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## Fundraising scam lands two in jail for soliciting

JESSICA MULLEN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Two men were arrested Monday for soliciting money from students at several locations on campus.

James Albert Stamer and Jason S. Sutherland were arrested for criminal trespass on state - supported property.

Both men were taken to Madison County Jail.

Police received phone calls reporting incidents of students being approached by the two men.

A representative of Kimmel Leadership Center notified police that the solicitors were in the quad.

Stamer and Sutherland claimed to be selling magazines for a mass communications fundraiser. They demanded cash upon completion of an order.

“The most important thing to remember is that SIUE does not allow solicitors on campus. Signs are posted at the entrances of campus to prevent this from happening,” University Police Capt. Gina Hays said.

Hays said people should remain cautious of this type of

solicitation on campus.

“The two guys seemed to be rather pushy and persuasive about orders.

“If someone acts like that it should be a warning sign that what they are doing is not legit,” Capt. Hays said.

“Other warning signs include asking for cash, not giving a receipt and number one there shouldn’t be solicitors on campus anyway.”

If anyone sees this type of activity on campus or is approached, report the incident to the University Police.

## Kimmel Award winners will be recognized for community service

JENNIFER VOGEL  
NEWS STRINGER

An SIUE student and staff member are among those being recognized for their dedication and contributions to community services as exemplified by Carol Kimmel, a former member of the SIU Board of Trustees, who was well-known for her work in volunteerism.

Kay Werner, manager of Information Technology at SIUE’s East St. Louis Center, is the recipient of the 2003 Kimmel Service Award for faculty and staff.

Werner is recognized for her work as chair of the SIUE “A Book in Every Home” campaign, an initiative to raise awareness about the importance of reading.

Werner, whose husband is SIUE Chancellor David Werner, has overseen the campaign since 2000.

“I was extremely surprised and very thrilled to receive the award,” Werner said, who also attributes the program’s success to everyone involved in the campaign, from the committee members and volunteers to the donors who contribute.

“I have learned so much

from so many. Truly, I have gained far more than I have received.”

The campaign fosters a child’s love of reading through donations of books for children from the age of six weeks to five-years-old.

The books are donated to children in SIUE’s Head Start program and Early Childhood Development Center, SIUE East St. Louis Child Development Center and Riverbend Head Start and Family Services program.

Partners of “A Book in Every Home” include Wood

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## Parking tickets pile up on campus

BRIAN WALLHEIMER  
NEWS REPORTER

Since the beginning of the spring semester, many students have allowed unpaid parking tickets to pile up, putting them in danger of having their vehicles towed.

Parking service agents have written 146 scofflaw tickets since January, according to Assistant to the Director of Administrative Services Tony Langendorf. Scofflaw tickets are written for vehicles that have accumulated \$100 or more in unpaid parking tickets. University policy is to have those vehicles towed once a scofflaw ticket is issued.

“The scofflaw takes effect

when they accumulate \$100 in fines,” Langendorf said. “It takes them probably a couple months to get to that point.”

Parking tickets on campus range from \$15 to \$40.

Outstanding parking tickets are tacked on to tuition at the beginning of the new semester, so students with unpaid tickets in the fall started with a zero balance on tickets in the spring.

Students who graduate with outstanding parking tickets could have services, such as transcript requests, withheld.

In January parking service agents wrote 16 scofflaw tickets. They wrote 43 in February and 87 in March. Langendorf said that the scofflaw tickets increase

later in the semester because more students have racked up tickets then.

“I guess it’s just the way people’s parking habits are,” Langendorf said.

Receiving a scofflaw ticket doesn’t mean a vehicle is towed, though. Parking service agents call SIUE police once the ticket is written. The vehicle’s owner could leave campus with their vehicle before the police and tow truck arrive.

Police records show no scofflaw tows in January or February. But between March 18 and March 28, 36 vehicles were towed. Owners of towed vehicles must pay their tickets and a \$55 fee for the tow.

## Spring is in the air



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

**Students enjoy the beautiful weather on campus. Instead of sitting inside, students opt to hang out in the Quad and catch some rays while the weather permits.**

## Helen Thomas to speak at Arts & Issues series



MELISSA RICHARDSON  
NEWS STRINGER

Award-winning White House reporter Helen Thomas will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

Her speech, titled “Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House,” will be part of SIUE’s Arts and Issues Series.

Thomas spent 57 years as a correspondent for the United Press International and is a columnist for Hearst newspapers.

She began her work in the

White House with the presidency of John F. Kennedy and continued in her work to travel with presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Clinton and George H.W. Bush.

In addition to this, Thomas has served as president of the Women’s National Press Club and is the first woman officer of the National Press Club.

Thomas is also the first woman officer of the White House Correspondents Association and later became its first woman president.

In 1998, Thomas received the International Women’s Media Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

In that same year, she was the first to receive the Helen Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award, instituted by the White House Correspondents Association at its annual dinner.

Tickets for the event are \$8 for the public and \$4 for students.

Additionally, 50 free student tickets are available at the Information desk in the MUC.

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## Organization of the week

JENNIFER VOGEL  
NEWS STRINGER

An organization on campus offers students a forum to explore issues of spirituality.

United Campus Ministry is a progressive Christian ministry which integrates fellowship, service, study and worship to create a spiritual outlet for students, faculty and staff.

"Campus ministries are imperative because they offer students an opportunity to grow spiritually," the Rev. Cherie Hambleton, chaplain of United Campus Ministry, said. "We are a progressive, open and affirming ministry for students from every background and lifestyle. Everyone is welcome."

The Rev. Cherie Hambleton has been the chaplain of United Campus Ministry since 1997, when the organization formed as a result of the merger between two part-time ministries.

United Campus Ministry is one of three campus ministries at the Religious Center. The Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry and the Catholic Campus Ministry are also headquartered there.

Many students have learned about the United Campus Ministry through its various volunteer opportunities and its affiliation with the Student Leadership Development Program. The ministry performs volunteer work for such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, the

Granite City Community Care Center and the Holy Angel Shelter in East St. Louis, a facility for homeless women.

Hambleton estimates more than 100 students participate in its volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

During the United Campus Ministry's "Volunteer Week" over spring break, Hambleton and 12 students traveled to a rural community outside of Tahlequah, Okla., to perform volunteer work for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

The ministry has volunteered with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma every year since its founding in 1997.

"It's very exciting because we get to see the progress in the community," Hambleton said. "It is very rewarding to see how we are making an impact there."

United Campus Ministry receives no federal grants or funding through the university. The organization is funded by local churches, individuals and organizations that support its mission.

The ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Religious Center for a spiritual growth group.

For more information about the United Campus Ministry or its volunteer opportunities, visit their Web site at [www.siue.edu/RELIGION/UCM](http://www.siue.edu/RELIGION/UCM).

## Police offer reward for information

### ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The SIUE Police Department is asking for assistance in obtaining any information or leads concerning

the recent onslaught of criminal defacement, or graffiti, on campus.

A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the

person or persons responsible for the defacement.

If you have any information, please contact the police department at 650-3324 or send an e-mail to [police@siue.edu](mailto:police@siue.edu).

## KIMMEL

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River Printing Co., the St. Louis Blues and the St. Louis Rams. Recently, the Blues raised over \$6,000 for the campaign.

Werner is currently working on an initiative to further the campaign's mission of raising awareness about the importance of reading by distributing posters to area schools, libraries, banks and other offices.

The posters include artwork of children and their families reading together and read, "The most important chapter in your children's life is the first one they read."

The campaign is celebrating a large success this year, as they will be donating two books to every child in the program, whereas in the past they donated one to every child.

"The program has really taken on a life of its own," Werner said. "It just keeps expanding."

Liberal Studies sophomore

Preston E. Williams is the recipient of the Carol Kimmel Scholarship, in recognition of his community service contributions and demonstration of outstanding leadership.

The scholarship provides a full year of tuition to SIUE at the in-state rate.

"Leadership has more to do with disposition than position," Williams said.

"It requires discipline, a dedication to put others' interests ahead of your own and a willingness to stand up for your beliefs."

Williams serves as president of the Maranatha Christian Ministry and belongs to several other organizations, including the Student Leadership Development Program and "Lifting As We Climb," a mentoring program in the Office of Special Services to help incoming freshman adjust to college life.

"I'm very thankful for this privilege and opportunity," Williams said. "I realize that there are a lot of other community service leaders on campus that deserve this award as much as I do, so it is quite an honor to be chosen."

