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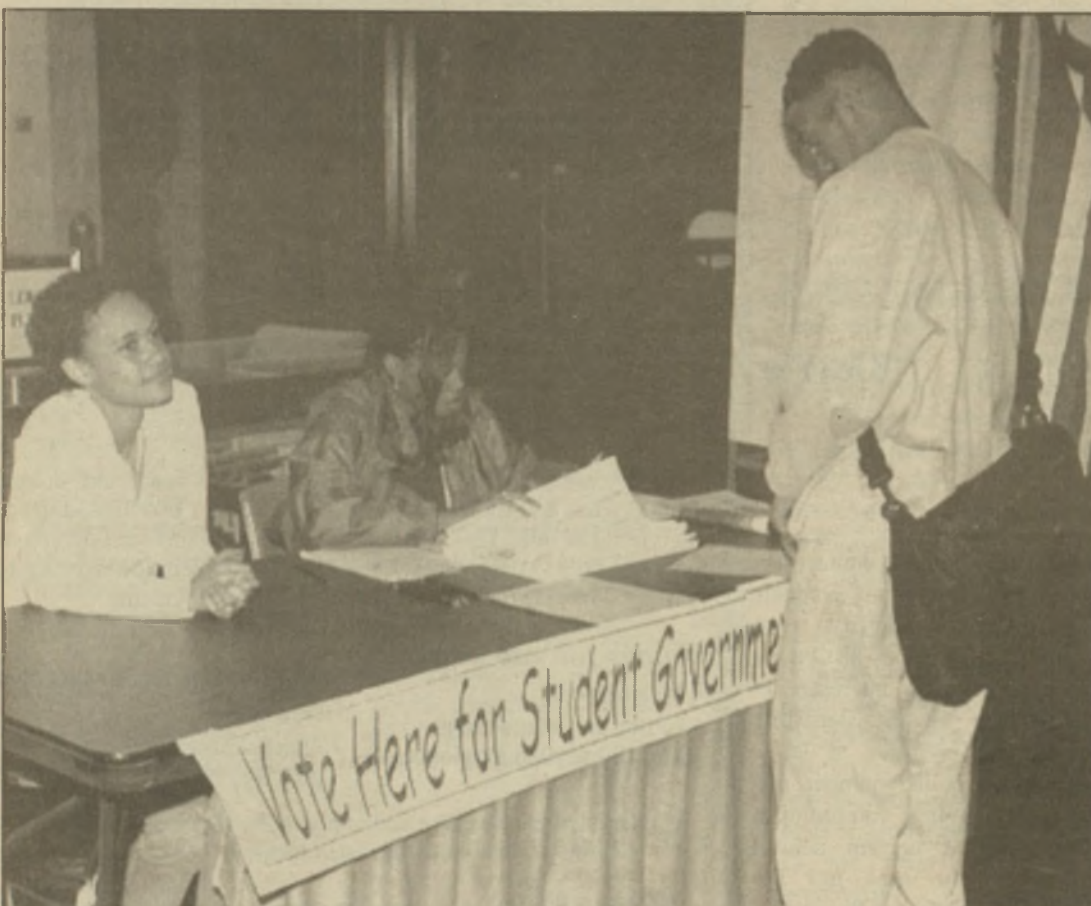


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Exercising voting rights



Jill Stevens/Alestle

On Tuesday and Wednesday all students were able to choose who they want to represent them by voting for student government officers. This voting booth was located in the University Center next to the Information Center. The electees will take office in the fall of 1998 and continue into the spring of 1999.

Reginald Jones to speak at SIUE campus on problems facing the inner cities

■ BY THOMAS BANHOLZER
FOR THE ALESTLE



Reginald Jones

"Why Puff Daddy is a Capitalist? Learn How Free Markets Can Save Our Inner Cities!" will be the topic of discussion as Reginald Jones speaks about the problems facing the inner cities. Illegitimacy, free market capitalism, racism, poverty and big government will be some of the topics explored. Jones will be speaking in the Maple-Dogwood Room in the University Center April 15 at 7:30 p.m. This event is presented by the SIUE College Republicans and the Young America's Foundation, and is funded in part by student activity fees.

"We are proud to have Reginald Jones as our first speaker. He is the epitome of the American dream and highly knowledgeable regarding political issues," Jamie Currier, vice president of the SIUE College Republicans, said.

In the '80s, free enterprise and rap were under heavy fire by the media and America. Today,

however, there is an American who ties free enterprise and rap into a fiscally conservative message to talk to young Americans about the advantage of a free market economy. Reginald Jones is that American. Mr. Jones came from a modest background. Growing up in South Bronx, Mr. Jones came from a less than opportune background. He makes no excuses for his past and is rather proud of it. His father, a sanitation worker, and mother, a secretary, taught Jones that hard work is necessary to make it through life.

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Volunteers needed for Earth Day Project in the Gateway area

■ BY ALICIA M. MIDDENDOR
NEWS STRINGER

A typical day for many SIUE students involves going to class, going to work, eating, sleeping, doing homework and having a little free time to spend with friends, relaxing and participating in a favorite pastime.

Well, why not spend some of that free time volunteering during Earth Week, beginning April 20?

The Gateway Area Storm Sewer Stenciling Project is an educational project funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection

Agency Region V that strives to educate the entire community. In hopes of creating public attentiveness and action concerning pollution, the project combines the energy and excitement of local elementary and middle school children with that of volunteers. The Gateway Area Storm Sewer Stenciling Project strives to educate the people of Madison and St. Clair counties on the excessive amounts of non-point source pollution in the area. Being a non-point source pollution, environmentalists are unable to attribute the pollution to one individual source. Therefore, since the source of pollution can

not be pinpointed, the problem becomes a community problem that requires community solutions. In order to resolve the problem, the community must be educated as to the range of pollutants that can contaminate the local atmosphere, waterways and groundwater. Such pollutants are pesticides, coolants, paints and oil products that run off of roads, parking lots, farm fields, lawns and roofs.

Volunteers are needed to walk with the local children and supervise each child as he or she stencils a storm sewer in the area during Earth week.

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Bob Fehring/Alestle

The Gateway Area Storm Sewer Stenciling Project is looking for volunteers to help local children stencil a storm sewer during Earth Week.

National Association of Black Student Social Workers to sponsor "old school" talent show

■ BY DOREEN VAN LEE
NEWS STRINGER

Is time moving too fast for you? Well, take time to slow it down by taking a trip into the past.

The National Association of Black Student Social Workers (NABSSW) is sponsoring a talent show tonight at 7 p.m. in the Cougar Den. The theme of the talent show is Old School Jams. Regina Mouton, president of NABSSW, said that this show is one of the organizations first grand scale events of the year.

"We have a number of other activities that we are in the process of working on for this school year but this is indeed one of the biggest events we've put together so far," Mouton said.

Kelsia Johnson, vice president of NABSSW said she is looking forward to a great turnout for the talent show. She

urges anyone to come out and enjoy the great talent which is lined up.

Sandra Scott, secretary of NABSSW, said that NABSSW is an organization with a student membership of diverse cultural backgrounds and anyone is welcome to participate.

"Our organization is interested in showcasing a variety of talent on and around the SIUE campus," Scott said. "We have various acts from tap dancers to poets slated to appear in the talent show. There is no formal audition but a prospective performer should arrive an hour earlier."

Scott said everyone's support for this event would be greatly appreciated.

