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Budget woes cause SIUE to forfeit bid as NCAA host

Travis L. Ross
Sports Editor

Despite the goodwill and media attention the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships have drawn at SIUE over the last eight years, Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said there is no intention to put a bid in to host the event again in the near future.

Nearly 3,000 people passed through the gates at Korte Stadium Thursday through Saturday for the event, which is expected to raise between \$500 and \$1,500.

Hewitt said money is not the object.

"There is a certain amount of prestige that comes with hosting a national championship," Hewitt said. "It helps you in recruiting, and it helps your relationship

with the NCAA."

Hewitt said an estimated 680 athletes, 220 coaches and administrators from other universities, between 70 and 85 members of NCAA committees and nearly 1,000 friends and family members of competitors were in and out of Korte Stadium for the three-day event.

According to Hewitt, SIUE's hosting four of the last eight championships is symbolic of SIUE's healthy relationship with the NCAA.

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"SIUE is very economical from a transportation standpoint. St. Louis is centrally located and is a good flight hub for travel," Hewitt said. "It is very inexpensive for teams to travel here, and we have a facility that is only eight years old.

"We realize that there is always wear and tear after eight years, but it is minor," Hewitt said. "The facility was designed for Olympic-quality competition, and at this level of track and field, there are very few venues that are as nice as this."

Hewitt said the only downfall of the event is that it puts a great deal of stress on SIUE staff.

But, with all of the success and positive publicity SIUE has garnered from hosting the events, Hewitt said there is no intention to put a bid in to host the event again anytime soon.

"It was very advantageous for us during the '90s, and it was very good for the institution," Hewitt said. "The budget, however, affects everything. When a budget shortfall comes on the state, you are not only concerned of how you spend your dollars, but how you spend your time."

Hewitt said not bidding on another track championship
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Faculty members question need for golf course on SIUE campus

Brian Wallheimer
FOR THE ALESTLE

SIUE will seek project proposals in June for a nine-hole golf course at the university, but several faculty members have concerns about how the project would impact the campus.

The project would cover about 65 to 75 acres near New Poag Road and North University Drive and would consist of a nine-hole course, a driving range and practice areas.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said part of any agreement with a developer would be the university could use the facility for instruction and recreation. The university is also taking steps to ensure the course does not have a serious negative effect on the campus environment.

But speech communications

professor Laura Perkins said air pollution, water use and herbicides and pesticides are major concerns for her. She said constant grass cutting will increase air pollution, and watering of fairways and greens will consume a good deal of water.

Sociology Department Chair John Farley said tree removal and pesticide use were key issues about 10 years ago when a similar plan for an 18-hole course was proposed but never acted upon. He said he expects those items to be key to discussion of the project again.

Emmanuel said another condition of the project proposals is the campus environment.

"We need to have a plan that's environmentally sound and environmentally friendly," Emmanuel said.

Emmanuel said

environmental requirements for the area will be strict, and there is a possibility that could result in few or no bids on the project.

"To some degree, that's a concern, but we're not going to violate our values to get proposals," Emmanuel said.

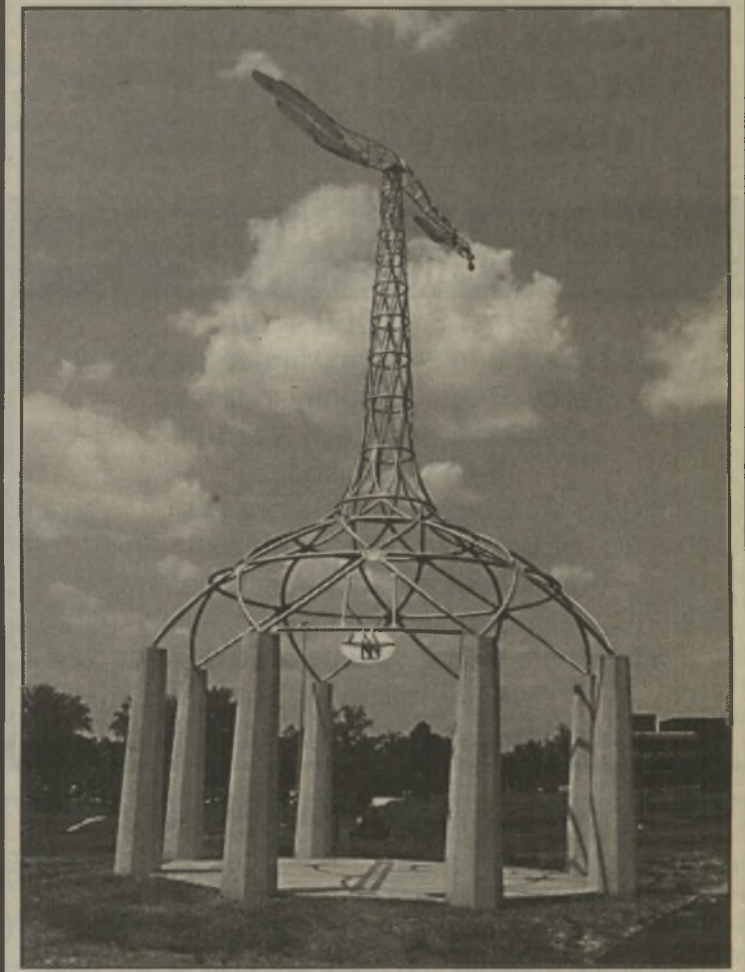
Physics professor Tom Foster said the location of the proposed course, near the university's William C. Shaw Sky Lab, could mean problems for classes that use the area for astronomy.

