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Associate dean is hired for College of Arts and Sciences

LINDSEY ARNOLD
NEWS STRINGER

Wendy Shaw, associate professor and chair of the Geography Department, has been hired as the new associate dean for Academic Programs and Faculty Development for the College of Arts and Sciences.

She is replacing David Steinberg, who is retiring after 31 years at SIUE and five previous years at Washington University in St. Louis.

"I know Wendy's going to do a good job. She's been a great department head, and she learns things very quickly," said Steinberg, who is excited about spending more time with his granddaughter in Boston.

A new chair for the Geography Department should be announced next week.

As for why she was hired, Shaw has a few ideas.

"I already had one foot in the

administration, the other in as a faculty member," Shaw said in a recent phone conversation.

The members of the search committee include English Department chair Charles Berger, sociology professor David

of splendid skills and knowledge to the position, including an eagerness to help the college better serve faculty, staff and students," the committee announced in a recent e-mail.

Shaw was one of four candidates considered for the position, and the only candidate on campus.

"I know people, and I know SIUE," said Shaw, who came to the United States from England in 1981 and has been at SIUE since August 1994.

"I am very excited about this opportunity, and I see this as something that involves a lot of teamwork and corroboration," Shaw said. "I see myself as part of a team that encourages diversity and such, and I'm happy to be part of that team beginning July 1."

Shaw considers her new position as very multi-faceted.

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Kauzlarich, music professor Reggie Thomas, physics professor Kim Shaw, Special Services Program Director Earleen Patterson, Education School Dean Lela DeTroye, Administration Secretary Mary Jo Peck, Kelly Keith and Art and Design chair Ivy Cooper, also the search committee chair.

"Dr. Shaw brings a number

Springfest activities sure to please

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Waikiki weekend, the theme for this year's Springfest, will kick off Thursday in the Quad.

Springfest activities will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Activities also continue from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Vadalabene Center parking lot.

Thursday, Springfest features booths, inflatable games, a Battle of the Bands, a Survivor Challenge, tricycle race, a banana split for all to share and much more.

Everything moves over to the VC Friday for the carnival. Springfest offers free rides and games. All festivities are free, except for food. Various student organization booths will feature

food and drinks.

At 7 p.m. Friday, the first-place winner of the Battle of the Bands will perform along with St. Louis cover band, Moneyshot.

The community is also invited to attend and participate in Springfest activities.

The Campus Activities Board Traditions Committee sponsors Springfest.

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Proposed vehicle workshop is looking for interested students, faculty and staff

JESSICA MULLEN

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A proposed Vehicle Maintenance Workshop needs support from interested students, faculty and staff.

The Parking and Traffic Committee and Parking Services is considering sponsoring a workshop on topics such as changing oil, checking fluid levels, rotating tires and a

jumping batteries.

A demonstration vehicle would be used to give participants hands-on instruction.

"It will give you a better understanding of your vehicle. It will help people be more aware of maintenance routines and lets them be aware of when their car needs to be looked at," Director of Administrative Services Bob Vanzo said.

The workshop would be in

May or early June.

It is proposed to begin at 3:30 p.m. on a weekday and last about one hour.

Vanzo said the committee is looking for 25 people per session.

They have already had around 50 responses from faculty and staff.

Those interested should go to the Web site, <http://admin.siu.edu/parking/vehiclemaintenanceprogram.htm>.

New student sculptures begin to arise on campus



TONY NEWTON/ALESTLE

A new rotation of student sculptures is being put up to replace the existing ones.

Although the sculptures are a challenge to install, all of the new ones should be up soon.

Artists' names and titles of the artwork will be added later and a sculpture walk is scheduled for late October. Until then, students, faculty and staff can enjoy what has been added so far to the campus grounds.

Alestle welcomes new editor for summer, fall and spring

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Nicole Gaudreault, a 20-year-old sophomore, was named the next editor of the Alestle this week by the Student Publications board of directors.

Gaudreault has been with the newspaper for two years and has served as a copy editor, chief copy editor and most recently as managing editor.

Her term as editor will last one year and will start at the



Gaudreault

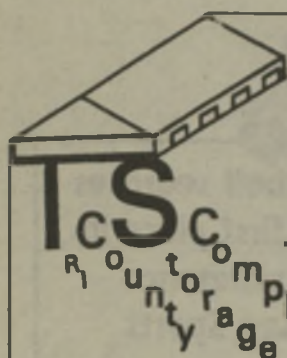
beginning of the summer semester in May.

"It's going to be a lot to learn, but with the help of my advisers it will all work out," she said. "I look forward to the summer semester."

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~Nicole Gaudreault



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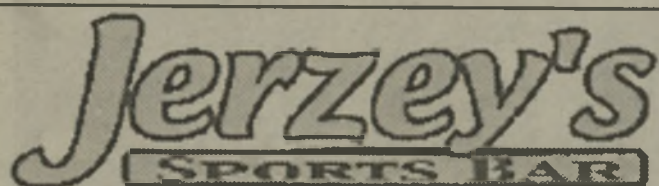
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Police Incidents

Traffic

04-22-03

Police issued a citation to Bobby J. Cole for improper lane usage and not having a valid driver's license. Cole was arrested for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. He was issued a notice to appear and released.

04-16-03

Police issued a citation to Ronald Johnston for speeding on South University Drive.

04-17-03

Police issued a citation to Kathryn L. Allen for speeding on Bluff Road.

Police issued a citation to Elizabeth B. Bendick for speeding on South University Drive.

04-20-03

Police issued a citation to Jason L. Israel for not having a valid driver's license on Cougar Lake Dam.

Police issued a citation to Jason L. Peters for not having a valid driver's license and failure to stop at a stop sign on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jennifer Sobieralski for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Joseph J. Gamer for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Sara A. Mottaz for failure to stop at a stop sign on South University Drive.

Theft

04-20-03

Police responded to Center Court due to a complaint that two male subjects had tried to use another student's food card to purchase \$15 in food. When the employee refused to accept the card, the subjects left the area with the food. Andre L. Holland and Paul A. Lindsay were arrested for retail theft. Holland and Lindsay were taken to the SIUE Police Department, charged with misdemeanors and released with a notice to appear.