Williams and Werner will be recognized at the Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet April 3, sponsored by SIUE and the Belleville News-Democrat.

They will join four other recipients of the Kimmel Community Service Award from the region to be recognized for their dedication and contributions to community service.

The other recipients from the region are James Maher, Wayne Schlosser, the Rev. Obie Rush and Jan Goodwin.

The deceased Prentice Johnson is also a recipient of the award and will be honored at the banquet.

## THOMAS

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For more information, call 650-2626 or from St. Louis toll-free (888) 328-5168, ext. 2626, or visit the Web site at

[www.siue.edu/ARTS\\_ISSUES](http://www.siue.edu/ARTS_ISSUES).

E-mail can be sent to Arts and Issues Coordinator John Peecher at [jpeeche@siue.edu](mailto:jpeeche@siue.edu).

Parking is free with the presentation of a ticket stub in the lots behind the MUC or Dunham Hall.



## Police Incidents

### Traffic

03-26-03

Police issued a citation to Tamara J. Vize for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jerry L. Gravitt for failing to stop at a stop sign on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Marleen M. Suarez for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Kelly A. Paulus for failing to stop at a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Neil F. Gamblin for failing to stop at a stop sign on South University Drive.

03-27-03

Police arrested Christopher D. Belden on a warrant issued by Madison County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear on a charge regarding operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Belden posted \$600 bond and was released.

### Other Offenses

03-26-03

Police arrested Reginald R. Chatman on a Cook County Warrant for contempt of court. Chatman was unable to post bond and was taken to Madison County Sheriff's Department.

## Students remember troops



RAJAT BHARGAVA/ALESTLE

Students gather together to remember troops at war at a peace vigil Thursday on the Quad.

## School of Pharmacy appoints dean

### ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Philip Medon, an associate dean at the University of Louisiana, will become the founding dean of the SIUE School of Pharmacy.

Medon has a master's degree and a doctorate in pharmacology from Purdue University

as well as a pharmacy degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Medon will join the SIUE faculty July 1.

The School of Pharmacy is expected to open in the fall of 2005.

Medon was the associate dean for student and professional

affairs at the University of Louisiana and held other administrative roles as well.

Provost Sharon Hahs thanked the search committee for the "care, thought, and hard work" that resulted in "a very successful outcome."

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# Student Government Elections

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## Faculty to receive recognition and awards at April ceremony

MELISSA RICHARDSON  
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE faculty members Dennis Hostetler, Kay Gaele and Paul Brunkow will each receive awards at SIUE's April 13 Honors Convocation.

At the ceremony, Hostetler, a professor of public administration and policy analysis, will receive the 2003 SIUE Teaching Excellence Award. Hostetler will also receive \$2,000 as a part of the award, the highest honor that can be awarded to an SIUE faculty member.

Gaele, a lecturer in the SIUE School of Nursing, and biology professor Brunkow will both receive a teaching recognition award.

Each will receive \$500 as a part of the award. Hostetler will also be given a plaque of recognition at the spring commencement on May 10.

Hostetler has been working for SIUE since 1975 and earned his bachelor's at the University of Montana and a master's and a doctorate in political science from the University of Iowa.

The committee referred to Hostetler as a key faculty member in introducing and distributing technologies, such as WebCT software, at SIUE.

"He stimulates active

learning by providing a structured, non-threatening environment within the classroom, which supports the open exchange of ideas.

He responds dynamically to student feedback as it is given," the committee said in a press release in regard to Hostetler.

Gaele, now in her fourth year at SIUE, has a master's in nursing from St. Louis University.

She also has clinical experience in medical and surgical nursing, acute care and pediatrics.

Gaele focuses her research on medication administration safety and breast cancer detection.

"She fosters engaged and active learning by providing a structured, non-threatening environment within the classroom and in clinical experiences," the committee said of her in a press release.

Brunkow, now in his sixth year at SIUE, earned a bachelor's in zoology from the University of Washington and a doctorate in zoology from Arizona State University.

Brunkow's teaching has been described as challenging, interesting and enlightening.

All three teachers will be honored at SIUE's Honors Convocation April 13.

## Redbird express is ready to fly into baseball season

JESSICA MULLEN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Redbird express is ready to take eager Cardinal Fans to Busch Stadium for the 2003 season.

The service is provided by Madison County Transit and has 12 operating locations to get fans to the game.

A round-trip ticket on the Redbird Express is \$4 for 13 years of age or older; \$2 for children ages five to 12, seniors over the age of 65 and the disabled; the trip is free for children under the age of five.

If someone wants to ride only one way, the price of the ticket is the same.

"Using the Redbird Express is a very convenient, relaxing way to get to the game," Director of Marketing at Madison County Transit Joe Wright said.

"Fans don't have to worry about driving themselves and can have a great time at the game."

The Redbird Express runs three routes on Cardinal game days.

The Alton Express stops at Alton Square at the lower level entrance near J C Penny, the Alton Holiday Inn, Eastgate Plaza at the bus shelter, Wood River on 1st and Madison and the Granite City Station.

The Edwardsville Redbird Express stops at the Edwardsville Station at Main and Hillsboro, Cottonwood Mall, Maryville Park and Ride lot and the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville Eastport Plaza.

The Highland Redbird Express stops at Highland Park & Ride lot, St. Jacob Park & Ride lot, Troy Park & Ride Lot and the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville's Eastport Plaza.

Passengers are dropped off directly in front of Busch Stadium 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

The bus will depart from the same location 20 minutes after the end of the game.

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# Opinions & Editorial viewpoints & commentary

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## From the Editor

### Make the Senate work for you – vote



Alas, the time is here again to put up or shut up about who you'll choose to represent you for the upcoming school year.

That's right, it's election time for the Student Government and if you haven't liked how it has represented the student body this year, here's your chance to let that be known loud and clear.

Of course, if you are OK with what you've been getting up to now, it's time to voice that as well.

The important thing, though is to stand and be counted. Far too often we don't do that. Instead, some of us sit idly by allowing others to make decisions for us and then mutter under our breath if they make one with which we don't agree.

Every year about this time, we run the center spread with the candidates' mugshots and campaign promises. Then election, which generally lasts three days, goes by and very few people show up to cast a vote.

There are more than 12,000

students here at SIUE, but sadly, about half or less vote for our Student Government officials.

I'm just guessing, but I think close to 90 percent of us will complain if we see our interests are not being looked after.

This year we should all make a promise to ourselves and each other to look at the candidates and what they have to offer thoroughly, then use that information to make a conscious decision on our next year's representation.

While we're at it, let's try to choose candidates who are likely to fulfill the term requirements.

I realize things come up and we all may have to add or drop a class sometime or get another job. But since I enrolled here in the 2002, I've yet to see every senator-elect complete his or her term.

And after the new school year is in full swing, hold those newly elected officials accountable.

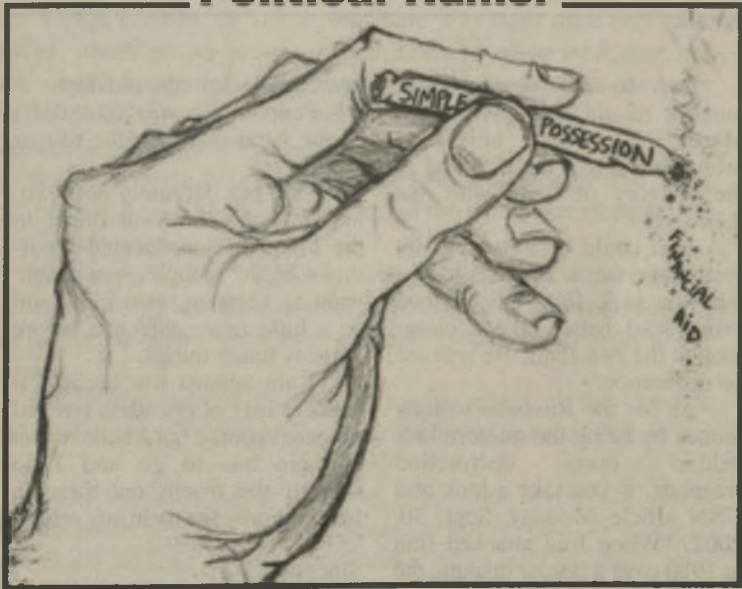
Make sure they represent wholly. That is why they are there.

If you don't vote, you will have no one to blame except yourself if your concerns are not taken into consideration.