Admission for the show is \$3. Prizes will include certificates and trophies. Anyone interested in performing in the talent show contact Sandra Scott in her office at 656-7672.

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As a result, the stencils will aid as warnings to the community of the correlation between people and environmental quality. This then educates the community as to its responsibility to natural habitats, sewers, drinking water and its downstream neighbors.

Most importantly, in order for the 120 schools from 18 cities and towns, such as Alton, Bethalto, Wood River, Granite City, Fairmount City, Caseyville, E. St. Louis and Cahokia in Madison and St. Clair counties to participate in the project,

volunteers are needed. SIUE students, faculty and local community members are needed as volunteers to participate with the local children to make this area-wide awareness project a success.

Volunteering can be an interesting, exciting and a rewarding venture. This volunteer program does not have any requirements. If you would like to volunteer, you do not have to have a scientific background in environmental studies; all you must have is an interest in your community and in the environmental health of your community.

If you are interested in

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Jones' character also largely was affected by the late Bishop S. McDowell Shelton who armed him with the morality he has today. "He (Bishop Shelton) said to never use my race as an excuse for failure. As a son of God, I was entitled to success. But it would not be given to me. I would have to fight for it," Jones said.

Self-sufficiency, however, has been Jones' reason for success. Jones' political ideas are a mix of Libertarian and Republican views.

Reginald Jones began his career as a writer. However, a phone call to the "Rush Limbaugh Show" began his

television career. Currently, Jones hosts his own show on the National Empowerment Television channel, called "Grassroots Live."

"Reginald Jones is so great because he has risen from a less than privileged background," Matt Gross, president of the SIUE College Republicans, said. "It is so easy for Mr. Jones to provide examples of how big government and taxes have harmed inner cities because he has seen these examples firsthand."

"I am about freedom," says Jones. "Freedom to me is an absolute. Either you're free or you're a slave and American people are slaves because of tax codes."

"Our leadership (black leaders) teach our young people to be dependent on government. Jesse Jackson and Farakhan don't teach the people enough about the traditions of Frederick Douglas, Booker T Washington, Marcus Garvey, nor do they talk about black entrepreneurs and educational excellence," said Jones.

Reginald's speech also will include the history of rap, which had its beginnings in his own neighborhood, and how it has affected his political and economical beliefs.

Jones will be the first speaker sponsored by the SIUE College Republicans to appear on campus. This is a free event open to the general public.

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Now you are getting sleepy, very sleepy



Danielle Belton

I'm a chronic sleeper. I need eight to nine hours of sleep a night to function normally. Without sleep, I lose control of all ability to stay awake in class. I fall asleep in almost all of my classes, no matter how interesting or how boring. I'm just tired.

Many college students are just tired, but some student's exhaustion seems a little worse than others. I sympathize with anyone who is stressed out by college. Some (mostly our parents), say that the reason we are so tired is that college students don't manage their time very well and they don't make wise choices. That may be true in some aspects, but the whole truth would be that most college students simply do too much.

Many college students here are trying to juggle a college career, a job, a social life and maintain their sanity. I currently have eighteen hours worth of classes, and I work 22 hours a week plus I have a close network of friends that I have a hard time saying "no" to, because I like them so much. There have been many times I've come home from the *Alestle* office at night around 10 p.m., planning to read one of my assignments then go to sleep, instead I find myself at my friends' apartment engaging in conversation and playing spades till three in the morning. Bad judgement, perhaps. As I am writing this I am periodically falling asleep, only to jerk myself awake again.

Then, I find myself making plans to sleep the entire weekend, and I end up getting no sleep on the weekend for one reason or another. Life is exhausting. I tell myself I'm going to manage my time better, but I don't have enough time to manage my time, and I never get around to it.

It is frustrating, but it's not the end of the world. There is hope.

We could all drop out of school perhaps. Maybe we'll all enroll in a beauty college, maybe we could all be managers at McDonald's. OK, I am being a bit sarcastic, but the fact is, if you have a truly American mind-set about success and work, you believe in doing too much in hope that you'll be able to rest better and easier later. It's the American way. I actually kind of like the more laid-back Latin culture where, if it's not life threatening or work related — come late, leave late, take a nap in the afternoon. So perhaps from now on, no students should schedule classes at two o' clock. Let's all take a 30 minute to an hour nap. I actually prefer the library myself for taking a midday nap.

Now, if perhaps this column seems to be less edgy or less political than others, it's because I have a headache and also because I'm having a little trouble finding out what bothers other students, and not just what bothers me. So read the following below and send me your response.

Though I try to stay abreast of current topics, I often find myself at a loss for ideas for my editorial column. If you feel that there is a pressing issue pertaining to campus life here at SIUE or the lives of students and faculty in general that are being ignored, write your question or comment to me at the Alestle. Your idea or question will be run, along with my article, and I will write an editorial pertaining to your issue.

E-mail your questions, comments and responses to dbelton@siue.edu, or write them down on a piece of paper and drop them off at the Alestle office on the second floor of the University Center.

Danielle Belton
Editor In Chief

Letters to the editor

Featuring letters from all around campus with some point, counterpoint on some Clinton/Corey criticism and then Corey Stulce's response.

Bedroom Politics

Although I sincerely hope that Corey Stulce was joking in his Rants & Raves column on Tuesday, I think it is my obligation to respond.

Mr. Stulce seems to believe that President Clinton's current sex scandal is no big deal. He dismisses President Clinton's actions by saying, "Without the occasional run through the lilies, he would be on edge. President Clinton would have to get satisfaction elsewhere, like picking fights with defenseless countries." Mr. Stulce also seems to think that men who abstain from sex or remain loyal to wives and girlfriends are "sexually frustrated."

I hope the *Alestle* readers do not think that I believe infidelity should be illegal. However, I do believe that it is wrong and I will stand against it. Although I "tsk tsk" those who treat women like dirt, that does not mean I need to "get a hobby" or mind my own business as Mr. Stulce asserts. I hope the *Alestle* readers do not seriously believe that it is ok for a man to look a woman in the eyes and tell her that he loves her only to fool around behind her back. If you want to "avoid that breakdown" by "hanging a banana out of your posterior" as

Mr. Stulce suggests, simply refrain from getting married. A woman should be treated as a lady, not a floozy.

This investigation is not meant to punish our "sexually satisfied" president for fooling around. There are other issues such as perjury, obstruction of justice and sexual harassment that need to be addressed. Until those issues are resolved, the investigation should continue.

Matt Gross
President,
SIUE College Republicans

Mr. Stulce's response

To put your mind at ease, Mr. Gross, of course I was joking in my column on Tuesday. I don't think infidelity is right, but I also don't think that the private life of our president is any of our business.

If we were more paparazzi-like at the *Alestle*, we might want to look into your life, Mr. Gross. You are the president of the college Republicans. Do we, as students, have a right to know what you do after leaving campus for the day? Would you like to have every acquaintance of yours interviewed and every little thing you do scrutinized? What might we see? What could be contorted

as sleazy or wrong? How clean is your conscious? Have you ever done anything you're ashamed of? Anything naughty? What would you like to hide, Mr. Gross? We could find it all out. Inquiring minds want to know.

You see, that is my point. The people in the world today are too obsessed with things that aren't their business. If there were a tabloid paper based entirely on the lives of each and everyone in the world, I think people would be a lot less nosy.

No, I don't think the sex scandal is a big deal. Not in comparison to the real problems plaguing our nation. It's time that we stop listening to every loon with a vendetta to discredit Clinton. He's ours, like it or not, until the new century. Let him get back to work.