Other Offenses

04-21-03

Police responded to Lot 5A on a report of vandalism to vehicles. Witnesses stated they detained a subject who then left the scene recklessly in a white Grand Am. Christopher S. Pollard was arrested by the Collinsville Police Department at his residence for unlawful tampering with a vehicle and reckless conduct. He posted bond and was released.



SIUE athletes volunteer free time to take part in Community Day Friday

NICOLE GAUDREAU
MANAGING EDITOR

SIUE student athletes will take time out of their busy schedules Friday to participate in Community Day.

Around 80 athletes from a variety of sports on campus have teamed up to attempt to reach out to Edwardsville and bring the campus and community closer.

Athletes will spend time with third, fourth and fifth graders from Woodland Elementary School from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. and have organized games and activities to play with the children during their visit.

Activities such as hoola hooping and four square, among other activities will be played.

The athletes will also set up a radar for the students to throw a baseball at to see how fast they can pitch, along with a soccer goal for the kids to shoot at SIUE goalies.

Academic Adviser for Student Athletes, Martie Duffet, said the volunteers are looking forward to spending time with the elementary students.

"Everyone's really excited. The athletes went to Woodland to give prizes to the students

today to try to get them psyched for Friday," Duffet said.

Junior and Secretary of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Carrie Carducci, said the visit to Woodland was a good time and all of the athletes look forward to Friday.

"It was so fun. We collected T-shirts, basketballs and other items to give to the kids, she said.

"They were so excited, they are going to be so much fun," Carducci said.

Not only are student athletes attending Community Day, but Athletic Director Brad Hewitt and some coaches will also be there.

"I'm excited about the chance for us to be seen in the community, and it will give us all a chance to feel what it's like to be a kid again," Carducci said.

Woodland Elementary was chosen for Community Day because SIUE athletes have had a pen-pal relationship with the students and thought it would be nice to continue getting to know the students.

After two hours of fun and games Friday, some of the athletes will speak to the students in their classrooms and just spend a little extra time with them.

New course offered in summer will visit Denmark, Germany and France

SANDRA HUNTER
NEWS STRINGER

This summer SIUE is offering a new course titled European Folk Tales, which is a three-credit course. The course will be from July 15 through 28 in Europe. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$2,725 plus \$345 for people 25 and older.

Cost includes airfare, transportation to group activities, hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner, an English-speaking tour guide and entrance fees to museums, castles and other sites.

The price does not include the \$284.25 for tuition. Students may be able to obtain financial assistance through student loans.

Anyone interested can

contact Curriculum and Instruction professor Stephanie McAndrews.

The class will be visiting three countries in Europe: Denmark, Germany and France.

"This will give them some hands-on experience with actually going to the countries and learning about the culture where the fairy tales were developed," McAndrews said.

According to her, the students will be learning about "the different genre of the tales, myths, legends, ballads, jokes, riddles, all about their rituals and festivals and the music."

Brian Fox Ellis, a professional storyteller, will be joining the tour.

"He is going to be teaching

the participants how to tell stories and how to revise and adapt stories based on their own cultures," McAndrews said.

According to McAndrews, students can learn a lot from this course.

"I think they'll learn about the common thread between European countries and our country, and that a lot of the fairy tales deal with similar issues," McAndrews said. "They'll also be able to compare and contrast the folklore from the different countries."

The deadline to register is May 1. The down payment is \$495.

Students can contact McAndrews at 650-3426 or online at smcandr@siue.edu.

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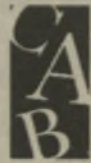
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DEAN

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The position includes tasks such as office support to both graduate and undergraduate programs, research for the department, dividing duties between her and Associate Dean Carl Springer, encouraging diversity through hiring and programs and enhancing existing programs.

In comparison to her old position, the new one requires a much broader view by supporting all programs in the CAS, and Shaw seems most excited about encouraging

diversity in the classroom.

"Increasing the diversity among faculty first begins by encouraging diversity among students," Shaw said, who views the current students to be the future Ph.D.s.

She said she sees "strengthening existing programs such as black American and women's studies" imperative, though she realizes funds may limit such activity.

Shaw begins her new position July 1.

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For more information, contact Greek Life Coordinator John Davenport in the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686 or Mia Goodman of Campus Activities Board at 650-3371.

The VC parking lot will be closed Wednesday due to set-up for Springfest.

Parking would be limited during the activities.

EDITOR

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Gaudreault said her main goals are to be more organized in the newsroom, have better communication and more consistency.

"I'd like people to look forward to reading the Alestle," Gaudreault said.

"I want them to think, 'I didn't know that' or 'I learned something from that' when they read it."

Editor in Chief Karen M. Johnson said she felt Gaudreault would have no problem at all as the new editor.

"I think this is a great opportunity for Nicole and for SIUE," Johnson said.

"She will do a fine job as

editor because she is a conscientious worker with great people skills.

"Nicole has what it takes to pull it all together for the Alestle," Johnson said.

Alestle Adviser Mike Montgomery said he anticipates a productive year for the Alestle under Gaudreault's leadership.

"I'm looking to Nicki's leadership as editor. She has proven to be a hard worker with a nose for news in her two years at the Alestle," he said.

"I'm sure that under her leadership the Alestle will continue to be a value to its readers and will reach new heights."

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SIUE plays host to a number of Web sites – many are outdated

TYLER BENNETT
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE is home to more Web sites than anyone would probably imagine.

With a database that houses the department sites, personal Web pages and student organization pages, it is no surprise to find most of the pages are outdated by at least one year and sometimes more.

The pages are supposed to be updated yearly at the latest, as stated by the Campus-Wide Information System committee.

According to the CWIS guidelines, "Each page owner is responsible for keeping home pages up-to-date by reviewing and revising home pages at least each academic year."

It also states those not kept up will be disabled.

SIUE Web Administrator Ann Emmanuel said, "I am amazed at the number of them (Web sites) that are woefully out of date."

Some of the Web pages Emmanuel referred to have dates for meetings that go back as far as 2001.

Any organization that has an outdated Web page has the option to either update it or have it deleted.

Some organizations, however, are not aware they have a Web page on the SIUE server.

Emmanuel said she will contact all that are in risk of having their Web pages terminated.

It is important for student organizations to have a Web site so they can put themselves out in the public eye in order to interest current and prospective students.

