

Toronto at Detroit, 6:05
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Chicago at Anaheim, 9:05
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