I don't mind having my words taken very seriously, or for people to draw their own meaning from them. But, by God, I don't want people to take them so seriously. I am not an authority on anything. I'm just a man with a computer who likes to put a few words down.

Don't get me wrong, I want my opinion on all matters to be heard, just taken with a grain of salt.

Corey Stulce
Lifestyle Editor, Alestle

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House majority leader rips 'shameless' Clinton

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armey says that if he were facing the same sexual misconduct allegations as President Bill Clinton, he would resign.

"I believe he's a shameless person," Armey told about 50 government students Monday at Coppell High School.

"If it were me that had documented personal conduct along the lines of the president's, I would be so filled with shame that I would resign," he said. "This president won't do that. His basic credo in life is, 'I will do whatever I can get away with.'"

Armey's remarks were some of the harshest yet by a

top Republican since a U.S. judge dismissed Paula Corbin Jones' sexual misconduct lawsuit against the president last week.

Armey continued his attack Tuesday, saying it was a matter of personal responsibility, "a value all parents try to instill in their children, as a crucial element of good character."

"I stand by my remarks, which reinforced the importance of personal responsibility. I could not let these children think this president is a good role model," he said in a statement.

Since allegations surfaced that Clinton had an affair

with a White House volunteer and encouraged her to lie about it, Republicans have generally been restrained in their criticism, although many have said the president should resign if the allegations are proven true.

Deputy White House press secretary Joe Lockhart told The Dallas Morning News that the president was "entirely focused on doing the job that the American public sent him to Washington to do."

"The strongest economy in history, falling crime rates and welfare rolls dropping to record-low levels do not allow the president to contemplate any suggestions from Mr. Armey," Lockhart said.

Israel on high alert following new shooting in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel was on high alert for new disturbances today after police shot and killed a Palestinian driver they said ignored an order to stop at a Jerusalem checkpoint.

Protests broke out late Monday in several Arab neighborhoods of the city after the shooting of Mohammed Salaimi, a 25-year-old driver.

Jerusalem Police Chief Yair Yitzhaki said police flagged down Salaimi's van because they suspected it was stolen. When the van didn't stop, they chased it through the city, then opened fire.

The shooting was justified because the van "broke through two checkpoints and rammed several vehicles, including a

police car," Yitzhaki told Israel Radio.

Yitzhaki said the police aimed for the wheels of the van but — because they were firing from a speeding car hit the driver. The Justice Ministry is investigating the incident.

A ministry spokesman said today that Salaimi was apparently trying to evade police because he did not have a drivers license.

In a separate incident, police said they arrested two Palestinians near the scene of the shooting with a Beretta handgun, a toy pistol, a stocking mask and handcuffs.

Following the shooting, which took place in the Arab

neighborhood of Kalandia, Arab residents stoned police cars and buses, burned tires and threw a firebomb.

The dead man's family told Israel Radio that he was on his way to visit his wife.

Also today, Hamas leaders stepped up their criticism of the Palestinian Authority, which cleared Israel in the March 29 killing of the group's chief bombmaker.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip, said the group rejected the Palestinian Authority's findings that bombmaker Mohiyedine Sharif had been shot by a rival Hamas member who tried to cover up the slaying by disfiguring the body in

a bomb blast.

The Palestinian Authority announced its findings Monday. Hamas, however, continued to blame Israel and said it would make good on threats to carry out revenge bombings in Israel.

Rantisi said he believed Sharif was killed in an effort to stop the activities of the Hamas military wing, Izzedine al Qassam. Izzedine al Qassam "continues its investigation, not only to prove that Israel is involved, but to find out who are the tools who carried out this crime," he said.

Rantisi had insinuated earlier that the Palestinian Authority might have been involved in the slaying.

He demanded today that the

Palestinian Authority set up an independent committee to investigate Sharif's killing.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that the Sharif investigation proved that the Palestinian Authority was capable of fighting terrorism and that it must continue its efforts.

In response to Hamas threats, Israeli security forces have been patrolling markets, malls and bus stations in Jerusalem and other cities, and tightening controls at West Bank roadblocks.

Israel was expected to seal off the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the start Friday of the weeklong Jewish holiday of Passover to prevent possible attacks.

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Voluntary declarations of homosexuality increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen has ordered new guidelines to explain and enforce the Clinton administration's policy barring the pursuit and harassment of homosexuals in the military.

"Some commanders haven't gotten the message," Cohen said in a National Public Radio interview Tuesday.

"I have tried to make it very clear that we want this policy fully and fairly implemented. That means there's to be no pursuit, there's to be no harassment, and if it's taking place, it's something I'm very concerned about," Cohen said.

The "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy was initiated

in 1994 amid great controversy, attempting to strike a balance between prohibited homosexual conduct in the military and attempts to maintain the privacy of those who choose not to declare their sexual orientation.

Meanwhile, the Defense Department released a report showing the number of people discharged for homosexuality climbed from 850 in 1996 to 997 last year. The lowest number discharged was 617 in 1994, while the highest in recent years was 1,998 in 1982, the report said. That high number amounted to 0.095 percent of the total force.

The report also said that 80 percent of those discharged for homosexuality in 1997 had made a statement that they were

homosexual. More than 80 percent of those discharged had less than four years of service, the study said.

"In the most common case, a discharge under the homosexual conduct policy involves a junior enlisted member who makes a statement declaring his or her homosexuality to a commander, supervisor or peer relatively early in the member's first term of service," the report stated.

The secretary said he does not believe the new figures indicate that harassment is on the rise.

The report argued that the policy was being fairly and properly enforced, Cohen noted, but he added, "It's conceivable, and it's possible, that some commanders haven't

gotten the message."

Those who do engage in witch hunts, Cohen warned, will themselves "be the subject of their own investigation" and potentially charged with sexual harassment.

The report said without elaboration that in only three cases had the policy not been properly enforced.

Critics of the policy said Cohen would not have issued the directives, if indeed the policy was being properly enforced.

"The policy itself is not being followed down the chain of command and the core problem of anti-gay bias goes completely unaddressed," said a statement issued by Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human

Rights Campaign, a national gay political organization. "The policy is not working because commanders in the field are continuing to ask and pursue, hunting down gay service members unabated."

Some of Cohen's other recommendations include:

Military commanders should consult with their superiors and military legal authorities before embarking on investigations of suspected homosexuals.

Authorization for investigations in situations dubbed "coming-out" cases must be approved by the service secretaries.

Commanders and investigators need more training about the policy.

Cops who pleaded guilty to corruption are fired

WEST NEW YORK, N.J. (AP) — Three police officers who admitted taking bribes in what prosecutors have described as the most pervasive police corruption ever exposed in New Jersey have been fired, officials said.

Detective Lt. Alexander L. Oriente, Detective Sgt. Carmine Gaeta and Officer Manuel Gonzales were fired effective immediately at a disciplinary hearing Monday, Public Safety Commissioner Sal Vega said.

None of the men appeared at the hearing. Oriente and Gonzales had been suspended since they were arrested Jan. 13.

Oriente's father, retired Chief Alexander V. Oriente, and other officers were charged in January with taking at least \$600,000 in bribes and kickbacks to shield a prostitution ring, illicit liquor sales and illegal gambling operations in their town, just across the Hudson River from New York City.

The elder Oriente pleaded guilty March 16 to a single count each of racketeering and conspiracy to defraud the IRS by failing to report \$80,000 in bribes on his income tax returns. His son admitted to a single extortion count for taking money from the owners of an

illegal gambling business.

