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"Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home."

- Phyllis Diller

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## Small fire empties classes

BY JOHN KLIMUT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Despite the recent false alarms, the buzzing in Founders Hall was the real thing.

The Edwardsville Fire Department responded to the call around 2:30 p.m. The fire occurred at the bottom of the southeast stairwell.

According to SIUE News Service, rags caught fire in the hallway. A passerby pulled the alarm when they spotted the flames.

"It appears to be a rubbish or clothing fire at the base of the stairwell," Edwardsville Fire Chief, Mike Karlechik said. "The cause is undetermined at this time."

"We thought it was another false alarm," Joey Linck, an SIUE student, said. "We kind of took our time evacuating the building."

"The only thing we were really worried about was our



Jill Stevens/Alestle  
**Edwardsville firefighters put out a small fire in Founders Hall.**

photography paper," Linck said.

Firefighters broke out the top window in the southeast stair well to let smoke escape.

Karlechik said the cause of the fire is being investigated.



## Vision of world peace

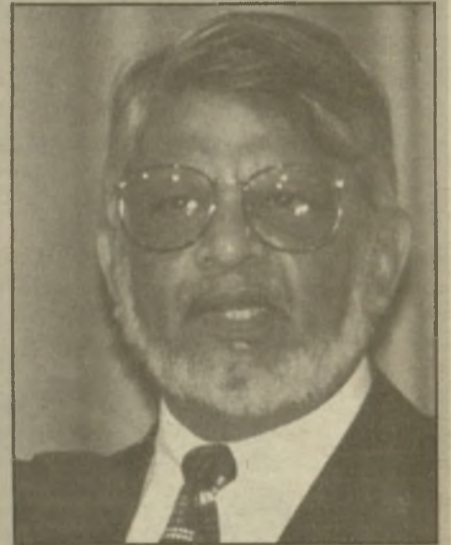
BY TONY WATT  
NEWS REPORTER

Arun Gandhi, the grandson of famed pacifist M. K. 'Mahatma' Gandhi, promoted nonviolence at SIUE.

Gandhi spoke at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Meridian Ballroom in the Morris University Center and answered questions from an audience of approximately 450 people.

His speech, "Hitler, Malcom X and Gandhi: The Strange Connection," used the three men's lives as examples of what to do and what not to do to affect change in society.

Gandhi said that his grandfather used nonviolence and "inclusiveness" to help make peace between Great



Jill Stevens/Alestle  
**Arun Gandhi offered his vision of world peace Thursday.**

Britain and India. Instead of fighting the British, he embraced them and showed them that the two countries did not have to hate each other.

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## Drugs found in body

BY BARBARA DUMOULIN  
NEWS EDITOR

LSD, cocaine and alcohol may have contributed to the death of Lynn Rokita, an SIUE senior who died in a one-car traffic accident Monday.

That is the finding of the coroner's report that was made public at the inquest in St. Clair County on Wednesday.

According to the testimony of Sgt. Allen Jacobs, those substances found in Rokita's system probably impaired her judgment. Rokita's car crossed into the opposite lane of traffic, went through a red light and crashed into a pile of rocks on 57th Street in Belleville. Head and neck injuries were the immediate cause of Rokita's death.

Jacobs quoted from a pathologist's report that said the alcohol was not above the legal limit in Rokita's system, but the cocaine and LSD were at high levels.

SIUE students and faculty who knew Rokita seemed to be surprised about the news.

Mass communications professor Andrew Mendelson was one of Rokita's instructors.

"It definitely caught me off



Lynn Rokita

guard," Mendelson said. "It doesn't make it any less tragic or sad. Obviously, it's not a knowledge issue. People know the danger of use but that knowledge is not always a link to a change in behavior. It's not my place to make any judgments about what happened. It's still a tragic situation."

Anna Pugh, a speech communications student who knew Rokita, expressed her feelings, which were echoed by a number of Rokita's classmates.

"It's a tragedy and it still doesn't change the fact that we all liked her and miss her," Pugh said. "We feel the same way as we did before we knew."

It's not surprising that others were unaware of any drug use by Rokita. Her father, Belleville Police Chief James Rokita, said he was shocked to learn his daughter had taken drugs before the accident.

According to Mary Byron, SIUE wellness director, it sometimes takes the death of someone close to us to remind us of the dangers of substances that can alter our behavior.

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## Walking marathon a first for SIUE

BY BARBARA DUMOULIN  
NEWS EDITOR

Music was blaring, Frisbees were sailing and attendance prizes were flowing as participants circled the track at Ralph Korte Stadium for nearly 18 hours during the first SIUE Relay for Life.

Friday's event marks the first time in the country a university was solely responsible for organizing a Relay for Life fundraiser, according to event organizers. More than \$2,000 was raised by the seven teams that took part in the walk-a-thon that began Friday at 6 p.m. and went until late Saturday morning.

Teams pitched tents in the grass and partied through the night taking care that they had at least one walker on the track at all times.

Computer science major Kent Flake, a member of a team of students from Woodland Hall, circled the track 200 times for a total of 50 miles. Flake said he thought the event sounded like a good idea.

"It was basically the cheapest entertainment we could find on a Friday and Saturday," Flake said. "\$5 for 18 hours. You can't beat that anywhere."

Chancellor David Werner,



Mark Wood/Alestle

**There was more than walking at the Relay for Life.**

who joined the walkers for several laps around the track, said he was pleased that SIUE students tackled the job.

"I think it's terrific that our students would take on this kind of project, to be out here on kind of a chilly night—but a fun night as well—to raise money for the American Cancer Society," Werner said. "I think it's terrific to establish new traditions and to be first in things. There's nothing better than to be out in front of the pack."

The idea of having the university sponsor the Relay for Life started with Jamey Tenney, a

graduate assistant and special events adviser to the University Center Board. After receiving approval from the UCB and student government, the event was adopted by a group of speech communication students as a senior project.

According to Jennifer Lynch, a UCB student and co-chair for the Relay for Life, the speech communications students organized the logistics, advertising, prize solicitation and participant recruitment. Lynch said the teams that participated raised money in its own way.