"The sites are there as an opportunity for students to advertise their organizations," Emmanuel said.

Students also have the opportunity to create their own Web pages, whether for their own amusement or for a class.

To have an SIUE Web page, the guidelines are to include a link to the SIUE homepage and a standard footer, which includes the URL for the site, the name of the organization publishing the site, the last time it was updated and the person who updated the site.

For more information on the guidelines, students can logon to the CWIS Web site at www.siu.edu/CWIS/guidelines.html

"The only thing worse than no Web page is one that is woefully out of date," Emmanuel said.

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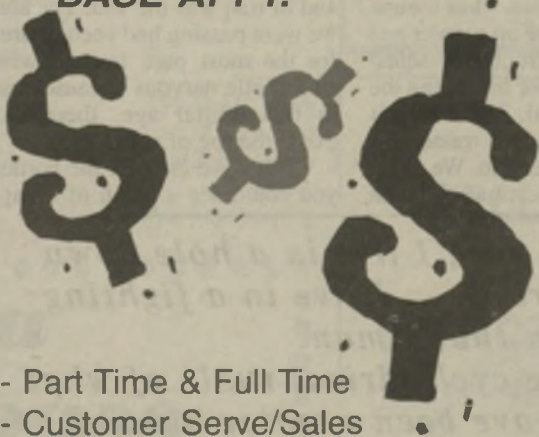
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003 ◆

From the Editor

Heritage or hatred, the struggle continues over the Confederacy's place today



Flags really seem to set people off. Their colors, emblems and especially their placement.

Sunday was Adolf Hitler's birthday and apparently there is quite a number of people in my hometown who are very proud of that fact. When I was on my way to dinner with my family I saw a number of cars with "88" and swastika flags on them.

Frankly, I feel a person can put whatever they want on their

person or property. I didn't care to see them, but what the heck, I don't care for a lot of people's clothing or hairstyles and I'm sure some can say the same for mine.

But if "88" was flying high over my school or government building, I think I would have to take issue with that.

That is the same way I feel about the Confederate flag. If one wants to fly it outside his or her home, in the back window of the family pickup or the side of a boat, go for it. But it has no place on a government building.

And it seems an end to that may be in sight. Georgia and Mississippi still have the Conderate flags incorporated in their state flags. But a change may be in the making for at least one of the states.

The Georgia Senate voted Tuesday to change its state flag a move that may finally rid its residents of images of the

Confederacy. The state of Georgia may finally have the fresh face of freedom.

However, there are some lawmakers who are hoping to halt the process.

The proposed new flag, designed by a Republican, has some resemblance to the pre-2001 flag, which resembles the Confederate flag without the cross. It is the state's third in just over two years.

But typos in the bill may likely bring about more battling than the Civil War. Mistakes in the Senate-approved temporary flag would have made Georgia's flag a foot longer than other state flags. Attempts to rectify problems with the flag's dimensions may mean the bill will have to return to the House for approval and may mean a chance to work in the ol' Confederate "X" again.

Black lawmakers plan to filibuster the measure, hoping to

kill it for the session. If they are successful, Georgia and all her people may be free.

Yes, I know there are plenty of people who will say the Confederate flag is heritage, not hate.

I'm sure I'll hear from those people. I just wonder how many of them who say they are proud of a flag that has been a premiere symbol of racism in the United States are the same people who protested the placement of the Iraqi flag over the U.S. flag on the Rock.

People fought and died on both sides of the Civil War and while I'm sure descendants on both sides are proud of their heritage, the war is over. And since it's over, it's time for the losers to take down their flag.

After all, it is the victor to whom the spoils belong.

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief

At the front : A first-person perspective on the war

Hey family and friends,

I'm in Iraq now, and it seems as if things are going OK here. I'm west of El Basra and south of Baghdad in a defensive position overlooking a tributary to the Tigris River. Right now we are providing security for the water boys. Their job is to produce water and store it in bladders for later use. Every day that goes by here at the water point, our production capabilities grow along with our base infrastructure.

Our battalion has been tasked with setting up a water and fuel line to the front. My squad was responsible for breaching the path for hose real. There wasn't much in our path. We trained for a much harder scenario. We made it to our destination, an

we were called together for a briefing. In short, we were told who was going to attack and when. For security reasons, they stopped the mail. We were also moving around, doing our mission. Now we are guarding a water farm. Soon we will head north again.

We left Kuwait for the war at 11 p.m. Friday, March 21. There was a giant berm and tank ditch that marked the border. It was an eerie feeling because you could not see behind the berm. You knew behind the berm was Iraq, and in Iraq was the war. The area we were passing had been cleared for the most part, but we were still a little nervous because even in this digital age, there still exists the fog of war.

After we crossed the border, you could see a patch of orange

might have been able to see them as they ran away. We did not pursue them because it was not part of our mission. We were very fortunate on our breach. There were few obstacles and almost no resistance. We also encountered a dummy tank that scared us at first. We thought we had seen a live T-55, but it was just a decoy, a live turret on a berm. We were very lucky on our breach.

We have a Marine Expeditionary Force to thank for such a clear path. An MEF is not a force to be reckoned with. We have with us in Iraq two of the four MEFs.

From what I hear, we have taken over El Basra, and we are going to move on Baghdad. I believe this water farm we are protecting is in support of U.S. troops in the El Basra area.

As of now, I live in a hole down by the river, eating a steady diet of MRE (Meals Ready-to-Eat) cheese. I live in the fighting position I man. It is the cylindrical rubble of what might have been a water-holding tank for irrigation. Today, it is home. I live here with three others. We laugh, joke and constantly maintain our weapons and gas masks. In this environment self-maintenance and weapons maintenance is a full-time job. You know, if the enemy were to attack shortly after a sandstorm, we would be screwed. Our weapons wouldn't work! We had the most vicious sandstorm yet two days ago. Even with my goggles and other



PHOTO COURTESY KEVIN BECK
Lance Cpl. Kevin Beck and his sister Christianne before he left for Kuwait.

protective gear, I still managed to have sand in my eyes. The sand will make its way to your eyelashes and cake up there. You can't remove your goggles because if you do, then you expose your eyes directly for more damage. As you can see, I don't particularly enjoy sandstorms. They are not fun.