Gonzales admitted accepting payments totaling \$2,166 from the city's towing service for each ticket he wrote that resulted in vehicles being towed.

Gaeta, who had applied for a disability retirement March 1, pleaded guilty March 19 to two counts, extortion and failing to report income from an illegal gambling operation in West New York. The 20-year veteran admitted he failed to report bribes from Boardwalk Amusements, a West New York company said to be

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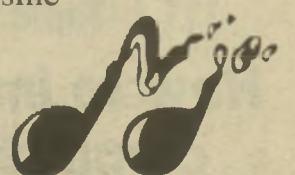
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Father says Arkansas shootings suspect was molested

NEW YORK (AP) — The 13-year-old boy accused of killing four students and a teacher at his Arkansas school said he was sexually molested while growing up in Minnesota, according to his father and his attorney.

Mitchell Johnson claimed he was abused when he was 6 and 7 years old, his attorney, Tom Furth, said in an interview broadcast Monday night on ABC News' "20-20."

Mitchell and Drew Golden, 11, each face five counts of murder and 10 counts of first-degree battery in the March 24 shooting outside a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark.

Furth and Mitchell's father, Scott Johnson, described Mitchell as angry about the abuse and remorseful about the shootings. They said he had

received death threats.

Scott Johnson said he only learned last week about his son's alleged abuse, two days before the interview, which was recorded Sunday. The attacker was "a family member of the day care where he was placed," Johnson said.

At the time, Mitchell lived in Grand Meadow, Minn., a small town about 95 miles south of Minneapolis. His parents divorced and he later moved to Jonesboro with his mother.

"Mitchell Johnson is very angry about some things that have happened to him in his past," Furth said. "And he's 13 years old, and he doesn't know how to handle some of these things and he doesn't know how to cope with some of these things."

Neither Furth nor Johnson returned messages Monday seeking further comment on issues raised in the interview.

Mitchell's mother, Gretchen Woodard, told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis that she was unaware of any abuse. She said Mitchell had been in day care for about a year.

"It saddens me that (Mitchell) could not come to me and speak of the danger inside of him," she said.

Mitchell's grandfather, Buster Johnson of Spring Valley, Minn., said he did not know Mitchell had been abused.

"This is totally new to me," he said.

On the "20-20" broadcast, Scott Johnson also read a letter he said Mitchell wrote three days ago. It was unclear to whom the

letter was addressed.

"Hi. My name is Mitchell," his father read. "My thoughts and prayers are with those people who were killed, or shot, and their families. I am really sad inside about everything. My thoughts and prayers are with those kids that I go to school with. I really want people to know the real Mitchell someday. Sincerely, Mitchell Johnson."

Johnson appeared to confirm earlier reports that Mitchell was charged with molesting a 2- or 3-year-old girl while visiting Minnesota last summer.

Asked what he could say about the incident, Johnson said only: "That his actions were inappropriate and that I took him to the authorities."

"I thought he would get help," he said.

The record of that case is closed because Mitchell is a juvenile.

If Mitchell is found guilty of the school killings and sentenced to a detention center, he likely would be released at age 18.

Furth said Mitchell's family fears for his life. Some letters said Mitchell wouldn't make it out of a detention center alive, Johnson said.

"I have a very unpopular client in this country, and that's because people don't know the answer to why (the shootings) happened," Furth said.

Johnson said he didn't think five years of detention was enough, but when asked what would be enough, he said:

"I don't have an answer for that. What is enough for five lives? I don't think my son should die."

Husband still reeling after accusations wife killed for a child

CHICAGO (AP) — Adriana Mejia longed for a child.

And even though her husband had his doubts, he kept quiet — at first — when the 22-year-old woman brought home an infant girl she said was newborn, and a 3-year-old boy she said she was watching for a woman she met at the hospital.

He knew how badly she wanted a child. Then Rosaura Mejia

saw the news reports. A couple had been slain and their two children abducted.

"I can't believe it even now," Mejia, 23, said Monday through a Spanish-English translator. "I didn't see it coming." He took the boy to police.

Authorities said Mrs. Mejia spotted Jacinita Soto and her baby girl March 27 at a health clinic and

followed her to learn where she lived. Mrs. Mejia paid \$600 to Arturo DeLeon-Reyes to help her, and he in turn recruited Gabriel Solache, a family friend, prosecutors said.

The next day, police said, the three broke in on Mrs. Soto and her husband, Mariano, a factory worker, and stabbed them to death. Then they took the couple's

two children.

"They agreed that they would do whatever they needed to do to get a child, and that included killing," prosecutor Adrienne Mebane said while a translator whispered in Spanish to the three defendants.

Police believe Mejia had no knowledge of his wife's plan.

Circuit Judge William Wood

ordered Mrs. Mejia and her two alleged accomplices held without bond. All three were charged Sunday with first-degree murder, kidnapping and home invasion.

All are illegal immigrants from Mexico, said Gail Montenegro, a spokeswoman for the

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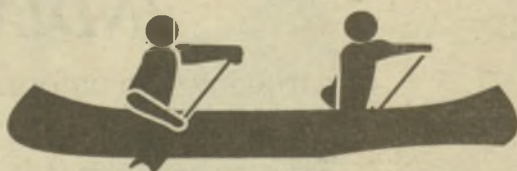


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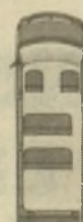
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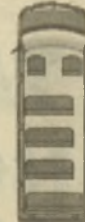
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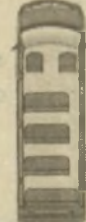
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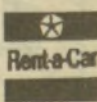
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High school sophomore allegedly compiled "hit list" of students

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ohio (AP) — A Ridgewood High School sophomore has been accused of compiling a "hit list" of students and teachers.

Schools Superintendent Victor Cardenzana said he suspended the unidentified 15-year-old for the remainder of the school year on Monday because, after last month's killings in Jonesboro, Ark., "no one can treat this as a prank."

"I did my job and got him out of here. It is my responsibility to provide a safe environment for kids," Cardenzana said.

Cardenzana said the boy is accused of creating the list of about a dozen names using a school computer the day after the March 24 Arkansas attack in which authorities say two schoolboys shot and killed four students and a teacher.

High school administrators learned about the list from other students, Cardenzana said.

He said the list was recorded on a computer diskette which was found in the boy's possession. The diskette contained the names, the reason each person was on the list and "how he was going to get

it done, and also where they lived," Cardenzana said.

The superintendent was one of those on the list.

"It didn't make me feel strange," Cardenzana said. "But I had a bomb threat at my house on March 31. I can't tie the two events, but it bothered my family."

The diskette was turned over to West Lafayette police, who confirmed they are investigating.

Police Capt. Randy Walsh declined comment, citing the teen's status as a juvenile. Assistant Coshocton County Prosecutor Pat Williams today said his office was investigating, but he declined further comment.

Cardenzana said classes at the school have not been affected by the discovery of the list.

"It's business as usual here. Everything is quiet. We are providing a safe environment to the students and staff," he said today.

Cardenzana said he discussed the incident with the boy's father. "The student definitely needs some help," he said.

West Lafayette is 75 miles east of Columbus.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mejia said he and his wife had talked about having a child and was happy when she said she was pregnant. Prosecutors said she had been diagnosed as infertile last year.

"She was a good person," Mejia said. "I didn't see it coming."

