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Spring graduation coming in threes this year Ceremonies are at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. May 1 in the VC

LINDSEY ARNOLD NEWS STRINGER

A posthumous degree will be presented to the family of Marine Cpl. Evan James

Out of 1,484 graduates, 1033 will be participating in a series of three graduation ceremonies May 10 in the Vadalabene Center.

Doors to the gymnasium will open at 7:30 a.m. for seating for the graduation of approximately 355 Education and Nursing

students at 9 a.m.

The Schools of Business and Engineering will hold their graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. for about 303 students.

The College of Arts and Sciences will begin its ceremony at 5 p.m., graduating about 300

There will be parking throughout the campus for family and guests and lots are expected to fill quickly.

The gym will have little decoration.

"The ceiling is high and we are sensitive to polluting the environment, plus that stuff gets churned up and caught in the ventilation system and such,"

the vice chancellor for student affairs said.

Graduates have seating on the floor of the gymnasium while visitors have seating available on the bleachers.

The University Restaurant will be serving a buffet throughout the day.

The 9 a.m. ceremony will include two presentations.

An honorary doctorate of science will be presented to Roy Curtiss III, a professor of biology at Washington University in St. Louis, and a posthumous degree will be presented to the family of Marine Cpl. Evan James, an SIUE kinesiology student who died in the war with Iraq.

"The posthumous degrees represent that, for the most part, students who have completed almost all of their undergraduate degrees and were worthy of a posthumous degree. In the case of Evan James, this case is complicated because he is the only SIUE student, thus far, who was lost in Iraq. He was technically a sophomore and the university administration has

degree," posthumous McReynolds said.

Curtiss has been conducting work to define biochemical bases and genetic controls in certain types of bacterial pathogens since the 1970s.

He was named Missouri Inventor of the Year in 1997 for his development of plant-edible

Prior to joining Washington University, he established the Cystic Fibrosis Research Center while being the Charles McCauley Professor Microbiology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2001.

The 1 p.m. graduation will include a presentation of the distinguished service award to George Arnold, an SIUE emeritus professor environmental engineering.

Arnold has long been an environmental activist in the

As president of the Lewis and Clark Historical Society, Arnold worked to get the Lewis

Janet McReynolds, assistant to chosen to give his family a and Clark Memorial in Hartford restored after the flood of 1993.

At the 5 p.m. ceremony, an honorary doctorate of music will be awarded to John "Bucky" Pizzarelli Sr.

Pizzarelli is a self-taught, seven-string jazz guitarist whose career began in 1943 when, at the age of 17, he played with the Vaughan Monroe Orchestra.

He played with as Army band in World War II, the Doc Stevenson Band on the "Tonight" Show in 1952, played with Frank Sinatra and Benny Goodman at the White House in 1964, played for the opening of the Smithsonian Museum American History "Blues Guitars" exhibit with his son, was featured on Charles Kuralt's CBS "Sunday Morning" and has published three books.

Also at that graduation, a posthumous degree in social work will be given to the family of Thomas C. Schmisseur. The SIUE Teaching Excellence Award will be presented to SIUE public administration and policy analysis professor

Students whip it up during Springfest in the Goshen



SIUE PHOTO SERVICES

Two students top off the banana split with whipped cream in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center Thursday as part of the Springfest activities.

Individual pudding cups no longer an option for a snack

Pudding cups removed from shelves in Union Station Monday

BRIAN WALLHEIMER NEWS REPORTER

Morris University Center Business Manager McDermott ordered individual cups of pudding off the shelf Monday after McDermott found out the cups were being sold separately, despite labeling prohibiting the practice.

Union Station carries four packs of Hunt's Snack Pack pudding cups, but the store was also selling the pudding cups individually. Each cup is marked, 'Not labeled for individual sale."

McDermott said he was unaware Union Station was selling the pudding cups separately.

"Somebody made



A worker removes pudding from shelves in Union Station.

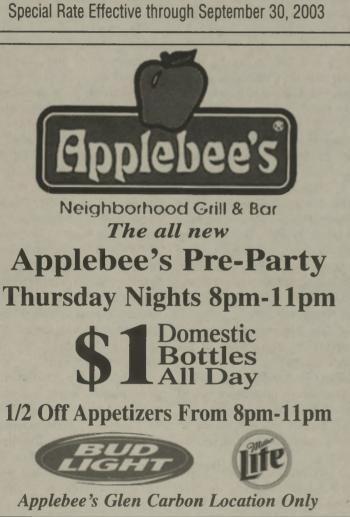
mistake," McDermott said.

When McDermott went into

Union Station minutes later, he "They'll be off the shelf in 20 and a student worker took the pudding cups off the shelves.

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New faculty senate members elected for the College of Arts and Sciences

TYLER BENNETT NEWS STRINGER

The faculty senate for the College of Arts and Sciences departments on campus recently held its elections.

The new members elected as representatives of their departments are Julie Holt for the Anthropology Department, Anne Valk for the History Department, Patrick Murphy for Mass Communications Department, Maruice Mangum the Political Science Department, Trish Oberweis for the Sociology Department and T.R. Carr Public for Administration.

According to the faculty handbook, the members of the

faculty senate are elected by members of the faculty and act as representatives in regard to academic matters and other matters of faculty concern and are empowered to act as agents for the university faculty with the power to create policies in regard to all academic matters and matters of faculty concern.

"The SIUE faculty senate provides a mechanism for shared governance within university," Carr said.

"This means that faculty and administration share responsibility policy decisions affecting the future of SIUE. Given the financial Illinois, pressures facing the commitment to shared governance here

provides a mechanism for the faculty and the administration to arrive at joint decisions when hard budget decisions have to be made," he said.

Carr added, "As a re-elected senator and as a former president of the faculty senate, my goal remains to continue to not department, but the interests of faculty at SIUE during my term in office."