He said the campus is so well lit there is no other place students can observe space for study. Foster said even minimal tree removal could add too much light to the area.

"It's sending the wrong message to the students and the community," Foster said. "That the university would choose golf

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New campus art on display in time for summer semester



Nicole Gaudreault/Alestle

New art pieces are scattered throughout campus for summer students to enjoy.

Missing signs and sign holders leave police looking for directions

STEVE M. BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

weren't there," Elmore said.

"We found all but nine signs, and we found eight frames," Police Capt. Gina Hays said. "Somebody had taken them and thrown them in the median."

SIUE police are looking for individuals who stole more than \$300 worth of signs last semester.

Originally, 16 signs and 12 holders were reported stolen, but police discovered a cache of signs and holders in the median along South University Drive.

Police responded to Textbook Service at the end of the spring semester. Police said nine signs and four sign holders were also stolen across campus.

The signs are put up at the end of each semester to remind students when and where to drop off their textbooks. Assistant Manager of the University Bookstore Bonnie Elmore said many of them were taken around May 9.

"We took a map and marked where we put them, and then they

Textbook Service is still missing four holders and one sign that reads, "Textbooks need to be returned by 5 p.m. on May 10" and eight signs that read, "Parking in Lot 4P."

The total value of the stolen items is \$347.

"It's student fee money that paid for those. It's student money they stole," Elmore said.

Director of the Morris University Center Mary Robinson said the university wants full restitution.

"I want either the signs back or money reimbursed. And the student will definitely be referred to the dean of students," Robinson said.



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Safety alert issued after string of thefts

Due to a recent increase in stolen wallets and purses, university police have issued a campus safety alert.

Thefts have been reported in the academic buildings and the Fitness Center. Founders and Alumni halls seem to be the prime areas, with reports of items and money taken from the residence halls.

The safety alert listed these crime prevention tips: Lock your office when leaving, even if you will only be gone for a minute. Keep your purse, wallet and other

valuables in a secure location, such as a locked desk or filing cabinet. Do not bring excessive amounts of cash to work.

Other good advice offered by the police is to place the contents of wallets or billfolds on a photocopy machine; copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. That way if these items are stolen, it can be easily determined what cards were stolen and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call for notification.

Also, in case of theft, cancel

your credit cards immediately and have toll-free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call.

File a police report immediately. This proves to credit providers you were diligent and is a first step toward an investigation. It is also important to call the three national credit-reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number.

In case of an encounter with a suspicious person, call university police at 650-3324.

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would give the athletic department an opportunity to generate university interest with other demographics.

"I think it is going to be more productive that we narrow our focus and bring our energies more internally and less externally," Hewitt said.

"The Illinois High School Association events are, bottom line, the most important thing we can do for this institution and the athletic program. We are bringing prospective athletes from our state and exposing them to our facilities and our people," Hewitt said. "It is also a great recruiting tool for general students. There are thousands of students that come from local high schools to watch their teams play here."

Hewitt said hosting an NCAA Division II Basketball Championship or Regional are also possibilities.

"We have established ourselves in the track community, so to speak. That is what the payoff of these last eight years will be," Hewitt said.

"We have established that we have a great facility and that we know how to manage extra large events. Now we can be more selective in looking at things that could be profit orientated."

Hewitt said "profit" is a touchy word in education. He cited the projected \$500 to \$1,500 dollars to be made from the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships as profit, saying it is money that

could really make an impact on the track program.

Hewitt said softball could be a program that is successful enough to generate a lot of profit.

"When we improve our softball facility, and we can actually charge a gate, we might be able to make a lot of money in softball, as successful as the program has been," Hewitt said. "We drew probably 400 people per game just in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. I really believe that if we hosted a regional again like we did the year before, we could average 700 or 800 people per game through fourteen or fifteen games."

Softball games are free and open to the public.

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over a classroom."

