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"Everybody is somebody else's weirdo."

(Dilbert)

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Former instructor wants top job

BY ANTHONY WATT **NEWS REPORTER**

Paul L. Gaston, a former SIUE instructor and the last of candidates for chancellor's position, told students, faculty and staff members that he sees great potential for the university.

SIU President Ted Sanders is expected to announce the choice for chancellor March 11.

Gaston spoke Tuesday afternoon in the Maple-Dogwood Room of the Morris University

Gaston, the proyost and executive vice president at Northern Kentucky University, is the only one of the three candidates with previous ties to the SIUE campus. From 1967 to 1988, Gaston was a faculty member of SIUE's English department. He has also served as SIUE's vice president for academic programs.

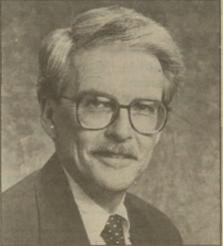
candidates for chancellor's post, Mary Kay Tetreault and David Potter, Gaston introduced himself to members of the faculty and staff of SIUE and answered their questions.

'For me, there are really two very attractive positions at a university," Gaston said, "chancellor and member of the faculty.'

He said that a chancellor must look at four things when assuming the office: What are the university's strengths? What are its weaknesses? What are its opportunities? And what is expected of the university?

One member of the audience expressed the need for funds for a performing arts center and asked how Gaston would go about getting the necessary

Gaston said the chancellor



SIUE/Photo Service

Dr. Paul L. Gaston

has to make clear the message that universities that become greater don't do it on state funding alone. Private funds are required, and development is now a matter of mutual benefit. Most important is meeting the

donors with projects that might be of interest

them, Gaston said.

his In current job at Northern Kentucky University, Gaston said he has done extensive work with surrounding communities and the city of

Cincinnati. This work includes several town committees and the creation of a county learning center in the Grant County area of Kentucky.

You learn a lot about what the surrounding communities expect from the university," Gaston said. "And they learn

Gaston also said that the

university's needs by matching ability of a university to become greater comes from within itself,

and that there are opportunities SIUE that could lead to better things.

He stressed that ways must be found to expand access for students without compromising university's integrity.

Gaston said that in 1987, he decided to leave SIUE rather than take the vacant provost's position.

"I felt I needed more experience outside SIUE," he

Gaston was the dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from 1988 to 1993.

He then moved to Northern Kentucky University, where he is provost and executive vice president.

Grads have shot at jobs

BY PATRICK EBERS **ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR**

The future is bright for this year's SIUE graduates.

"The job market is very good right now. College graduates are really being sought by employers in computer science," Jean Paterson, director of the Career Development Center, said.

If your background is in liberal arts, don't fear. According to Job Outlook 99, the National Association of Colleges and Employers publication, employers are seeking more graduates in all areas.

This year 54.9 percent of employers are reporting a need for increased hiring while only 8.4 percent expect a decrease.

Job increases are not limited to any specific area of employment either, according to

The highest increase is in the service industry in which 63.3 percent of employers will increase hiring. Government and nonprofit organizations are second at 60 percent, and jobs are expected to increase in 42 percent of manufacturing

Graduates choices of locations in which to work as well. Three of the four major regions of the United States are reporting increases in hiring. Hiring is down in the West

The South reports the largest increase at 19.3 percent with the Northeast second at 15.1 percent. The Midwest comes in third at 12.4 percent.

With the increased demand for graduates comes higher salaries as well, especially in science engineering.

Computer science graduates have seen entry-level salaries increase from an averag \$34,000 in 1996 to \$41,000 in

Liberal arts majors have watched their average entry-level salaries grow from \$25,000 in 1996 to \$30,000 in 1999 see JOBS, page 5

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Wirth Middle School African Drum and Dance Company perfroming yesterday in the Goshen Lounge.

BY JOHN KLIMUT ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Morris University Center was alive with the sounds of music yesterday.

The Wirth Middle School African Drum and Dance Company performed in the MUC as part of Black History Month.

Fifteen performers, consisting of six drum players and nine dancers, make up the drum and dance group. "It was a unit [of study] on Kwanzaa," Linda Miller, a seventh grade teacher at Wirth Middle School and sponsor of the group, said.

The group was organized in December of 1997.

The unit and project was so well received the group stayed together and has performed 31 times over the past year. "It was a real success," Miller said.

The company has performed at various local venues and have ten appearances scheduled for February, including appearance at St. Louis City Hall today.

Melanie Martinez, Miller's daughter and an SIUE graduate student, choreographed the group.

Greeks come meeting

BY BARBARA DUMOULIN **NEWS EDITOR**

Fraternity and sorority members across the country are reflective of members of society as a whole. It is no surprise, then, that Greek organizations are experiencing the emergence of members with varied sexual orientations.

According Schwarzer, co-chair of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Union at the University of Florida, reaction to gay fraternity or sorority members who come out to their Greek brothers and sisters varies by organization and campus.

Leaders of newly formed gay and lesbian organizations say that Greek members are fooling

themselves if they think their chapters do not have this problem.

In order to make students at SIUE aware of this growing diversity within the Greek system, the Kimmel Leadership Center will present "Out on Fraternity Row" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hackberry Room of the Morris University Center.

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Find your dream job at the CDC

BY JENNIFER A. BOWEN NEWS STRINGER

The University's Career Development Center offers many free services to help students plan for, find and nab that elusive dream job.

The CDG office is located in room 3126 of Founders Hall, but not all students who want to take advantage of the services are able to visit the office. So, the CDC has designed a comprehensive web site at www.careers.siue.edu. The site offers services similar to those

available at the office and these services are available with a few simple keystrokes.

The site contains information about the upcoming job fair, Career Network 99, scheduled for March 17 in the University Center. This includes an alphabetical listing of the companies planning to attend the job fair and the type of education they are looking for in potential employees.

Also available at the site is the Cougar Jobline, a service that enables students to view available jobs and schedule

future on-campus interviews with potential employers.

Information about the CDC's cooperative work program and the companies involved are available. The cooperative work program is designed to help students gain career-related paid employment while attending classes.

Clicking on the CDC Carousel button on the Career Resources page will take a viewer step-by-step through the résumé creation process and offers several tips in writing an accomplished, effective résumé.

Accessing the Career Resource Center page will link a viewer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, useful if a student is doing research about a potential employer. More information about all aspects of the career planning process, such as career field definitions and options, interviewing skills and answers to tough interview questions as well as job openings are available by visiting the Center. No appointment is required to use the Career Resource Center.

For more information about the CDC, contact the center at 650-3708 or visit the web site.

Updike will talk politics

Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike will discuss "Major Influences in the Political Process" with SIUE students at 5:30 p.m. today in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of the Morris University Center.

Updike's talk is part of the Student Leadership Development Program, sponsored by the Kimmel Leadership Center.

Updike will also present a talk at 7:30 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom as part of the Arts and Issues series. The public is invited and tickets may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for others.