The river here is like nothing I have ever seen before. It is straight out of a John Wayne Western, really. The river seems to change colors from a moss-like green to an ocean blue, but it's the contrast of the river with the sand and the sparse sage that grows upon it that reminds me of
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abandoned airfield we call Check Point Viper. Since then, we relocated to the water point where we are providing security and are currently awaiting relief by a company-size element. After we are relieved, we will press on to Baghdad. Now I am about 200 miles from Baghdad, but when you receive this letter, I will be a lot closer.

Do not worry. We are fine. I want to let you know, too, they stopped the mail for a little while. That is why it took a while for me to write again.

I have many things to tell you. Wednesday, March 16, when we were staging for the invasion,

sky in the distance. You knew it was a flame by the shifting intensity of the light in the night sky. My biggest fear was encountering enemy tanks. We were not equipped to deal with tanks. Looking at the orange sky, I wondered what it could have been. Maybe it was an Iraqi unit or an oil field. I saw patches of orange sky to the east and west, but I encountered no death in our path. The first 50 to 60 miles of Iraq from the south were barren, and I suppose the Iraqis saw little merit in defending it.

On our break, we encountered one Iraqi unit, and if you looked quick enough, you

Letters to the Editor

Parking Services has no compassion for people on the move

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter from my room at Bluff Hall on a beautiful Friday afternoon.

As I am writing, I am watching the parking enforcement team write several tickets for students who are parked in front of Bluff Hall. These students are transporting their clothes, computers and other personal items from their rooms to their vehicles.

I simply don't understand why the school won't allow residents who pay over \$1,000 a semester for room and board to pack their cars in front of the halls.

Are we supposed to haul our carts and personal items, expensive computers and sound systems all the way to the parking lot? That is not an easy walk, and to make several trips is not fun.

Students do not have the money to pay for useless parking tickets, and they should not be penalized for parking in front of their own residence halls, which they pay for.

I believe the school and students should come up with a solution to this problem.

This should not only rest in the hands of the school, but the residents of SIUE. Perhaps allowing a student 10 to 15 minutes to park would be

acceptable. I respect the enforcers and know they are doing their job, but some compromise needs to be reached. We, the students, should have access to our halls and not be punished because we are waiting for a cart. Or perhaps the fine folks from Parking Services could spare some time, help us pack up our personal items and carry them all the way to the parking lot since we cannot park in front.

Best regards,

Philip Holcomb
Junior

Speech Communication

Editor's note: I wholeheartedly agree. There has to be a happy medium. Perhaps a loading lane or something like department stores have. Like when you buy a television or some large item, either a sales clerk sees to it that your purchase gets safely into your vehicle or a lane is provided for you to move it. I remember seeing the parking service agents out in full force that day, it was Good Friday. Hmmm. What would Jesus do?

War opposition is not equivalent to troop opposition

Dear Editor,

This letter is to address some concerns surrounding Students and Teachers Organized for Peace.

STOP is dedicated to promoting issues of peace and social justice, both globally and locally, and to provide a forum for constructive dialogue.

Because STOP is dedicated to the proposition that peace and nonviolence are the only long-term solutions for issues of conflict, we have held a vigil in the Stratton Quadrangle every Wednesday to advocate peaceful solutions to disarming Saddam

Hussein and to protest war on the Iraqi people.

This vigil has been seen by some as showing a lack of support for our troops. STOP would like to express that while we oppose the war with Iraq, we, like others, support the women and men of the armed forces who are risking their lives in this war.

Some members of STOP have family and friends serving in the conflict. STOP, however, believes the best way to support the troops is to seek peaceful solutions that remove them from war and return them home as soon as possible.

STOP would like to invite

anyone interested in open and constructive dialogue to contact us in person at the 1:30 p.m. Wednesday vigils or through email at siuestop@yahoo.com.

In Peace,

Paula Kelso
Graduate Student
Sociology
Chad Binge
Graduate Student
Sociology
Pete Cerneka,
Graduate Student
History

on behalf of Students and Teachers Organized for Peace

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a Western. The best way to describe this land is our deserts without the cacti. It's funny the closest I've been to our American desert is a John Wayne Western.

Going back to talking about our hole; well, it's a defensive position overlooking the river. Every night we see lights and report strange activity in the distance. Our unit is paranoid about getting hit with indirect fire, mortar, from across the river. With every day that passes, that scenario becomes less likely to occur.

I haven't showered in almost two weeks. I hear they are going to set up solar field showers here. We'll see. I'm still eating well.

Everything here is fine. I'm not receiving too much news on the war out here, so you know more than I do.

From what I hear, we are doing well. I appreciate the two magazines you have sent to me. They have made my next two days along with many others here as I pass the magazines along to the others. I'm also receiving letters.

I'm glad to hear about what is happening at home. I'm guessing I will be home in the summer.

I'm running out of time. I will write again with more info as soon as I can. Thanks for all the support.

Love,

Kevin L. Beck
Lance Cpl.
U.S. Marine Corps
Senior
Mechanical Engineering

Win a movie pass

Anyone who can identify the object in the picture should e-mail the editor by noon Friday at alestle_editor@hotmail.com.

This is the final mystery picture for this semester.

We will draw a name from those who have correctly identified the object and its location. The winner will receive a \$5 movie pass. We will post the name of the winner in the April 28 issue of the Alestle.

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Griffin Kay correctly identified the statuettes in the glass display case near the Service Center in Rendleman Hall.

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'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life,' bottom, will open on July 25, while 'The Hulk,' top, will be in theaters on June 20.

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Summer mov

Hollywood is gearing up for a hot s

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Hollywood is pulling out all the stops this summer as it sends 135 new films between May and August to accompany the summer heat.

Along with the slew of action flicks that will hit theaters are a few sequels. "X2: X-Men United," the follow-up to 2000's superhero blockbuster that raked in more than \$155 million domestically, is scheduled to be released. All the key characters return for the second film along with some new mutants, including Nightcrawler. From the looks of the trailer for the film, fans of the comic and action films should not be disappointed. "X2" opens May 2.

Two weeks later, the most anticipated movie of the year will be opening. "The Matrix Reloaded" will charge into theaters looking to set box office records. Four years removed from a film that set a new standard in action films, the sequel reportedly cost more than \$300 million to make.