It was the second time in less than three years police say a frustrated maternal instinct soured into a gruesome murder-kidnapping in the Chicago area.

In November 1995, home invaders broke into a suburban apartment, killed a little girl and then shot her mother in the head, slit her throat, ripped a fetus out of the pregnant woman's uterus and walked off with the infant along with an older boy, who later was killed.

A 1-year-old was left alone amid the carnage. Jurors have recommended a death sentence for a woman convicted of the crime; trials are pending for two others.

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involved with illegal video gambling.

"These men are corrupt police officers who have caused immeasurable damage to the department, our community and the State of New Jersey," Vega told The Jersey Journal of Jersey City. "I believe it's important that such corrupt officers be immediately removed."

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Sunday April 12

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Monday, April 13

Jazz Combo Concert, 7:30PM
CB Room 1114, College of
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Department

Tuesday, April 14

Bob Maisel Retrospective
Art Gallery, The University
Museum

IMAGE Interviewing Part II:
Human Resource Panel
11:00AM - 12:15PM
Student Leadership
Development Program

SLDP Module
2:00PM & 6:30PM
Mississippi-Illinois Room
University Center, Student
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Program

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2:30PM - 3:30PM
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Body Fat Tuesday
(Body Fat Measurement)
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Student Fitness Center
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Jazz Combo Concert, 7:30PM
CB Room 1114, College of
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Wednesday, April 15

Bob Maisel Retrospective
Art Gallery, The University
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Cartoon Appreciation
10:30AM - 1:30PM
Center Court, Dining
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Livewire Wednesday
11:30AM
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Jazz at the Bistro features top national acts performing Wed. - Sat. with sets at 9 & 10:45 p.m. at the **Backstage Bistro**, 3536 Washington. \$18 - \$25. Students receive a 50 percent discount with a valid I.D., for the second set only, any

evening. April 8 - 11: **Clark Terry Quintet**. 314-534-3663 or 314-533-1884.

SIUE Arts & Issues Series

Continuing the **Arts and Issues Series**, the **Gregg Smith Singers** perform April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the **SIUE Communications Building Theater**. \$12 general admission. \$6 students. 618-692-2320.

SIUE Coffee Concert

The **College of Arts and Sciences Department of Music** at SIUE presents a **Coffee Concert** April 6. W. A. Mozart: Quartet in G Minor, K. 478, for piano, violin and cello. Bela Bartok: Contrasts for clarinet, violin and piano. Ernst Dohnanyi: Trio, Op. 10, for violin, viola and cello. The concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom. \$7 general admission. \$6 seniors. \$5 students. 618-692-2774.

Blueberry Hill

Performing at **Blueberry Hill** in the Duck Room April 2 & 10: **Dr. Zhivegas**. In the Elvis Room April 11: **Reggae at Will**, recently voted the No. 1 St. Louis Band in the Riverfront Times. 314-727-0880.

Mississippi Nights

Performing at **Mississippi Nights** on April 3: **Boogie Chyld** with **Mind Over Soul**. April 19: **Squirrel Nut Zippers**. April 24: **Tone Loc**. May 1: **Soul Fly**. (hed) pe. & Snot. 314-421-3853.

COMEDY

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Funny Bone Comedy Club - West Port Plaza. 1-270 & Page, features acts at 8:30 p.m. Wed. - Thurs., 8:30 & 10:45 p.m. Fri., 7:30 & 10 p.m. & midnight Sat. and 8 p.m. Sun. (except as noted) \$6 - \$13. April 1 - 5: **Jason Stuart**. April 8 - 9: **Pinkard & Bowden** with **Craig Hawksley**. 314-469-6692.

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WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

8	Thursday, April 9	Friday, April 10	Saturday, April 11
<p>April 15</p> <p>Retrospective The University</p> <p>Appreciation Day 3:00PM Dining Services</p> <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>Triangle/Goshen University Center Board</p> <p>Days of Highly People: Frank Akers</p> <p>1:00PM Leadership Program</p> <p>Today is a Capitalist 1:00PM Food Room UC, Republicans</p>	<p>Annual High School 9:00AM - 4:00PM New Wagner Gallery Art & Design Department</p> <p>Blood Drive 10:00AM - 3:00PM Meridian Ballroom Sigma Phi Epsilon</p> <p>Holy Thursday Service 7:30PM Religious Center Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Student Union</p> <p>Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Joseph Michlitsch 11:00AM - 12:30PM Student Leadership Development Program</p> <p>Soup & Substance 12:00 Noon - 1:00PM Cahokia Room University Center Board</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Campus Canoeing Registration Due</p> <p>Annual High School 9:00AM - 4:00PM New Wagner Gallery, Art & Design Department</p> <p>Good Friday Service 7:00PM Religious Center Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Student Union</p> <p>Women's Tennis - SIUE vs. Southwest Baptist, 9:00AM Athletics</p> <p>Finance Board Meeting 2:30PM Student Government</p> <p>Constitution Review Committee Meeting 2:30PM Student Government</p>	<p>Easter Holiday - Weekend classes will not be in session.</p> <p>SIUE Relays 10:00AM Athletics</p> <p>Easter Vigil 7:00PM Religious Center Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Student Union</p> <p>Indian Night 5:30PM - 11:30PM Meridian Ballroom Indian Student Association</p> <p>Action! Day/Kids Public Safety Day 8:00AM - 3:00PM Student Leadership Development Program</p>

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LECTURES

St. Louis Art Museum

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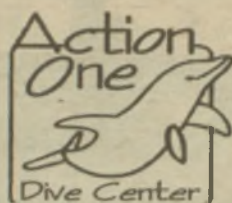
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SIUE's Experimental Theater

Peter Banholzer, a senior theater major at
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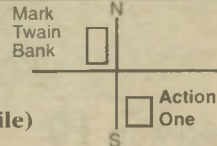
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April 14, 1998

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April 21, 1998

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Who Said It?/
What Movie?

"Man, that's the thing I like about those high school girls. I get older, but they always stay the same age."

(Hint: A Newton boy)
Answer on Tuesday

Tuesday's answer: Michael Rappaport in "Beautiful Girls"

Lifestyle

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998 ◆

Moore in the Muck



In his second documentary feature film, "The Big One," director Michael Moore uses his muckraking abilities to rock the boat of corporate America

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Michael Moore and his camera are to be feared.

At least that is what the CEOs of some corporations have come to think of the director of the documentaries "Roger and Me" and his latest, "The Big One."

Home Office sent out a memo while Moore was on a tour to publicize his book "Downsize This! Random Threats from an Unarmed American." It gave instructions for their employees to use if Moore happened to drop in on them, unannounced, with his camera crew, asking questions.

Moore's guerrilla-style journalism has made him a

modern-day muckraker. Following in the footsteps of individuals like Upton Sinclair, Moore's purpose has been to expose some of America's large corporations for what he thinks they are: greed factories.

"Every city I went to, people would tell me stories," Moore said. "Stories about how their company just posted a record profit and they lost their job; about how they had to work two jobs and still couldn't make enough to get by. Everyone was afraid they'd be downsized next. It was clear that even though things were better off for corporate America, the "good times" were not trickling down to the rest of the country."

Moore does not come across as a radical reactionary. He is soft-spoken, and more importantly, very funny. His humor is what makes his message possible to be heard by the masses. After laughing at his musings, they might think about what Moore is actually trying to say. He edited the "Flint Voice" for 10 years in Michigan before making his first film, "Roger and Me."