The faculty senate has 49 members and five councils including the curriculum council, the planning council, the rules procedures council. the welfare council and the graduate council.

The graduate council meets the first Friday of each month.

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"You've got to get those out of here," McDermott told the

The four pack of pudding was selling for \$2.99 and individual cups were selling for 77 cents each.

So, buying four of the individual cups would cost

spokeswoman for ConAgra Foods, maker of the Hunt's Pudding Packs, said SIUE wasn't really profiting from selling the pudding cups individually, and the company would take no action.

"We won't be sending out the pudding police," she said. SIUE graduate Anthony Watt

contributed to this story.

Campus Scanner

Barbecue: The 22nd Annual Staff Senate BBQ will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Fitness Center. All proceeds support the Staff Senate Scholarship. Tickets can be purchased for \$6.

Meditation and Study Group: A Buddhist meditation and study group is from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the SIUE Religious Center.

Workshop: "Fresh and Ancestral: New Xpressions from the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club" will be at 9 a.m. Saturday in the City Council Chambers of the East St. Louis Municipal Building, 301 River Park Drive. For more information, call 650-3991.

Dessert Tasting: The third annual "A Death by Chocolate Affair" will again feature delicious desserts from various local establishments from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the SIUE Religious Center. Tickets are \$10 for faculty, staff and general admission and \$5 for students and children under 12. A to-go plate is available for \$8 and \$5 for students.

Game Day: Singles Thing "Game Day" will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Tri-Township Park in Troy. The cost is \$8. There will be disc jockey tables, table games, volleyball, silent auction, date auctions and singles ads. A barbecue will be

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from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, www.singlesthing.net.

Picnic: The Madison County Chapter of The Compassionate Friends sponsoring a picnic and balloon launch at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Edwardsville Township Park. Bereaved parents and their families have been invited to attend. For more information, call 656-4395.

Blood Drive: American Red Cross is holding blood drives from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at South Roxana Elementary School, 414 Indiana Ave.; from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Bernard Catholic School, 200 N. 4th St. in Wood River; from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the American Water Customer Service Center, 1410 Discovery Parkway in Alton; from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Louis East Truck Plaza Amoco Travel Center, 819 Edwardsville Road in Troy; from 3 to 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God 325 W. Main in East Alton; from noon to 4 p.m. at Dairy Queen, 400 S. Buchanan in Edwardsville; from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bernis Chiropractor and Associates, 4105 Humbert Road in Alton; and from 2 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Edwardsville, 534 St. Louis Street in Edwardsville. Donors must be 16 years of age, weigh at least

110 pounds, not have donated

blood within the last 56 days, not be taking blood thinners or antibiotics and not have had a tattoo within the last year.

Tobacco counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to all residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hotline hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and

Party and Reading: The staff of the River Bluff Review will have a release party and reading for the Spring edition of SIUE's only student literary magazine. The party and reading will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Poets and fiction writers published in the year's magazine will read form their work, and some of the original art published inthe magazine will be on display. Free copies of the issue will be handed out and refreshments will be available. For more information, e-mail Geoff Schmidt at geschmi@siue.edu.

Athletes make Community Day a success despite inclement weather

KELI KEENER SPORTS EDITOR

Woodland Elementary School in the school." Edwardsville Friday.

The Athletics Department, led by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, sponsored Community Day from 11:20 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. during the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders' recesses.

Due to rain, the kids had to remain indoors as the athletes visited each classroom.

Indoor games were played while the athletes also answered questions from the kids about being a Cougar athlete.

"It went great," Academic Adviser for Athletics Martie Duffett said. "We had to have it inside due to the weather. We had planned to have outside games and activities."

Duffett said the Athletics Department will look to make Community Day an annual event.

"Woodland's principal spoke with me and said she would like to do it again next year," Duffett

earlier in the year so we have time to re-schedule if there is events inclement weather. Also, SIUE athletes visited individual teams may go out to

> "It was a shame it rained," Woodland Elementary Principal Nancy Spina said. "But our kids thought the athletes were

> "I'd like to get (Community Day) started next year and maybe have the athletes come even more than once a year if possible."

Spina said the teachers were also appreciative.

"The teachers thought the athletes worked it out great, and the students were asking questions and hope the athletes will come back to see them," Spina said.

"The program started because of the athletes," Spina added. "They came up with it and developed it. Our hats are off to them; they did a great job."

SIUE junior Carrie Carducci, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee secretary and member of the women's cross country and track teams, believes doing outreach programs with area "Hopefully we will do it elementary schools may increase

JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Top, senior Josh Richardson arm wrestles a student of Woodland Elementary School. Bottom, volleyball players answer questions asked by students.

SIUE's fan base at athletic

"I think it went great," Carducci said.

"It was a huge success. Everyone I talked to said they had a great time. Those kids were so excited and probably went home and told their families all about it, Carducci said. "They want to see us again, so maybe their parents will bring them to sporting events at SIUE."





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One hug a day keeps the shopper away | Oil funds terrorism in Africa too



You've all heard every fiveyear old's joke about the 800pound gorilla. Where does it sleep? Anywhere it wants to.

Wal-Mart is an 800-pound gorilla.

The retail behemoth has given me another reason not to shop there. I know its ad campaigns make Wal-Mart out to be a kind of Disneyland run by saints, but the truth is much uglier.

I used to say that the reason I don't shop at Wal-Mart is

Burns weeps a tear of joy.

My latest reason for hating Wal-Mart involves a group of cyber-pranksters, who, it has never been shown, actually harmed Wal-mart. Yet, Wal-Mart wants to shut them down. Recode.com is apparently run by a group of wise acres who pull off political stunts at antiglobalization protests, and call themselves the Yes Men.