Keanu Reeves returns to reprise his role of Neo, and Jada Pinkett Smith will play a trash-talking pilot named Niobe. "The Matrix Revolutions" will open in November, so fans of the film will not have to wait long for the third installment of the franchise.

Other films in May that might be worth checking out include: "The In-Laws," which could be described as "Father of the Bride" meets "My Big

Fat Greek Wedding." The marital comedy stars Michael Douglas and Albert Brooks.

Eddie Murphy will try to stop his recent box-office slump with "Daddy Day Care." The film is a lighthearted comedy about a father who gets in over his head when beginning a day care business. Given Murphy's latest flops have targeted adults, a childish film may be the remedy for his lagging career.

In June, another comic book hero will be brought to life in "The Hulk." The film stars Eric Bana as the Hulk and features a computer-generated Hulk. According to Entertainment Weekly, fans of the comic have criticized recent trailers for making the Hulk look fake. Moviegoers can decide for themselves when the film opens June 20.

One week later another action sequel will hit the big screen. "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" will open June 27. The first film grossed \$125 million, and the sequel features Kung Fu, dancing, surfing and girls and more girls. Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu return to reprise their roles of the angels. Bernie Mac replaces Bill Murray as Bosley. To add more sex appeal to the film, Demi Moore plays the villain.

"2 Fast 2 Furious," the sequel to 2001's sleeper hit that launched the career of Vin Diesel, will open this time around with Paul Walker as the only returning cast member from the original. With a \$100 million budget for the sequel, there are sure to be over-the-top stunts and a lot



'X2:X-Men United' will begin the summer movie mayhem on May 2.

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summer full of blockbuster releases

of car crashes. Without Diesel in the film, will "Furious" win the race at the box office, or will the film run out of gas?

Not a sequel, but a prequel will open on June 13. "When Harry Met Lloyd: Dumb and Dumberer" looks back at Harry and Lloyd's high-school days. Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels are both absent from the prequel, which could deter moviegoers from checking out the film.

In July the action movies will again reign terror on the box office.

"Rise of the Machines: Terminator 3" will hit theaters on July 2, just in time for the much-coveted July 4 weekend slot. Fifty-five-year-old Arnold Schwarzenegger returns as the Terminator. This time he must battle a female terminator played by Kristanna Loken. With a budget of \$150 million, there are sure to be a lot of explosions and special effects that made the first two films hits.

Will Smith and Martin Lawrence team up for "Bad Boys II," to be released July 18. The duo scored a hit with the first film in 1995. Since then, both have gone on to achieve success and experience some failure. Lawrence, in particular, hasn't had a hit film since 2000's "Big Mamma's House." With shootouts, explosions and lighthearted bantering between the two, the film has the ingredients to be a summer hit.

July 2 will also bring another sequel to theaters in "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde." The follow-up to

2001's surprise hit, which grossed \$97 million, stars Reese Witherspoon, Bob Newhart and Luke Wilson. In a summer that is heavy with sequels and action flicks, this film will be a true test of whether Witherspoon can fill the theaters.

On July 25 "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" hits theaters.

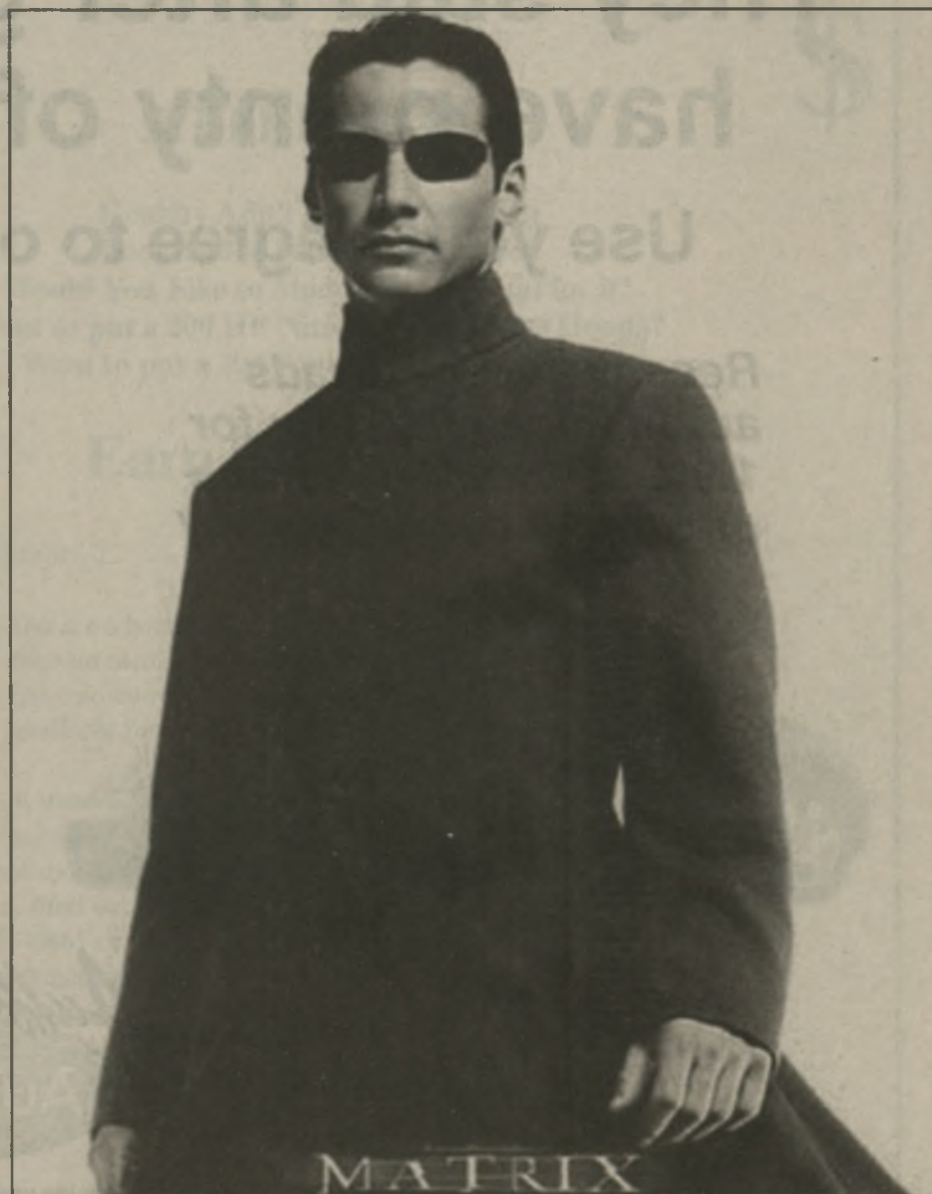
Angelina Jolie reprises her role as Lara Croft. The first film set a record for an opening weekend for a film with a female lead with \$48 million. A sexy Angelina Jolie may be enough to get a lot of guys in the theater seats. The first film was much anticipated; unfortunately for the sequel, it might need more than action and sex appeal to pack the theaters.