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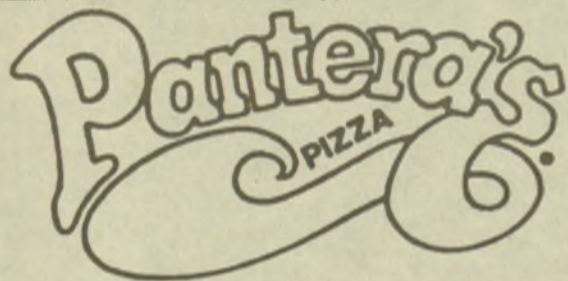
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## GANDHI

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Arun Gandhi said that in Hitler's case, the idea was the exact opposite and World War II resulted. Sixty-eight million people died because of Hitler or trying to defeat him. However, the Nazi party and, more importantly, its message of hatred survive around the world today.

A member of the audience asked if the current dilemma in Kosovo actually warranted the use of force.

"There is no violence that is justified," Gandhi said. "But there is some that is necessary. We have become excellent crisis managers. We let something go until it blows up in our faces and then we use violence to solve the problem. If we were good situation managers, we could solve the problem with out violence."

Gandhi also pointed out that there are different kinds of violence. His grandfather once sent Gandhi out at night to find a

pencil he had thrown away. After he had found the pencil, his grandfather explained that by just throwing away a pencil, Gandhi had committed an act of violence by wasting resources which was violence against nature, and he had also committed violence against humanity by wasting a perfectly good pencil that someone else did not have.

These are forms of what Gandhi called passive violence. Passive violence is any kind of oppression, verbal abuse, mental abuse, or prejudice.

"Passive violence leads to anger," he said "And anger leads to physical violence."

Someone in the audience asked how followers of nonviolence could protect themselves from people who were violent.

"You would be right to use some violence to protect yourself or someone you love," Gandhi said. "The trick is to know how

much violence to use."

In 1991, Arun Gandhi founded the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in honor of his grandfather. Since the institute's founding, it has been responsible for the creation of educational programs aimed at conflict prevention, anger management, and relationship- and community-building.

Gandhi's visit was made possible by the efforts of 25 campus and student organizations including Kimmel Leadership Center and the Indian Student Organization.

Suzanne Kutterer-Sibert, assistant director of Kimmel Leadership Center said that this was the largest group of student organizations to ever come together for one event.

"I hope this effort will not stop here," Gandhi said. "I hope SIUE will continue to work towards peace and harmony."

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"Most of the teams raised money through donations rather than specific fund-raisers," Lynch said.

Erin Beaty, a member of one of the teams from Cougar Village, said she had several reasons for participating in the event.

"My mom had breast cancer," Beaty said. "She's a survivor. She had double breast cancer when I was in eighth grade, and it really impacted my life so I wanted to come out to raise money. I also had a friend in high school who died from a rare

form of bone cancer, so this is for her, too."

Event organizers are hoping that this year's inaugural event will propel the university to higher numbers in future years. Ben Moss, one of the speech students who helped organize the event said he thinks the event is on the right track.

"Relay for Lifes have always started somewhat small and then they've grown over time," Moss said. "I think everybody here had fun. The event is a very long event. It's important for it to be that way for everyone to

recognize the significance of what they're doing and what the illness is all about. As it goes along, people get tired."

Tenney said he would like to see more money collected next year. "The biggest challenge we have is getting the word out to get student participation higher."

Werner pledged to do his part to help by leading an administration team. "I'm going to get out some really good runners and walkers," Werner said. "I'm not sure who'll be on it, but I'll be on it."

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She said part of the problem is that tragedy can happen to a first-time user just as easily as it can to an infrequent user or a habitual user.

"Even if you have a little bit of a problem, but you still make it to class and you're a productive citizen, you may think that's what it's all about," Byron said. "Many people compare themselves to others around them

and think they're a lot better off because they don't drink as much as others or miss classes like other people they know."

Byron said this is a form of denial about a substance abuse problem.

Professor Duff Wrobel, one of Rokita's speech communications instructors, said her death can be a learning experience for others who knew her.

"It does not in any way diminish the loss," he said. "It's a shame to me that in and around the age of 20 people need to be reminded that they're not bullet-proof. That seems to be a lesson that requires constant teaching and in that regard Lynn is offering a lesson that I hope everyone who was crying at her funeral hears and heeds."

## Campus Scanner

**Winners selected:** Winners of the Morris University Center survey drawing were announced last week. \$100 winners were Trisha Robinson and Anita Robinson. \$50 winners were David Tatum and Rashida Miller. Those winning \$25 were Tanjanika Richardson and Jessica Neal.

**International conference:** The School of Business and the SIUE International Trade Center are conducting a conference, "International Business: How To Make It Happen." The

conference, which is free of charge and open to the public, will be held 7:30 Wednesday in the Maple-Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center. Also, a reception will be held before and after the conference. Guest speakers will include Mike Conley, president and CEO of GeneralLife; Margaret Gottlieb, of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and Steve Harmon, vice president of Business Development, United Parcel Service. For more information call 650-2452.

**Mendelssohn's "Elijah":** Professor Leonard Van Camp of the SIUE music department will conduct a lecture-concert of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Katherine Dunham Hall, Room 1115. The event, which will feature highlights of the epic piece and include comments from Van Camp, is a sneak peek of the full work, which will be presented April 29 and 30. Tickets for the April 15 event are \$3. For more information, call the department of music at 650-3900.

## Letters to the Editor

### Restroom facilities still aren't accessible for some disabled students

I would like to bring attention to a problem with the Ladies Restroom facilities on three of the four floors of the Peck Building. As a disabled student, I have had difficulties using the restroom facilities in the basement (B), second (2), and third (3) floors. The restroom facilities located on the first floor are totally accessible for disabled students.

The facilities on all four floors have a designated toilet stall for the convenience of disabled students. All the facilities also have transfer bars to assist students in transferring from a wheelchair to the toilet and back to the wheelchair safely. However, this is where the similarities end.

The outer hallway door for the restroom on the first floor is totally accessible to disabled students. There is a push plate located inside and out which will open the door automatically. Disabled students do not need to rely on a personal assistant or the good will of any passing student in order to leave the restroom. However, the B, 2, & 3 outer hallway doors do not have a push plate or a power assist device. Wheelchair-bound students will find it difficult, if not impossible, to open the B, 2, & 3 doors from either side. They will require the assistance of another individual just to enter or exit the B, 2, & 3 restroom facilities.