These pranksters showed, on their Web site, how people can print their own bar codes and then stick them on products for lower prices. Presumably, even lower than what Wal-Mart promises when they "roll back" its prices.

Now, nowhere on the site did they actually say that people do this. It just presented the information and the means for doing so. And, at no time, did they advocate they specifically do this to Wal-Mart.

And yet, Wal-Mart felt

Wal-Mart is infamous for enforcing unpaid, mandatory overtime ... **

because I was deathly afraid of being hugged by old people.

This was in reference to an ad that featured an aged greeter, cheerfully grinning into the camera, and saying, "I love hugs!" Frankly, it creeped me out more than a little bit.

The real reasons I don't shop at Wal-Mart largely deal with its labor practices. Wal-Mart is infamous for enforcing unpaid, mandatory overtime. They are excessively hostile to union organizing and they are the subject of a class-action lawsuit that charges that their largely female floor staff is barred from management positions.

No doubt some of you had read news over the past year about the mayor of Maplewood being eager to bulldoze residences to make room for a Wal-Mart store. Maybe the mayor is unclear on the idea that people forced out of their homes may tend to be angry voters.

And somewhere, "The Simpsons" C. Montgomery

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offense and put a cease-and-desist order on them.

I know, I know, I know. It can be said that these people were advocating retail theft. Not to mention that, heaven forebid, thousands of people would engage in this activity and drive poor Wal-Mart out of business. I probably could put something snide in here about how Wal-Mart has driven people out of business and how specifically was the plan of the sainted Sam Walton, but I'd just be accused of being a societal

I just hate Wal-Mart more after this incident. Maybe that's an irrational thought and I should just realize that people shouldn't rock the boat. But, I do think that rocking the boat has some value, even if it's only to get a few 800-hundred gorillas wet.

Jon R. Pike Graduate Student Mass Communications

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Letters to the Editor ________ copper away | Oil funds terrorism in Africa

Dear Editor,

With a war waging in the Middle East and talk about the connection between oil and terrorism, many people have missed the fact oil flows from many other sources. One of these sources is in Africa. Right now a pipeline is being constructed from Chad through Cameroon to the ocean.

In the same way oil funds terrible things in the Middle East, it does much the same in Africa. Exxon/Mobile and Chevron are building this pipeline through pristine forest at high ecological cost and displacing the indigenous people of this forest at high human costs.

On a broader scale, this pipeline is not just affecting those who call the forest home. Money from this pipeline is funding human rights abuses by the Chad government. The president of Chad even acknowledged \$4.5 to his government for social

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Don't abuse the right to free speech

Dear Editor,

Regarding Jon Pike's column in Tuesday, April 15, edition of the Alestle about atrocities committed by the Israeli army, I agree the Israeli army and government have made some serious mistakes both in policy and in acts committed in the name of defense. I also agree that to criticize these acts and policies is not tantamount to anti-Semitism. I also realize that as a columnist, as opposed to a

reporter, he is under no obligation to be objective and impartial. On the other hand, a little more balanced treatment couldn't hurt, could it? A few comments about your column:

Pike's statement that Israel is "constructing a concrete ghetto on the west banks that reminds one of the one the Nazis constructed for Jews in Poland" is quite misleading.

This wall is intended to separate Israel proper from the see SPEECH, page 5

Pike's existence under question by reader

Dear Editor,

A search is on for Pike. The alleged person who writes in the Alestle under the name of Pike must be fictional. Therefore, it would be interesting to meet the people who write these satirical articles.

We have heard them bash Democrats and Republicans, which at times has been humorous. However, the recent article that compared Jewish people to Nazis went too, far.

I realize trying to write a satirical column is hard, but in the future, I hope the writer(s) would use better taste.

On the off chance Pike does exist, I ask the Alestle show a recent photo of him. However, we all know such a person could only exist in the minds of journalists. The columns are absurdly funny, and they do help people laugh. I know the stories are not meant to be taken seriously. However, the last story went over the line. Please ask the writers to tone it down.

If a Pike does exist, I have a suggestion to the chancellor where he can cut the budget.

Jonathon Forbes Senior Political Science

Political Humor





Lisa Kusamanoff correctly identified the artwork "Keep Me Home," 1985 by Cheryl Fister near the chancellor's office on the third floor of Rendleman Hall.

Thanks to everyone for playing.

Letters to the Editor _____

programs as part of the pipeline project has been diverted for weapons purchases.

To put a stop to this connection between oil and the suffering of the Chad people, you can write Exxon/Mobile and ask them to support human rights, to make public its security arrangements with governments of Chad and Cameroon and to take action to ensure the pipeline project does not increase tension in the region

or arm corrupt governments. You can write Lee R. Raymond, chairperson and chief executive officer of Exxon/Mobile Corporation at 5959 Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX, 75039.

Sincerely,

Scott Kinkelaar Junior Biology Member of Amnesty International-SIUE Chapter

SPEECH

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West Bank, which would presumably eventually become part of the Palestinian state. Thus, it is a wall along what Israel sees as the future border, although some may disagree with exactly where the border might be. But, the wall does not surround any area or create an enclave or enclosure; hence, it is not ghettolike. Moreover, unlike the ghettos in Europe, Israel is not forcing people to relocate into this area.

Pike's column focused on several Americans who had been killed by Israeli troops. I hope he didn't mean to imply that the lives of Americans are more important than the lives of the many Palestinians, Israelis and others who have been killed by both sides since the Palestinians began this current intifada in

May we expect to see a future column on the atrocities committed by Palestinian suicide bombers and others specifically directed at Israeli civilians, especially youth, which have also resulted in the deaths of Americans and other non-Israelis? How about one on the anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli hateful material infused in Palestinian and other Arab school textbooks?