As the summer winds down in August, the film industry will have one more sequel to release.

"American Wedding," the third installment of the "American Pie" films, hits theaters Aug. 1. Many of the characters from the first two films return, including Jason Biggs, famous for ruining his mother's pie in the first film; Eddie Kaye Thomas as Finch; and Sean William Scott as Stiffler. The first two films grossed a combined \$250 million, so the third and reportedly final installment of the franchise has the ingredients to be a hit, but is it possible audiences have grown tired of pie?

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez will make their screen debut in "Gigli" Aug. 1. Perhaps the most famous couple in Hollywood, the two tabloid magnets will

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The 'Matrix,' bottom, and 'Terminator,' top, sequels are expected by critics to be two of the biggest movies of the summer.



'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle' will open in theaters on June 27.

SpringFest, movies and music to fill weekend activities

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

With SpringFest starting Thursday morning, new movies opening in theaters and parties popping up in the area, there is bound to be something to do this weekend at SIUE.

The annual SpringFest kicks off at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Stratton Quadrangle featuring carnival rides, food, music, inflatable games, contests, student booths and more. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

The event relocates from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday to the Student Fitness Center parking lot. For more information on SpringFest, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

SIUE's Jazz Program and the city of Edwardsville will sponsor the Jazz in the Park outdoor concert series, featuring musical performances from SIUE Concert Jazz Band, Lab Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos and faculty. Musical pieces from composers ranging from Quincy Jones to Count Basie will be performed, as well as

works composed by SIUE musicians. The event will last from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Edwardsville City Park. For more information, contact Reggie Thomas at 650-2902.

The SIUE Concert Band will also perform at 7 p.m. Friday in the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater. For more information, contact music professor John Bell at 650-2015.

Tennessee Williams' hit play "Summer and Smoke," directed by Chuck Harper and featuring an ensemble of SIUE students, finishes up its run at the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater at 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information on the play or ticket reservations, call the box office at 650-2774.

Paint the town red from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at Rue 13, at 1313 Washington in St. Louis. The club will present 33 visual and performing artists, live music, food and free face and body painting. Prizes will also be given to the best designs and costumes. Admission to the event is \$7. For more information and directions, call the club at (314) 588-9797.

Four new films are scheduled to release into theaters Friday, ranging from suspense thrillers to reality films. "Confidence," "Identity" and "It Runs In The Family" will all hit theaters this weekend.

"Confidence" stars Edward Burns, Dustin Hoffman and Andy Garcia in a gangster drama, in which an indebted con man, played by Burns, is assigned an enforcer, Hoffman, to shadow his movements. The hour-and-38-minute film is rated R for violence, language and sexuality.

"Identity" puts a spin on the timeless whodunit tale when 10 strangers are stranded at an old motel. As they die off one by one, the killer must be caught by figuring out what each individual in the group shares with the others. The film is rated R for violence and language.

"It Runs In The Family," which features Kirk, Michael, Cameron and Diana Douglas, shows the love and labors of a successful, but dysfunctional, three-generation family. The film is rated PG-13 for drug use, sexual material and language.

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Will Draw For Food - Just a Bit



By: J. Edwards

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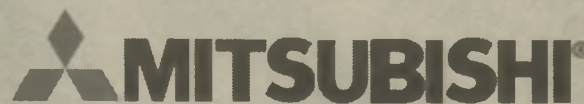
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be starring in the film with Al Pacino.

The plot of the film revolves around Affleck's playing a hit man who kidnaps a prosecutor's brother. When Affleck begins to have second thoughts about the kidnapping, his bosses send in a lesbian contract killer, played by Lopez, to help out Affleck.

Other movies opening in August include "S.W.A.T.," starring Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell and LL Cool J. The film was inspired by a 1970s television series of the same name. With Farrell's stock in Hollywood on the rise, this film could be the sleeper hit of the summer, and Jackson could use a hit on his resume after the fall's bomb, "Formula 51."

The summer will offer something for even horror movie fans.

"Freddy vs. Jason" opens Aug. 15. Fans of both horror franchises have been waiting for

this film for a long time. Robert England reprises his role as Freddy Krueger. The last "Elm Street" film was released in 1994, so fans of Freddy Krueger could be hungry for more scares, which may make this film a summer sleeper hit.

Also in August, "Wonderland" will open in theaters. "Wonderland" stars Val Kilmer as porn star John Holmes. Holmes, who died from AIDS-related complications in 1988, was one of the biggest porn stars of the mid '70s. Lisa Kudrow, of "Friends," plays Holmes' young wife in the film.

With the first summer release, "X2," only a couple of weeks away, moviegoers will have time to brace themselves for the action-packed blockbusters and sequels that will be released this summer. From action to comedy to horror, there is truly something for every type of movie fan.

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SIUE Twilight Open
track and field meet
starts at 3 p.m. Saturday
at Ralph Korte Stadium.



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Thursday, April 24, 2003 ◆

Softball team readies for final regular-season road trip

SIUE hopes to own first place in conference

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team will have its last chance to improve its current 33-9 record by playing its final regular season games on the road this weekend.

"These last games are very important," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "Considering we're tied with Northern Kentucky (University) right now for first in the (Great Lakes Valley Conference), we need the wins."

The Cougars will start the weekend with two games against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds Saturday in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis is looking to improve its 9-7 GLVC record, which places it in sixth place in the conference.

With a 7-1 record at home, the Greyhounds hold an advantage.

Two freshmen pitchers, Megan Hall and Beth

Wendlinger, have emerged as Indianapolis' leaders this year.