Campus Scanner

Renaissance celebration: The Black Student Association presents the 4th Annual Renaissance Celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Conference Center on the second floor in Morris UC. The evening will be filled with poetry readings, instrumentals, singing and dancing. Music will be provided by Shawn Jackson, also known as D. J. Mix. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 general admission.

Student leadership: Two SLDP modules will be presented today. Group process will be the topic presented by Major Dan McLean of SIUE's department of military sciences at 2 p.m. in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of Morris UC. The evening topic will be "Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know," presented by Paul McNamara, director of development administration for the city of Edwardsville at 6:30 p.m. also in the

Mississippi-Illinois Room.

Black theater: The St. Louis Black Repertory Company will perform "If You Can't Stand the Heat" from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Morris UC Meridian Hall. The Black Rep's performance was one of the best attended events during last year's Black History Month program. The production includes stories of black migration, grandma's recipes, down home legends, political perspectives, hope and

fun. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and general admission. For ticket information call 650-2320.

Business help: A non-credit course, "What's Involved in a Startup," a brief overview about how to start a business, will be presented at 1 p.m. today in Room 1101 of 200 University Park. The course is free and open to the public. For more information, call the office of continuing education at 650-3210.



Coffeehouse Showcase

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Guest column -

Road rage: paving away our problems

state rules deny cities and

villages under 25,000 the

financial flexibility to solve their

own problems. This causes even

greater dependence on State

government. Local officials hope

their city will be the one favored

by the State government with

very limited resources. In

essence, local officials have been

reduced to "kids" waiting for

Santa Claus to bring them a new

road. While waiting, the needs of

the taxpayers are put on hold.

Yet, they are the ones who pay

for everything government does.

Aren't they entitled to

infrastructure improvements

from which they will benefit

every day? If the State cannot

help, then it should get out of the

way. Allow local communities

I propose that the Illinois State legislature pass a law which will allow all cities and villages with a population of under 25,000 to create a local highway fund which will be controlled by the city or village government. This fund's revenue would be generated by a sales tax of up to half of a percent. The sales tax increase would by approved by a vote of the local community before being enacted.

Presently, in the St. Louis Metro-East area, there is a desperate need for improved road infrastructure. As old towns and villages struggle to keep up with mounting traffic due to increasing demand, they require additional funding sources to meet the needs of their citizens.

Local governments have many miles of roads to maintain. Some communities need to add more roads because of ongoing local and regional development.

City and village revenues are not sufficient to pay for the work which needs to be done. Current the financial flexibility to solve their own problems.

Before being given the authority to raise the local sales

Before being given the authority to raise the local sales tax by the local voters, local governments must present a detailed plan explaining what the money is going to be used for and must also give the citizens a timetable for when the improvements will be made. Like bankers, taxpayers want to know what their money is going to be used for before advancing it to the government. When the needs are explained and the plans are spelled out in complete detail, voters are far more likely to approve an increase in local sales

Lee A. Presser
The Presser Group

Letter to the Editor

Nobody's Laughing at Stulce's jokes

I am writing this letter on behalf of many Greeks and other students on this campus that feel as I do about the content of "Rants and Raves" Thursday, Feb. 4. The article was inexcusable in many aspects, but my main complaint is that this paper represents this higher learning institution and all the attending.

By allowing such a controversial and derogatory piece into our paper, the thoughts and beliefs of we, the students, are being misrepresented. Part of our college education is to learn to be diverse and accepting of all groups of people. Clearly, if Mr. Stulce has not yet learned that

valuable lesson, his education is, this far, incomplete. There are only so many things the professors can teach us, the rest of life's lessons must be sought out and learned on our own.

This is part of growing up and part of the college experience. In order to be truly successful in life, you do not have to like everybody, but you do need to be tolerable of them and learn to deal with the diversity of many different individuals and groups of people.

This campus thrives and brags on its diversity of people and cultures, yet it is astonishing how our paper can print such a derogatory article towards a specific group of these people. If the article had been about Catholic, Jewish, white, black,

Indian, Polish, or any other group of people, I would hope for the schools sake that the article would not make it past the first edit. I thought the point of a school paper, besides as a means to circulate events and information, was to promote the positive thoughts, ideas and spirit of our school. There is no need for this kind of negative spark to ignite in such a vast medium, or even at all, between any groups, organizations, or factions of people on our campus.

As I was taught before I was even able to read, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

John Ogrzewalla SIUE student

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My funny Valentine



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I dedicate this column to Sally Hemmings and Thomas Jefferson, whose affair continues to entertain many despite the fact it never was all that surprising anyway.

Danielle Belton I've lost that lovin' feeling. It's gone, gone, gone. I wasn't going to pass out any Valentines this year.

The love affair between myself and the world was as shaky as a fat man on thin ice. Whereas others will be able to pass out Valentines this year with vigor and happiness, I will sit feeling sour and jilted. How could my true loves betray me? How could they pre-empt my soap opera with that impeachment? Don't they know the "Young and the Restless" is all I have to quiet the voices that scream in my head throughout the day?

But I have decided to not be mean. I will simply send my loves a little Valentine note of appreciation (or abhorrence) about the deeds they have done over the past year. I hope I didn't forget anybody. In true editor's style, I rewrote those little notes of affection on top the heart candies. These tidings better fit the individual situations of my loves.

"Hate Me" - To my critics who haven't written any spiteful letters to editor lately.

"Save Me" – To Pope John Paul, several other inmates want to know if you can talk to Missouri legislature next time and just get rid of the death penalty all together.

"Leave Me" – To Strom Thurman, one word – retirement. Do they roll this 100-year-old Jim Crow dinosaur into Senate meetings, or has he really been dead for the past 20 years and through the work of animatronics we just have an electric senator?

"Pay Me" – To the students of SIUE from the parking attendants. SIUE parking is like the IRS, sooner or later (emphasis on the later) they're going get you when you least expect it. Don't think you're graduating with that \$400 fine.

"Break Me" – To the computer labs. Does anyone have change so I can break this 20 to pay for two sheets of paper.

"Call Me" - To Tiger Woods, whom I used to pretend was my boyfriend when I worked at Superstars. I'm in the phone book, baby.

"Love Me" – To the Mass Communications Department. If you love us, you won't change the graduation requirements again next semester

"Fix Me" – To SIUE Housing. Those renovations are coming when and can they get here any sooner? I think something in my stove is winking at me.

"Kill Me" – To the fried and greasy food in the Commons Grill that I shouldn't be eating in the first place. One day someone is just going to have a cardiac arrest over a chicken wing.

"Impeach Me" – To President Clinton, whom everyone knows is getting a Valentine, but he still needs less than a two-thirds vote in the Senate to receive it.

"Misspell Me" – To presidential hopeful Dan Quayle, thanks for coming back. Leno and Letterman were running out of joke material with the impeachment thing dying down, but with you back in the loop again, that's comedy.

"Crucify Me" – To all the Republicans who got up to put themselves on the cross for their party and to watch careers die in the process. Bobby and Newty, that means you.