How about a column on how the current Palestinian intifada began - why did Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat walk out of the peace talks when then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak had iust offered the most extensive peace proposal ever conceived by either side? If this proposal was not acceptable, in a true peace process the next step would have been for Arafat to offer a counterproposal. Yet, he walked out and started what is now almost three years of bloodshed. Why did he do this? Was he afraid of actually

having to sign a true peace treaty? By the way, check out the actual so-called Oslo peace process from 1995 to 2000.

During this period of negotiations, the Palestinians never offered any proposal that budged from its original position; all pre-1967 land returned, Jerusalem as the capital, right of return for millions of refugees. All of the compromise came from Israel, which continually offered to give back more and more land and eventually to allow a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem.

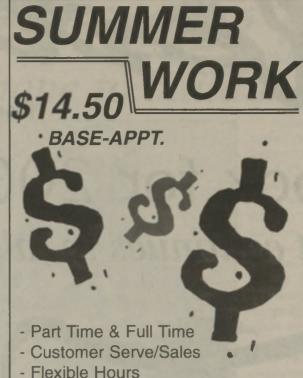
Throughout this entire period, right up to the end, the Palestinians only comprised on timeline issues - how fast Israel would turn over which parcels of

Why not encourage readers to consult an atlas and see how the size of Israel, about the same as New Jersey, compares with that of the Arab world? Why not suggest they investigate what these Arab nations have done for their Palestinian brethren since 1948, when the Arab nations rejected the United Nations' proposal of both a Jewish and Palestinian state in the region and invaded Israel? Has any of these nations taken in the Palestinians and helped them to settle in their own country? Actually, several Arab countries drove the Palestinians out!

Mr. Pike, I enjoy reading your columns and look forward to seeing you address these and perhaps other aspects of the tragic Middle East situation.

David Steinberg Associate Dean College of Arts and Sciences

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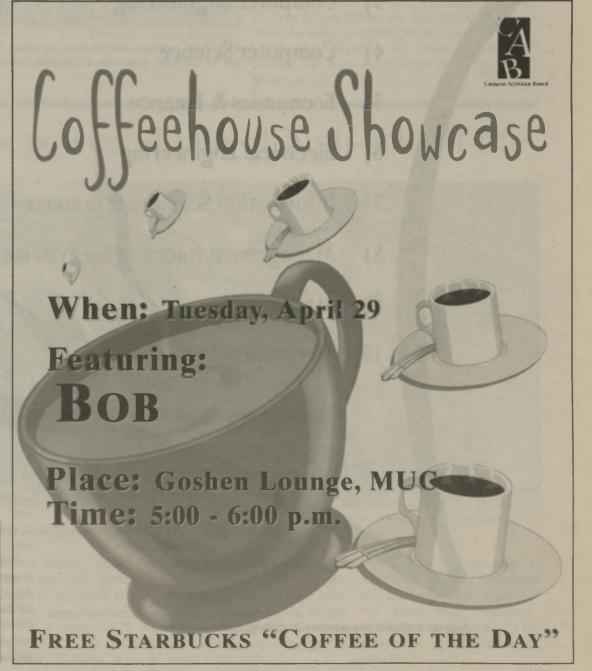
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Job outlook for 2003 graduates

Career market continues to fall from previous years

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SHANNON PHILPOTT
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

As the spring semester winds to a close, many SIUE students are racing to finish last-minute projects and preparing for final exams. For graduating seniors, the race has just

Entering the workforce at a time when the economy is sluggish and the job market is tight, 2003 graduates will need to stay one step ahead of the rest to beat the competition.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the 2003 job market has been rated as "fair," compared to an "excellent" rating for 2001 graduates and a "good" rating for 2002 graduates.

Nationally, NACE predicts college graduate employment will be down 3.5 percent this year, compared 2002. annual outlook survey, the NACE found only a quarter of U.S. employers plan to increase the number of new hires 2003.

Though the survey reported the largest cutback within manufacturing and service employers, 2003 graduates will find fewer job opportunities from financial services firms, communications services companies and computer and business equipment manufacturers as well.

SIUE graduates should not be discouraged by the national averages. According to the regional survey by the NACE, college graduates in the Midwest will experience an 11.2 percent increase in overall employment.

Midwest job opportunities are expected to increase but salaries are not. The NACE survey noted that entry-level salary offers will remain flat for 2003 graduates, compared to last year's graduating class, with a small number of increases among major employers.

Though the job market is "fair," Jean Paterson, director of SIUE's Career Development Center, said the center has not had a problem matching students with employers this year.

"There may be somewhat fewer jobs than past years but there are still jobs available," Paterson said. "We are hoping for an upswing in the fall."

Helping students to market the knowledge and academic skills they have obtained at SIUE, the staff at the Career Development Center provides occupational counseling, resume referral, cooperative education, on-campus interviews and online registration.

Working together with more than 4,000 employers, the center matches registered students to prospective employers in their major while allowing employers the opportunity to screen potential candidates online.

Paterson recommends graduating seniors register with the Career Development Center in Founders Hall, Room 3126, and utilize the trained professionals provided to assist students with resume preparation, job search criteria and interview techniques.

Not only does the center aid graduating students, but it also resources for undergraduates seeking career guidance are also available. "We counsel many students beginning with their freshman year," Paterson said. "Many want to clarify that they are going down the right path."

Regardless of the career path students choose, it is imperative that they be prepared to sell themselves to a potential employer. According to Paterson, a majority of the employers in the center's database return to SIUE because they are getting students with qualifications they are seeking.

"Students will get a job based on their own merits," Paterson said. "Our goal is to send a better-prepared student out the door."

Trying to make it in the rap game Two SIUE students hope to build music careers

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Here's the wrap on two students who hope to make it in the music industry.

William Spiller doesn't hesitate to answer when asked about his influences in rap and record music.