Finally, I'd like to wish each candidate the best of luck, but remember your promises and keep them.

Karen M. Johnson  
Editor in Chief

## Political Humor



## Opinions

### The meek shall inherit diddly squat

It's very important that we stop the war and the destruction of the earth because when we turn it over to the meek, it will be such a mess they won't be able to do a thing with it.

Most meeks are generally not good at construction work or heavy lifting.

Chay Lemoine  
Graduate Student  
English

## Letters to the Editor

### Student Government – administration toy

Dear Editor,

Well, when I read the article in the March 18 edition regarding the possible passes that would give students unlimited access to Madison County Transit buses and MetroLink, I thought to myself, "What a great idea! I couldn't believe it. And the cost is only \$12 per semester. Heck, I found half of that in my couch. Sign me up right now."

Then I read the rest of the article and realized the puppet show had started.

Oh, you don't know about the puppet show? Let me introduce you to it. It's called the Student Government.

Yep, the same folks who passed the proposed hike in athletic fees after nearly two-

thirds of the student body surveyed voted against it are at it again.

It seems Student Government President Michelle King has spoken. She tells us she doesn't think the proposition will pass the senate.

Well, excuse me; I guess everyone in the student government must have cars.

I mean, come on, is giving students a "free ride" really crazy?

Here's an idea; why not let the student body decide this matter and not the puppet show.

Sincerely,

Joe Layman  
Sophomore  
Criminal Justice  
Army Veteran

### Can't stop the Rock – it's for everybody

Dear Editor,

Johnny Prince's March 27th letter to the editor appalls me.

I am in a state of shock and awe by the compelling comments penned by my fellow student.

What might I say is anti-American? Is it the flag of Iraq? I don't think so! That flag represents the people of that nation and I am under the impression one of the reasons we are at war is to liberate the people of Iraq from the leadership of Saddam Hussein.

I believe even after the war is over, we will still see the Iraqi flag flying high in Iraq, so don't be hateful toward the flag of that country, but the leader hiding behind it.

There is a big difference between anti-war and anti-American. Prince might want to

look that up before he goes against people. Yes there are people on campus putting up anti-American stuff but there are others who are anti-war but as much as an American as Prince.

You don't have to want this war to be American!

Another thing I would like to address is the fact that I am not sure if the Iraqi flag was ever painted on the Rock Monday. The Indian flag, however, was painted Monday evening and I am almost positive that the majority of the students on campus mistook it as something else.

The Rock is a means for students, fraternities and sororities to express themselves and this is what the Indian students of SIUE did. We have a lot of international students at this university and they have a  
*see ROCK, page 7*

### We're not fighting innocent Iraqi citizens

Dear Editor,

Am I the only person who saw an alternate meaning to the Iraqi flag painted on our Rock?

OK, granted I see the point of being upset by the American flag being painted over. If that was the intention of the person who painted it, then I totally agree with the stance taken by Johnny Prince and Mike Sinn. That would be completely unacceptable.

But what if that wasn't their goal? Honestly, I took the artistic rendering completely differently. I think we need to take a step back and think about who we are really fighting against: the Iraqi regime.

I saw that flag and was proud that someone realized that this war is not against the innocent inhabitants of a country they are forced to support.

I've heard the idea that they're not "forced" to do anything.

Tell that to the civilians who lost their lives trying to flee the hellhole they call home.

They were killed by their

own military! Or tell that to the men, women and children who are currently being used as shields to protect a regime that purposefully puts them in the line of fire counting on our efforts to avoid hurting or possibly killing any civilians.

I truly do support this war and the men and women represented by members of every race and religion of the world who are fighting for our cause.

Of course I wish it didn't have to happen. Of course I hope it's over soon. But most of all, I hope the "innocents" understand we are not against them. We are fighting to rid the world of a crazy man, an unnecessary evil; Saddam Hussein.

So raise that Iraqi flag, not in support of a truly vile regime, but in support of a country that is as deserving of freedom as any other.

God bless (insert country here)!

Nikki Weiss  
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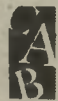
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## A view from over the hill

### "Slow Children" more than just a comical play on words

Dear Over the hill,

Brevity may be the soul of wit, but it can wreak havoc with street signs.

Therefore, it's no wonder you've misinterpreted the meaning of the "Slow Children" sign.

Here are my interpretations:

1. Move slow, children, so that you won't dash into the street in front of an oncoming car.

2. The children in this neighborhood move slowly, so there's not much chance of you hitting one if he's not already in the road.

3. Drive slowly so you'll have time to enjoy the view of the

children playing in the neighborhood – kind of a little tourist attraction.

4. Children, you should drive slowly, because you really don't have enough experience to drive rapidly, and, you oughtn't be driving at all anyway.

I remember back when I was a kid, we had signs in Springfield, near our elementary school, with cute drawings of a car and a playing child, that read:

Cars can't think.

Kids don't think.

You think!

I think about six kids were hit by the time they figured that was too many words to have posted on a street sign without

distracting the driver.

Sincerely,

Doug Dennison  
Academic Marketing  
Services

I hadn't thought of those possible reasons. However, I have thought perhaps these "Slow Children" grow up to be "Slow Men Working."

If anyone out there has an answer or a question, write to "Over the Hill" in care of [alestle\\_editor@hotmail.com](mailto:alestle_editor@hotmail.com)

Steve Fulk  
Graduate Student  
Sociology

## Letters to the Editor

### Unjust war is being fought for money, oil and power

Dear Editor,

I have been growing more and more irritated with trying to explicate my views on the war in Iraq.

I am against the war, period. Murder is never right even if it is justified.

This is a war that is being fought for oil and money and in its very roots is hypocritical. Iraq has one of the largest oil reserves in the world second only to Iran.

Then there is the new Tweed Courthouse scenario going on with the company Vice President Dick Cheney used to be a part of.

His company has gotten the contract for both rebuilding the infrastructure in Afghanistan as well as rebuilding the oil

infrastructure in Iraq. I wonder who's getting a piece of that pie.

What makes Saddam Hussein more of a threat than any other leader of a country with weapons of mass destruction? Is China not dangerous? How about the many nations that used to be part of the Soviet Union that are in chaos? Is the fact that India and Pakistan, rivals that would fight to the bitterest of ends, have weapons of mass destruction not a threat to the rest of the world?

It is arrogant to think that we are going to solve any problems by taking over Iraq.

We also use Hussein's evils against him, and rightfully so; he is an evil man, but who has killed more civilians in Iraq than he has? We have.

Those children who needed food and medical supplies and who were forbidden to enter the country due to trade restrictions died.

Don't get me wrong. I love my country. I just don't care for its policies. It is my right to disagree.

I strongly support our troops and hope for their safe return, the sooner the better, as I have friends who are serving. They are in my prayers every day. I am a patriot. I support my country and my countrymen, but not an unjust war.

Sincerely,

Adam Letterly  
Senior

## ROCK

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right to express themselves through the Rock as well.

The United States is not the only country with troops fighting in Iraq. We have troops from Britain and Australia, and many more nations supporting this war. So, if students from these countries feel the need to express themselves at this time, I'm all for it! They might have loved ones fighting hand in hand with the American troops, so we have to be supportive of them as well.

Prince claims to have seen the U.N. flag raised higher than the U.S. flag.

Well, I see it as being on the same level on two different posts.

Keep in mind that the United States is one of the major and permanent decision-making members of the United Nations out of 190 member states.

Due to the deaths of a number of soldiers on Sunday, March 23, the university probably lowered the U.S. flag in the memory of those who lost their lives.

That could be a reason why you "saw the U.N. flag higher than the U.S. flag," if not then Prince had better take a closer look at the two flags. He will see no difference.

As for the Russians making money by being the masterminds behind mass destruction weapons, if you take a look at a CNN article Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, "When Iraq attacked Iran in 1980 over a border dispute, the United States tilted toward Saddam -- secretly supplying intelligence to hit Iranian positions."