The size of the stall located in the first floor restroom facility has enough room for the entire wheelchair to be easily rolled inside. Once inside, disabled students have total, independent accessibility with ample room for

wheelchair maneuverability. In the B, 2, & 3 facilities, disabled students can barely wheel their chairs between the stall walls. There is no room for maneuverability. Once inside the stall, disabled students face yet another problem. The door to the toilet stall cannot be closed with the wheelchair inside. Disabled students have two options: either have a friend or assistant remove the wheelchair, allowing room for the door to be closed, or they can sacrifice modesty to complete a necessary bodily function.

Another obstacle disabled students face, especially if they have limited use of their hands, is that they will not be able to pull the door closed using only the locking device or the bottom of the door. The restroom on the first floor has a second, easy grip handle installed on the inside of the door which allows students to hook one finger in the opening and pull the door securely closed. None of the B, 2, & 3 restroom facilities have this easy grip handle installed.

As a disabled student, I am troubled by the fact that I either have to have someone assist me in the restroom on a B, 2, & 3 floor or I have to travel to the first floor facility. Unfortunately, it is also a fact of life that many wheelchair-bound individuals do not have as much control over their bodily functions as an able-bodied adult would normally have. So not only is it convenient and frustrating, it can be embarrassing. My options are further limited by the length of time in between my classes or the length of time a professor has given for a short break from class.

The American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 was written

to empower disabled citizens to go where they want to go and do what they want to do without having someone along to open and close doors, or take them to the restroom. The designers of these restroom stalls may have met the minimum requirements for compliance with the ADA. However, it is quite obvious that the personnel from the department charged with ensuring restroom accessibility have never been confined to a wheelchair.

Disabled students should not have to face these types of problems in addition to the challenges they face every day just getting to their classrooms or using the library. I also realize that accommodations for disabled students are very costly. But adding the easy grip handles and propping the outer hallway doors open on the B, 2, & 3 floors would temporarily give some measure of relief and would not exhaust the budget of the maintenance department. Another inexpensive way to alleviate some of the problems would be to replace the toilet stall door with a shower curtain. This would allow more room for the wheelchair and provide the disabled student with some privacy.

Not only is it unfair that disabled students do not have the same, easy accessibility to the restroom facilities in the Peck Building, it is against the law. All the restroom facilities should be truly accessible to disabled students. We are a part of this campus community and deserve nothing less.

Peggy West  
freshman, undeclared

## Patriotism is just one spray away



Danielle Belton

Back when I was freshman (three years ago), I used to sit around and have political discussions with former student body President Chris Nance and former Black Student Association President Terrance Gaddy. Both seemed to enjoy teasing me from time to time because although I knew a lot of big, fancy words, I was still much younger than they.

One such conversation took place in the Cougar Den. It began with Chris slowly saying to me, "1991," to prove a point. I unwittingly said that I was in the seventh grade in that year. He smiled and laughed.

"You see?" he said to Terrance. "I was in the Persian Gulf."

They both laughed even louder, but then they were always laughing. Like I said, they enjoyed my naiveté. I didn't get it, as usual, and shrugged it off. All my memories of the Gulf War revolved around Saddam Hussien stress dolls, annoying yellow ribbons, smart bombs, Whitney Houston singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and my father correcting Dan Rather every time he called an F-16 an F-18. I remember my seventh-grade social studies teacher's seething hatred for Saddam Hussien and most Middle Eastern people in general. And I remember the "insta-patriotism." Kirby Junior High never played the national anthem until the Gulf War started. I wonder if the school kept it up after the war ended. I got called a communist twice by classmates when I questioned what the war was really about. I guess patriotism is seasonal.

A war hasn't been fought on U.S. soil since the Civil War. The last time someone actually attacked a part of the United States was Pearl Harbor. All other international incidents have involved terrorists (at home and abroad) trying to get rid of "ugly Americans." It's easy to live in America and not even know a war is going on. I didn't know that the United States had started bombing the former Yugoslavia until four days after it happened. I was caught up in a world of research papers and sorority sisters. I was surprised when I finally got a chance to look at a newspaper. I felt so out of touch with the world when I found out we were practically at war and I hadn't heard anything about it.

And I still don't hear anything about it. On campus, little is discussed. And, the war doesn't have much impact on our lives. After all, Kosovo is thousands of miles away in Europe. With the exception of Vietnam, (and I'm relying on hearsay for that one since I wasn't born then), war has changed little for most Americans. For those with relatives in the armed forces, or those who have family and friends in the countries that are in turmoil, the impact must seem immense. Yet for people like me and many, many others on campus, today is just another day to worry about term papers, car payments and such. It's the end of the semester and the outside world is exactly that - outside. There is no time or energy put forth to see what's going on in the world that isn't SIU Edwardsville.

There was a need for the nice patriotism injections during the Gulf War. We live in a land where if you don't like it, you can change the channel. There's no hiding from war when you have only four TV channels to watch (like during the '60s). We live in the age of satellite and Direct TV. If you don't like war, there's always something good on the Cartoon Network.

Before the Gulf War, I had never seen such love of America in my young life. People who had previously been unable to even put down their beer during the national anthem at sporting events now stood at rapt attention with tears in their eyes and mouthing the words. People who had never even had a bargain-basement replica of Old Glory flapping in the breeze in their front yards now decorated their property with hundreds of miniature flags. It was like Americans had to be shamed into being patriotic.

President George Bush was even trying to get bills past against flag burning when flags hadn't been singed at a steady rate since the 1960s. People who weren't Southerners or country line dancers wore American flag print shirts. But as soon as the war was won and everyone was sent home, patriotism became an afterthought again. We still go to work and school on both Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Even at my junior high, Kirby officials announced they were only going to play the national anthem for the duration of the war. I wonder if we will experience the same fair-weather patriotism.

Of course a few things are different this time. The Gulf War was won in a matter of months with few casualties, a lot of propaganda and very little in-depth news coverage. It was probably remembered by civilians as the most pleasant, corporate-sponsored war ever. It was the stuff Hallmark Hall of Fame movies were made of. Good guys won, bad guys lost.

Kosovo appears to be different. Most people don't understand what's going on there, let alone the history that has lead Europe to these complications. And it has a much bigger mess potential than the Gulf War. Things could get ugly. But insta-patriotism could save the day. With some clever wordsmithing, Bill Clinton could have people calling me a communist again in a matter of minutes. All he has to do is start winning. Once you get the good ol' American Patriotism Machine going, everything can start coming up roses.