"My personal influences are bums on the corners because that's one way I plan not to end up," Spiller said.

Spiller is one of several aspiring rappers in downstate Illinois and attending school at SIUE. Recording under the alias "Spillah," the 18-year-old freshman just released his debut album, "Disturbin' Ambitions: Uncut and Raw," on independent label Third World Records.

Although he quickly established a name for himself at SIUE after winning freestyle battles and performing at the Black History Month Talent Show in February, Spiller readily admits the path to success was not an overnight one.

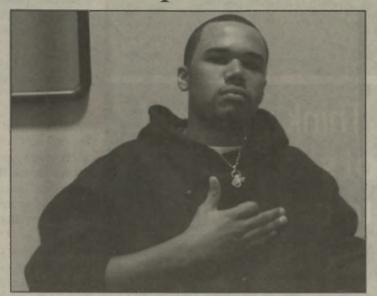
"This CD (compact disc) basically took about three years to come about," Spiller said. "It came about from switching labels, meeting new people, searching for better deals and through better networking.'

Spiller, who has been rapping since junior high school, ultimately chose "Ballin" in the rap-music industry over balling on the courts.

"For me, it was either rap or basketball," Spiller said. "Rap was something that I was real comfortable in, and I was never nervous performing. Also, this is something that I felt I could get the most recognition in, and I was basically most interested in this field of business.'

The album contains eight tracks expressing the world through Spiller's eyes.

"My favorite tracks on the CD are probably 'The Ten Commandments of a Hustla' and 'Uncut and Raw," Spiller said. "Both of those songs, I would say, express the personal views of my everyday life."





THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III/ALESTLE

William Spiller, top, plans to release two compact discs this year. Tamonte Whitelow, bottom, is currently working on his

Spiller cites his family as a major inspiration and rappers such as Jay-Z and Cam'Ron for their longevity in the rap business.

A Chicago native, Spiller plans to further his music career by releasing two more albums this year.

"I will for sure be (releasing) two more albums this year," Spiller said. "One will be a mix tape, and the other will be the second CD, titled, 'Let the Games Begin."

Senior Tamonte Whitelow, 23, is another rapper gaining high expectations among the SIUE community. Also known as Monte +, Whitelow is in the process of recording his still untitled debut album debut.

"I'd say I'm a little less than halfway finished," Whitelow said. "(My music) brings a little bit of everywhere - East Coast, West Coast, Midwest and down South. I just have a little flavor for everybody to try to appeal to everyone."

Whitelow's start in rapping as a freshman at

"When freshman year came, I had a group of friends that were always freestyling," Whitelow said. "I figured if they can do it, I can do it. And ever since then, I've been rapping."

Whitelow's love for hip-hop didn't stop there. After hosting a successful freestyle battle last semester and performing at various open-mic nights and talent shows on campus, Whitelow is looking to break into the industry with his album and an independently formed record label, tentatively titled Rowdyy Records.

"I'm working on establishing my own label because I'm really not trying to deal with the bigger companies," Whitelow said.

Whitelow, who cites musical influences such as LL Cool J, New Edition and Run D.M.C., has one phrase for those anticipating his next move.

"Look forward to the album, which will probably be done and released later this year," Whitelow said.

'Better Luck Tomorrow' is powerful tale of high-school life

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

good, original and gripping story; "Better Luck Tomorrow" is that

What separates this film from others in Hollywood is it features an Asian cast and bluntly portrays the lives of American youth.

film stars Parry Shen as Ben Manibag, an over achieving high school student who becomes bored with his normal life in the suburbs. Ben's friends, Daric, played by Roger Fan, Han, played by Sung Kang, and Virgil, played by Jason J. Tobin, travel down the road of innocence lost, which eventually turns deadly in a shocking climactic scene that will leave the audience breathless.

The friends obsess over their grades, high-paying future jobs and SATs. Underneath their "normal" high school obsessions, sex are not glamorized in the the camera. Working with a actors in the film.

they dabble in cheating, theft and drug dealing.

"Tomorrow" has all the Every once in a while a elements of a typical high school movie comes along that tells a film. Ben lusts after the hip cheerleader, Stephanie, played by Karin Anna Cheung. Virgil is the immature friend, who is the butt of everyone's jokes and is ultimately destined for tragedy. Han is the schemer who always seems to be planning something devious. Daric is the hotshot Directed by Justin Lin, the yearbook editor who brags about his applications to Ivy League

> However, the film is more than just a typical high school flick; it is a coming of age story and shows a darkly humorous side during some

The kids' parents are never seen in the film. As long as Ben straight-A grades, the parents suspect nothing, while their children stay out late and get school. into some serious trouble.



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'Better Luck Tomorrow' recently opened in theaters across the nation.

and his friends continue their film, but merely shown in small budget. Lin knew exactly the sense that some teens use what direction he wanted to take and abuse these things in high

Parties, alcohol, drugs and editing techniques and use with pure talent from him and the

with the film and did it perfectly. Rather than use a big budget Lin is a master with his to make a good film, Lin used

"Better Luck Tomorrow" is one of the best films released so far this year. Lin does not shy away from controversy and the film excels because of his courage to not be afraid of criticism.

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Alcohol bad, rules good

ELIZABETH A. LEHNERER LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT EDITOR

At one time or another, nearly everyone has broken a rule. Maybe it was planned, perhaps it was a spur-of-themoment thing, but it does happen. The idea with breaking a rule is not to get caught. Well, I did.

A knock on the door, a clank of bottles, the Resident Assistant appears and I was busted for alcohol.

I'm 21 so it should not be a big deal right? Wrong. SIUE has a dry campus policy, sort of. In the residence halls drinking is not permitted, mainly due to the number of underage residents. In Cougar Village apartments drinking is OK within the confines of one's living area. The dry rules can be confusing but housing is not about to change them. Although Michael Schultz, housing director, has said the campus is going smoke-free next year, drinking in Cougar Village, for residents over 21, is still permitted.