Emmanuel said the fate of the Shaw Sky Lab is another key concern SIUE will consider when evaluating project proposals.

"We're not going to accept a proposal that's going to be destructive to any of our academic projects," Emmanuel said.

Another issue faculty members are presenting is how the project will look to the public.

The university plans to lease the land to a developer and will have no financial responsibility for the construction of the course, but Perkins said building a golf course in the midst of a statewide budget crisis would be a public relations nightmare.

"The whole thing out in the public is going to be 'cutting classes and building a golf course,'" Perkins said. "I think that the timing of this is

extremely unfortunate."

Perkins and others said they want the chance to give administrators input on the project before a final decision is made.

Emmanuel plans to start taking proposals in June and analyze them in the fall. He said all faculty, staff and students are welcome to give input on the project at any time during the process.

Campus Scanner

Driving Seminar: Anyone wishing to learn to drive will have the opportunity to do so from Monday, June 16, through Friday, Aug. 1. Cost of the class is \$95. For more information, call 650-3252.

Potluck: The International Women's Organization is hosting a potluck dinner from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Madison Mutual Insurance Building, Illinois Route 157 South in Edwardsville. Summer travel tips and reading lists will be discussed. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. For more information, call 692-0897.

Seminars: The SIUE Small Business Development Center will conduct a morning seminar on "Time Management and Goal Setting" Wednesday, May 28.

All seminars are conducted from 8:30 a.m. until noon at 200 University Park Drive in SIUE's University Research and Technology Park. Price per session is \$99, which includes a continental breakfast. For more information, call 650-2669.

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross is holding blood drives from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Nazarene, 500 N. Central, Roxana; from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's Club, 3109 Godfrey Road, Godfrey; and from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1327 Vaughn Road, Wood River.

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: The toll-free line is staffed by registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors. Counseling is free to all Illinois residents. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line 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 Al-Anon.

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From the Editor

Have fun this summer and let your voice be heard



Well, summer is finally here, and a new school year is right around the corner.

A lot of students graduated, but many more will join us in the fall to find out just what college

life is really all about.

I still have two years left here, and I'm sure they will fly by, especially now that I have taken the job as editor in chief of the Alestle.

I have worked here for two years, and now I'm in the hot seat. I have found the Alestle to be my little niche on campus, and I'll probably be planted here until I graduate.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the summer and my junior year this fall, and I hope all of you are looking to the future as well.

We all have a great deal of responsibilities, but hopefully for most of you summer is a good time to get out and do more of the

things you didn't get to do while you were surrounded by homework in the fall and spring.

School can be fun, but you have to learn how to make it that way. I know summer school isn't exactly every college student's idea of a good time, but we'll all have to do it eventually, so why not make the best of it and be one step closer to graduating?

This summer semester I hope to get more acquainted with the student body and university as a whole, and I encourage all of you to let your voice be heard.

The Alestle is here to serve you by informing you of what is going on in your world, and if you have your own input, ideas or complaints, please let us know.

If you really want to get involved, join our team.

We are always looking for help at the Alestle, and if you enjoy writing, photography reading or just being nosey, try us out. If it doesn't work out for you, at least you can say you gave journalism a shot.

Don't be intimidated either; believe me, you don't need to be a rocket scientist to work here, but if you are, that's cool too.

I look forward to this summer and getting to know more of you. Try to make the best of the summer and have a great time!

Nicole Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

Memorial Day should be a time to remember those who serve

ANDREW BERNSTEIN
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Irvine, Calif (U-Wire)-- Memorial Day is a solemn and sad occasion honoring the American soldiers who lost their lives in war.

But it is also a hallowed day because the values those people fought to defend form the essence of our country: freedom and the rights of the individual.

The United States has never fought a war of conquest. The Revolutionary War was waged to gain freedom from the tyranny of King George. The Civil War was fought to end slavery in this country.

The Americans defended liberty in World War II against the murderous collectivism of the Nazis.

Even the Spanish-American War was fought against the brutal colonialism of the Spanish Empire, with the eventual result of Spain's former possessions gaining greater freedom.

The greatest soldiers of American history knew freedom was sacred; no price paid on its behalf was a sacrifice.

George Washington, as commander of the Continental Army, led the way. Despite his years of struggle and the hardships endured, Washington refused pay for his service.

He used his own fortune to help finance the war effort and, when the Revolution was won, took no money from Congress to help with the much-needed rebuilding of his Mount Vernon estate.

Washington recognized that freedom from tyranny was its own reward.

His stirring words to Joseph Reed make clear his and his compatriots' reasons for waging the Revolutionary War, "The spirit of freedom beat too high in us to submit to slavery."

"Freedom is based on the inalienable right of each individual to pursue his own goals and his own personal happiness."