"Notice Me" – To the pollsters. I've never been polled, not even once. Where do you people come from and why do you get to be on Geraldo? I know as much as you know; I could be on Geraldo. How hard is it to go on a show and repeat what 10 other pollsters just said?

"Ignore Me" – To my mother, when I start whining about how I want to quit school and bum off her and Daddy for the rest of my life. That's just the Chick-Fil-A talking.

"Shoot Me" – To my roommates who like to stay up all hours of the night. Please kill me so I can finally get the rest I desire.

"Integrate Me" – To the Thomas Jefferson descendants, welcome to the family. I'll leave a slice of sweet potato pie on the dinner table for you.

"Bite Me" – To whom it may concern. Thank you for not passing around any scathing memos about me this semester.

And lastly,

"Fire Me" – To my adviser and my staff, I know this column got in late, please don't fire me. Or if you'd rather impeach me, just go ahead and fire me.

Isn't love grand?

Drinkers may face music

BETHALTO, Ill. (AP)--A state appellate court has ruled that the Bethalto school board was within its rights when last fall it suspended nine football players accused of drinking.

The Civic Memorial High School players were suspended from the team Oct. 8 over allegations they had been drinking at a party five days earlier.

But one week later, Madison County Judge Phillip Kardis temporarily blocked the two-game suspensions, saying the district violated the students' rights by giving them too little notice and preventing them from properly defending themselves. He also ruled that the students had a property interest in playing football based on the potential for college scholarships.

But the 5th District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon sided with the board Friday, saying that school officials had acted properly in dispensing discipline. School officials were informed of the decision Monday.

"Courts in Illinois and across our nation have reiterated that there simply is no property or liberty interest in taking part in interscholastic athletics," the three-judge panel ruled. "Students can need, want and expect to participate in interscholastic athletics, but students are not entitled to participate in them."

The appellate court also found that Civic Memorial did not violate the due process outlined in its school code, as the players' parents had claimed.

"I am heartened to know that the exact arguments made by our sitting school board throughout this ordeal mirror the sentiments of this appellate ruling," said Tom Beiermann, the school board president. "I know also that school boards across the state are watching and thankful."

School officials argued the alleged drinking by the players violated a conduct code that each of them had signed before each season. The players missed one game before being reinstated. Beiermann said the board will meet Wednesday to discuss other possible disciplinary action against the students.

The players' lawyer, Robert B. Ramsey, said he will appeal the ruling.

No career for hate-monger

EAST PEORIA, (AP)—In three years of law school Matt Hale made decent grades, participated in student groups, played violin in two orchestras and worked to revive a white supremacist group that advocates "racial holy

group that advocates "racial holy war."

A state panel that reviews the "character and fitness" of prospective lawyers says that's reason enough to refuse Hale a law license. That ruling in turn has prompted debate about the balance between free speech and an attorney's obligation to uphold the nation's bedrock belief of equal justice under the law.

"The idea that I can't be lawyer because of my views is ludicrous. Plain and simple," Hale says, sitting in a home office where an Israeli flag serves as a doormat, swastika stickers decorate the walls and the flag of Hale's group, the World Church of the Creator, hangs from a window.

Hale's effort to gain a law license has attracted some unlikely supporters, including the Anti-Defamation League and renowned attorney Alan Dershowitz, who says he may help Hale appeal the inquiry panel's ruling.

"Character committees should not become thought police," Dershowitz said. "It's not the content of the thoughts I'm defending, it's the freedom of everybody to express their views and to become lawyers."

Hale, 27, grew up in East Peoria, a blue-collar town on the Illinois River. By his own account he was immersing himself by age 12 in books about Nazis and formed a "Little Reich" group at school. In high school and at Bradley University he attended "white power" rallies and sent letters filled with racial slurs to newspapers.

He also had a few brushes with the law, including a citation

for littering after trying to distribute racist newspapers to homes in Pekin.

While attending Southern Illinois University law school Hale was elected head of the World Church of the Creator. The Anti-Defamation League says the group was one of the most violent of its kind in the early 1990s; one member was convicted of killing a black Gulf War veteran in 1991 in a Florida parking lot.

After the veteran's family won \$1 million from the church in a lawsuit and its founder died, the church foundered, only to experience a resurgence under Hale, according to the league. Hale's claim of up to 30,000 supporters cannot be verified.

Hale graduated from SIU in May 1998, passed the bar exam and was hired by a Champaign law firm that now says it knew nothing about his views.

To receive a law license, Hale and other prospective lawyers are required to appear before a judge or attorney working on behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court's committee on character and fitness who looks for problems including dishonesty, criminal activity, academic misconduct or financial irresponsibility.

All but 25 of more than 3,000 applicants last year were approved at that initial stage.

Hale was not, and then a three-member inquiry panel voted 2-1 in December not to give him a license.

"The balance of values that we strike leaves Matthew Hale free, as the First Amendment allows, to incite as much racial hatred as he desires and to attempt to carry out his life's mission of depriving those he dislikes of their legal rights," panel members wrote.

"But in our view he cannot do this as an officer of the court."

Illinois officials say the last case similar to Hale's was in the early 1950s, when a law student refused to take an anti-Communist loyalty oath. The U.S. Supreme Court last considered a similar case in 1971, when two applicants for law licenses in other states would not reveal their political beliefs. The court ruled in their favor.

The Anti-Defamation League believes Hale shouldn't be denied a law license because of the "slippery slope" it creates, said Andrew Shoenthal, assistant director in the group's Chicago office

For instance, Shoenthal asked, could a prospective lawyer who opposes abortion or supports school prayer be denied a license if a majority in his community held an opposite view?

The Illinois State Bar Association has yet to take a position on Hale's case, but spokesman Dave Anderson said the case "is a hot topic (among lawyers) right now, with spirited debate on both sides."

Hale, meanwhile, was fired in November by the law firm because he couldn't obtain a license. He lives with his parents in East Peoria, operating out of an office in their home.

When he's not talking about his white supremacist beliefs, Hale seems intelligent, polite and articulate.

"I can't name a Hollywood movie that made white supremacists look good," he said. "We're always portrayed as hate mongers, villains, uneducated, missing all our teeth, having a shotgun in the backseat and chewing tobacco." Hale is optimistic he'll get his license and plans to open a solo practice because no law firm is likely to hire him.

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John Updike

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. University Center, Meridian Ballroom

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His plans include challenging affirmative action laws and the littering law for which he was cited.

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Because of the increased need for new hires, employers are coming to students to fill positions.

Job Outlook 99 named oncampus recruiting as the No. 1 method for seeking new hires.

Career fairs ranked second and cooperative education programs third.

This is good news to SIUE students, according to Paterson, because the Career Development Center organizes all three for students.