My insubordination to the rules landed me in the office of Bluff Hall Assistant Director Stephanie Weaver, which led into a conversation about choices. In the end, she informed me to be more careful and to drink away from the residence hall next time.

There are a number of actions Housing can take for

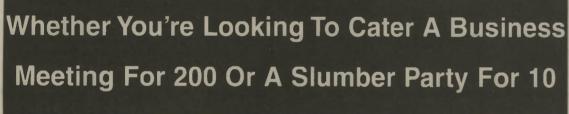
breaking this particular rule. From making a bulletin board about alcohol dangers to community service.

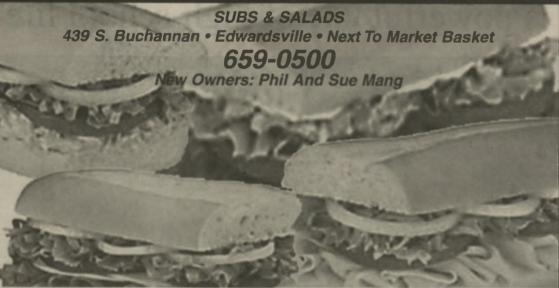
My penalty was Alcohol 101, a CD ROM program in Alumni Hall. The interactive "game" takes the user through different scenerios of "what ifs" and the evil truths about alcohol and sex, (it lowers your inhibitions) alcohol and driving, (you could get into an accident) and alcohol and health, (it can destroy your innards). Along with the program, I had to fill out a questionnaire, which took nearly two hours to complete. Time consuming? Yes. Informative? Not really. I already knew most of what the program covered. What I did find interesting was seated next to me was a minor.

It seemed strange that a 21 year-old, caught drinking legal but in the wrong place, had to serve the same sentence as someone drinking illegally.

I'm not an alcoholic, or a binge drinker. The night I was caught a situation presented itself and I made a less than advisable

I did the crime and my time. I'm not going to drink in the residence halls again. I advise people to think about choices and to choose not to break the rules. After all, college is about perparing oneself for living in the real world and rules are part of it.





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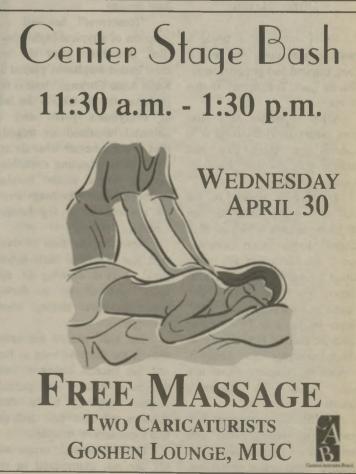
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Softball No. 1 in GLVC, set to play host to tournament

SIUE sweeps conference teams

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team ended the regular season on a high note after sweeping both of its opponents and winning its last seven games.

With sweeps over the University of Indianapolis and St. Joseph's College, SIUE notched first place in the conference and will play host to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

SIUE is set to face St. Joseph's in the opening round of the eight-team double elimination tournament set for Friday through Sunday.

The game will be a rematch from the doubleheader played Sunday.

Junior outfielder Jenny Esker and freshman third baseman Amy Rogers hit home runs and had four RBIs apiece in the Cougars' 11-5 victory in the first game.

After three consecutive singles loaded the bases, Esker hit a double to start the scoring

with two runs.

Freshman utility player Holly Neuerburg followed up with her own two-run double and senior outfielder Koree Claxton hit a one-run single to cap off the third inning and give the Cougars a 5-0 lead.

After St. Joseph's hit a home run at the bottom of the third to narrow the deficit to 5-3, SIUE continued to increase its lead.

Rogers hit a grand slam at the top of the sixth to make the score 9-3 before St. Joseph's added two more runs at the bottom of the inning. Esker hit her own home run in the seventh with freshman outfielder Shanna Waldo on base to end the game with an 11-5 win.

Senior pitcher RyAnn Spann improved her record to 22-5 with the win, throwing seven hits, four earned runs, seven walks and five strikeouts in seven innings.

The Cougars spread out their offense through five innings in a 13-1 win in the second game.

Senior outfielder Katie Waldo led SIUE with three runs, three hits, an RBI and her 25th stolen base while sophomore outfielder Samantha Easterley went two-for-three with three runs and two RBIs.



BRIAN BACA/ALESTI

After rounding the bases, two Cougars get high fives from teammates in a home game. SIUE ousted its opponents this weekend and sit alone atop of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars started the game much the same way they had the first game, loading the bases off three consecutive singles in the first inning to take a 3-0 lead

After adding another run, St. Joseph's switched pitchers, but the results remained the same.

Errors cost St. Joseph's runs

as junior first baseman Melissa Lindgren scored on a wild pitch and Easterley and Katie Waldo both scored on an error to give SIUE a 7-0 lead after four innings.

Easterley's two-run single and Esker's two-run double gave the Cougars an 11-0 advantage in the fifth inning. Sophomore shortstop Veronica Schmidt hit another double, and Claxton singled to add one run apiece as SIUE increased its lead to 13-0.

St. Joseph's managed a run at the bottom of the sixth, but freshman pitcher Mary Heather White stymied its defense in the 13-1 win.

SIUE started the weekend with two shutouts against Indianapolis Saturday.

Schmidt went two-for-three with two runs, and Easterley added the other run while sophomore catcher Cassie Witherell had two RBIs in SIUE's 3-0 win in the first game.

Spann held Indianapolis to only five hits and struck out five in the game. Not to be outdone, White allowed only three hits and struck out four in a 4-0 shutout in the second game.