In "Roger" Moore was desperately trying to track down always unavailable General Motors CEO Roger Smith to ask him why he was closing down auto factories in Flint. Moore took his camera crew everywhere, a n d

captured footage that told the tale of the destruction in the heartland of America. "Roger" went on to be the highest grossing non-concert documentary in history.

"The Big One" is superior to "Roger" in terms of focus. The film begins with Moore's cross-country book tour, and veers to the field trips he made to down-sized corporations that affected people all over America.

One of the first stops is a book signing in St. Louis. Moore made his first detour from the tour to Centralia, Ill., where the workers at the Payday candy factory were about to lose their jobs. Moore spoke with the departing workers, and made attempts to get inside the factory on it's last day open. Unfortunately, company representatives were reluctant to make a statement while his cameras were on.

Moore was back in St. Louis last month for a screening of "The Big One," and he spoke to some of the Centralia workers who attended.

"My dad didn't live with this kind of fear ... The social contract then was, if you worked hard and the company did well, he did well. That was it, right? The American dream. And now, up in Centralia, you work hard, the company prospers, and you lose your job. That's the new equation," Moore said.

Moore's biggest break and one of the film's highlights is the appearance of Nike CEO Phil Knight. For some odd reason, Knight agreed to do an interview with Moore with the cameras on. Moore attempted to get Knight to travel to Indonesia to visit one of Nike's factories. Workers there are as young as 14 and get paid 40 cents per hour. Knight declined.

Moore had hoped Knight was different than many of the CEOs he had been after. "Underneath the veneer of hipness lies the same "no amount is enough" greed and disdain for working families that one finds in Knight's older, buttoned-down, clean-shaven colleagues," Moore said.

After the film was screened, Knight attempted to have Moore take two portions out. Moore declined, but said he would add a scene of Nike breaking ground on a shoe-factory in Flint. Ground has yet to be broken.

Miramax will give half of the profits of "The Big One" to the people of Flint. \$100,000 has already been advanced.

"I set out to make a funny, entertaining and hopefully enlightening movie about what I saw on my trip across America. Ultimately I hope it will give people a chance to have a good cathartic laugh, and know they're not alone, that however good things are for corporations, most Americans are just like them, still working longer hours for less pay, still living in fear of being downsized ... I hope that people leave the theatres laughing and shaking their fists, not in despair, but in outrage," Moore said.

"The Big One" opens at the Tivoli Theatre in St. Louis tomorrow.



Illustration: Jim Huff

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Top: An illustration Of Michael Moore, raking the muck. Left: Director Moore takes on corporate America in his new documentary, "The Big One." Above: Nike CEO Phil Knight declines a free trip to Indonesia from Moore.



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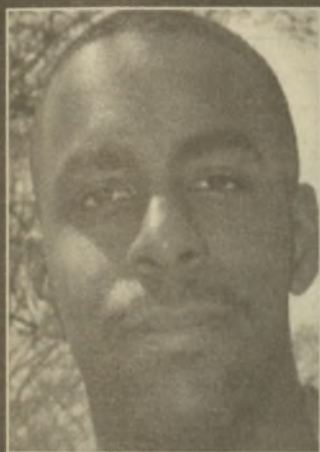
by Jill Stevens

What would you sell your soul for?



"An 'A' in Nora Baker's journalism class."

Lynn Rokita Jr., speech communication



"As a Christian, my soul belongs to God, so I can't sell it."

Jason Roscoe Jr., electrical engineering



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"To eat whatever food I want, whenever I want."

Stacie Williams Jr., education



Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Everybody has an Oscar Madison or a Felix Unger in their life. It might be a relative, a semi-friend or even a roommate. That's the fun of seeing Neil Simon's "Odd Couple II"; not only can you marvel at two mismatched people spending time together, but you can escape for two hours from your Felix or Oscar.

Thirty years ago, the original "Odd Couple" debuted with Walter Matthau as Oscar and Jack Lemmon as Felix. Felix had just been kicked out of his house by his wife and he moved in with pal Oscar. Felix is a picky neat-freak and Oscar is a laid-back slob. They spend much of the movie verbally abusing one another, but staying friends in the long run.

Fast forward thirty years. Lemmon and Matthau

have made at least a dozen more films together, and the latest ones have had the two bickering at each other "Odd Couple" style. Is the magic still there?

Yes, and no. Those who enjoy the curse-laced bickerings of the duo will be pleased with the sequel, but die-hard fans of the original, and Simon aficionados, may be a bit disappointed.

The story opens with Oscar living in California semi-retired. He gets a call from his son who tells him that he is marrying Felix's daughter. Oscar and Felix are reunited and they plan on traveling to the wedding together. Of course, it's no easy trip and they end up getting arrested three times.

The story is decent, but the sharp wit of Simon has dulled over the years. And nearing 80, Lemmon and Matthau are starting to lose their comic touch. But, the film is fine for a few laughs. It opens tomorrow in theatres.

Why eggs?

What are the other choices?

Do you feel like you're taking anything away from Jesus?

Not at all. There are some that are God people and some that are bunny people.

I see.

I have to cover all bases, you know.

When was the last time that you hung out with Santa?

Oh, that fu*k. I don't even want to talk about him.

What do you do when you're spotted by a kid?

I try to get away real quick. Because I hate those little slimy so-and-sos. I started this whole thing for grownups, but they started giving the eggs to little kids. It all went downhill from there.

Where's the best place you've ever hidden an egg?

Oh, you don't want to know buddy. Ooh, it hurts.

Have you ever delivered eggs while intoxicated?

No, it's against the International Brotherhood of Easter Bunnies to have alcoholic beverages while on duty.

What's your best pick-up line? You want to see my chocolate, bunny?

Who's the biggest celebrity you've ever delivered to?

Probably Martin Sheen.

What is the deal with the Cadberry Bunny?

Yeah, what is the deal with the Cadberry Bunny? Where did that sh*thead come from? It's just a marketing ploy. He's trying to cash in on all of my stuff.

What's your favorite "Seinfeld" episode?

Probably the "George's wallet" episode.

What do you really want to tell people when they're sitting on your lap?

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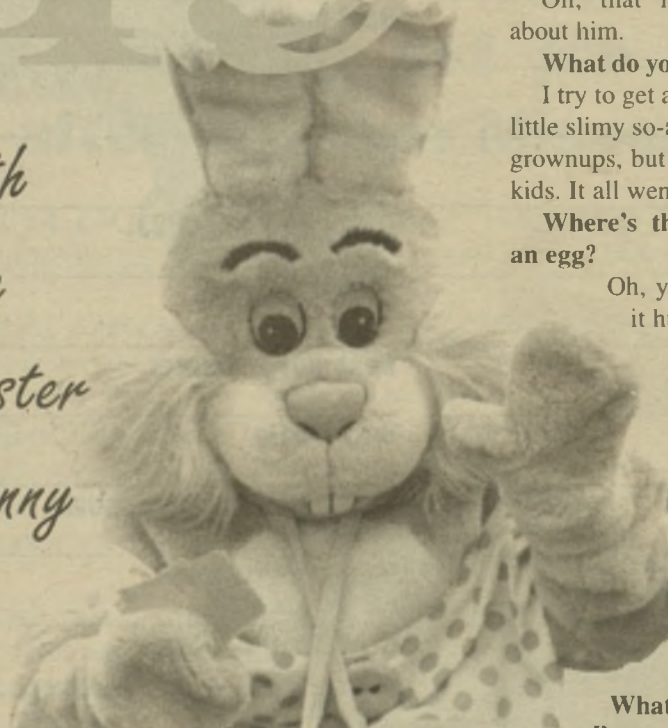
What's your sex life like?