Danielle Belton  
Editor In Chief

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## Long is named best for April

BY BRIAN WALLHEIMER  
NEWS STRINGER

Kathy Long of the department of curriculum and instruction is the SIUE employee of the month for April.

Long has been employed in the department for more than nine years as a civil service secretary. During her tenure, she has earned the respect and admiration of her co-workers and employers. Assistant professor Doug Feldmann said, "She has been an immense help to me personally. When there's something I need, she drops what she's doing to help."

Lela DeToye, chair of the department of curriculum and instruction for the past four years, nominated Long for the award. DeToye said Long takes on many extra tasks in the office and was a great help when DeToye became the department chair. "She helps to create community in our department," DeToye said.

Long's colleagues recognize



**Kathy Long**

Bob Brown/Alestle

that her job does not stop at her secretarial duties. Assistant professor Bill Searcy said, "She cares about everyone that's here."

Although Long did not expect to be given an award, she said she is honored. She will receive a plaque and a \$25 gift certificate to the University Bookstore.

"It's really great just to know they think that much of me," Long said.

## Business banquet honors students

BY NEAL HAMM  
NEWS STRINGER

The Organization of Minority Business Students will have its 10th annual graduation and awards banquet Saturday, April 17.

The event at 6 p.m. will be in the University Restaurant in the Morris University Center. Dr. Edward Hightower, superintendent of Edwardsville schools and an SIUE alumnus, will be the guest speaker.

"We have a phenomenal guest speaker this year," OMBS adviser Danita Mumphard said. "We also have the Wings of Inspiration, a contemporary gospel group from East St. Louis coming to perform at the banquet."

Mumphard added that two scholarships will be presented at the banquet.

Kalii Ursery will receive the

W.A. Bobo Scholarship while the Dr. Lamar Thomas Scholarship will be presented to Wesley Thomas. Mumphard said the scholarships are awarded to undergraduate business students who meet certain criteria.

"The students must have outstanding leadership skills," she said. "According to Mumphard, the winners must have at least a 2.8 cumulative grade point average, at least 42 hours at SIUE and a good record of community involvement."

Mumphard said everyone is welcome at the banquet. "It'll be a tremendous amount of support to the students," she said. "We welcome those who might be interested in joining the organization."

Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for others and are available by contacting Mumphard at 650-3791.

## Alcohol training debuts at SIUE

BY TONY WATT  
NEWS REPORTER

Alcohol<sup>®</sup> 101 will make its main debut on campus.

The interactive computer program, which is designed to help students make educated decisions about alcohol, will be focus of Alcohol 101-Let's Party Smart. This program will take place in the St. Clair room of the Morris University Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Wellness Coordinator Mary Byron said, "Our goal is to get students, specifically Greeks, athletes and underage students to attend a fun, educational program regarding underage drinking."

In addition to Alcohol 101, students attending can expect free food, and the virtual bar.

The virtual bar will be tended by two students serving mocktails containing no alcohol and virtual beer.

The SIUE police have provided four pairs of Fatal Vision Goggles that will allow participants to experience what it is like to see while drunk. These experiments will include dexterity tests and playing a race car video game.

Students who attend will also get a chance to receive door prizes and gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants.

Alcohol 101 is sponsored by the Wellness Center, Counseling Services, Greek Life and the SIUE Police Department.

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## ROTC selects top cadet for award

BY ALAINA WHITTAKER  
NEWS STRINGER

Axel Jimenez, an SIUE Army ROTC cadet, has been selected to receive the George C. Marshall ROTC Award.

"It's a privilege to receive this award and to represent SIU," Jimenez said.

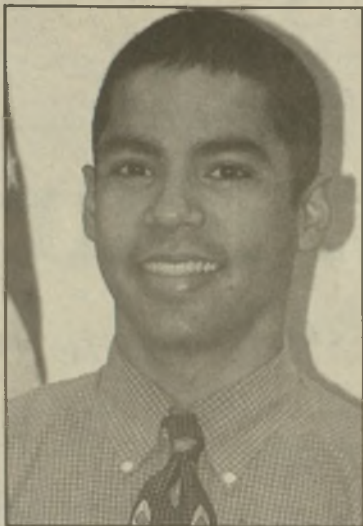
Maj. Daniel S. McLean, SIUE director of military science, selected Jimenez for the award. McLean said Jimenez was chosen for "physical ability, academic ability and top leadership ability."

The George C. Marshall award is given annually to the outstanding cadet from each university ROTC program in the nation. There are 270 ROTC programs and about 200 cadets attending the seminar April 13-16 at the Virginia Military Academy, McLean said.

Jimenez's pride was evident when he spoke about letting his father, an Army officer, know about the award. Jimenez grinned as he said, "He is proud of me."

The George C. Marshall ROTC National Security Seminar will be headed by Maj. Gen. Stewart Wallace, commanding general of the U.S. Army Cadet Command. The seminar will feature leadership and national security panel discussions with leaders from the military, industry and government, according to McLean.

Jimenez said, "The only



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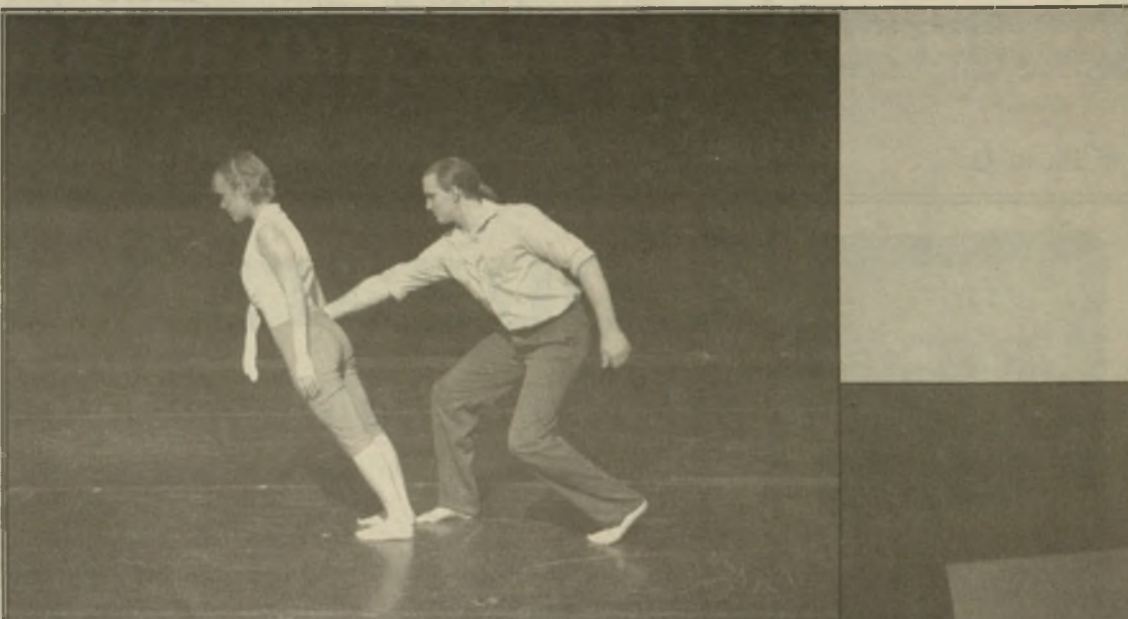
### Axel Jimenez