Shanna Waldo put the Cougars ahead 1-0 with a single in the fifth inning, and Esker hit a home run as the leadoff batter in the sixth to double the Cougar's lead.

SIUE added two more in the seventh while Indianapolis was held hitless after the fourth inning in SIUE's 4-0 win.

A full schedule of the GLVC Tournament was announced Monday, and more details will be in Thursday's Alestle.

Cougar track and field teams improve marks at Twilight Open

SIUE boasts more national qualifiers

STACEY BAIMA
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE track and field teams competed in the Twilight Open Saturday. The Cougars qualified two more athletes for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships and had few near misses.

For the men, junior Rich Skirball led the middle-distance crew to place five athletes in the top 10. Skirball blazed across the finish line with a provisionally qualifying time of one minute and 52.02 seconds.

Junior Ben Hilby ran strong on the final straightaway to finish with a second place finish and a 1:53.59 clocking.

Junior David Droege attempted once again to nationally qualify in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Droege finished in third place with a time

of 9:33.07. Droege was eight seconds away from a qualifying mark

Junior Kevin Koller and sophomore Jeff Fearday competed in the 400-meter dash. Fearday finished third with a time of 48.41, and Koller finished fourth with a time of 48.73.

The team of senior Darren Dinkleman, Koller, Skirball and sophomore Jeff Fearday blew away the competition with a season-best time of 3:19.13 in the four-person, 1,600-meter relay.

Junior Lee Weeden led the field-event squad for the men with a third place finish in the shot put and a sixth place finish in the discus. Weeden's marks were 48-11 and 138-1, respectively.

Sophomore Christen Carducci sprinted the last 100 meters of the women's 3,000-meter run to finish in second place with a provisionally qualifying time of 10:16.11. Carducci broke a 14-year-old



STACEY BAIMA/ALESTLE

Junior distance runner David Droege leaps over an obstacle in the men's steeplechase run. Droege finished third Saturday.

school record of 10:19.11, held by Anita Mendez.

Junior Erin McMullen was not far behind with a fifth-place

time of 10:39.67

Junior Carrie Carducci shaved an impressive 10 seconds off her 3,000-meter steeplechase time for the second consecutive meet. Her time of 11:10.25 moves her to eighth place on the national list.

Junior Breanne Steffens led five Cougar entries in the 1,500-meter run. Steffens finished fifth with a time of 4:47.27.

Sophomore Jenny Jaquez finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.82.

Jaquez returned in the 400-meter dash to take second place with a time of 57.46. Sophomore LaShanta Williams followed Jaquez to a third place finish with a time of 58.73.

The sprinting trio of Jaquez, Williams and junior Savon Shegog joined middle-distance runner Steffens to earn victory in the four-person, 1,600-meter relay.

Junior Stacey Baima finished fourth in the high jump, clearing a height of 4-foot-6.

Next up for the Cougars will be the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships May 8 and 9 at SIUE.

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Campus Recreation club sports offer much

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Those who can't find a club sport to participate in or support at SIUE are simply not looking hard enough.

Clubs on campus that have been recognized by Campus Recreation include ice hockey, men's and women's volleyball, club football, club baseball, rock climbing (Local Climber Union #5.10), Tae Kwon Do Hapkido, Hybrid Movements, Society of Creative Anachronisms, club bowling, underwater hockey club and fencing club. Clubs that are in the works include a golf club and an ultimate Frisbee club.

"Clubs really started becoming popular in the spring of 2001," Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Chad Rodgers said.

"A number of students approached us simply because SIUE was not filling a need that they had, and they wished to do something about it. These students learned that we could help them out financially and administratively if they were willing to do the legwork."

Rodgers said when he arrived at the university in 1999, ice hockey was the only club.

"We have grown, developed, provided a budget strictly for sport clubs and had our first club win a championship in just four short years," Rodgers said. "It's great to see students taking the initiative and building something on their own."

According to Rodgers, it takes a great deal of commitment to be involved with a sports club.

"These students are student athletes in the truest sense," Rodgers said. "They have to work with budgets, schedules, marketing and do the fundraising. There are no scholarships, no per diem to pay for meals and no special tutors to help them with classes. They do it all on their own, which is amazing."

And, if students want to form a club of their own, that's encouraged too.

"The great thing about clubs is that if we don't have what you are looking for, then you can start your own club," Rodgers said. "If your activity can be related to sports, and you have enough interested people, you can join our program."

Men's volleyball placed 25th this season at the national tournament.

Men's volleyball President Mike Mayer said the club is both competitive and fun.

"The level of competition is somewhere between intramurals and athletics," Mayer said. "There was a number of us who just liked to play and have fun, so we thought we would try it. I think we have been pretty successful so far, and I hope we can keep it up."

Campus Recreation graduate assistant Keith Becherer said a lot of credit is owed to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel.

"That is a big credit to Dr. Emmanuel and the SIU administration that they realize that the kids participate in things outside of class," Becherer said. "When the hockey team won the (Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association Silver Tier Championship) this past season, Dr. Emmanuel surprised everyone at the ceremony by presenting the whole team traveling hockey bags."

Emmanuel said he is excited by the success and popularity of club sports at SIUE.

"We are starting to become more of a residential campus and students are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by campus life," Emmanuel said. "I believe that we need to continue the support of these clubs and make them as strong as possible with the resources that we have."

Students looking for more information about a club or who want to start a club, should call Rodgers at 650-3242 or Becherer at 650-3245.

Simmons signs six new recruits for 2003 and 2004

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a 9-18 season, SIUE men's basketball head coach Marty Simmons is making some upgrades.

Signing letters of intent to play at SIUE are junior center Dan Lytle from the University of Evansville, sophomore forward Joel Jaye from Rend Lake College, sophomore Kris Crosby from Southwestern Illinois College, sophomore Andre Thomas from John A. Logan Community College, freshman center Doug Taylor from Shawnee High School and point guard David Mortensen from Jerseyville High School.