This year approximately 30 companies will conduct on-

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Rudy Wilson, assisistant provost for cultural and social diversity, will chair the meeting. Part of the agenda includes discussion about attitudes toward differing sexual orientation within the fraternities and sororities at SIUE and an examination of the relationship between male and female organizations as well as a look at the blurring of the differences

character is whether a person says what they think, which is what I have always done," Hale said. "I believe I show more character than most attorneys in that I actually practice what I preach."

campus interviews and the Fall 98 career fair had 180 employers present.

Currently, 160 students are enrolled in the Cooperative Education Program.

SIUE graduates can be confident they will find a job "Our students are very capable," Paterson said. "We have good students with a good work ethic, which is what employers want."

Paterson encourages all students to start searching for their career now.

Students can get started by registering with the Career Development Center on its web site at http://www.careers.siue.edu.

between the historical white and African-American Greek

According to Grahaeme Hesp of Kimmel, who will coordinate the program on Tuesday, the session is particularly aimed at the newer members of fraternities and sororities, but all members of the campus community are encouraged to participate.

For additional information, contact Hesp at 650-2781, or e-mail ghesp@siue.edu.



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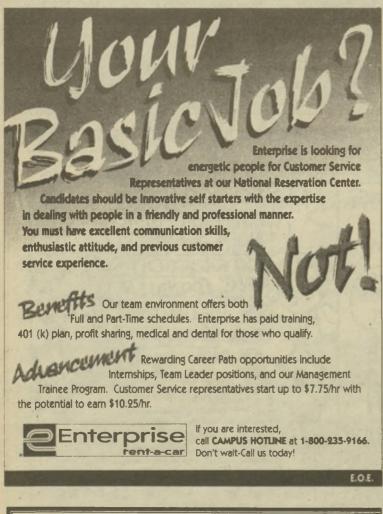
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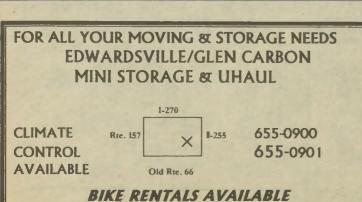
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BY STEVEN WHITE LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Just in time for Valentine's Day weekend comes the new romantic comedy from 20th Century Fox. "Simply Irresistible." Sporting an attractive young cast and a soundtrack with some of today's most popular artists, "Simply Irresistible" is the perfect vehicle for the rising star Sarah Michelle Gellar, or as young people all over America know her, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

It isn't a great movie, mostly hack romance. You know, a rich man falls for a poor working girl all because of the "magic" of love. Except in this case, it really is magic. Amanda Shelton (Sarah Michelle Gellar) sees Tom Barlett (Sean Patrick Flannery) at a Manhattan Greenmarket as both of them are buying food for their respective restaurants. They're complete strangers, but when Amanda's runaway crab threatens to bite Tom's leg she is given the perfect opportunity to meet a rich, beautiful young man who happens to love pastry, Amanda's specialty.

At first sight, Tom is enchanted by the lovely

Amanda. This encounter is the beginning of a magical relationship, an indulgent rampage of sight, sound and smell. Amanda runs a struggling restaurant she inherited from her mother called the Southern Cross. She is a so-so cook, but after she meets Tom she suddenly becomes a great cook, because she's "inspired." Tom is a department store manager planning to open a trendy new restaurant called Jonathan's. The two of them share the same interest: great food.

Never mind the fact that Tom is an egotistical womanizer who dumps most other girls after the third week. But with Amanda he is different. He suddenly becomes a nice guy as his heart is melted by her charm, much in the same way her luscious pastries melt in his mouth. But there's a problem: he already has a girlfriend.

When Tom brings his Barbie doll girlfriend to the Southern Cross, she suddenly realizes that Tom is not the one for her; she goes mad and destroys several antique china plates, rubs mashed potatoes in his face and walks out the door.

conveniently out of the way, he can suddenly become the man that he never was. It's magic,

Or is it just the work of a screenwriter who couldn't find any other way to move the plot other than creating such ridiculously contrived scenes? Whatever the case, it's supposed to be an "enchanting" fairy tale

story with a happy ending (for some reason, every character in this movie has the annoying habit of spewing out junk adjectives to describe the way they feel about food and love).

"Simply Irresistible" is cute, Now, with his old girlfriend hip and full of pretty faces. But

it's about as psychologically complex as the time you played doctor with the little girl or boy next door and it has the emotional drama of a Hallmark commercial.

The only thing that saves this movie is the star power of Gellar and the blunt humor that co-stars Larry Gilliard Jr. as Nolan Trayner and Patricia

Clarkson as Lois McNally occasionally inject into the awkward moments of the film. Trayner is Amanda's loyal but outspoken chef and McNally is Bartlett's clear-sighted but sexually over-zealous secretary. Both make us forget how lame the plot is, for a little while at least, with their antics.

the most Perhaps annoying aspect of this film, for this reviewer, was the notso-subtle incorporation of the supernatural into the story.

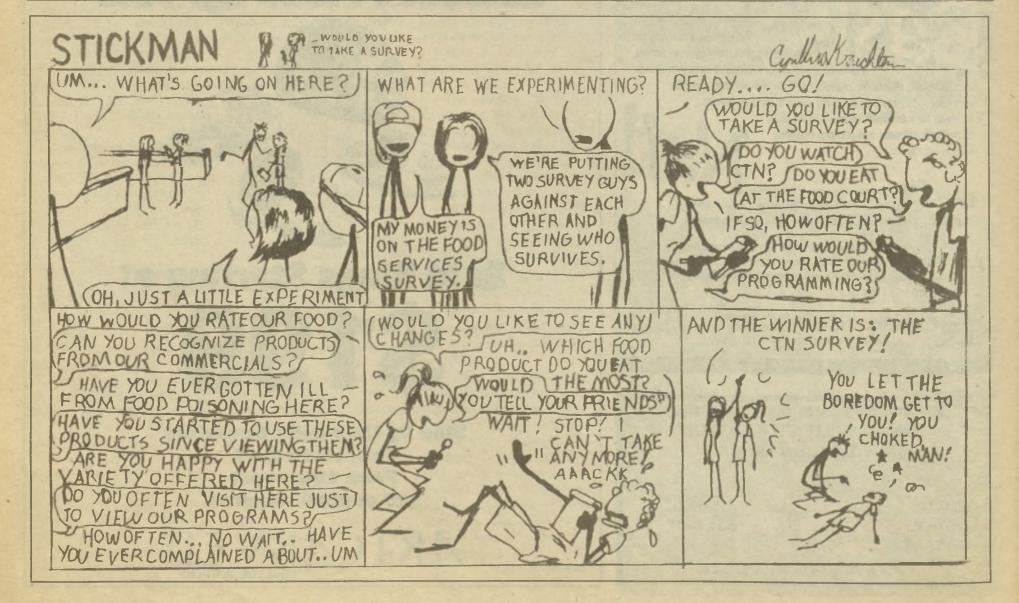
In one scene it is late at night at the Southern Cross, and Amanda and Tom are making pastry in the kitchen when suddenly fog rises from out of nowhere, and the two start floating into the air until they hit the ceiling. In another scene they're both inside of the not-yet-opened "Jonathan's" walking in the dark, when all of a sudden there's a band playing behind a translucent wall of sheets, at which point they start dancing.