Douglas MacArthur, another great leader, as military commander of occupied Japan, made it his highest priority to establish the post-war Japanese government and economy on the principle of political and economic freedom.

The relative liberty and prosperity of Japan's newly semi-capitalist system owes much to MacArthur's wisdom and efforts.

Observing the fruits of his labor, he said before Congress that America's former enemies had, "from the ashes left in war's wake, erected in Japan an edifice dedicated to the primacy of individual liberty ... freedom of economic enterprise, and social justice."

MacArthur recognized part of America's real victory in the Pacific was Japan's vastly increased freedom.

Regular American soldiers have fought and died for freedom

around the globe. South Korea today is free, not a part of North Korea's murderous dictatorship, because U.S. soldiers helped defeat communist aggression in the Korean War.

Similarly, as long as American soldiers fought in Vietnam, the communists were

held at bay, unable to achieve their goal of conquest.

Only after American politicians pulled all U.S. military personnel out of Vietnam in 1975 did the country fall, and the communists, then unrestrained, enslaved the Vietnamese.

To fully appreciate the virtue of our soldiers, we must remember what freedom means.

It means we can choose our own fields of study, our own careers, our own spouses, the size of our families and our places of residence.

It means we can speak out without fear regarding any issue, including governmental policy, and choose our values without interference from the state.

Freedom is based on the inalienable right of each individual to pursue his own goals and his own personal happiness.

During America's revolutionary period, one New Hampshire state document summed up the thinking of our founding fathers regarding an individual's rights, "among which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness."

This is the principle and the spirit our soldiers defend. The meaning of Memorial Day is particularly pressing today when the United States is engaged in a war against fanatics who represent the extremes of intellectual, religious and political suppression.

Freedom is unknown and utterly alien in the countries that support terrorists. They feel threatened by our most cherished principles and institutions, and so they seek to destroy us.

Our soldiers, who fought so courageously and so effectively against the Taliban and Saddam Hussein, helped to overthrow both of those brutal dictatorships while defending the lives and freedom of American civilians.

What protects us is our moral courage and our military might. If President George W. Bush has the moral conviction to permit our soldiers to fully wage war against our enemies, then they will prevail, as they have so many times in the past.

On Memorial Day we solemnly and properly honor those heroes who have fought and died in defense of America's freedom.

Quote of the Day

Freedom is not merely the opportunity to do as one pleases; neither is it merely the opportunity to choose between set alternatives. Freedom is, first of all, the chance to formulate the available choices, to argue over them – and then, the opportunity to choose.

~C. Wright Mills

Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & the Arts

Trailblazing in the back yard

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

As membership fees to health clubs soar, people looking for a cheap alternative can look to their back yard, literally.

Nearly 50 miles of trails run through Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Maryville. The trails are offered free to the public through Madison County Transit.

The asphalt and dirt trails are used by walkers and bikers alike. The trails are a combination of on-road bikeways as well as nature trails.

Access to the trails is provided by parking lots for each trail. Due to construction on Illinois Routes 157 and 159, some areas and parking lots for the trails are temporarily closed.

The MCT program to preserve the urban rail corridors began in the early 1990s. Six trails have been completed with work to

begin on two more.

MCT is working on the Horseshoe Lake Connector, a 1.5-mile trail running from the Nature Trail to Granite City, as well as providing a connector from Schoolhouse Trail to Horseshoe Lake State Park.

The Schoolhouse Connector will be a 7-mile trail, interconnecting six of the existing trails beginning at the Schoolhouse Trail and ending at the Watershed Trail.

MCT has initiated its bus system to become biker friendly, with each bus serving a trail stop equipped with bike racks. The racks can hold two bikes; however, loading and unloading are the responsibility of the rider.

More than \$15 million in funding for the trails has come from federal and state grants, as well as a small percentage of local taxes.

For more information, a map of the trails or rules and regulations, visit www.mcttrails.org.

