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Summer students have fewer places to eat

Union Station and Starbucks are the only places to get food after 2 p.m.

JAMIE FORSYTHE
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE students attending summer classes will notice many dining places on campus are closed.

William Canney, assistant director of the Morris University Center, said the University Restaurant and Pizza Hut are shut down due to renovations, and Skywalk Food Court is closed due to reduced business.

Students attending day classes can still eat at Center Court and Starbucks Coffee. Union Station remains open as well.

"The hours for Union Station were purposely set so that students attending evening summer classes would have some food and snack choices," Canney said.

Union Station offers a variety of snacks, beverages and frozen foods.

A microwave is also available for heating frozen food. Canney



Rajat Bhargava/Alestle

Above, a cafeteria worker closes a gate to Center Court at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Above center, "Closed" signs for University Restaurant are posted in several places in the Morris University Center. Above right, a sign in front of Skywalk Food Court, which is now closed, lists all of the many places available to eat during the fall and spring semesters.

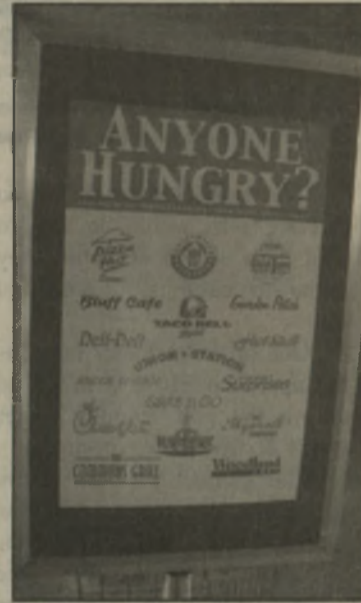
said fresh sandwiches and fruit have recently been added to the selection at Union Station.

Since most of the student housing is not used during the summer, the dining places offered inside the buildings are not open. Cougar Village does have students who stay over the summer, but it is not financially

feasible to open the Commons Grill, according to Canney.

"As a whole, compared to last summer, our services have increased. We now have Starbucks Coffee, Grill (Center Court) and Chick-fil-A," Canney said.

Casa Ortega Cantina and the see PLACES TO EAT, page 2



Stella Ramsaroop/Alestle

Places to eat Summer Term

Center Court: Entrees, Grill, Garden Patch, Baker's Nook, Grab n' GO
Monday-Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Deli-Deli
Monday-Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Chick-Fil-A
Monday-Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Starbucks Coffee
Monday-Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Union Station
Monday-Thursday:
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All other dining services areas are closed.

Would-be nurses get helping hand at camp

High school students will attend 12th annual summer camp

MANDAR PARADKAR
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE School of Nursing is offering its 12th annual Pre-Collegiate Health Career Summer Nurse Camp, an event to enhance the knowledge and understanding of nursing as a career. The camp is scheduled June 9 to July 18.

The camp is an opportunity for high school students to decide whether they want to be a health care professional. The students take part in classes and workshops that will enhance their

basic knowledge of math, science, reading, writing and computers.

There will be 50 students attending the camp; 12 of whom will be in the Basic Nurse Assistant Program.

The camp is sponsored by Project GAIN, Get Ahead In Nursing, a support organization for SIUE's nursing students. The organization offers tutoring from faculty and peers, mentoring, networking and financial support to help nursing students achieve their professional goals. Additionally, professionals from various health careers give workshops and serve as mentors.

Lorraine D. Williams has been the director of Project GAIN for the past 11 years. Williams said she and her team work hard



Photo courtesy of Lorraine Williams

Students from last year's summer camp get a taste of what a nursing career is like.

every year to make the summer camp successful to encourage and help students to take up the nursing profession.

"When a student becomes a member of Project GAIN, he is himself responsible for seeking help needed to achieve success," Williams said. "We are here, and we are willing to give all the assistance to the students. Though

the road to success is hard, the results are highly rewarding."

Students participate in the camp at four different levels. First-level students will take part in guided laboratory activities, including touring hospitals, learning to take vital signs and learning basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

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Golf proposals in the rough till fall semester