This leads the viewer to a simple question: Is Amanda some sort of supernatural being? Or is it just that love is "magic," as the characters are so fond of saying? In the context of a sappy melodrama you don't have to answer such questions.

Perhaps if screenwriter Judith Roberts would have reworked the script, added more tension and conflict and replaced the supernatural theme with just a little bit of magic and the supernatural, then this quaint little story might have a certain aspect of believability. But this is all just speculation.

Love, magic, beauty and "scrumptious" food ... "Simply Irresistible" has all the ingredients to make it to the top of the box office. It's a nobrainer with absolutely no redeeming social value: a hip. slickly packaged, highly clever marketing scheme, but that's about all it is.

"Simply Irresistible" is rated PG-13 for some profanity and sexual situations and is now playing at a theater near you.



DON'T EAT CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY

GET OFF YOUR BUTT AND GET MOTIVATED

BY ANTOINETTE BERNICH LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Barely over a month ago, the ball dropped and millions of people made New Year's resolutions. Do you remember yours? There was the "study harder" one, the "save more money" one and then the one you make year after year: get in shape.

Well, it's February and time to get your butt off the couch and get in gear. You started out great, but the every other day to the gym routine has obviously gotten old. Coincidentally, this Saturday is Valentine's Fitness Day at the Student Fitness Center.

Aimee Knitter, fitness coordinator at the Wellness Center, thinks that this is a great opportunity to get back into your fitness routine after the end of January slump. "New Year's makes people think about fitness. It helps people to get directed. Unfortunately, life gets busy... and motivation (to work out) drops."

Knitter went on to mention the numerous benefits of a fitness routine. They include increased energy, improved flexibility and decreases in weight, body fat, blood pressure and cholesterol. Many people are discouraged by lack of results, Knitter said. "They (the exercisers) may not see results after one week, but they will say, 'I feel good."

According to Knitter, the easiest way to start a fitness routine is by setting realistic goals. "Start with making short- and long-term realistic goals. Fifty pounds in one month is not realistic. Pick something measurable and achievable. Treat your exercise program as something important to your overall health."

Knitter offered other suggestions for motivation. "Do things you like. If you hate to swim, no sense in making yourself do it, you're not going to enjoy it. Build a support system. Use family, friends and co-workers."

February is here and it is time to get back into a routine. From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, you can receive free screenings for blood pressure, body composition, lung function, muscular strength, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, cholesterol and blood glucose. This is the ninth year that the event has taken place. Each year Valentine's Fitness Day attracts approximately 200 students, faculty, staff and Student Fitness Center members.

"Valentine's Fitness Day provides a large group of people with the opportunity to determine their fitness level," Knitter stated. "Hopefully, it's a great way to get people motivated again and to get people thinking about heart health."

Top Ten Things to do by yourself on Valentine's Day By Sheri McWhirter and Mark Wood

10. Eat chocolate-covered cherries until you puke.

9. Chain smoke five packs of cigarettes.

8. Practice your yoga technique in the buff.

7. Treat yourself to a high colonic.

6. Hang out at the rock with a copy of Rants & Raves.

5. Stay home and polish your brass balls.

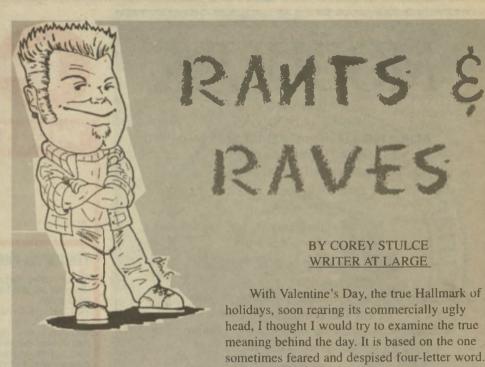
4. Break up happy couples at expensive restaurants.

3. Prank call ex-boy/sirlfriends with fake STD.

2 Inject your roommate's chocolates with Ny Quil.

and the number 1.

Give Cupid a good spanking!



Yep, I'm talking about LOVE.

So, I thought to find out the true understanding of the concept, I would have to go to the source. I hired a couple of my favorite stalkers to track Mr. Love for one day, just to see what makes him tick and to get a better understanding of why he makes our lives so hectic, miserable and amazing all at once. Without further ado, here is a day in the life of Mr. Love.

5:38 a.m.: Love angrily slapped the alarm clock off its night stand and rolled over, apparently to give someone a good morning kiss who is not there anymore. With a sigh, he rose to get into the shower. Because, sometimes, Love stinks.

6:14 a.m.: Love was running a bit late, as usual, so he didn't have time to make a full and healthy breakfast. He grabbed a cup of joe from the already brewed pot and grabbed a grapefruit from the fridge. He ran out of the house, looking unshaven and a bit disheveled. A little harmless snooping around Love's apartment, and it was discovered that Love has been married twice, and is not the cleanest person in the world. He has a dog, an old German Shepherd named Cupid, and a taste for Oreos and Miller Lite.

6:52 a.m.: Love tried to juggle the steering wheel of his car with his feet while he attempted to peel and eat that grapefruit. He unwittingly squirted himself in the eye with some juice, screamed, and almost ran over a homeless woman crossing the street. Because, sometimes, Love burns.

7:02 a.m.: Love ran into the office and greeted a couple of his co-workers, Mr. Greed and Mr. Tolerance. One of his supervisors, Mr. Patience, looked at his watch and shook his head.

10:36 a.m.: Love jumped into his day's work with some passion. He aided three marriage proposals, six divorces and one schoolyard crush, all before lunch.

12:06 p.m.: Love went to his favorite Italian restaurant for lunch, alone. He ordered a small salad, linguine and a cannoli. As he was leaving, he noticed he had gotten some white sauce on his tie and he attempted to wipe it off. Coming around the corner was a young woman on roller blades listening to Tina Turner as she zipped around the turn. Neither of them looking ahead, they bumped into each other, Three Stooges-style, and fell over. She looked up at him and smirked, and he looked at her with a bashful grin. Because, sometimes, people fall into Love.

2:38 p.m. Love has forgotten all about his nice encounter with the roller girl at this point. He got a little sloppy and lost five couples, who fell out of love unscheduled. As he was trying to file the paperwork to set things right, he knocked over his cup of coffee, which drained directly into his lap. He jumped up and let out a pained yelp. Because, sometimes, Love hurts.

4:38 p.m.: Love's last case of the workday was the one he was dreading the most. He helped a young man complete a suicide note addressed to his ex-girlfriend. Then Love helped the young man tie a length of rope into a knot and hang it from a strong beam. Because, sometimes, Love kills.

6:18 p.m. Love started to walk the streets, with a furrow on his brow. He passed by a small theater, which was featuring a rendition of "The Twelfth Night." Love pondered going in, Shakespeare being an old friend, but instead walked two more blocks to a liquor store. Love bought a bottle of Jack Daniels and started looking for a nice alley to settle down in.