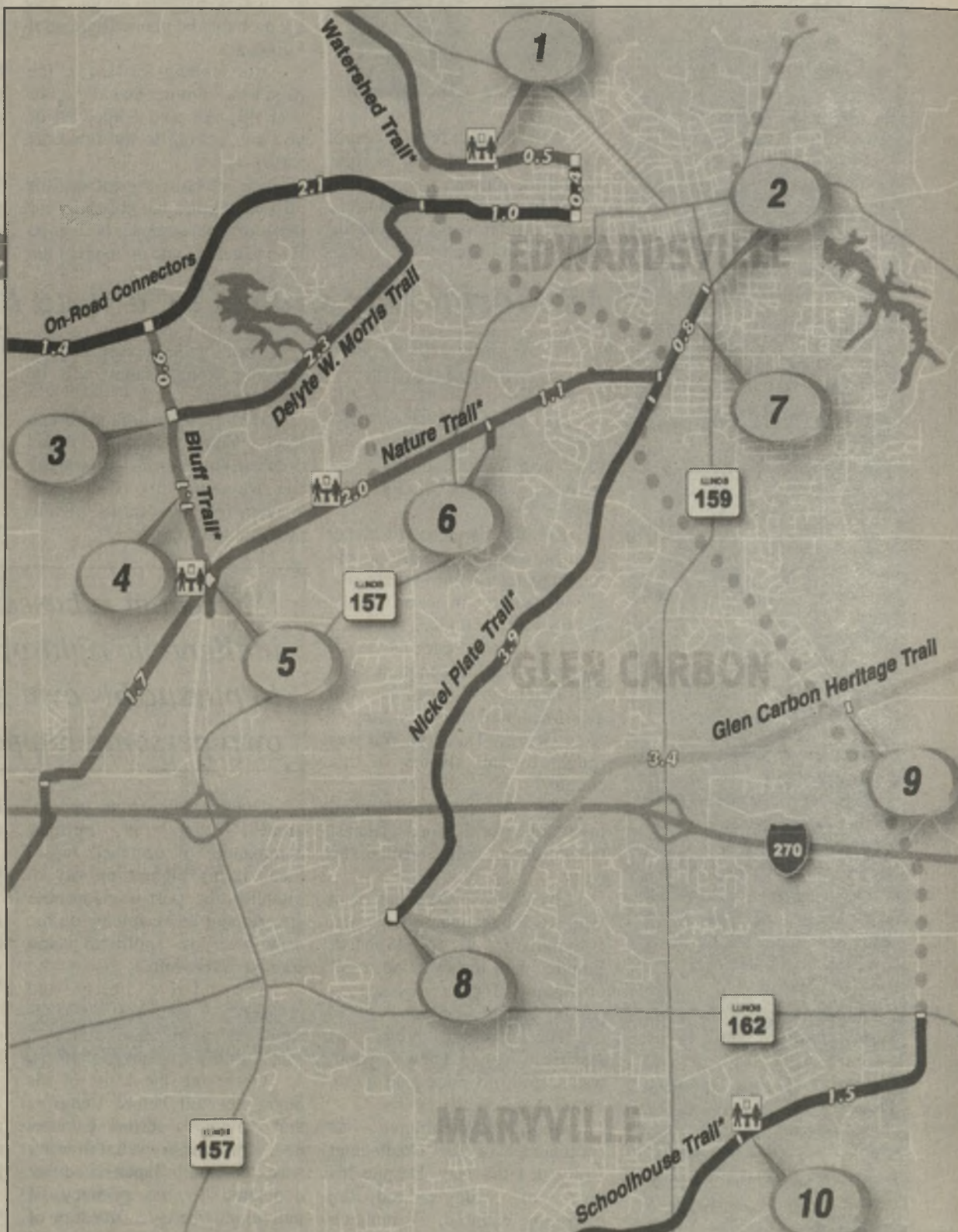
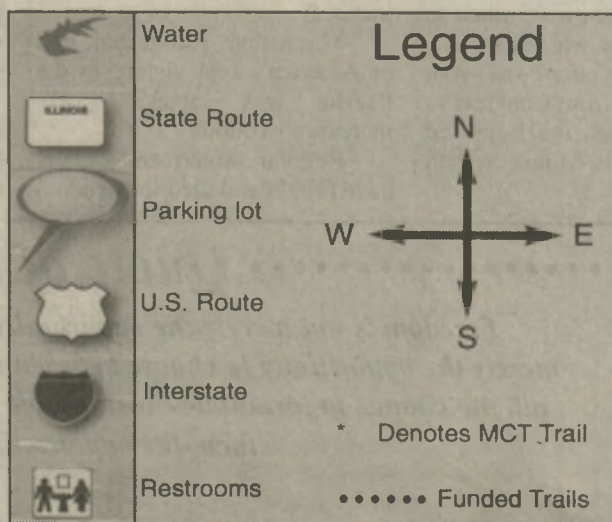


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Riders load their bicycles onto the MCT bus rack.



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CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Matt Dawson doesn't get stuck in traffic; he goes around it.

"I don't have a car. I don't need one," Dawson, a mechanic and salesperson at Edwardsville Cyclery and Sports, said.

Dawson uses his bicycle on the Madison County Transit trail system and city roads to get around, including riding across Edwardsville to SIUE. And when traffic gets heavy in Edwardsville, he doesn't have to worry about it making him late.

While Dawson and other seasoned cyclists know exactly what they want when finding equipment, beginners have a daunting decision to make when choosing a bicycle. There are different types from which to pick, but the two to look at for MCT trail riding are the comfort and hybrid styles.