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Inane Questions

By Corey Stulce

with
the
Easter
Bunny



He is an internationally known figure who has been bringing joy and cavities to children for many years. He is, of course, the Easter Bunny.

Many, though, have never had the opportunity to get to know the thoughts and feelings of the overgrown hare. In a candid interview, I discovered some of the well-kept secrets of the bunny.

How old are you exactly?

What do you care?

Will Happy Harry be the most colorful character once again?

Will the Alpha Phi's band together for a repeat?

And does the UC still have the cleanest bathrooms?

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Batters up for Cougar ball

Cougar pitching is "bread and butter" for SIUE baseball

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
STAFF REPORTER

The Cougar baseball team is definitely capable of producing runs, but head coach Gary Collins is convinced pitching is still the team's bread and butter.

After a five-game home stand in which SIUE took on two conference contenders, the Cougars had won four out of the five games and manufactured 41 runs. The 4-1 loss to the University of Missouri-St. Louis on April 1 is what has coach Collins worried.

"We can't keep producing the runs we have consistently," Collins said. "Our pitching is coming around, I think, and hopefully we can start supporting our pitching with our hitting."

In the homestretch, pitcher Ryan Cox threw two full games and senior Rob LaMarsh pitched a complete game.

"I felt like Rusty Sarnes, Ryan Cox and Rob LaMarsh all had good stuff through the stretch," Collins said. "They didn't look fatigued, and going the distance gives positive signs of improvement."

Without strong pitching, the Cougars could get finessed out of a few games. Collins believes that good pitching can overrule strong



Senior pitcher Rob LaMarsh takes a swing during a baseball game. LaMarsh hit a home run against University of Missouri-St. Louis on April 2, helping the Cougars beat UMSL, 11-2.

hitting any day. In the loss to UMSL, Shane Brannan held the Cougars to five hits, fanned eight SIUE batsmen and held the home team to just one run. This type of performance could leave Collins' team reeling, especially going deeper into the season. The Cougars are averaging 13.7 runs a game and it has brought the Cougars to a 21-8 record this season.

In the four other games of last weeks series, SIUE played

like the productive run-scoring machine from which it occasionally veers. In the second game against UMSL last Thursday, SIUE put the bats in harmony and tallied 13 hits in the 11-2 victory. Home runs by center fielder Mark Briggs, pitcher LaMarsh and a five run fourth inning for the Cougars set UMSL back in their GLVC South Division 2nd place seat until they meet again.

After a thirteen hit game

against UMSL, the Cougars came back for an encore performance. In the doubleheader on Saturday against the GLVC South Division's third ranked Kentucky Wesleyan College, the lucky hit number again was 13. Second baseman Mark Bugger hit a perfect 2-2 while Briggs and shortstop Mike Robertson each went 2-4 from the plate in the 10-2 first game victory.

Doubles from Briggs, LaMarsh and catcher Ryan

Collings kept KWC in check through nine innings in Saturday's second game. In addition, four .500 or above performances by the Cougar bats made the 9-5 victory too much for KWC pitching tandem of Matt Fitzsimmons, who pitched six and two-thirds innings, and Chris Skeeters who finished up the game.

Left fielder Mason Horne helped SIUE to two 5-run innings by tagging a home run with three RBIs in Sunday's 10-3 series closer. Jason Seivert went 3-4 from the designated hitter spot and has been on fire lately.

"Mark Bugger and Jason Seivert have been leading lately," Collins said. "Mark is playing like a veteran, not a freshman, and Seivert leads the team in batting average."

Collins is hoping to round out the Cougars by improving in the lacking areas. SIUE faces two more conference foes this weekend and travels to the University of Wisconsin Parkside on Friday and then to St. Joseph's College on Saturday.

"I have seen some improvement in pitching," Collins said. "Our fielding isn't exactly where I like it. We need to see if we can get better to balance our game."

Solid pitching helps Cougar softball get job done, team improves record to 29 - 15 after win over Missouri-St. Louis



Amy Vandervinne tries to beat the ball to first base during the game against Missouri-St. Louis.

■ BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS REPORTER

Solid pitching continues to get the job done for the SIUE softball team.

The Cougars upped their record to 23-15 with a pair of wins over the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Tuesday night.

In the first game, SIUE scored all of their runs in the fourth inning as they went on to a 4-1 victory.

Pinckneyville native Jessica Silbe allowed six hits in pitching the complete game. After notching her ninth victory of the season, Silbe leads the SIUE pitching staff in wins.

Senior Gwen Jackson, of Collinsville, went 2 for 4 with a double and added an RBI.

Freshman Amy VanderVinne slapped a double in the fourth that scored two runs.

Junior Kim Messenger, of Bridgeton, Mo., also contributed a double and scored a run.

The Cougars downed UMSL for the fourth time this year in the second game of the doubleheader.

Senior Deanna Smith worked all seven innings to pick up her eighth victory of the season in a 4-2 SIUE win. Smith leads the pitching staff with a 2.07 ERA, and has 38 strike outs to her credit.

SIUE managed to score runs in the first two innings before UMSL cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the third. A two-run fifth gave the Cougars some breathing room and proved to be an unsurmountable lead.

Sarah Sollberger, of Peoria, doubled twice, knocked in one

RBI and scored a run. VanderVinne went 2 for 3 with an RBI and shortstop Mandy Uhrhan drove in a run when she singled.

The Cougars, who have won seven in a row, were scheduled to play Quincy in a doubleheader yesterday, but the results were unattainable before the Alestle's deadline.

An important slate of games in Romeoville, Ill. this weekend will determine where SIUE stands as they prepare for the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament, starting April 17.

The Cougars are in second place with a conference mark of 15-4. They will face the likes of St. Joseph's College, Lewis University, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside this weekend with hopes of taking a No. 1 seed into the GLVC tournament.

Sports Column: Triplett ponders, "Sports greats or sports greedies?"



Jason Triplett

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
STAFF REPORTER

If I was paid millions of dollars to put a round inflated ball through a hoop, hit a tightly wound ball with a wooden stick, or make a pigskin fly through the air into a teammate's arms, I would treat my body and my career like the golden meal ticket that

it is paid to be.

In the past few years, more professional athletes have faced drug, assault and other charges while they are being paid for their image, their body and their mind. Of course, I am not including all of the athletes in professional sports when I say that they aren't taking their careers seriously. But there are those who know what kind of money they make, know the reasons why and still abuse the very source of their substance.

A professional athlete's image is one that, depending on

the athlete, can be a huge benefit or burden. It doesn't matter if an athlete wants to be a role model or not. They are not role models by their own choice, but by the fans choice. A fan chooses to idolize someone, the idol doesn't choose the fans.

Image is such an important part of some athlete's lives that it has the population thinking some athletes are superhuman. Take Michael Jordan for instance. His accumulated wealth from his many endorsements earned Michael his own clothing company. It has been said that Michael can fly.

Image is everything.

A professional athlete's body is the key to his paycheck. If a superstar's body doesn't work then what good is the superstar? How can an athlete use drugs and still expect his body to be up to par. He/she can't. Drugs put your body at a deficiency somewhere whether it be mentally, physically or chemically. In my opinion, an athlete needs improvement from college to professional play, and the use of drugs hinders the athlete's ability to improve.