8:42: Love's hopes started to rise as he walked the streets. He thought he saw a young couple dancing under the stars in the park. But, as he got closer, he discovered they were only fighting.

9:16 p.m.: Love decided it was time to go home, and pondered whether what he did every day even made a difference. He bent over to tie his shoe and heard an odd noise approaching. As he looked up, he was knocked onto his back. After the stars in his eyes faded, he looked up to see the hand of the girl who had run into him earlier in the day. Again, they both smiled. Because, sometimes, Love is worth it.

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Group Exercise - Aerobic Funk 4:45p.m. - 5:45p.m., Student Fitness Center **SLDP** Module **PACK THE GYM - MARDI GRAS MADNESS**

Women's Basketball SIUE vs. Missouri-St. Louis 5:30p.m., Vadalabene Center Gym **Group Exercise - Aqua** :30p.m. - 6:30p.m. /C Pool, Vadalabene Center **Group Exercise** 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m., Student Fitness Center Roller Hockey League 6:30p.m., Court 4. Student Fitness Center

Peck Social Thursday Must See TV 7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m. Cougar Den, Morris University Center St. Louis Blues vs. San Jose 7:05p.m., Kiel Center, St. Louis, Missour PACK THE GYM - MARDI GRAS MADNESS

Men's Basketball SIUE vs. Missouri-St. Louis 7:30p.m., Vadalabene Center Gym Arts & Issues Series Lecture
John Updike, 7:30p.m., Meridian Hall
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Friday, February 12

Lincoln's Birthday

Valentine's Fitness Day 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Student Fitness Center

Valentine's Day 10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Center Court, Morris University Center

Group Exercise 12:10p.m. - 12:40p.m. 2nd Floor Vadalabene Center Dance Studio

Senate Meeting 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. International Room Morris University Center

Group Exercise 5:30p.m. - 5:45p.m. Student Fitness Center

Wrestling - SIUE vs. Eastern Illinois/Central Oklahoma 6:30p.m., Vadalabene Center

Dinner Theater Trip 7:00p.m. - 11:00p.m. St. Louis, Missouri \$15.00 Students \$23.00 General Admission

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare 7:30p.m., James Metcalf Theater \$6.00 Students/ \$4.00 Senior Citizens

Hans Vonk & Garrick Ohlsson 8:00p.m., Powell Symphony Hall St. Louis, Missouri

Saturday, February 13

No Weekend Classes

Group Exercise - Cardio/Sculpt 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. Student Fitness Center Vadalabene Center

Group Exercise - Body Sculpting 12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m. Student Fitness Center

St. Louis Ambush vs. Wichita Wings 1:05p.m., Kiel Center St. Louis, Missouri

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Catholic Mass/Social 10:30a.m., Religious

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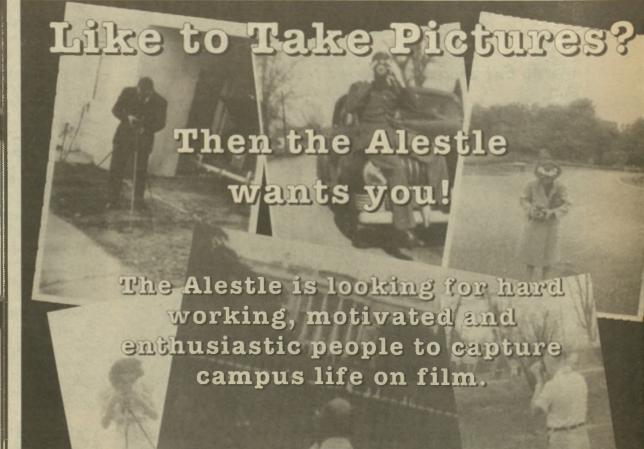
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St. Louis Blues vs. Vancouver 2:05p.m. Kiel Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Group Exercise - Yoga/Stretch Class 4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. Student Fitness Center/Vadalabene

Group Exercise - Power Step/2 Step Interval

4:45p.m. - 5:45p.m. Student Fitness Center/Vadalabene

Group Exercise - Aqua 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. VC Pool, Vadalabene Center

Group Exercise 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. Student Fitness Center

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Tuesday, February 16

Mardi Gras 10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Center Court, Morris University Center Study Tips Table

10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center IMAGE: Presenting a Professional Image 11:00a.m. - 12:15p.m. Room 2407, Founders Hall Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Instructor: Joseph Michlitsch Room 2409, Founders Hall **Group Exercise** 12:10p.m. - 12:40p.m. 2nd Floor Vadalabene Center, Dance Studio

SLDP Modules 2:00p.m. & 6:30p.m., Moms University Center Student Survival Skills Group 2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m., Location TBA Group Exercise - Boot Camp/Athletic Conditioning, 4:45p.m. - 5:45p.m. Student Fitness Center/Vadalabene Center

Group Exercise - Aqua :30p.m. - 6:30p.m. /C Pool, Vadalabene Cente Sexual Abuse/Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group, 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. Counseling Services Group Exercise

6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m., Student Fitness Center The St. Louis Black Repertory Company If You Can Stand the Heat . 7:00p.m. - 9:30p.m. Meridian Hall, Morris University Center \$3 Students/\$5 Faculty, Staff & General

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12:00 Noon, Morris University Center

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. Instructor: Frank Akers Cahokia Room, Morris University Center

Thought Bible Study 4:00p.m., Religious Center

Group Exercise - Single Muscle Work 4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.

4:45p.m. - 5:45p.m.

Group Exercise - Aqua 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Group Exercise

Catholic Mass

Ash Wednesday

2nd Floor Vadalabene Center Dance Studio

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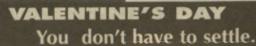
Group Exercise - Kick Boxing/30-20-10 Student Fitness Center/Vadalabene Center

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7:00p.m. Religious Center

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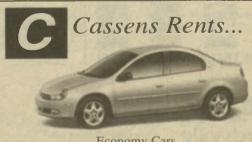
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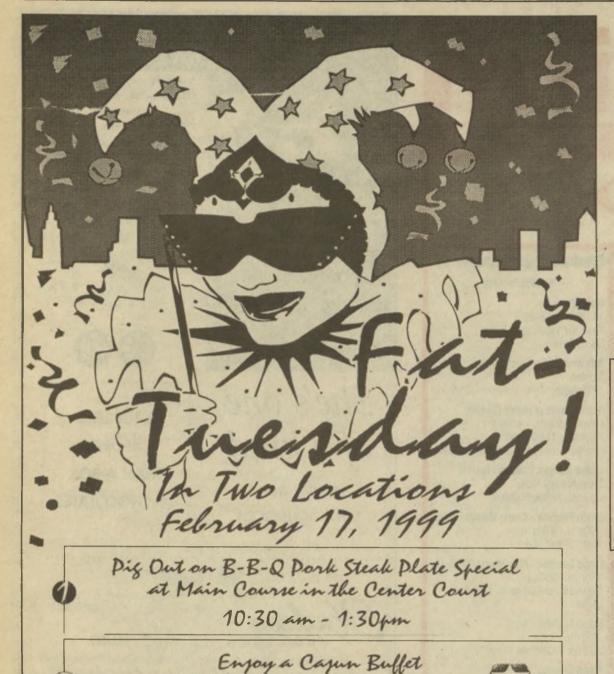
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The Big Picture

BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

Hockey

Former Blues head coach and general manager Mike Keenan may have made up for his destruction of the Blues franchise by making just one trade.