Hall is leading the team with a .403 batting average that includes 12 runs, 31 hits and 16 RBIs.

Wendlinger has been the leader on the mound with a 10-5 record, 1.22 ERA, 19 earned runs and 120 strikeouts.

SIUE will then take on the St. Joseph's College Pumas, a team further down in the conference with a 14-26-1 overall record and a 5-11 GLVC record, Sunday in Rensselaer, Ind.

St. Joseph's is coming off two shutout victories, 8-0 and 9-0, Saturday against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The Pumas will seek revenge on the Cougars after falling to the team 3-2 Mar. 12 in the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla.

SIUE freshman pitcher Mary Heather White and senior pitcher RyAnn Spann combined efforts in the win.

White shouldered the majority of the work in throwing five hits, one earned run, walking one and striking out one in five innings.

Spann finished up the last



BRIAN BACA/ALESTLE

Junior Jenny Esker gets ready to swing in a home game Saturday against Lewis University. Esker leads the Cougars with 61 hits and 36 runs. She has a .520 on-base percentage.

two innings without allowing a hit, run or walk and striking out three of five batters.

Since then, White has put together a 6-1 record with a 1.72 ERA, 14 earned runs and 28 strikeouts.

"Mary Heather White's coming along," Montgomery said.

"She's a freshman on a team that is really good and has a couple of good pitchers ahead of her, so that's hard, but she's making a lot of progress."

The Cougars took on the Lincoln University Blue Tigers in a Wednesday doubleheader.

Those results will be in Tuesday's Alestle.

Montgomery said the Cougars wouldn't do anything different in their final regular-season games.

"We're playing really well right now," Montgomery said. "We've only lost nine games all year, and six of those we lost by a run, so we're only worrying about ourselves right now."

Cougar track and field teams set to hold annual Twilight Open

Frerker aims for teams to better personal records

STACEY BAIMA
SPORTS STRINGER

The men's and women's track and field teams will present the seventh annual SIUE Twilight Open Saturday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

The Cougars will be aiming to break personal records and qualify more athletes for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships in May.

SIUE will also be using this opportunity to gain experience in preparation for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships at SIUE in two weeks.

Head coach Darryl Frerker said he is looking forward to some great competition, with 20 schools expected to compete.

There will be a variety of institutions competing at the meet, with teams from every NCAA division, as well as some National Junior College Athletic Association teams.

The Cougars are expecting some great performances from the entire team.

On the men's side, junior David Droege will attempt to qualify for nationals in the 3000-meter steeplechase. He has come less than two seconds away from this year's qualifying standard in previous meets.

Frerker also expects great things from his middle-distance crew.

"Senior Darren Dinkleman and juniors Rich Skirball and Ben Hilby have a great chance to qualify provisionally in the 800-meter run," Frerker said.

It was at this meet two years ago that both Hilby and Skirball qualified for nationals in school record-breaking time.

"I also expect junior Rich

Luers to drop his time in the 800-meter run," Frerker said.

The Cougars will look to sophomore Ryan Boyll to qualify in the 1500-meter run.

Boyll came within five seconds of the provisional qualifying time at the Cougar Classic Open, and Frerker said he feels it is well within his reach to qualify at the Twilight Open.

For the sprinters, both sophomores Kevin Koller and Jeff Fearday are expected to do well. Koller and Fearday have been flirting with provisional qualifying times all season in the 400-meter dash. The duo will need a time of 48 seconds to qualify.

Assistant coach David Astrauskas, who works with the throwers, expects junior Lee Weeden and freshman Steve Landers to make attempts at surpassing national qualifying standards, as well as the school record in the shot put.

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Sophomore Ryan Boyll, right, runs in the 1500-meter race at the Cougar Classic. Boyll will look to provisionally qualify in the event.

Men's tennis team finishes season at No. 7

STACEY BAIMA
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's tennis team played its final match of the season Friday and Saturday at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament in Indianapolis, Ind.

The University of Indianapolis played host to the tournament, which was held at North Central High School. SIUE, the No. 7 seed, finished seventh out of eight teams.

On the first day of competition, SIUE was defeated 5-1 by the No. 2-ranked Indianapolis Greyhounds. The only win of the match for the Cougars came at No. 2 doubles. The duo of sophomore Chris Rigdon and freshman Daniel Lipe defeated Justin Linder and Chris Symmes 8-6.

The second round saw the Quincy University Hawks defeat SIUE by a score of 5-1. The Cougars started things off strong with a win at No. 1 doubles. The team of sophomore Andy Renner and freshman Matt Kuban defeated Quincy's Zach Miller and David Fuhrig 8-3.

The Cougars nearly tallied

another win at the No. 2 doubles spot. The twosome of Rigdon and Lipe lost a tiebreaker match to Bill Brooks and Scott Radecki 9-8.

The second day of competition pitted SIUE against the Lewis University Flyers.

SIUE won the match by a



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Freshman Daniel Lipe hits a backhand in a home match this spring. Lipe had a 2-3 singles record.

margin of 5-3 to take seventh place.

At No. 1 doubles, the team of Renner and Kuban played a hard fought match but came out on the losing end, 8-6.

At No. 2 doubles Rigdon and

Lipe continued their strong tournament play and defeated T.J. Haas and Joey Byers 8-1.

Junior Doug Kummer and freshman Steve Hupp earned their first wins of the tournament by defeating Van Vo and Kevin Kolb 8-3, at No. 3 doubles.

In singles action, Kuban defeated Byers in straight sets 6-0, 6-3 at the No. 2 position while Renner defeated Matt Moyzis 6-1, 6-1, at No. 3.

Hupp also earned a win in singles play by defeating Haas, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 5.

The Norse of the University of Northern Kentucky took first place in the tournament, with the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles taking second.

The Cougars finish the season with 2-6 GLVC record and a 4-10 mark overall.

"We are a young team and play in a tough conference," head coach Bill Logan said in a press release. "Everyone did the best they could (this season) under the circumstances."

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Baseball returns home to play

TRAVIS L. ROSS
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The SIUE baseball team wrapped up its 11-game road swing with losses to the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers and the Oakland City Mighty Oaks.

Head coach Gary Collins said the road trip was a rough one.

"We didn't score many runs, and we didn't swing the bats very well," Collins said.