Professional sports have

become mentally challenging in the '90s. Whether to make a pass or not, to hit the gap or hug the line, to take the shot or give it up. The mental game is as important as the physical game and you can get into someone's head as easily as you can hurt their body if they aren't in the finest shape.

Come on guys. What you did in college is what you did in college. You get paid to play a game. The least you can do is respect it. A profession is called professional because you live it. That's why it isn't called a job.

UMN football player pleads innocent to charges

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Ryan Taylor, one of the best defensive players on New Mexico's bowl team last season, pleaded innocent to charges he hit and choked his girlfriend.

Taylor did not attend a hearing Monday before Metropolitan Court Judge Theresa Gomez. His attorney, Frank Sedillo, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf.

The 21-year-old sophomore

spent Sunday night in jail on charges of aggravated battery and false imprisonment and is currently free on a \$12,500 bond.

According to a police report, Taylor's girlfriend said she and Taylor began arguing after they left an Albuquerque dance club early Sunday morning. The woman told police that Taylor hit her with an open hand while she was driving and later at Taylor's

apartment "choked her five different times."

The woman called police after leaving Taylor's apartment and going home.

Reached by telephone Monday, Taylor told the Albuquerque Journal, "I'd love to tell you all about it, but I can't."

Lobos coach Rocky Long said Taylor has been placed on a leave

of absence but remained a member of the team. Long refused to discuss what he would do if the allegations were proven true.

"I think every situation is different," Long said. "He told me he was going to plead innocent. You have to let the legal system work to a final conclusion, and you have to make a judgment on each

individual case."

Taylor played defensive end last season and led the Lobos and the Western Athletic Conference in sacks with 11. He was a leader on a New Mexico team that won the Mountain Division of the WAC and went to the Insight.com Bowl, losing 20-14 to Arizona.

Wizards players Howard, Weber investigated on sexual assault allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Juwan Howard and Chris Webber, both former standouts at Michigan, are being investigated for an alleged sexual assault against a woman during a party at Howard's suburban Maryland home, authorities said Monday.

Investigators at the Montgomery County police department searched the homes of the two teammates after a woman detailed the allegations in a call to authorities early Monday, police spokesman George Luddington said. No charges were filed.

Police also are interviewing people at the party who may have witnessed the alleged incident.

Billy Martin, an attorney for Howard, said on WTTG-TV in Washington no warrants were pending for his client. Howard described the allegation as "a big

distraction" and told the station "I'm speechless about it."

Following a Monday morning practice, Webber told WUSA-TV in Washington that "no police have contacted me."

Both players, members of Michigan's Fab Five teams that made consecutive NCAA finals appearances, are in Chicago, where the Wizards are scheduled to play the Bulls on Tuesday night. Luddington said authorities would probably wait for the players to return to the Washington area before interviewing them.

Webber was arrested Jan. 20 by police in Prince George's County, Md., another Washington suburb, and charged with speeding, assaulting a police officer and possession of marijuana. He is awaiting trial.

Howard was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in 1996 after his Mercedes was spotted speeding away from a Washington

nightclub. The charges were dropped after he agreed to enter an alcohol education program.

Howard, one of the highest-paid players in the NBA and

known for his charitable work around the Washington area, scored 12 points in the Wizards' 88-85 victory over the Orlando Magic on Sunday night.

Life After Class: The Movie

Starting April 1st, look for cameras roaming around campus capturing student "life after class." A documentary type film will be made promoting non-alcoholic and substance-free events taking place in the SIUE community. This film will present student/faculty/staff opinions on drug and alcohol use and abuse. The film will be shown in the University Center Goshen Lounge on April 28th from 11:00 am until 1:00pm. Be a part of the "Action."

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Rams, Bears eye Cardinals' NO. 3 pick but question its cost

PHOENIX (AP) — St. Louis and Chicago covet the Arizona Cardinals' No. 3 pick in the coming draft but don't like the price.

The Cardinals gave up their second-place slot to San Diego last month in exchange for the third, plus a second-round pick, a No. 1 in 1999 and two players.

The Rams, who pick sixth,

and the Bears, who pick fifth, confirmed they have approached the Cardinals about a trade, though the Cardinals declined to comment, The Arizona Republic said Tuesday.

But Rams coach Dick Vermeil said he doubted the Cardinals really were very interested and certainly would be so only on their terms.

"Moving to the third spot looks like an improbability to me because of the asking price," Vermeil said. "We used a third, fourth (and seventh) last year to move from No. 6 to No. 1, and they want much, much more than that for us to move from six to three."

"I believe personally they don't want to trade, but if they

get what they're asking for, they'll do it," Vermeil added, though he wouldn't say what the Cardinals had demanded.

Both the Bears and the Rams have their eyes on Florida State defensive end Andre Wadsworth — as do the Cardinals.

Bears officials said they also have discussed a trade with the Rams. If the Rams move up that

one slot, they expect to draft Penn State running back Curtis Enis, the Republic said.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals said Monday they have signed punter Scott Player, who had brief stints with the New York Giants and the New York Jets since being cut by the Cardinals after training camp two years ago.

Mayor, county judge urge negotiations for new arena

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority should begin negotiating with the Houston Rockets on a new arena for the National Basketball Association team, two top officials say.

Mayor Lee Brown and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels urged Monday that the

negotiations be pushed following a meeting with Rockets owner Leslie Alexander.

Alexander and an entourage of supporters met separately Monday with Brown and Eckels in hopes of getting a referendum before county voters this August.

Both leaders said that

Alexander's timetable may be too optimistic, but both said the sports authority should begin negotiating a deal with the team.

Brown said he will spend the "next few days" speaking with people in the community to determine if the referendum would pass.

"Obviously, (a referendum)

could be done that quickly — that's not the issue," Brown said. "You want to make sure that when we do it, it's a successful vote of the public."

"My sense is that the people of Houston love the Rockets just as I love the Rockets, and they want the Rockets to be competitive with a new arena."

"I don't know any reason why

we can't get it done in August," Alexander said. "We need a new arena to compete in the NBA."

"We want to get free agents, we want to win championships, and you need one to win."

The owner wants luxury suites and club seats, amenities not available at the city-owned Compaq Center where the team now plays.

Knee injury may end football season for FSU's Kendra

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)— Dan Kendra, Florida State's starting quarterback, may be lost for the 1998 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in an intra-squad scrimmage.

The injury leaves Florida state with only one healthy scholarship quarterback, sophomore Chris Weinke. Sophomore Marcus Outzen was knocked out of spring practice last month when he separated his right shoulder.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Kendra, a 22-year-old junior, will undergo reconstructive surgery Thursday.

Doctors will determine then how long he'll be out.

"I'm just disappointed as heck," Bowden said Sunday. "I had really hoped it wouldn't be that bad."

Kendra, a prized high school recruit three years ago out of Bethlehem, Pa., was injured when he was tackled by linebacker Bradley Jennings in the third period of Saturday's spring game. The 6-foot, 240 pound, Kendra was poised to take over the starting slot after throwing for 1,006 yards and 12 touchdowns as Thad Busby's backup the past two years.

Kendra and Weinke were not given any special treatment Saturday and found themselves dodging one of the nation's toughest defenses.

"We really think that's the only way they can get better," Bowden said. "It's a game of risk. I'm so sorry it happened to Dan."

After Kendra's injury Bowden immediately put a green shirt on Weinke to ensure he wouldn't be hit.

Kendra already has used a red-shirt year and the injury may cost him one of his two remaining years of eligibility.

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