Keenan immediately lost credibility and respect from the St. Louis fans when he dumped fan-favorite and rising star Brendan Shanahan for a young, unknown defenseman in Chris Pronger.

At the time, it seemed as if Keenan had lost his mind. Remember those first home games Pronger played at the Kiel Center? The young, defenseless Pronger heard merciless boos from fans every time he touched the puck. How ironic is it that Pronger is now arguably the best defenseman in the National Hockey League?

Comparing Shanahan to Pronger is really illogical. Shanahan has led the Red Wings to two straight Stanley Cups and is still one of the best in the league on the power play. Pronger's forte is forechecking and making outlet passes that set up scoring chances.

In the Blues come-frombehind win vs. Florida Monday, Pronger executed two passes from behind the Blues goaltender that were as smooth as a priest's sermon on Sunday. Pronger's unique ability to anticipate his opponent's moves and make slick, unexpected passes come from the "Gretzky school of mind-power" in hockey.

Instead of pouting over the loss of Shanahan, Blues fans would be wise to choose a new poster boy to decorate their rooms, and that is Chris Pronger.

Baseball

There is a highly contagious epidemic floating around the St. Louis area, and it isn't the flu. The Mark McGwire withdrawal bug gouged its stinger into someone in November, and it has spread like the bubonic plague. The most common symptom is watching those old black and white Home Run Derby reruns instead of Oprah in the afternoon.

Don't worry. There is a cure for the disease, and the prescription will be unveiled at a pharmacy near you in less than a month when spring training starts. Ahhhhh.

Cougar baseball team is cream of the crop in Great Lakes Valley Conference

SIUE ranked No. 5 in NCAA Division II poll; team prepares for first game

BY PIETER TEELING SPORTS WRITER

The season for the SIUE baseball team is only a week away and with their first game coming up, several predictions about the season are made.

With only two players from last season returning in the squad, but with a very strong pitching staff, cougar baseball is expected to be "the team to beat" in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

According to coach Gary Collins other teams like Quincy, Lewis and Southern Indiana have improved, and Saint-Joseph's, Missouri-St.Louis and Indianapolis are ranked in the top 30 in the pre-season poll. This is probably the toughest conference in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II.

Unfortunately, good players from fast year's team are no longer present. For example, Rob LaMars made last season's All-GLVC team, was named GLVC Player of the Year, and is now playing for the Texas Rangers in the Major Leagues.

Another player from SIUE had an offer from the big leagues. Pitcher Ryan Cox was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, but he didn't go. He preferred to finish his collegiate career and is now one of the anchormen in the cougar baseball team.

Together with pitchers Aaron Rakers and Brian Matzenbacher, a former Creighton University Blue Jay, the SIUE trio may be among the best in the NCAA IIschools, like the famous team of 1987.

The 1987 team qualified for the NCAA tournament and advanced to the NCAA Division II College World Series. Several players moved on to the professional ranks.

Coach Collins is familiar with reaching the College World Series. The Cougars have been to the World Series a total of seven times. Their best performance was in 1976, when they finished second. The last time the Cougars reached the series was in 1997.

Other positions in the team are also represented better than average.

Ryan Collins, the son of the coach, is a good defensive catcher and outfielder. He shares these positions with Jason Abernathy, who batted .366 last season playing mostly in the outfield.

The infield has a new look too. Brady Arview, first base starter made two appearances last season, where he had the competition of Jason Sievert and Rob LaMarsh. Battling for the same position is Tory Tate who also plays outfield.

At second base the Cougars have a strong player. Chad Opel is only a freshman in college, but a senior in sports. Opel played last season with Edwardsville High School. He was Class AA's first ever undefeated champion and was named National Player of the Year in American Legion Baseball. Opel can also play shortstop, but will start his baseball career at SIUE at second base leaving the shortstop position to Jeremiah Berheger, a potentially draftable player.



Bill Brinson/Photographic Service

Sophomore infielder Mark Bugger will shift from second to third base, hopinh to lead SIUE to the GLVC title.

Mark Bugger, one of the players active last season for the SIUE cougars, transfers from second to third base. He is also a very good hitter and he underlined that by setting the freshman single-season hits record with 84 last season.

Another potential big-shot is
Dave Crouthers. Like Chad Opel,
he was a member of the
Edwardsville High School team.
The American Legion National
Champions of last summer can

composite bats for the
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mean a lot for the SIUE team this spring. The freshman outfielder is also a very decent pitcher.

One major change in the Great Lakes Valley Conference is the return of the wooden bat. All schools, including SIUE, have elected to begin using wood and composite bats for this season. This can bring the focus back on pitching, which happens to be the one aspect of the game where the Cougars might be a little better than the competition.

Southern Indiana stops Cougar winning streak

Screaming Eagles end SIUE's three game winning streak with 78-68 win; Wallbaum scores 23 despite loss

BY CHAD BAALMAN SPORTS REPORTER

With a win over top-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan University, the SIUE men's basketball team has already shown it can play with the Great Lakes Valley Conference bullies.

Despite suffering a 78-68 road loss at the University of Southern Indiana Tuesday, SIUE coach Jack Margenthaler likes the improvement his team is making. After all, the Cougars

racked up three straight wins before the loss.

"There was great effort on the part of everybody and we showed a lot of intensity," Margenthaler said. "The 10-point difference at the end is a little bit misleading. It was a great, close game and those are the types of games you want to be in."

Southern Indiana, 19-3 overall and 15-3 in the GLVC, is no pushover, especially at Pac Arena. The Screaming Eagles are 12-1 at home and are two games

behind Kentucky Wesleyan in the GLVC standings.

The Cougars (10-12, 9-9) trailed USI 38-28 at halftime on 34 percent shooting from the field. In the second half, SIUE shot 52 percent and played even with USI.

"I think we've proved we can play with anybody and the players are starting to develop a good attitude that's beginning to show on a daily basis,"

Margenthaller said.

Travis Wallbaum, a 6-foot-7

inch center, once again showed that he's among the league's top players. The junior scored 23 points in 28 minutes, and Margenthaler felt he outplayed USI's Leighton Nash, a former University of Illinois recruit. Nash ended up with eight points.

"This might be a biased statement, but Travis has whipped every big man in the conference. And the unfortunate part is he won't make first-team all-conference," Margenthaler said.

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"He's not a great athlete that runs and dunks. He just gets the job done."