There were a lot of people

*Editor's note: Reportedly, sometime between Sunday evening March 23 and the next morning, an Iraqi flag had been painted on the Rock. That image was replaced Monday by midday with an Indian flag and the words, "India is great" in Hindi. The Rock belongs to all SIUE students and not any particular group exclusively. I am sure, the Iraqi flag is not the only image to appear on the Rock that has been offensive to at least one person.*

*In this country, everyone is guaranteed the right of free, and yes, even offensive, speech under the First Amendment. As such, whoever painted the Iraqi flag has that right. While it may be hurtful to some, the right to do it is protected by the U.S. Constitution.*

*Also, there are no provisions to fly the U.N. flag at half-staff and no flag is allowed to fly higher than the U.S. flag. Therefore, whenever the U.S. flag is lowered, the U.N. flag must come down. If anyone actually saw any flag higher than the U.S. flag at this or any other public institution, I can assure you it was not intentional and upon discovery of the mistake, adjustments were made immediately.*

involved back in the old days.

People make mistakes; don't blame it on them for the rest of their lives!

Last but definitely not least, before you point your finger to the so-called "uneducated-about-this-subject" people, you might want to keep an open mind and be a little more objective before you say harsh things.

I am against war because it leads to loss of countless lives of innocent people but I believe that Hussein has to go and I do support the troops out there in Iraq and pray for their safe return.

Sincerely,

Melanie Rodrigues  
Sophomore  
Computer Engineering



# Lifestyle

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT, COMICS & MOVIE REVIEWS

## Coed living at SIUE

LAUREN WESCOAT  
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Coed living is a large part of the college experience, but it hasn't always been that way.

At one time many universities had strict policies that stated no members of the opposite sex were even allowed in residence halls designated to one sex or the other, and if visitors were allowed, they were accompanied by chaperones.

Coed living is thought of as an increasingly common occurrence to students. Few colleges remain that divide residence halls by gender, and at the same time more and more colleges on the East Coast are offering coed living by room, not just by wings.

SIUE provides housing for about 3,000 students. Residence halls and apartments are coed by wing only, with the exception of families. That means no men and women share a bathroom or are suite mates. But are coed rooms the next logical step in gender blending at SIUE?

Housing Director Mike Schultz said it's not likely.

Schultz said students have not even expressed an interest in this option other than brothers and sisters who do not qualify to live together.

"I think the current coed living situation is working very well for students," Schultz said. "I feel we have a good diversity that breaks down stereotypes, and it provides a good environment. I've seen quite a few healthy relationships formed. Many students become as if they were brothers and sisters."

The comfort level of the students at any particular college is always different, but comfort is the main priority. Most students do not feel they would be as comfortable sharing a room or bathroom with the opposite sex. Schultz said parent concern might also be a problem.

Sophomore Josh Kelley, said he feels coed living at SIUE has benefited him and not presented any problems or discomfort.

"I liked coed living. Most people are very open once they enter college, which allows people of both sexes to enjoy their time and each other's company," Kelley said. "It has also allowed me to be around different cultures as well, and I have been able to form friendships with both sexes."

Kelley said he believes coed living is a chance to live in an environment most like the real world and the workforce students will enter after college.

"It has opened my eyes to some of the needs and problems women deal with, and it's a learning experience that prepares men and women for the future when they will have to work and live together," he said.

Kelley also said that living among members of the opposite sex benefits his schoolwork and has not affected it negatively in any way.

"Since fellow classmates aren't all of the same sex, it is helpful to have access to students in your classes no matter what their sex is. Regardless, as long as your roommates allow you to study, your schoolwork should not suffer. It's all about priorities."

When asked about any problems being reported due to coed living, such as sexual harassment or violence, Schultz said he can't think of any.

"In fact we have had more problems in single-sex areas, such as vandalism and things of that nature," Schultz said.

There is one hall that provides a floor entirely made up of women, but the three residence halls are not divided by gender and never have been. Halls are separated only by smoking or nonsmoking, and Prairie Hall is devoted to first-year students of ages between 18 and 20.

In the apartments men and women are allowed to reside together, but they must present proof of marriage.

There may still be some questions concerning coed living, and some schools may be willing to push the boundaries of housing, but one thing is for sure: SIUE will not be changing its housing policies for a long time to come.

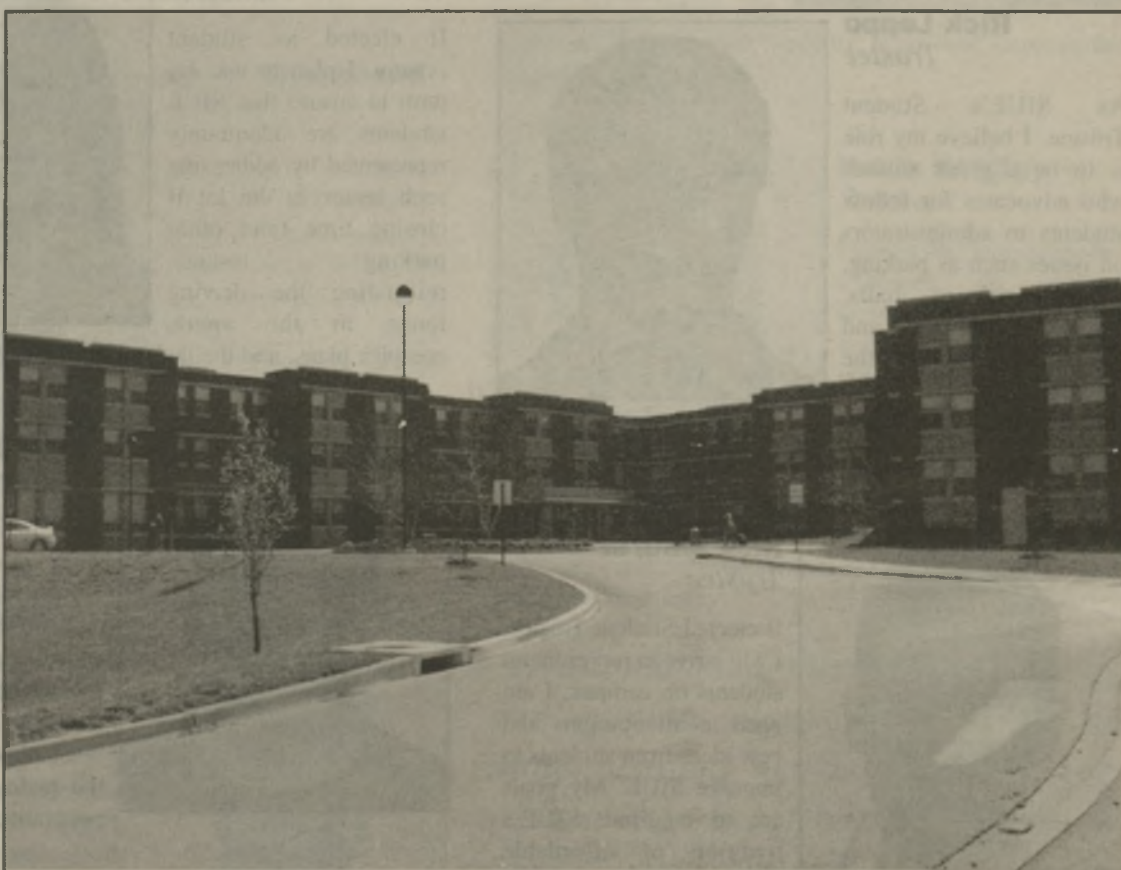
*'I think the current coed living situation is working out very well for students.'*

SIUE Housing Director Mike Schultz



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**Students spend some quality time in a Woodland Hall room.**



TONY NEWTON/ALESTLE

**Woodland and Prairie Halls both house male and female students. Prairie Hall houses first year students.**



Only students enrolled in courses at the time of the election are allowed to vote.

Students are allowed to vote for one person for president, vice president and student trustee.

Students are allowed to vote for up to 12 senator candidates. The 12 senate candidates who receive the most votes will be the winners.

# Election



**Sara Guarino**  
*President*

I have been involved in Student Government for the past two years as a Senator and the Finance Board Chair. In the future, I hope to continue working with students to enhance campus life, as well as maintaining affordability for all the students.



**Latish Adnani**  
*Senator*

- Get more events on this campus
- Make sure student fee dollars are spent best.
- Better MCT bus service.
- Better and cheaper parking facility

The following student campaign statements  
The Alestle has not edited the statements for  
student government

Any questions can be directed to Election  
student government office in t

**Anthony Albertina**  
*Vice President*

If elected, I will work to make sure every student's experience at SIUE is a memorable one. I will listen to any input from my constituents. In addition, I will make decisions based on the best interest of the student body.



**Justin Bergen**  
*Trustee*

I would like to increase student involvement while decreasing student costs.