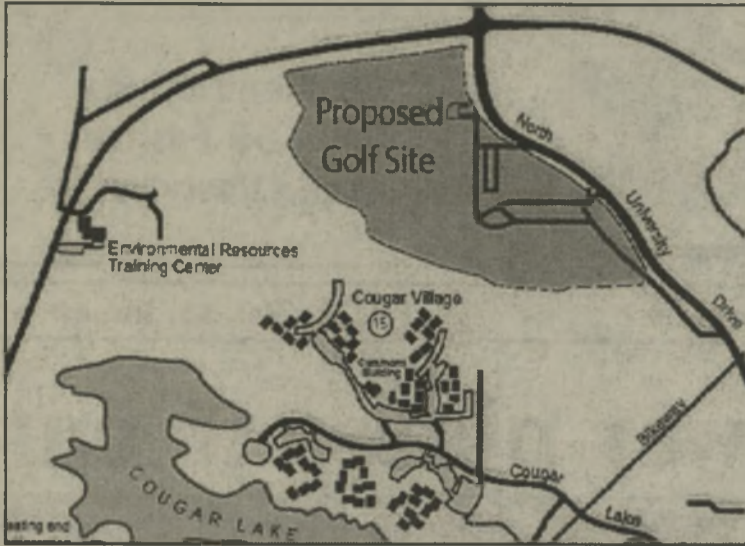
BRIAN WALLHEIMER
FOR THE ALESTLE

SIUE is delaying requests for proposals for a nine-hole golf learning center on the campus until the fall when more students, faculty and staff will be available to ask questions and give their input on the project.

The university planned to ask for proposals from developers this month. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said waiting will give members of the SIUE community, especially faculty members who raised environmental concerns over the project, the opportunity to see developers' presentations and ask them questions.

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Map courtesy of SIUE request for proposals

The proposed golf site runs along North University Drive near the Shaw Sky Lab and the old Mississippi River Festival site.

"We wanted to be able to do this so folks would be able to visit with developers when they come to campus," Emmanuel said.

One of the concerns raised is the approach SIUE is taking to ensure the golf learning center won't destroy the environment.

The project proposal book focuses on the work of Audubon International and mentions techniques used by the organization to minimize chemical and water use and reuse native plant species.

The concern some professors have is that Audubon International is often confused with the National Audubon Society, a group that focuses on conserving and restoring natural ecosystems. Audubon International focuses on educating people about the environment and making developments environmentally friendly.

The name confusion led to a lawsuit by the National Audubon Society against Audubon International in New York in 1991, but the judge ruled in favor of Audubon International.

Another concern is that Audubon International receives \$100,000 of its \$1.1 million budget from the United States Golf Association.

Sociology Department Chair John Farley said he doesn't think the university should get its environmental standards from a group funded by a golfing organization.

"It seems to me that if you want an objective evaluation, you don't want an opinion from a group affiliated with an interest group," Farley said.

Emmanuel said the information in the proposal book was only there to show people there are ways to develop a golf course and still be environmentally friendly.

He said the university has not contacted the organization to sign up for its program, but he is not ruling the idea out.

"We might take a look at that and see if it serves us well," Emmanuel said.

Emmanuel said professors from the environmental studies, biology and chemistry departments are on an advisory committee for the proposed golf course and are working to ensure that any proposal meets SIUE's environmental demands.

The professors from those departments refused to comment on the environmental guidelines they are following.

John Bianchi, spokesman for the National Audubon Society, said no matter what guidelines the university uses, there will be a negative impact on the environment.

"Building a new golf course will simply destroy what is already there," Bianchi said.

Bianchi said golf courses usually require removing native trees and other plants and replacing them with others that are uncommon to the area.

"Unfortunately, those trees won't support the native species," Bianchi said.

Ron Dodson, president of Audubon International, argues that when developers take part in Audubon International's program, it tries to keep as many native trees and plants as possible, with the goal being 100 percent native plants.

He added that people have already impacted any site he has ever been to that is being developed, and his organization is doing what it can to protect that environment during development.

Audubon International has certified 50 courses in the United States and is working with 70 that are being built.

"Our goal is as pure as the driven snow," Dodson said. "We're not pro-golf; we're pro-environmental quality."

Emmanuel said requests for proposals will go out in the fall semester, and the university will ask the developers that meet its requirements to give a presentation to the SIUE community.

Emmanuel said there will be no cost to the university since the course will be built by a developer.

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new University Restaurant will both open Aug. 11, according to Canney.

Casa Ortega Cantina will be on the lower level of the Morris University Center in the Cougar Den, and the University Restaurant will remain on the

upper level of the MUC.

A new Auntie Anne's Pretzels will also open during the start of the fall semester across from Starbucks Coffee on the main level of the MUC.

According to Canney, all dining services will be open for

regular hours Aug. 25.

"Rest assured that our student needs are important to us, and we will provide, whenever possible, those conveniences necessary to make their endeavors here as positive as we can," Canney said.

NURSING CAMP
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Students in the second, third and fourth levels have an opportunity to work directly with nursing faculty and health care professionals in providing patient care.

After successful completion of the fourth level, students will

complete the Basic Nurse Assistant Program to become certified nurses aides.

Students are given assistance in both the pre-clinical and clinical phases of the nursing program.

The project has helped more

than 100 students become certified nurses aides. Of those students, more than 60 have become registered nurses, and one has completed her master's degree and will become a faculty member in the School of Nursing in fall 2003.