The Cougars managed only 10 hits and four runs in the two contests. Collins said the trip wasn't the confidence builder he had in mind.

"I think (the team) is a little down right now," Collins said. "Right now we are on the outside looking in."

The Panthers slipped past the Cougars 4-3 Monday. No Cougar chalked up more than one hit in the outing.

Sophomore pitcher Jarad Rettberg was tagged with the loss for SIUE. He gave up three runs on six hits. Senior pitcher Brad Hinton came in the games and allowed one run on one hit in one inning.

The Mighty Oaks blasted the Cougars 9-1 Tuesday.

Freshman pitcher Jerry Mahn was knocked off the hill after 3.2 innings of work for the Cougars. Mahn gave up three runs.

SIUE sent junior pitcher Brian Keating to the mound Wednesday against Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen.

Keating holds a pitching record of 3-4.

The game will be reported in Tuesday's Alestle.

Sophomore pitcher Ryan Spurgeon is 1-2 on the season. He will toe the rubber Friday against conference opponent the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds.

The Rivermen and Greyhounds are ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the GLVC. The Cougars are ranked No. 8.

"(Spurgeon and Keating) have been more consistent than everyone else," Collins said. "We will have to swing the bats better."

The Cougars will play at 7 p.m. Friday at GMC Park in Sauget, home of the Gateway Grizzlies.

"When they built the stadium, they wanted to get teams in there to play," Collins said. "I just thought it would be kind of fun."

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
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TRACK AND FIELD

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Freshman Phil Freimuth will be coming off a record-breaking performance last weekend at Indiana State University.

Freimuth broke the school record in the javelin with an effort of 193 feet and nine inches and came within one foot, three inches of the provisional qualifying mark.

Freimuth broke recent graduate George Murphy's school record by nine inches.

On the women's side, junior Carrie Carducci will once again attempt to lower her time in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Carducci is currently ranked tenth in the nation.

Sophomore Jennifer Jaquez will not be running the 400-meter hurdles, an event in which she is currently ranked 22nd in the nation.

Instead, Jaquez will be taking aim at a provisional qualifying mark in the 400-meter dash.

MEN'S TENNIS

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The Cougars' roster consisted of all freshmen and sophomores except for junior Kummer who posted a 4-4 record playing primarily at No. 6 singles.

Hupp and Renner each led the team with seven victories.

Lipe and Rigdon played to a 6-8 record in doubles action.

Junior Breanne Steffens will make a run at qualifying provisionally in the 1500-meter run.

Earlier this season, Steffens came within 2.24 seconds of nationally qualifying.

No team scores will be kept at the meet, but Frerker said he still expects his team to do well as a whole.

"We will be looking for not only national qualifiers, but personal records across the board," Frerker said.

"This will be a meet with some great competition who will run in what is expected to be nice weather.

"It will be an exciting meet to watch, and I would like to invite everyone out to cheer on the Cougars," Frerker said.

The SIUE Twilight Open will begin with the field events at 3 p.m. and running events to follow at 4 p.m.

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Kuban recorded four victories playing No. 2 singles. He also paired with Kummer to go 2-3 in doubles.

"It was a learning year for us," Logan said.

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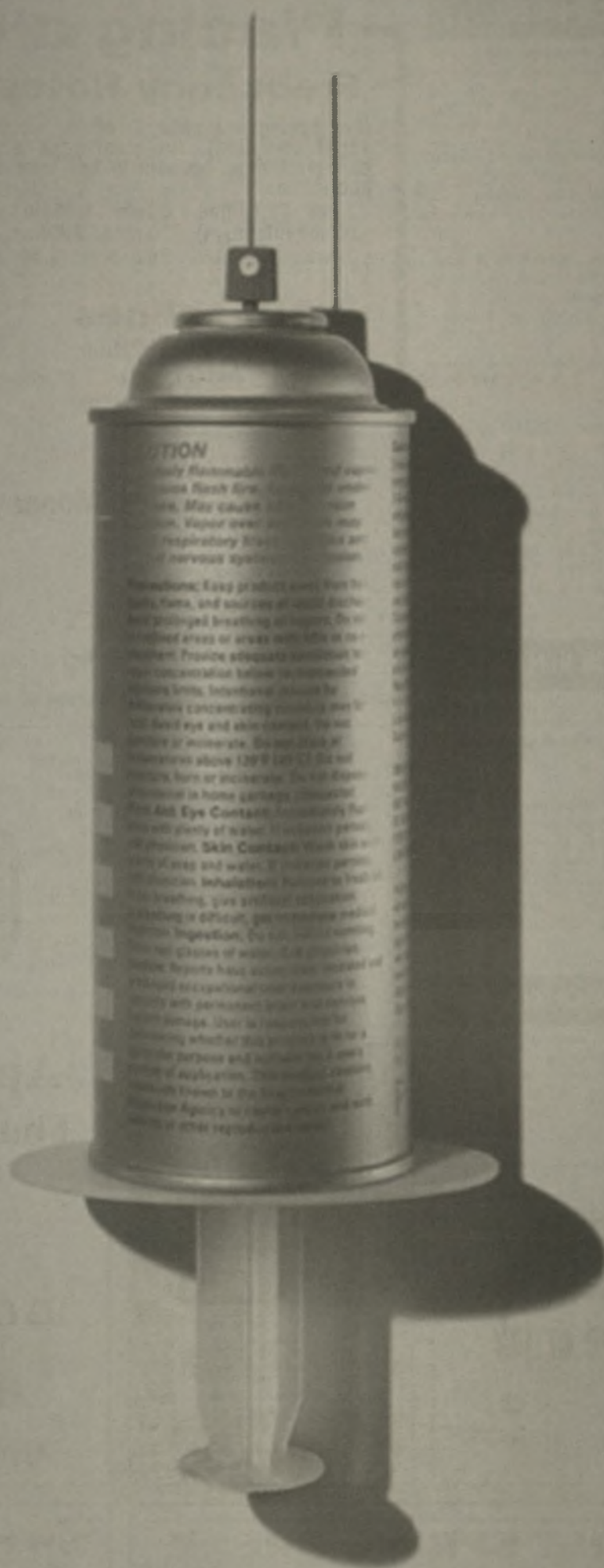
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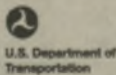
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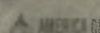
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