The 6-foot-11-inch, 245-pound Lytle figures to be the biggest addition.

Lytle led the Evansville Aces with 11.6 points per game, 4.3 rebounds per game and 1.6 blocks per game last season. He also collected Honorable Mention All-Missouri Valley Conference honors last season.

Lytle played for three years under then-Evansville assistant coach Simmons.

"He will give us an inside scoring threat, experience, leadership, and he is a winner and a competitor. He knows what I expect out of him," Simmons said. "We will anchor him inside and will need him to get to the free-throw line. If teams double

him, he can make the good decision and find the guy that is open. He is unselfish."

Six-foot-6-inch Jaye led Rend Lake with 14.2 points per game and 7.4 rebounds per game in his sophomore campaign.

"He brings maturity and experience," Simmons said. "He is athletic and runs the floor extremely well and is a good transition finisher. He is a solid rebounder, and he can shoot the three or slash to the basket."

Simmons is expecting the 6-foot-5-inch Crosby to be tough inside and outside.

"He is an outstanding athlete who runs the court in transition," Simmons said. "He is a good offensive rebounder who shoots the ball well and can slash to the basket."

According to Simmons, the 6-foot-2-inch Thomas is a combo guard.

"He can shoot the three or beat you off the dribble," Simmons said. "He is a tough kid who wants to win. He's just a solid all-around player."

Simmons has also been busy at the high school level.

According to Simmons, Taylor is 6-foot-9 and weighs about 210 lbs.

Simmons said Taylor gives the team another powerful inside presence.

"He has good hands and good skills," Simmons said. "He can score with his back to the

bucket and he has a nice touch."

Simmons said Tayor's

specialty is shot blocking.

"He is an excellent shot blocker," Simmons said. "Earlier

blocker," Simmons said. "Earlier this season he blocked 16 shots in one game."

But Simmons said his

But, Simmons said his lightweight is one thing that they will have to work on.

"Like the rest of our team he will be in the weight room," Simmons said. "He gets a chance to get over here and get in the strength program and it will pay big dividends."

The 6-foot-1-inch Mortensen produced 15.9 points per game last season for the Jersey High School Panthers. He led the team with 67 steals and was second with 82 assists.

"He is quick," Simmons said. "He loves the game; he has a passion to play. He is a good three-point shooter with outstanding range."

Simmons said he expects the incoming players to give the returners some solid competition, which is good for everyone.

"I think the thing we will have on this team is competition for playing time," Simmons said. "If handled the right way, that will make everyone better individually."

But, Simmons says the returning players have been working since the end of last season.

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Baseball moves to fifth in GLVC

TRAVIS L. ROSS ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a five-game home stint, the SIUE baseball team has leapt up to the No. 5 spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars kicked things off when they snuck past the conference-leading University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen 7-6 Wednesday at home.

Freshman outfielder Joe Wargo led the Cougars at the plate. He was 1-for-3 with one run and three RBIs.

Sophomore pitcher Ryan Spurgeon notched out another win on the hill for SIUE. Spurgeon went seven innings and gave up three runs on six hits.

SIUE then split a four-game set Friday and Saturday with the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, the No. 2 team in the GLVC.

The Cougars snuck away with the first game of a doubleheader Friday 5-4 in extra innings. Senior catcher Justin Baecht singled home the gamewinning run in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Junior pitcher Brian Keating worked 5.1 innings to earn the win. He allowed three runs on six hits and struck out six batters.

Senior pitcher Brad Hinton threw a solid 4.2 innings of relief work. He gave up one run and struck out six.

Indianapolis smothered SIUE 3-0 in the second contest.

Junior utility player Luke Humphrey had two of the Cougars' three hits in the afternoon.

SIUE freshman David Briesacher allowed three runs on five hits through seven innings. The Greyhounds' Nolan Bastien went seven innings, allowing three runs and striking out six.

But the Cougars bounced back to win 9-1 in game one of another doubleheader Saturday.

SIUE rattled off 16 hits, backing up a nine-inning, complete-game performance by sophomore pitcher Jarad Rettberg, who gave up one run on seven hits and struck out five.

SIUE couldn't hang on after posting a 3-1 lead early on in the second game. The Greyhounds tallied three runs in the sixth and seventh innings to close out the contest 4-3. Humphrey was onefor-two at the plate and doubled in all of the Cougar runs in the third inning.

Head coach Gary Collins said his team should have played like this all season.

"We are creeping up," Collins said. "I would liked to have seen more of this. I thought overall we played well. Our starting pitching was good and we swung the bats a little better."

According to Collins, the Cougars are more than likely out of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Tournament, but they could fare well in the GLVC Tournament.

"I saw the fifth seed win the (GLVC) Tournament a couple of years ago," Collins said. "After looking at it, it is not out of the realm of possibilities that we could finish second."

But Collins said he can't even count on getting into the tournament. "Our goal right now is to get in," Collins said. "This weekend really helped us out a lot. Every one (of the teams) that we needed to lose lost."

The Cougars, 20-23 overall, will hit the road for two games before closing out the season at

SIUE will play the Quincy University Hawks at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Quincy. The Cougars' next contest will be at 7 p.m. Friday against Bellarmine University Knights at GMC Park in Sauget.

BASKETBALL

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"The guys we have coming back have great attitudes and are working extremely hard in the weight room," Simmons said. "They are coming in there to get better and they are challenging each other."

Simmons says he expects everyone to work together and

"We have to piece in the new

guys with the guys that are returning. Right now we are excited about it because we have size, athletic ability and quickness," Simmons said. "Our main focus is to get better at the fundamentals.'

According to Simmons, that means working on ball handling, shooting, repetitions footwork.

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