The comfort type has mountain-bike size tires, which are wider, treaded tires made to cushion and give more control. Other features include sturdiness and adjustable stems, which control the height of the handlebars, as well as suspension systems on the seat and tires.

According to Dawson, "The Dolyte Trail is good for comfort bikes," noting that the comfort type is "better for rock but still good for pavement."

The hybrid type differs from the comfort by the type of wheel and a sleeker design. The hybrid's wheel is thinner and taller than the comfort, which allows it to roll faster. Dawson said the hybrid type is good to use on all-paved trails like the Nature Trail.

Two comfort bicycles Dawson likes to show beginners are the Schwinn Sierra Sport for \$225 and the Giant Sedona for \$289 at Edwardsville Cyclery and Sports. He also shows the hybrid Giant Cyprus for \$289 and the Schwinn Voyageur Sport for \$225.

"It's really not that expensive to get started," Dawson said.

Those looking to start off a little cheaper can go with a Trek 800, Giant Boulder or Schwinn Frontier, which do not have the light aluminum frame or adjustable handlebars, and start about \$200.

"I would recommend it to college students because they handle better in grass," Dawson said.

Once the bicycle has been found, the next step is safety equipment.

Dawson said the essentials include a helmet; water bottle and cage to attach it; flat pack; including a tire-patch kit, pump and tire levers; and seat bag to hold it all in.

A water bottle and cage run about \$12, a flat pack \$40 and seat bag \$40.

Helmets at the shop start at \$30 and have a universal fit with an adjustable strap.

"Only the largest and the smallest heads don't fit," Dawson said.

Most of the seats come with the more comfortable gel padding, but if not, an aftermarket gel seat starts at around

\$30.

The female and male seats are basically the same, Dawson said, except the female seat is a little bit shorter.

The last thing to do after the equipment is bought is get the right fit.

"You want your leg almost straight but not quite — about 10 degrees," Dawson said. "If the seat is too high, you hyperextend, which is really bad for your knee. Your legs are the most important because that's what you are using the most."

Edwardsville Cyclery and Sports offers lifetime adjustments for bicycles bought there, including the initial fitting.

"Lifetime adjustments are really important. It keeps your bike running longer," Dawson said.

The average lifespan for a bicycle is 10 years. Dawson said for those who bike regularly, about five times a week, their bicycles should be adjusted every two years.

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"Never confuse motion with action."

~ Ben Franklin

The SIUE baseball team will hold a benefit Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 15 at the Arlington Golf Course in Collinsville, Ill. For information, call Head Coach Gary Collins at 618-650-2872.



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Track and field closes season at NCAA Championships



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIUE PHOTO SERVICE
Junior Carrie Carducci struggles through the water in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships at SIUE last week.

**Carrie Carducci
qualifies for finals
in the 3,000-meter
steeplechase**

Travis L. Ross
Sports Editor
Ajit Oza
Sports Reporter

SIUE set a school record, sending three track and field runners to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Track and Field Championships, Thursday through Saturday at Korte Stadium.

Junior Rich Skirball qualified for the 800-meter run; junior Carrie Carducci made the cut for the 3,000-meter steeplechase; and sophomore Jenny Jaquez qualified for the 400-meter hurdles.

Carducci beat her old school record, 11 minutes and 10.25 seconds set earlier this year, in her preliminaries with a time of 11:10.02.

Carducci's time was good enough to crack finals. She placed 12th overall with a time of 11:37.03.

"I was feeling good, and everything was going good," Carducci said.

"When I hit the second hurdle on the second lap of the race, I think it just took a lot out of me, both mentally and physically."

Carducci said she was just

**"I would like to have
done better, but being
top 12 in the
country is good."**

-Carrie Carducci

glad to be there.

"I was just happy being in the finals," Carducci said. "I would like to have done better, but being top 12 in the country is good; plus, I have next year to improve."

Skirball fell 0.33 seconds

shy of making finals with a time of 1:52.79. His fastest time this season was 1:52.02.

"When I ran my race, I ran it the way that I wanted to," Skirball said. "I just wish I had a little bit more left in the tank at the end of it."

Jaquez also failed to make the cut for finals, with a time of 1:02.12.

"Jenny did run a personal best and set a school record," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "Her results were very positive, even though she did not advance in the field."

After the championships were over, Frerker said it was fun to watch his runners compete.

"We had the most people qualify for nationals than ever before," Frerker said. "Everyone was running well, and they all had to run their personal bests to advance."

"This season we had some of the best team performances we have had," Frerker said. "This team is young, and we only graduated a few people."