**Michael Jones, Jr.**  
*Senator*

I would try to bring a more diverse atmosphere/attitude to the SIUE campus. I would also bring awareness of raising cost to students' tuition and fees to the administration and board of trustees. God bless me with the right to led and follow so vote for Mike...it only right!!!



**Sarah Kuehnel**  
*Senator*

I plan to attend many of the events that I choose to support and many which I do not support to ensure that I am making correct decisions. I will also incorporate the views of the SIUE student body into my decisions, making the best choice available.



**Dell Jones**  
*Trustee*

I, Dell Jones will represent the student body of SIUE to the best of my ability. I will achieve this goal by actively seeking out your concerns and bringing them before the Board. I will work tirelessly to increase the quality of education and campus life. Your voice will be heard!



**Nicole Grashoff**  
*Senator*

If elected to office, I will make myself available to students so they may vocalize any concerns or suggestions they may have and then present them to the student government. I will become involved in student affairs and try to make SIUE a better

campus for all students.



**Rene Lewis**  
*Senator*

Representing the Student Body's concerns and addressing those issues through Student Government will be my focus while in office. Working to enhance communication skills within the SIUE community, particularly ensuring students' opinions will be valued, is my objective. Improving upon the excellent reputation SIUE currently holds, to benefit the students' accreditation.



**Cynthia Holesko**  
*Senator*

If elected as student senator, I plan to use my term to ensure that SIUE students are adequately represented by addressing such issues as the lot B closing time (and other parking issues), reinstating the driving range in the sports complex plans, and the lack of lighting on campus.



**Jason Jacobson**  
*Senator*

As your senator, I will work to bring more worthwhile activities on campus, both in terms of educational value, but also for entertainment's sake. I also want help promote a sense of community within the realms of the student population.



**Rick Maurer**  
*Trustee*

If elected Student Trustee, I will strive to represent all students on campus. I am open to all opinions and new ideas from students to improve SIUE. My goals are to continue SIUE's tradition of affordable tuition and to ensure all students' concerns are



**Lay Lay Maines**  
*Senator*

As a senator, I will use creative ideas, discipline, and dedication that I have learned from my participation in many organizations/activities making me the "diverse voice" of SIUE. Driven by experience and motivation, I'll join the

Parking Committee (improve parking conditions) and MUC Committee (assist commuter students and student involvement).

voiced in the Board of Trustees.



# on 2003

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election commission.

on Commissioner Jeff Twardowski in the  
the Kimmel Leadership Center.

**Pam Minner**  
Senator



My position on campus  
life is my strongest  
concern. Several  
administrative figures at  
this school preach that this  
school wants to move  
away from being a  
commuter school;  
however more diverse  
activities and programs  
have yet to be offered. I am a diligent worker, seeking your  
vote.

**Alexis Mugge**  
Senator

I will make campus life  
more enjoyable for  
everyone. I will also speak  
on behalf of the students if  
anyone has any issues or  
concerns. I am here to  
serve the student body.

**Ajit Oza**  
Senator



One of those goals that I  
would like to see  
accomplished is finding  
enough funds to sustain the  
SIUE wrestling for a long  
period of time. I would also  
like to see the club sports  
here receive more funding.  
I would also like to see  
student fees decreased.

**T.J. Robinson**  
Senator

As a Student Senator, I  
will represent all students  
at SIUE. I will make  
recommendations to the  
university administration  
about academic policies,  
student services, and  
issues that are important  
to and affect SIUE  
students. I will work on

these issues to my best ability, and be determined to  
accomplish these goals.

**Kenneth Shepard**  
Senator

While in office I hope to  
increase the presence and  
visibility of Greek and  
other student organizations.  
I intend to make decisions  
based on the views of the  
student body. Furthermore,  
I would like to increase  
national recognition and  
credibility of SIUE, in both  
academics and athletics.



**Leamond Sloan Jr.**  
Senator

I want to make sure the  
pertinent issues that  
concern the student body  
are addressed and  
resolved. These include  
parking, student fees,  
allocation of student  
funds, and meal prices. I  
believe that my  
experiences at this



university have made me a prime candidate to be extremely  
effective in office.

**Adam Summers**  
Senator

I would like to expand the  
amount of programs and  
events that student  
organizations provide to  
the student body, adding to  
the diversity of programs  
that the University already  
has. Also, I would try to  
ensure that all the Athletic  
programs at SIUE will still  
exist in the future years.



**Scott Sutherland**  
Senator

If elected to the student  
senate I will strive to  
promote and encourage  
growth within SIUE. The  
key issue I am concerned  
with is better  
representation of student  
athletes within the senate.  
Also, I want to raise the  
status quo of student



government in our school to the level where students get  
more involved and student government is more relevant.

**Derek Thompson**  
Senator

If elected, I will make  
myself available to listen to  
concerns of students in  
order to enhance campus  
life and better the  
experiences of current and  
future students of SIUE.



## Vote

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

Peck Hall

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, April 7

Peck Hall, Morris University Center,  
Student Fitness Center, Bluff Hall

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Peck Hall, Morris University Center,  
Woodland Hall, Prairie Hall, Founders  
Hall, Skywalk Cafe

**Matt Warren**  
Senator

I will be a servant to the  
students of SIUE. If a  
majority of SIUE students  
oppose something, then  
I'll oppose it. The recent  
athletic fee hike, which  
was opposed by an  
overwhelming majority of  
students, passed easily  
through student



government. I promise to prevent similar things from  
occurring.

**Mary Witte**  
Senator

My goal is to help students  
make the most of their time  
at SIUE. I will actively  
seek out students'  
concerns, including those  
involving academic  
programs, student  
organizations, diversity,  
parking, student fees, and  
more, and voice them with  
a genuine effort to meet students' needs and improve the  
campus experience.



**Kevin Wrigley**  
Senator

I would like to increase the  
exposure of student  
government. I have  
noticed a significant  
number of students have  
no idea they are being  
represented by this  
organization. Secondly, to  
address more commuter  
issues, although



commuters don't live on campus, they spend a considerable  
amount of time here.

*"If all mankind minus one were of  
one opinion, mankind would be no  
more justified in silencing that one  
person than he, if he had the power,  
would be justified in silencing  
mankind."*

-John Stuart Mill



# Students encourage racial communication

*Group is hoping to get the word out to students about interracial communication*

SHANNON PHILPOTT  
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Senior Rontrell Robinson wants to learn more about other students at SIUE. Daring to ask the questions that others are not comfortable asking, Robinson, along with seniors Tomeika Anderson, Jessica Landeros and Jamie Partridge have established the Interracial Communication Organization.

Allowing members of the group to ask questions about each other's background, family traditions and ethnic customs, the group's focus is to promote acceptance of all races by encouraging communication among students.

"When we began forming this organization, we were thinking about cutting down on assumptions and judgments," Robinson said.

Do students at SIUE effectively communicate with members of diverse races? Is the campus interracially friendly?

Students will have an opportunity to address these types of questions next week at