drawback is that I'm going to be gone four days and I'm going to miss three days of classes. It's my last semester. I think I need to go to class, but on the other hand, it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and it'll be worth it."

Jimenez graduated from Belleville East High School and will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a distinguished military graduate, has a grade point average of 3.65 and is on the Dean's List.

After graduation, Jimenez will go on active duty with the Army Quartermaster Corps and will be stationed in Fort Hood, Tx.

Jimenez said he hopes to return to SIUE for his master's degree after his four years in the Army.



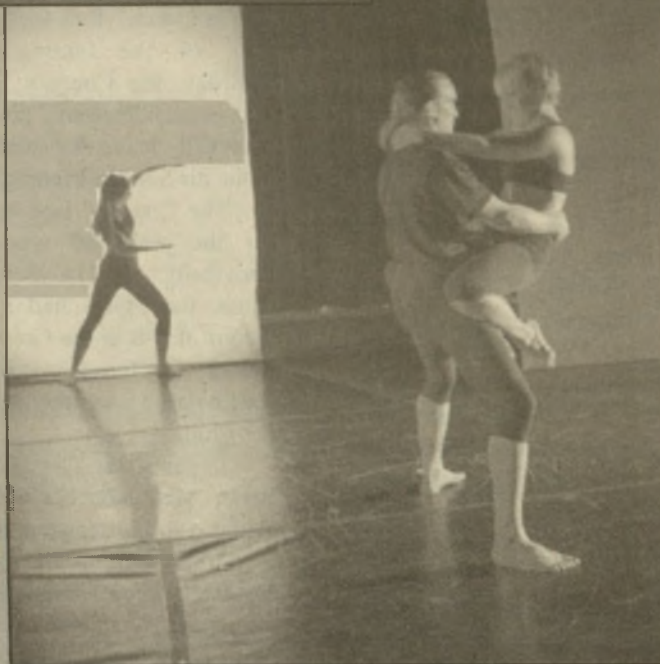
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### Scenes from Opus '99:

Top: "At First Glance" a dance vignette choreographed and performed by seniors

Erin Hartmann and Jeff Buckley, both dance majors.

Right: "Figure, Form and Movement" a dance vignette choreographed by Jodi Hertz (left) and performed by Hertz, Hartmann and Buckley.



## Gay organization offers education

BY TONY WATT  
NEWS REPORTER

The Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Alliance will be sponsoring Gay 101 during Sex Week.

"Gay 101 is an information forum where we talk with people about being gay," Norris Manning, adviser to GLOBAL, said. "We provide information and try to dispel myths about gay and lesbian lifestyles and the challenges gays face, such as discrimination and hate crimes."

Manning said that Gay 101 will be 8 p.m. today in Prairie Hall.

GLOBAL has approximately 25 people registered as members. "For the most part we go into classrooms," Manning said. "We deliver lectures on gay and lesbian issues, and we have social events for our members such as movie nights or going out to coffee bars."

Currently, members of GLOBAL are working on a home page that will be accessible through the SIUE web site.

For more information, contact GLOBAL at global\_siue@hotmail.com.

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Orangetree rocks out in the Quad last week as a preview for springfest, which kicks off Tuesday.

Former Los Angeles Dodger pitcher Pete Richert once struck out four batters in one inning. He also struck out the first six batters he ever faced.

# Sports & Cougars

Coming UP Next

**BASEBALL**  
Wednesday at Southern Indiana, 3 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
Thursday vs. Southern Indiana (DH)  
at home, 4 p.m.

**MEN'S TENNIS**  
Friday-Saturday, GLVC Championships  
at Indianapolis, TBA.

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The A l e s t l e

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999 ◆



BY TONY AMMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Golf

Professional golfers can practice the mechanics of their swing until their arms fall off. But the guy with the prettiest swing isn't always going to win. The guy with the best mental game will.

Sunday, José Maria Olazabal proved a cliché to be true. You can accomplish anything if you put your mind to it. Olazabal became the newest Masters Champion of golf at legendary Augusta, Ga.

Big deal? Yes, it's a very big deal. Just three years ago, José Maria Olazabal was stricken with a disease in his foot that prevented him from walking. The 33-year-old Spaniard found out that the disease was misdiagnosed, and he found the mental strength and courage to regain the greatest title in the world of golf.

Olazabal overcame the fear of never being able to walk again. Sunday, he was not only physically able to make the infamous walk up the 18th fairway, but he made the walk with a two-stroke lead and assured of his second green jacket. Way to go, José.

## Football

The 1999 National Football League Draft is this Saturday, and the St. Louis Rams may be sitting prettier than anyone.

Yes, the Rams only get the sixth overall pick, but the chances of obtaining Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams of Texas keep looking better and better.

Cleveland, Philadelphia and Cincinnati have the first three picks respectively, and each team desperately needs to fill a hole at the quarterback position. Indianapolis and Washington remain the only two teams ahead of the Rams, but those teams are reportedly interested in other players.

If the Rams do get the golden opportunity to draft Williams, the result would be instant offense from one of the greatest collegiate running backs in history.

# Cougars win four more

## SIUE baseball team wins 30th game of the season

BY TONY AMMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Just what exactly is the strongest part of the SIUE baseball team? Is it the pitching staff or the batting order? Saturday, the Cougars began a four-game home stand that would eventually leave that question up in the air Sunday evening.