Softball finishes No. 1 in the GLVC and Top 20 in nation

Amy Grant
Sports Reporter

The softball team succeeded in repeating as the Great Lakes Valley Conference Champions this year but fell short in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

Finishing the regular season 39-9 overall with wins in 18 of its

last 20 games, SIUE proved it was the team to beat heading into the GLVC Tournament May 2.

By claiming the No.1 seed, SIUE played host to the tournament and faced No. 8, St. Joseph's College, in the first round.

Junior outfielder Jenny Esker and freshman second

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Late rally raises Cougar baseball to No. 2 in GLVC

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After a dismal beginning to the 2003 season, the SIUE baseball team came back to finish with a record of 24-26 overall and 17-13 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars finished second in the GLVC. They were bounced out of the conference tournament after losing to the Quincy University Hawks 7-0 and then falling to the Kentucky-Wesleyan College Panthers 9-0.

"You wonder where they were all year," head coach Gary Collins said. "When we started

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Lady Cougars soccer coach steps down

Brian Wallheimer
To The AleStle

SIUE's women's soccer coach Brian Korbmesmeyer will step down as head coach in July but said he hopes that is not where his involvement with the team ends.

Korbmesmeyer has been a part-time head coach for 14 years, but SIUE plans to hire a full-time head coach this summer. Korbmesmeyer isn't able to take the position because of a job with Grey Eagle Distributors in Maryland Heights, Mo.

"(SIUE) couldn't give me enough pay, and it's too big of a salary comedown from what I make," Korbmesmeyer said.

As a part-time head coach Korbmesmeyer made about \$13,000 per year. The new coach will make more than \$30,000 full time.

When Korbmesmeyer realized he was going to have to step down, he telephoned his players and recruits to tell them the news. He said the calls were difficult,

and many of the players were unhappy, but he told them he wants to continue being a part of the team in some way.

"I'm hoping the new coach that gets the job would hire me as his or her assistant. I think I can offer a lot to the person coming in based on my past 14 years," Korbmesmeyer said. "I'd like to be around to work with the new recruits and the players that are already here."

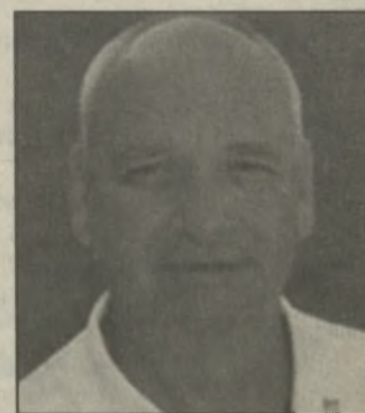
SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said many interested applicants have already contacted him about the job.

"I've had probably 15 to 20 e-mails from individuals who said they're interested," Hewitt said.

Hewitt plans to post the job around May 20. He said he wants to do interviews in June and have a coach in place by July 1

Hewitt said he is looking for a coach who can energize the team and get SIUE into national competition each year.

"I'm looking for personality," Hewitt said. "I want



BRIAN KORBMESEMEYER

someone who's hungry and ready to take it to the next level."

As for Korbmesmeyer, Hewitt said becoming an assistant coach is an option, but he will allow the new coach to choose his or her staff. If Korbmesmeyer doesn't become an assistant, Hewitt said he would like Korbmesmeyer to help with the marketing of SIUE's athletic program.

Korbmesmeyer said he wants to stay with SIUE, but his heart is in coaching. He isn't actively looking but said if the right

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winning at the end of the year, the question was, then, why we couldn't do this at the beginning of the year.

"I was glad we charged to the finish and came in second," Collins said. "Quite honestly, I was worried about making the tournament. I didn't know if we could get to sixth place."

But, Collins said there are still players who could get drafted.

"(Junior second baseman) Luke Humphrey was getting some interest," Collins said. "We will probably have to wait and see on draft day. Maybe he will and maybe he won't."

Humphrey finished the season with a .303 batting average. He scored 28 runs on 47 hits and drove in 26 runs.

According to Collins, senior

pitcher Nick Seibert was just getting back to form when he had to have season ending surgery midway through the season.

"That had to drop his stock tremendously," Collins said. "If he had continued to pitch the way he was, he probably would have won his next four or five starts and probably been drafted. There were several scouts that were really disappointed."

Collins said junior pitcher Brian Keating is another player that could be swept up by the draft.

"Keating struggled all year to win games," Collins said. "We just couldn't score any runs or catch the ball when he pitched. It was like we figured we didn't have to score, and we didn't."

Keating finished the season with a record of 3-6 with an ERA of 3.51.

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baseman Holly Neuerburg each contributed one-run singles en route to a 2-0 victory in the first contest.

Senior outfielder Koree Claxton led SIUE with one hit, a two-run home run and three RBIs in SIUE's 9-0 shutout over Bellarmine University in its second game.