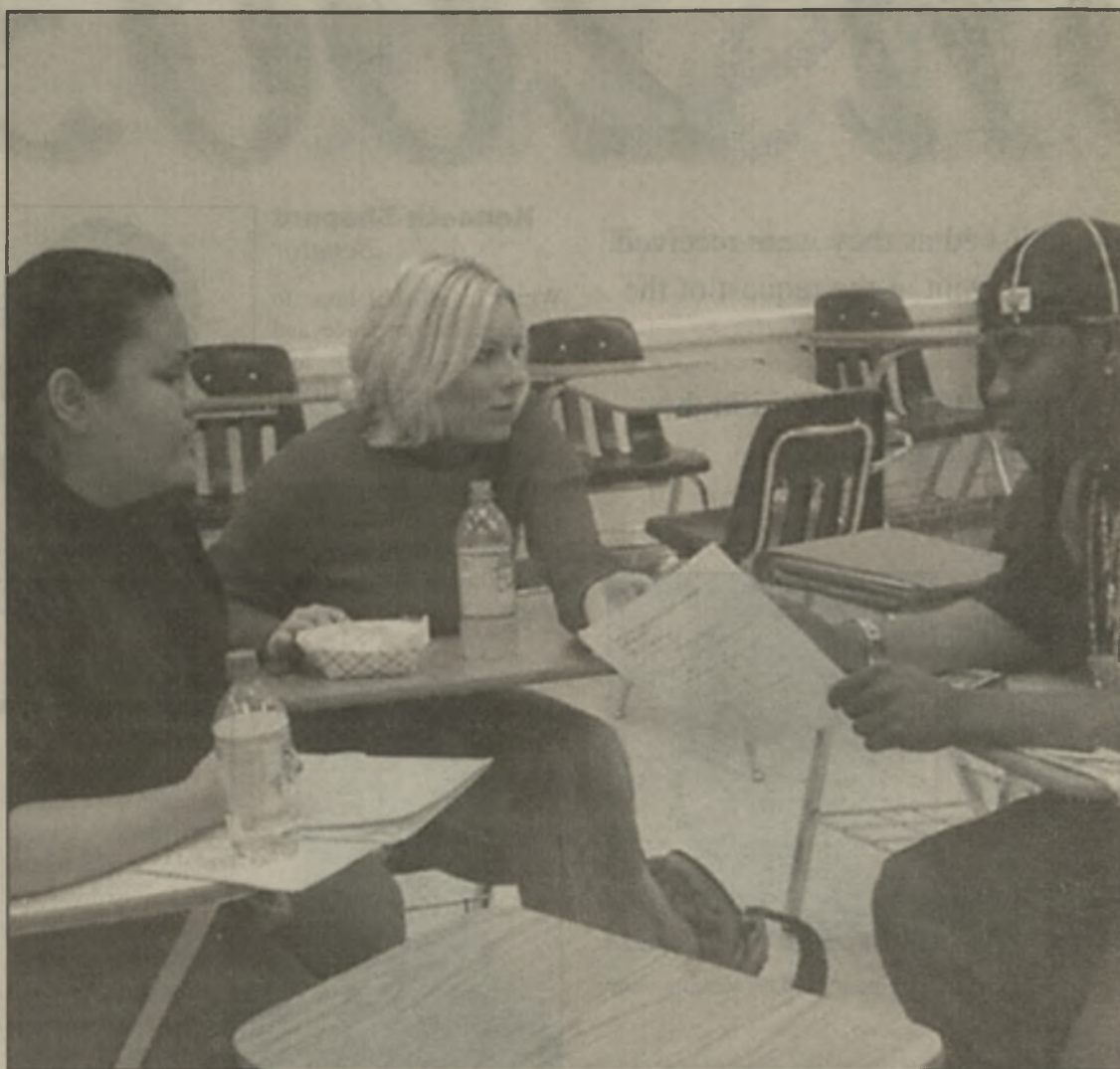
purpose of the organization is to make interracial communication a priority for individuals on campus.

Noting that SIUE is lacking an organization of its kind, Robinson said, "Basically, students will be able to get a feel from people of other environments and see that where you come from may control the way you act."

Promoting open communication in a classroom environment, members of the ICO will facilitate discussions to enhance and develop their skills to effectively communicate with people of all races. All members will actively participate in group discussions led by students and faculty.

Committing to two community services projects a semester, the organization plans to sponsor an interracial basketball tournament, host guest speakers and lecture at area schools about interracial communication.

Robinson said he hopes to make an impression on junior-high students by teaching the



SHANNON PHILPOTT/ALESTLE

**From right to left; Jessica Landeros, Jamie Partridge and Rontrell Robinson discuss issues on the agenda at their latest meeting.**

*'We don't want to perpetuate stereotypes, we want to stop them.'*

Jamie Partridge

the first meeting of the ICO.

Opening the door to interracial communication, Robinson, Partridge, Landeros and Anderson will lead an informational meeting about the goals of the new organization.

The primary goal established by the four seniors is that the

importance of interracial communication. "We'll be talking about how important it is to interracially communicate and the things you can achieve by doing that."

The ICO stemmed from Speech Communications 210, an interracial communications

seminar that Partridge and Robinson attended last summer.

"The beginning of the seminar was tense because we all brought assumptions and judgments into the class but by the end, after we had a better understanding of other races and learned to communicate, all the anger was gone," Partridge said.

"By gaining a better understanding of other races, my experience on campus has completely changed. I have many more friends that I wouldn't have had before and I don't seek out people just like myself anymore. I have much more diversity in my life now."

While addressing racial assumptions and judgments found on campus and in society, Partridge said the members of the organization hope to provide a solution by teaching students to effectively communicate with people of a different race.

"What we have noticed is that people are uncomfortable asking specific questions about members of another race and often develop stereotypes because of it," Partridge said. "We don't want to perpetuate stereotypes, we want to stop them."

Stopping students outside Peck Hall and Morris University Center, the four founding members of the ICO have spent the past few weeks passing out flyers to build awareness about the organization and taking surveys while encouraging students to become involved.

"We are exploring what issues students think there are on campus such as whether or not they feel they are effective communicators interracially and what specific issues they would like to see addressed through the organization itself," Partridge said.

Specific attention will be

geared toward building one's own racial identity as well. For Landeros, racial identity has motivated her to communicate with others about her Hispanic heritage.

"There is not a lot of Hispanic representation on campus and for me, it is very important to represent that," Landeros said. "That has been my biggest motivation with the organization. I'm all about trying to promote Hispanics."

Promoting racial harmony through communication, these four students, with the help of the student body, may break down communication barriers that have plagued society for centuries.

Encouraging everyone to participate, Landeros said a flyer will be posted by Friday with the date and time of the first meeting.

For additional information about the ICO, contact I.C.O.@yahoo.com.

## Comic





# Concerts, frat parties and new movies fill agendas this weekend

50 Cent, Clipse, The Vines, Kappa Alpha Psi and three new movies

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III  
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

The countdown begins to finals week, and the first weekend in April offers students a chance to enjoy the weather and unwind.

For those looking for a change in the average concert, Missouri's historic venue The Pageant, 6161 Delmar in St. Louis, will host controversial rapper 50 Cent on Thursday night. The concert, also featuring chart-topping rap group Clipse, starts at 8 p.m., with doors opening an hour before. Ticket prices are \$35, with a \$2 surcharge for patrons under 21.

Saturday, Australian rock group The Vines plays the Pageant, sponsored by 105.7 The Point (KPNT-FM). Doors open an hour before the 8 p.m. start time. Tickets are \$17.50, with a \$2 surcharge for patrons under 21. For more information on these concerts or other upcoming events, contact the venue at 314-726-6161.

On campus, the Zeta Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will cap off "Kappa Week 2003" with two special events.

Friday evening's "Nupes vs. Alphas" pits the Kappa fraternity vs. the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The competition will be followed by Saturday's neophyte show, a ceremony introducing a new class of students into the fraternity. A party, with location to be announced, will follow the induction. For more information, contact Wilbur Ross at 650-4743.

New movies scheduled to be released nationwide Friday include "A Man Apart,"

"Phone Booth" and "What A Girl Wants."

"A Man Apart," stars Vin Diesel as a revenge-driven federal agent who attempts to thwart a drug kingpin, hits theaters Friday. Also starring Larenz Tate and directed by F. Gary Gray (Friday, Set It Off), the hour and 49-minute film is rated R for strong violence, language, and drug content.

"Phone Booth," an 80-minute drama/thriller starring Colin Farrell, Forest Whitaker, and Kiefer Sutherland, revolves around a man in a phone booth (Farrell) who will be killed by a sniper if he leaves the booth or hangs up. The film, long delayed after sniper attacks in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, is rated R for language and violence.


"What A Girl Wants," starring Amanda Bynes and Colin Firth, sends a 19-year old woman (Bynes) from New York City to London to find her long-lost father. This fish-out-of-water tale is rated PG for mild language, and runs for one hour and 40 minutes.

For more information and showtimes for each of these films, call 444-FILM (3456) or log on to [www.moviefone.com](http://www.moviefone.com).

If concerts, parties and movies aren't enough there is plenty more to do in the area. Visit one of the many museums in St. Louis, or spend a day in Forest Park. Go shopping on St. Louis' eclectic Delmar Street in the Loop.

On campus students can play Frisbee Golf or take a walk on SIUE's nature trails. Whatever you do, spend some time outside. After all, finals are just around the corner and students can't enjoy nice weather with their heads in a book.

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
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SIUE baseball plays host to Oakland City at 2 p.m. Friday and Southern Indiana Saturday in a noon doubleheader.

Men's tennis hosts Bellarmine at 3 p.m. Friday and Southern Indiana at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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## Cougar softball team ready for weekend of road games

### SIUE to nonconference games in Alabama

AMY GRANT  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team will test the waters outside of the Great Lakes Valley Conference this weekend in two nonconference games against the Mississippi University for Women and the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

In a rare game against a team within the Gulf South Conference, the Cougars will face the MUW Blues Saturday.