Wallbaum hasn't been the only Cougar making some noise as of late. Margenthaler has been pleased with the play of several players, including Ty Moss, Derek Cowan and Zach Lee.

"These guys are freshmen and they are going up against seasoned veterans night in and night out," Margenthaler said. "Our bench has been playing real well and they were the reason we won the game with (Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne)."

SIUE has four games remaining before the GLVC Tournament Feb. 24 in Evansville, Ind. The Cougars, currently in seventh place in the 12-team GLVC, are assured of being in the eight-team tourney.

The Cougars host University of Missouri-St. Louis tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Quincy University on Saturday at 3 p.m. After that, SIUE plays its final two regular-season games on the road.

The Cougars first take on Bellarmine College and then Kentucky Wesleyan, whose only loss came at the hands of SIUE Jan. 2. SIUE's overall record is now 10-12, and 9-9 in the GLVC.

Lady Cougars edge Southern Indiana

SIUE team knocks the Eagles from three-way tie for second place in GLVC with two-point win

BY CHRIS LAMB SPORTS WRITER

Going into Tuesday's game, the Lady Cougars were involved in a three-way tie for a share of the second place spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

In order to gain sole possession of second place, they would have to defeat one of the teams that also shared the spot with them, a very tough opponent, Southern Indiana, and nope that the other team, Bellarmine, would be defeated.

With this in mind, SIUE traveled to Southern Indiana Tuesday night. If there was any pressure on the Lady Cougars, they sure didn't play like there was. They showed the Screaming Eagles how tough they will be at

regionals, winning the game by a bucket, 59-57.

SIUE trailed at the half by two points, but stepped it up in the second half. The Cougars were led by Kim Lowe's 24 points and 13 rebounds, and Misi Clark's 11 points.

Both teams shot poorly from the floor, with SIUE shooting 32 percent and Southern Indiana shooting 29 percent. The Screaming Eagles also had 15 more free-throw attempts, making 12 more than the Lady Cougars.

Bellarmine was also victorious and remains in the second-place tie with SIUE at 14-4. They will play Feb. 18 at Bellarmine, which will probably determine which team finishes second place in the regionals.

Fuhr undergoes knee surgery

BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

For now, the St. Louis Blues will have to count on Rich Parent Jamie McLennan to tend goal.

Earlier this week, Blues legendary goaltender Grant Fuhr had surgery on his knee which was aggrivated in the Blues 4-3 loss at home on Saturday. Fuhr is

expected to be out for at least for to six weeks.

The five-time Stanley Cup champion has the worst save percentage in the league this season.

Fuhr announced last month that next year will be his final year in the National Hockey League. If Fuhr can't overcome this injury, it could be his last.

1999 SIUE Baseball Roster

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAK
Chad Opel	Fr.	Jason Abernathy	Sr.
Todd Haug	Fr.	Jason Guest	Sr.
Dave Crouthers	Fr.	Corey Blackwell	Sr.
Jason Kessler	Fr.	Ryan Collins	Sr.
Mark Bugger	So.	Ryan Cox	Sr.
Mike Havera	So.	Brady Arview	Sr.
Ryan Edwards	So.	Matt Maltagliati	Sr.
Jared Wood	Jr.	Chris Kiefer	Sr.
Travis Dawson	Jr.	Brian Matzenbacher	Sr.
Brock Friese	Jr.	Aaron Rakers	Sr.
Tory Tate	Jr.	Pete Kleeman	Sr.
Jeremiah Bergheger	Jr.	Head Coach: Gary Collins Assistant coaches: Tony Duenas, Steve Davis, Mark Begando, Jesse Bugger Team manager: Mark Zipprich	
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Thurs. 18th:

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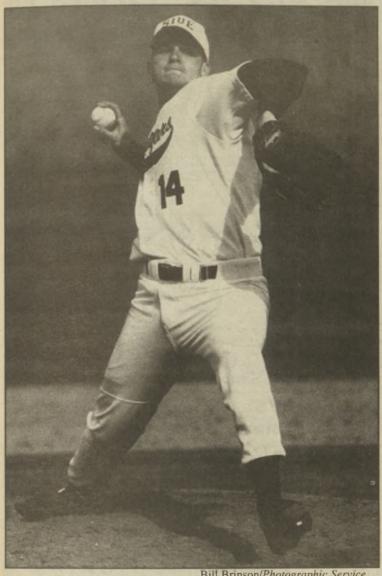
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1999 Cougar **Baseball Schedule**



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Cougar's senior pitcher Ryan Cox winds up a fastball.

DATE	TEAM
2-20	Alabama-Huntsville (DH)
2-21	Alabama-Huntsville (DH)
2-27	Missouri Southern State (DF
2-28	Missouri Southern State
3-2	Southwest Missouri State
3-3	Harris-Stowe
3-4	McKendree
3-6	Valdosta State
3-7	Valdosta State
3-8 to 3-14	Spring break
3-17	Central Missouri State (DH)
3-20	*Indianapolis (DH)
3-21	*Northern Kentucky (DH)
3-23	Western Illinois
3-24	Missouri Baptist
3-27	*Missouri-St. Louis (DH)
3-28	*Missouri-St. Louis
3-31	*Southern Indiana (DH)
4-2	*Kentucky Wesleyan
4-3	*Kentucky Wesleyan (DH)
4-4	McKendree
4-6	Western Illinois
4-10	*Lewis (DH)
4-11	*Wisconsin-Parkside (DH)
4-14	*Southern Indiana
4-17	*Quincy (DH)
4-18	*Quincy
4-20	Lincoln (DH)
4-24	*IUPU-Fort Wayne (DH)
4-25	*St. Joseph's (DH)
4-28	Missouri Baptist
5-1	*Bellarmine (DH)
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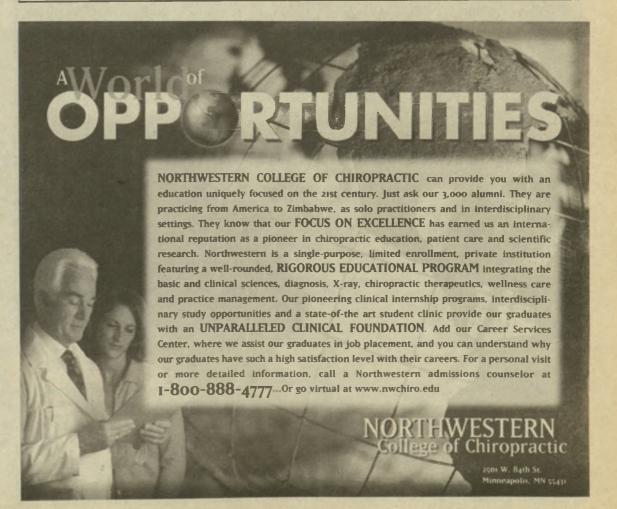
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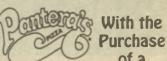


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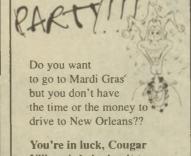
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