The Cougars' first opponent for the weekend was Lewis University (18-21). Before the game, the Flyers had a losing record of 5-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, good for fourth place in the Northern Division.

In game one, Cougar pitcher Brian Matzenbacher went the distance and surrendered just four hits in SIUE's 4-2 victory. Matzenbacher's complete game effort came one outing after his first career no-hitter against Kentucky Wesleyan April 3.

Matzenbacher struggled in the second inning when Lewis put two runs on the board. The Cougars were held scoreless and

trailed 2-0 until the bottom of the fifth. Ryan Collins and Jason Abernathy had consecutive hits to lead off the inning. Chad Opel laid down a perfect bunt single to load the bases with no outs. Brock Friese was hit by a pitch, forcing in the first SIUE tally of the game. Travis Dawson then added an RBI ground-out to tie the score at two.

The game didn't stay tied for long, however, as the Cougars scored two more runs an inning later. With Jeremiah Bergheger at first, Collins rounded the bases on what was scored a triple and an error by Lewis center fielder Jeff Johnson. Bergheger scored ahead of Collins, giving SIUE a 4-2 lead.

The two-run lead was more than enough run support for Matzenbacher, who went on to win his team-leading eighth game of the season. The complete game effort by Matzenbacher started a trend for the Cougars.

In game two, Cougar fireballer Aaron Rakers was nearly unhittable. Rakers pitched

the entire nine-inning game and struck out 13 batters in SIUE's 5-1 victory.

The Cougars gave Rakers a 2-0 lead to play with in the bottom half of the third inning. Opel and Friese started the rally by leading off the inning with consecutive hits. Opel advanced to third on a Lewis error, then scored on a wild pitch. Mark Bugger added a sacrifice fly scoring Friese.

SIUE touched home three more times in the sixth inning. Bergheger, Haug, and Opel were in the middle of things once again. Each had run, scoring hits to give Rakers a comfortable four-run lead.

Sunday, the Cougar bullpen enjoyed another day off. Corey Blackwell and Ryan Cox each went the distance in games one and two respectively against Wisconsin-Parkside.

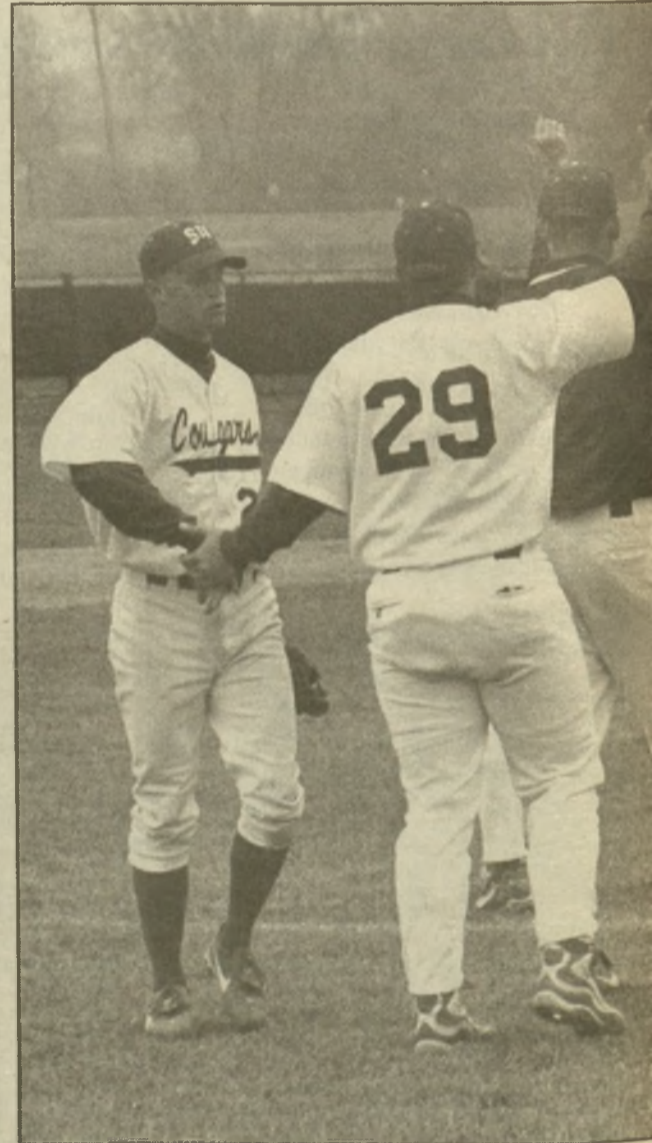
In game one, Blackwell struck out 10 Ranger hitters and allowed just one earned run in the Cougars' 9-6 win over Wisconsin-Parkside (18-11).

SIUE overcame four errors that led to five unearned runs by three runs in the first, third, and fourth innings.

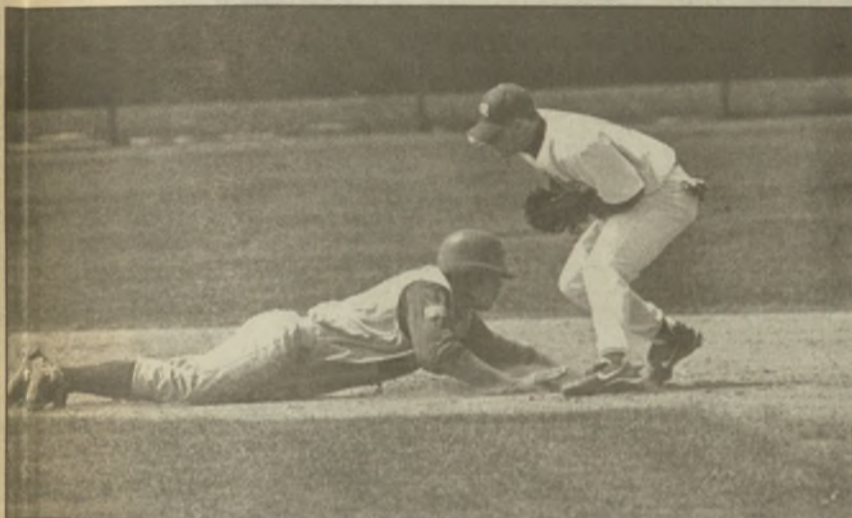
Crouthers was the hitting star for the Cougars. He went 2-for-3 with a double, triple, two runs, and three RBIs. Abernathy and Bergheger each had a pair of RBIs and Friese and Dawson each scored a pair of runs for SIUE.