Junior catcher Cassie Kocker and sophomore third baseman Christine Howell have been MUW's anchors on offense this year.

Kocker is leading the Blues with a .435 batting average and has 13 runs and 11 doubles. Howell is the team leader with 31 hits, 18 runs batted in and 64 assists.

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

**Junior pitcher Missy Koenig prepares to put one past a defending batter in a home game last week. Koenig has a 1.03 ERA and only nine earned runs against her arm.**

challenges will come Sunday in a doubleheader against the UAH Lady Chargers.

The Lady Chargers,

nationally ranked at No. 16, are 22-8 overall and have won their last five games. The team is coming off 10-0 and 11-0

shutouts over Eckerd College last Thursday.

UAH senior pitcher Katrina Fomich earned the win over Eckerd in the first game after allowing only two hits and striking out four.

Senior pitcher Beth Rambo was awarded the win in the second game, giving up four hits, walking one and striking out three.

Sophomore Courtney Funderbunk provided three scoreless innings in relief.

On the season, Funderbunk has been the Lady Chargers' top hurler.

She has compiled a record of 10-3 with a 1.15 ERA, recording 48 hits, 12 earned runs and 48 strikeouts.

Before heading to Huntsville, Ala., this weekend, the Cougars had to face the Quincy University Hawks in a matchup within the GLVC Wednesday.

The Hawks have dropped to 10th place in the conference after starting the season in a 0-12 hole. The team is currently 1-7 in the GLVC and 4-17 overall.

Quincy's only win within the

conference came March 23 in a 1-0 shutout over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Cougars went 9-1 in a 10-game homestand that concluded Sunday. SIUE's only loss this season, 8-5 in eight innings, came against Northern Kentucky University in the final game.

Junior outfielder Jenny Esker has bolstered the Cougars' offense, leading the team with a .475 batting average, 24 runs, 38 hits, five home runs and 22 RBIs.

Senior pitcher RyAnn Spann and junior pitcher Missy Koenig have put together impressive numbers from the mound.

Spann is 11-3 with 87 strikeouts while Koenig has a 1.03 ERA and recorded just nine earned runs.

SIUE will take on MUW at 3 p.m. Saturday and UAH at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games will be in Huntsville, Ala.

Results of Wednesday's game against Quincy, as well as the weekend games, will be in the Tuesday edition of the Alestle.

## Baseball team sets sights on moving record above .500 mark

### SIUE set to host Quincy and Oakland City

TRAVIS L. ROSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Moving past the .500 mark is a top priority for the SIUE men's baseball team.

The Cougars are 12-12 on the season and 6-7 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

"There is no might to it," head coach Gary Collins said. "We need to pick off some games, and it would be nice to sweep somebody. We just haven't been consistently putting good games together."

According to Collins, one group that got off on the wrong foot was the pitching staff.

"The pitching staff hasn't been as good as I thought it could be," Collins said. "We were slow getting going."

But Collins said his pitchers have been on the upswing.

"(Junior pitcher Brian) Keating has found himself; (sophomore pitcher Jarad) Rettberg is settling down; (freshman pitcher Kyle) Jones is coming into his own, and (sophomore pitcher Ryan) Spurgeon has been consistent.

Keating is 2-2 on the season with an ERA of 2.42; Rettberg is 0-3 with an ERA of 3.81; Jones is 1-1 with an ERA of 8.15 while Spurgeon is 0-1 with an ERA of 1.86.

Collins said another group that could start pulling their own weight is the batters.

"We have a couple of seniors that aren't hitting much," Collins said. "It is not a lack of talent. We got off to a bad start, and instead of pulling themselves out, they sunk further into the hole."

The leading sluggers for the Cougars this season have been senior catcher/first baseman Jason Kessler and junior utility player Luke Humphrey. Kessler is batting .385 with 15 runs and 19 RBIs. He is also tied for first on the team with two home runs.

Humphrey is batting .360 with 21 runs and 17 RBIs.

"Luke has done a nice job,"

Collins said. "He could have been the best second baseman in the conference. As a shortstop, he has done well for us."

The Cougars are going to need other players to step up for senior pitcher Nick Seibert, out of the lineup for an undetermined length of time.

Seibert had problems with his right elbow against the Flyers of Lewis University last weekend.



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**Senior first baseman Jason Kessler, left, and senior pitcher Brad Hinton, right, race to first base to get a runner out in a home contest last week. Kessler is batting .385 with 15 runs, 19 RBIs and two home runs.**

Collins said it would be better if his team could push themselves two or three games beyond the .500 mark earlier in the season.

"What we have been doing is flirting around with one or two under the mark," Collins said. "If we are going to make a push, we need to start doing it and continue through the weekend."

The Cougars played Wednesday afternoon at Roy Lee Field against the Hawks of Quincy University.

SIUE will play the Mighty Oaks of Oakland City University at 2 p.m. Friday at Roy Lee Field.

The Cougars stay home again at noon Saturday for a doubleheader against the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles.

SIUE will close out the weekend at 1 p.m. Sunday in Evansville, Ind., against USI. Look for the results of the Wednesday and weekend games in Tuesday's edition of the Alestle.



## Golf team plays in Kentucky Cougars place well in spring tourneys

KELI KEENER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's golf team traveled to Crittenden, Ky., to participate in Northern Kentucky University's Spring Invitational Saturday and Sunday.

The match, held at the Eagle Creek Country Club, consisted of a 12-team draw.

SIUE was pitted against Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents NKU, the University of Indianapolis, Bellarmine University and the University of Southern Indiana.

As a team, the Cougars finished seventh with a two-round combined score of 681, edging Oakland University by three strokes.

"We played well in some cold and windy conditions," coach Larry Bennett said. "The first day we were a little disappointed, but I can't feel too bad since there were a lot of jitters and excitement for our first match of the spring."

Individually, SIUE did not place in the top 20.

"The first day we only shot one over our average," Bennett said.

"The day after we were 17 strokes better. We did some good things that we should be able to build on at Bellarmine."

SIUE played in the Bellarmine Invitational Monday and Tuesday.

"All in all, I've seen a lot of positive things, so we are moving in the right direction," Bennett said.

"We were in a position to beat some conference opponents at Northern Kentucky, and at Bellarmine we will have another shot at them," Bennett said Monday while still at the first tournament.

The Bellarmine Invitational was played at the Persimmon Ridge Golf Course in Louisville, Ky.

"Persimmon Ridge is a course no one's ever seen, so we just have to try to play in the way we see it," Bennett said. "It's going to be a learning experience since it is rated the second hardest course in Kentucky."

In Louisville, SIUE finished fourth out of eight schools as a team with an overall score of 738.

GLVC rivals NKU and Indianapolis finished in the first and second spots, respectively.

Individually, senior Deanna Bock led the Cougars finishing 13<sup>th</sup> with a total score of 183.

Next up for the team will be the McKendree Invitational April 11 through 12 at the Tamarack Country Club in Shiloh.

## Cougar tennis teams prepare for home matches SIUE prepares to host Bellarmine, Southern Indiana and Lincoln

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The men's and women's tennis teams took to the courts Tuesday, but at different locations.

The men's team traveled to meet the Quincy University Hawks to play in its third Great Lakes Valley Conference contest of the season while the women's team stayed at home to face the Panthers of Principia College in an exhibition match.

The Hawks took the close 5-4 win over the men's team in Quincy.

The only win in doubles for SIUE came at the No. 3 spot. Junior Doug Kummer and freshman Matt Kuban defeated Quincy's Steven Ross and Jon Miller 8-5.

In singles action the Cougars took three of six matches.