Senior pitcher RyAnn Spann collected the win, throwing seven hits, walking three and striking out three in six innings of work.

The Cougars recorded their third consecutive shutout with a 2-0 win against the No. 7 University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers.

Neuerburg's third inning two-run single was all SIUE needed in the win. Spann threw a nearly perfect game, allowing only one hit in the second inning and striking out four through seven innings.

After withstanding a two-and-a-half hour rain delay and eight innings of work, SIUE defeated Wisconsin-Parkside 5-4 to become back-to-back GLVC Champions.

Down 2-0, Wisconsin-Parkside responded with a three-run home run in the fourth and added another run in the sixth before SIUE mounted a comeback.

Esker scored on a wild pitch, and Claxton singled to drive in Neuerburg to tie the game up at 4-4 in the bottom of the sixth.

Freshman third baseman Amy Rogers hit a two-strike, two-out bunt to drive in sophomore shortstop V.J. Schmidt for the winning run in the eighth and ended the game.

With the championship, the Cougars received an automatic bid into the NCAA Great Lakes Regional as the No. 3 seed.

SIUE was slated against No. 6 Ashland University, the team that knocked SIUE out of the regionals last year, to open the tournament May 8.

The Cougars scored a run in the fourth and added five more in the sixth for a 6-0 shutout.

A home run in the second inning was all Wayne State University, of Michigan, needed to end SIUE's 12-game winning streak as it collected a 1-0 win.

WSU held SIUE to only four hits, and freshman pitcher Mary Heather White received the loss after giving up one run on four hits and striking out one.

SIUE faced No. 4 West Virginia Wesleyan College the following day in the consolation bracket.

Neuerburg doubled to drive in senior outfielder Katie Waldo in the first inning, but that was all SIUE could manage, as the team was eliminated from the tournament with a 6-1 loss.

White came in relief of Spann after Spann gave up five runs on seven hits with four

walks and one strikeout. White went the final three innings, giving up one run on two hits and striking out two.

Despite being eliminated in the regionals, SIUE had a lot to be proud of this season.

Esker led the Cougars in the majority of offensive categories, finishing the season with a .493 batting average, 48 runs, 75 hits, 18 doubles, nine homeruns and 48 RBIs. She had 21 multiple-hit games and 11 multiple-RBI games, including a 20-game hitting streak.

Waldo was also among SIUE's leaders throughout the season, ranking second with 40 runs, 58 hits, four triples and was successful on 30 of 35 stolen base attempts.

Neuerburg emerged as the top freshman on the team and will be someone to watch in the future. She ranked third with a .357 batting average, 25 runs, 50 hits, 14 doubles, 43 RBIs, 20 walks and 64 assists.

And last but not least, the pitching was outstanding this year. Spann and White combined to throw the majority of the games.

Spann shouldered the load, going 26-6 in 36 appearances with a 1.61 ERA, 132 hits, 46 earned runs, 188 strikeouts and six home runs. White finished 10-2 in 19 appearances with a 1.40 ERA, 67 hits, 18 earned runs, 27 walks and 43 strikeouts.

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coaching job, either in the college or high school level, came along, he might consider leaving.

"I really, really want to be at SIUE," Korbemeyer said. "That's where I want to finish my coaching."

Korbemeyer's position was the only part-time head coaching position at SIUE. Hewitt said the university planned to change the position several times, but financial problems stalled the process, and Korbemeyer's success gave the Athletic

Department an it's-not-broken-so-we-don't-have-to-fix-it attitude.

"It was never broken, but it can be enhanced," Hewitt said.

Korbemeyer will step down with a combined 153-77-25 record over 14 years with his only losing season being his first. His team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference title twice and was runner up three times in the eight years the team has been in the conference. Korbemeyer was also named GLVC coach of the year in 1999.

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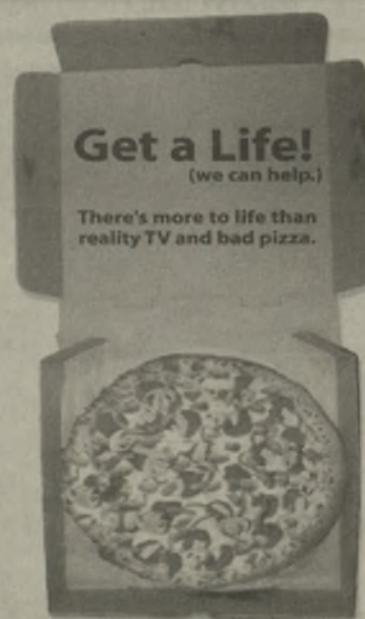
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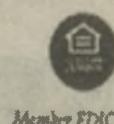
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