In game two, Cox might have had the most impressive outing of the weekend. He tossed a 13-0 shutout and blew away 12 more Ranger hitters for the Cougars' 30th victory of the season. In the two games against Wisconsin-Parkside, Blackwell and Cox combined to strike out 22 batters and surrender just one earned run.

Crouther had another big game, going 4-for-5 with three doubles and three runs scored in the SIUE trouncing of the Rangers. Bugger, Bergheger, and Opel each had a pair of hits and a pair of RBIs in the balanced Cougar attack.



The Cougars are currently ranked 13th in the NCAA Division-II coaches' poll. SIUE is second in the Great Lakes Valley C



Amy Wisneski/Alestle

Baserunning has not been much of a problem for the SIUE baseball team this season. The Cougars have stolen 84 bases this season as a team, compared to just 38 by the opposition. Cougar runners have been picked off the basepaths just three times as well.



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ference, behind Quincy University.

**SIUE BASEBALL  
GLVC STANDINGS**

**NORTH DIVISION**

- 1. Indianapolis 9-5
- 2. Saint Joseph's 8-8
- 3. Wisconsin-Parkside 6-10
- 4. IUPU-Ft. Wayne 5-10
- 5. Lewis 5-11
- 6. Northern Kentucky 1-14

**SOUTH DIVISION**

- 1. Quincy 13-0-1
- 2. SIUE 14-2
- 3. Southern Indiana 10-5
- 4. Missouri-St. Louis 6-5-1
- 5. Bellarmine 7-8
- 6. Kentucky Wesleyan 5-11

**SIUE SOFTBALL  
GLVC STANDINGS**

- 1. SIUE 13-3
- 2. Lewis 11-4-1
- 3. Southern Indiana 11-5
- 4. Missouri-St. Louis 10-6
- 5. Wisconsin-Parkside 7-9
- 6. Quincy 7-9
- 7. Northern Kentucky 6-8
- 8. Bellarmine 5-7
- 9. Saint Joseph's 5-8-1
- 10. Indianapolis 4-12
- 11. IUPU-Ft. Wayne 2-12

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# Lady Cougar softball team splits double dip

SIUE loses first game of double-header to Missouri-St. Louis, but wins the second game, 10-1

BY JAMIE HOPPER  
SPORTS WRITER

The softball team split a doubleheader Wednesday against University of Missouri-St. Louis.

In game one the Cougars lost 3-2, dropping their record to 16-14 overall and 8-3 in the GLVC.

Left fielder Kim Messinger was 2-for-3 with a single and a double.

Freshman Valerie McCoy was 1-for-3 for the day and scored one of the Cougars' runs. Senior first basemen Sarah Sollberger had an RBI single.

Dawn Farmer pitched six innings, giving up eight hits and picking up the loss. Her record for the season is 7-2.

The Cougars won the second game against UMSL 10-1.

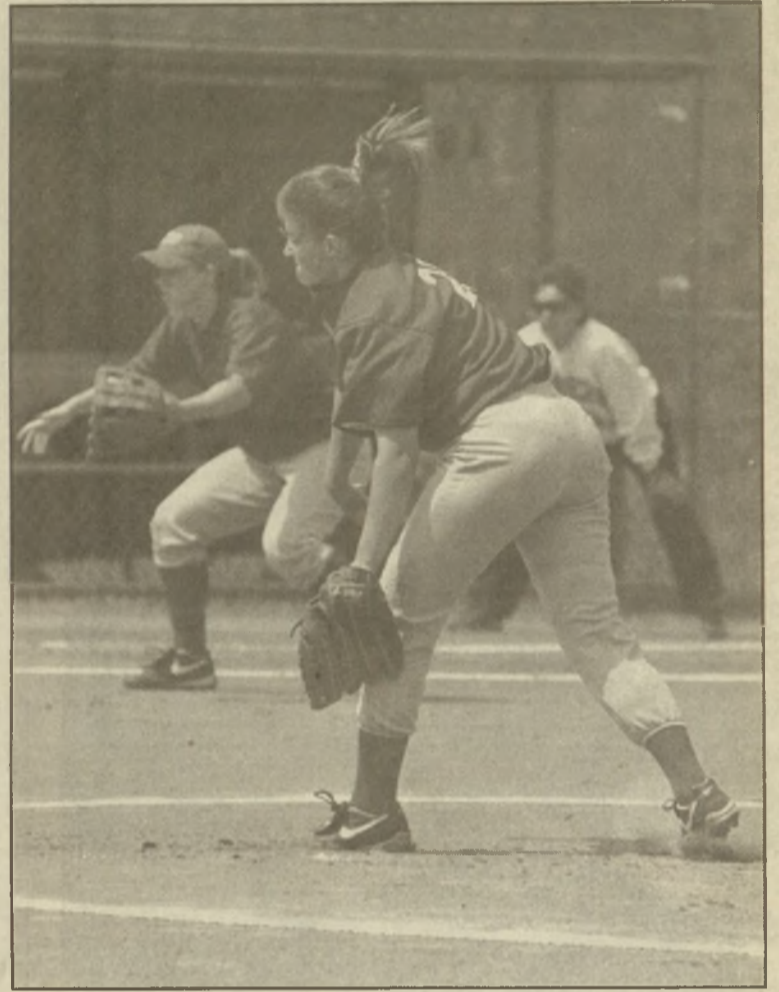
Erin Newman was 3-for-4 with a homerun. Teammate Niki Mitts was 2-for-4 with a single, triple and two RBIs. Catcher Kari Franzen's only hit for the day was a triple.

Senior Jessica Silbe captured the win, improving her record to 5-7 for the season. Silbe pitched the entire game striking out four and giving up only three hits.



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The Lady Cougar softball team has smashed 20 home runs this season compared to just six by opposing batters.



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Dawn Farmer, Sara Obrecht, Katie Young, and Jessica Silbe have compiled a miniscule team ERA of just 2.40 this year.

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# Lifestyle

## People, Entertainment & Comics

# The great American road trip: where has it gone?

BY TOBIE DEPAUW  
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

The great American college road trip. The epitome of embracing youth and freedom. Where has it gone? Has it left town? When is it coming back? I have a feeling it's on its way back, and it's gonna be big.