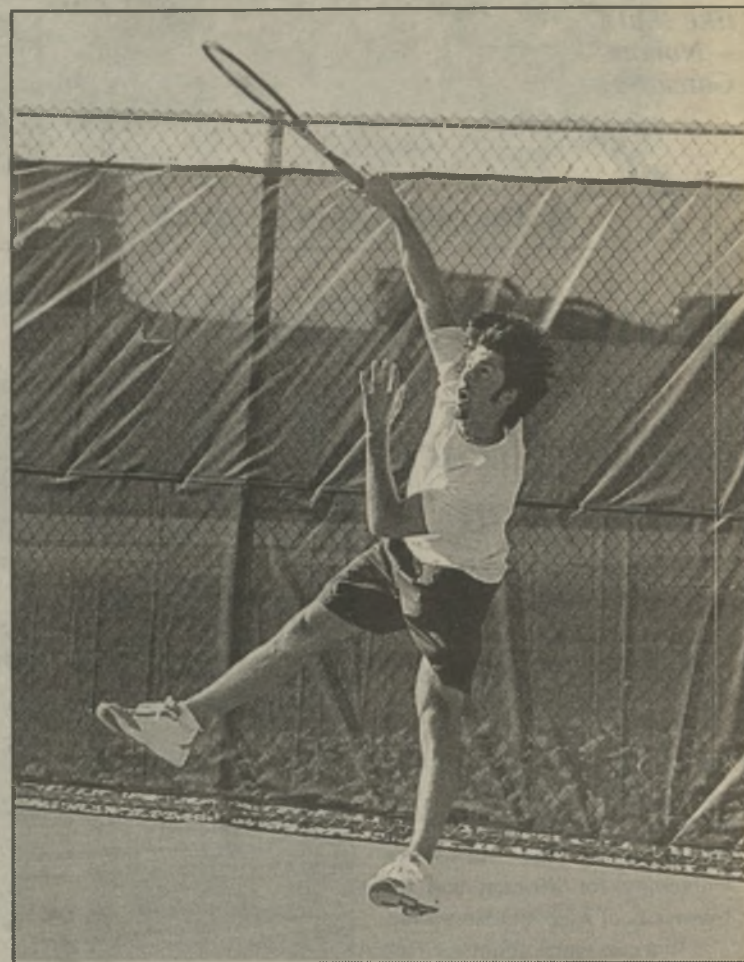
At No. 4 singles SIUE freshman Steve Hupp outlasted Quincy's Bill Brooks in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. At No. 5 singles Kummer beat Ross in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1 and at the No. 6 position freshman Daniel Lipe took a tough three-set win over Miller, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6.

The men's team now sits at 0-3 in the GLVC, but the Cougars will try to rack up two quick wins when they play host to the

Bellarmino University Knights at 3 p.m. Friday and the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Meanwhile, the women's

team cashed in on its second win of the spring, beating Principia 8-0. The women's team will play host to Lincoln College at 1 p.m. Saturday.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Junior Doug Kummer hits a serve in a practice last week. Kummer won both his singles and doubles matches against Quincy University Tuesday.

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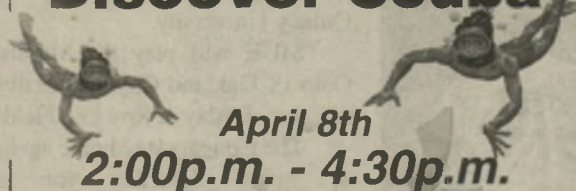
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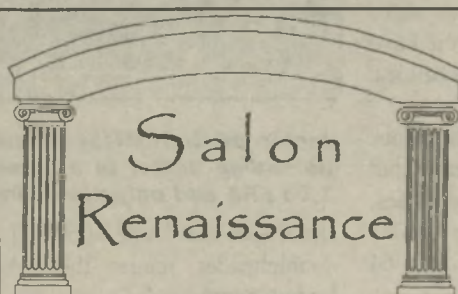
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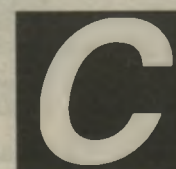
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## From the Sports Editor

### GLVC - a tough conference to play in



The Great Lakes Valley Conference is considered to be among the toughest in the region and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II nation.

Since its establishment in 1972, the GLVC has seen the comings and goings of a few institutions while, at present, it consists of 11 schools in the regional Midwest.

SIUE, once a Division I school in soccer only, joined the GLVC in 1994.

The NCAA Division II basketball championships were played out Saturday, and the GLVC was doubly represented in both the men's and women's finals, proving just how tough the teams in this conference are.

On the men's side it was the Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan College who fell to Lewis University in the conference final but won their region to advance to the national tournament.

The Panthers became runners-up to the Redmen of Northeastern State University, losing 75-64 in the championship game.

While NSU was winning the school's first national championship, Kentucky Wesleyan was appearing in its sixth straight national championship and attempting to win its ninth.

Kentucky Wesleyan boasted the 2003 NCAA Division II Player of the Year in senior Marlon Parmer. Parmer led the Panthers to a record sixth straight 30-win season, at 31-3 overall.

The Panthers have won eight NCAA titles, the last coming in 2001. They have won a record 94 of 119 games played in the NCAA Tournament. The Panthers ended their regular season ranked at No. 3 in the Division II nation after being ranked No. 1 earlier in the season.

Also on the men's side, Northern Kentucky University, University of Southern Indiana and Lewis, finished the season ranked in the top 25 in the nation.

The SIUE men's basketball team, poised with its new head

coach Marty Simmons, made a rough run this season. The Cougars finished ninth in the conference at 5-15, making them non-qualifiers for the GLVC Tournament.

However, in SIUE's loss to Kentucky Wesleyan 88-70 in the two teams' first meeting of the season in Owensboro, Ky., the Cougars came within four points, 68-72, in the game's closing minutes. SIUE rallied back from a 44-29 deficit at halftime, proving that on a good day, they could contend with a nationally top-ranked team.

Cougar forward Justin Ward earned recognition as the GLVC's Freshman of the Year while no other member of the team was recognized as first or second team All-Conference selections.

On the women's side it was the NKU Norse of the GLVC who lost in the national championship final 65-50 to the Jackrabbits of South Dakota State University.

The Norse closed the season with a 26-8 record after its improbable run toward the national title game. The Norse entered the NCAA Tournament as the No. 5 seed in the Great Lakes Regional, and few expected NKU to earn its fourth trip to the Elite Eight in the past five years.

The SIUE women's basketball team qualified for the GLVC Tournament, finishing fifth in the standings with an 11-9 record. The Cougars bowed out early, losing in the first round to Bellarmine University 81-69.

Again SIUE boasted another top-notch player in senior forward Ruth Kipping. Kipping was named first team All-Conference and All-Region.

It is a fact that Cougar basketball has struggled in the past few seasons, the men's team moreso than the women's. What most people seem unaware of, though, is the solid, stacked teams the GLVC consists of.

First-year head coach Marty Simmons promises change for the men's basketball team in the next couple of seasons once he gets settled in and brings in a new recruiting class of his own.

Meanwhile, I must bring up the fan base at this institution once again. Fans would surely increase the success of all Cougar teams, especially those struggling to find their way.

Keli Keener  
Sports Editor



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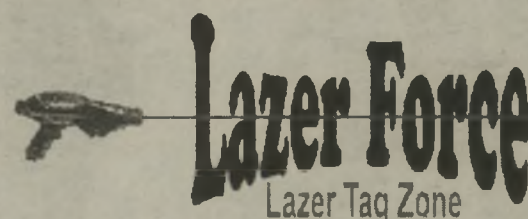
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**Springfest is coming!!** "Waikiki Weekend" runs April 24th-26th. Free carnival rides, inflatables & music! Students selling refreshments and offering games. Questions? Call 650-2686 4/24/03

**Vote Lay Lay Maines 4 Senator** 4/8/03

**Dell Jones for Student Trustee** 4/3/03

**Vote Nikki Grashoff Student Senator** 4/3/03

**AKL Party Friday,** April 4th Doctors and Nurses. Edwardsville American Legion 9 pm to 1am. Must have SIUE ID to get in. Busses run from 9:30 pm to 1:00 am 4/3/03

**DIZZY DUGOUT**

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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**\*Attention SIUE Students \*** Have a legal problem? Contact Dennis J. Orsey SIUE Student Attorney for a FREE consultation call: 797-2800

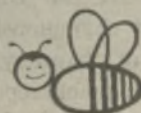
**Lifelight** environmental/portraiture. See flyer around campus! Introductory Prices! High Quality Photography. Jared 618-806-8665 4/10/03

**Looking for leaders** who are serious about health and nutrition. Learn how to tap into the next trillion \$\$\$\$ Industry. Join us for a complementary dinner this Sat. April 5th at one of the finest restaurants in town. Call Melissa 630-533-3344 4/3/03

## FOR RENT

**Collinsville 1231 Constance** top floor available approx. 4/1/03. 11/2 BD, window A/C, fridge, stove, large rooms, heat, water, trash paid \$400 month 346-7422 4/10/03

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\$1.00 Jello Shots  
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**Happy Hour, M-F**  
4-6 pm 1/2 price appetizers  
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