In today's society of cheaper airline tickets, the Internet and fast food, people have lost their will to wait for any length of time. I think this contributes to the lack of popularity of the road trip.

People just don't understand that on a road trip, the trip itself is the destination. The freedom of having no deadlines or itinerary to follow just doesn't appeal to today's youth.

Well, it appeals to me ... big time. I recently have a newfound love for the road, an addiction to being in new places where no one knows me and legal safety is just a border away. I have made a few road trips lately, but nothing compared to our fathers' hitchhiking adventures in the good ol' days. There's no comparison to legends of the road like Jack Kerouac, or the

Deltas, but I have made my way.

My most recent excursion was over spring break. I took to the road a few days before break started with my friend, Dave. First, I drove from St. Louis to Atlanta, Ga., where my destination was Georgia Tech to see a good friend of mine and figure out what to do next. We decided to switch cars and drive on to Panama "Sucky" Beach (I mean City Beach) for one night. That place was lame, it should be called Panama Sausage Beach. It was all guys! The weather didn't help, either. It was 50 degrees and raining, but we still swam. I figured I was there so I might as well. For as far as I could see we were the only ones in the entire Gulf of Mexico that day.

We slept in our van because we couldn't afford a hotel. Everyone thought we were crazy. People don't understand how overrated paying for shelter is! Even if you pay, there are a million ways to get shelter for under \$20. My personal favorite is the six dollar, open-roof motel (parking at the top of a parking garage and sleeping on the concrete). It's great!

You get privacy, you get security and sometimes you even get facilities! I used this method in downtown Louisville once. The trick is to get there really late when the roving security guards have finished their rounds. Trust me, it works.

Why would we want to get a room anyway? Why would you go all that way to pay to stay in a room when you can sneak in, take a shower and use any facilities you want? We took advantage of the hectic checkout procedure to find an empty room to shower in. It was way too easy and security didn't have a clue. It was close, though, because housekeeping found us and we had to leave before someone came back.

So with nothing keeping us, we drove back to Atlanta and enjoyed the change of environment. When we decided to continue on our way, we drove to Purdue to see another friend. When I was there, I took advantage of a student cafeteria and treated myself to a free dinner. This is risky, but if you are slick, free food isn't hard to find. We finished the 12-hour drive that day in

Chicago.

Chicago was nothing special. That's where I call home, so it wasn't new and exciting like everywhere else. A few days later, we returned to SIUE, a small five-hour drive from home. I take those drives for breakfast.

So why don't people understand the freedom and limitless possibilities of road trips? Think about being in places where you can be

anyone, say anything, and be on the road before you have to face the consequences. The more you experience this feeling, the more you learn that this is how you should live your life—no matter where you are. With no agenda to stick to, you can go along with anything that comes your way. I love being in cities where you don't know anyone and your

see ROAD TRIP, on page 10



Tobie DePauw and friends demonstrate a few faces commonly seen on a road trip: bewilderment, shock and confusion.

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**ROAD TRIP, from page 9**

only means of knowing what's around is your map and the kindness of the locals. I have always left with a better opinion towards basic humanity. Wherever I go, people never let me down. They have always been helpful, giving and downright kind when it comes to helping strangers. I think kids nowadays are afraid of people in general. They would rather stick to their own than try to use strangers as a resource. I have found that basic humanity doesn't get much credit. I have never been treated unfairly by locals because I feel I never deserve it. People will always lend a helping hand.

So what's stopping you? Who cares if you have to work, take the weekend off and leave. Go as far as you can! See a different landscape! Meet different people, see different things!

I know for a fact that traveling changes you. After a journey, you feel like you have so much actual knowledge and useful experience. It is absolutely impossible to learn these things in a classroom. You have to be there, and feel it! I can tell you how cool and scary it was to climb a five-story construction crane in the middle of downtown Atlanta, but you will never feel the paralyzing fear and hear the whistling of the wind swaying the structure back and forth. I can go on for hours about whitewater rafting in the New River Gorge in West Virginia, but I can't give you butterflies in my stomach or the smell of the water in the air. I know what it feels like to be in the middle of a crowd screaming along with my favorite band that I drove eight hours each way to see. But I can never give you a tingle down your spine like the one I felt. These feelings are strictly personal, and unless you take the time out of living the same way and doing the same things day after day, you will never feel any of them.

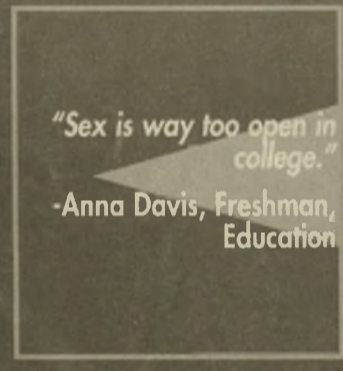
I haven't even begun to live. I feel this is not even the beginning, but a warm-up for things to come. I can look at a map and realize I have so much more to see, don't you? Go see the ocean, visit a friend, or follow a band! Do anything! There is a huge world out there, people, see it before it or you is gone. Time is ticking and you're still here, hit the road, Jack, and get out of town.

**Say What!?**

by Amy Wisneski  
**In honor of Sex Week '99, what advice do you give about sex?**



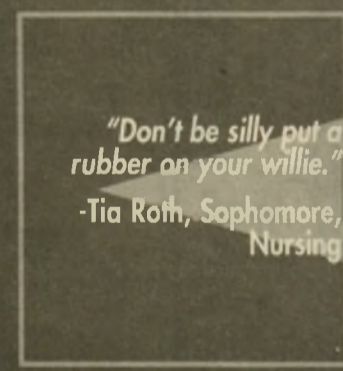
*"Be safe and have fun."*  
 -Brad Blackard, Freshman, computer engineering



*"Sex is way too open in college."*  
 -Anna Davis, Freshman, Education



*"Good sex is expensive...so get a wife."*  
 -Ryan Sashidharan, Second year Grad, Mass. Com.



*"Don't be silly put a rubber on your willie."*  
 -Tia Roth, Sophomore, Nursing



*"Let's all just get drunk and screw."*  
 -Mike Havenar, Sophomore, Nursing

...beer then liquor, never sicker.

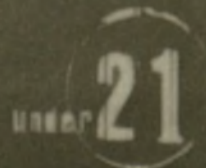
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