Police Incidents

Traffic

05-01-03

Police responded to Lot A regarding a vehicle in violation of the scofflaw policy. The vehicle had a fake hangtag in it. Police arrested Arthur B. Tyson. He was released with a notice to appear.

Police issued citations to Andrew C. Hagopian for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failing to stop at a stop sign on University Park Drive.

05-02-03

Police issued a citation to Tiffany E. Johnson for speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Kyle M. Clewis for speeding on South University Drive.

05-05-03

Police issued a citation to Stephen J. Walsh for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Heather L. West for failing to stop at a stop sign on North Circle Drive.

05-08-03

Police issued a citation to Lauren A. Tate for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failing to give information after a crash with an unattended vehicle.

05-19-03

Police issued a citation to Nancy Hott for having expired registration on Stadium Drive.

05-22-03

Police issued a citation to Jean K. Walker for passing on a curve on North Drive.

05-27-03

Police issued a citation to Randa M. Vogt for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to James Orr for not having proof of insurance on South University Drive.

05-29-03

Police issued a citation to Steven R. Parker for failing to stop at a stop sign on East University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Muchmore M. Shayanowako for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

06-01-03

Police issued a citation to Jacob T. Lowry for failing to stop at a stop sign on New Poag Road.

Liquor

05-08-03

Police arrested Matthew E. Zimmerman for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Zimmerman posted bond and was released.

05-30-03

Police arrested Roy F. Middleton and issued citations for driving under the influence and improper parking on the roadway. Middleton posted \$100 bond and was released.

Other Offences

05-02-03 Police arrested Benjamin A. Archer for domestic battery. Archer was processed and taken to Madison County Jail. He was released 14 hours later on his own recognizance.

05-10-03

Police responded to a report of a male subject damaging a white SIU van in Lot E.

Police arrested Heath J. Ridder with unlawful damage of a vehicle and unlawful alcohol consumption.

05-23-03

Police arrested Rebecca L. Sabatino on an SIUE warrant for failing to appear, stemming from a charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

05-27-03

Police arrested Natalia P. Mayer for unlawful use of a credit card. She was processed and released pending charges.

5-28-03

Marvell Seals turned himself in and was arrested on SIUE warrants for failing to appear, stemming from charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit. Seals posted \$700 bond and was released with a court date of June 25.

05-31-03

Police arrested James E. Lloyd for disorderly conduct. Lloyd posted \$100 bond and was released with a notice to appear.

Drugs

05-09-03 Police arrested Brian K. Weathers on a felony warrant for possession of cannabis. Weathers could not post \$2,500 and was taken to Madison County Jail.

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From the Editor A short walk leads to a long day of inspiration



The other day I was walking my new, two-month-old puppy, Missy, through my new neighborhood in Alton, and I noticed something just about every house had in common.

Almost every home within four blocks, with the exception of two or three, had a flag or a display of something red, white and blue or a yellow ribbon in the front yard.

Those patriotic displays made me realize how much each

of us, as Americans, has in common. We all go through the same things day after day; we breathe the same air, shop at the same stores, and we are all going through this war on terrorism together.

As Missy and I walked through my neighborhood, I felt a sense of patriotism I hadn't felt since the days after Sept. 11.

It made me feel safe, in a way, and proud to be able to take that walk without having to worry about being shot at or having a bomb dropped on my home.

At times in the nearly 20 months since that tragedy, I thought people forgot about what was going on in the world and didn't really care anymore.

Directly after Sept. 11 there was a mad rush for American flags, and nearly every store was sold out.

But after so long, it seemed to me that people just, well, forgot.

Murder case opens door for rights of the unborn

ALLISON TERRY
CALIFORNIA POLY STATE
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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) - The Laci Peterson murder case emotionally forced the government and public to bring fetal homicide laws to the forefront of debate in America.

Both the Senate and House are discussing a federal law that would give an unborn child rights independent of its mother. Exempting abortion, the law would make the murder of a child a separate offense to the crime committed against the expecting mother.

Organizations that oppose the Unborn Victims of Violence Act see the bill as an opportunity to promote the anti-abortion agenda. Instead of passing a law granting rights to fetuses, Congress should design a law that supports stronger punishment for criminals who commit acts of violence against a pregnant woman, affecting her pregnancy.

According to the Natural Right to Life Committee, 26 states currently have fetal homicide laws that distinguish fetuses as victims of federally stipulated crimes committed against a pregnant woman.

Fourteen states perceive the fetus as a victim during all stages of development, and 12 states declare the fetus is a victim only after specific development

stages.

California is among the 12 states with fetal homicide laws, recognizing the fetus as an independent legal entity after seven weeks of growth.

According to California law, Laci and Connor Peterson's killer can be charged with two separate crimes. The prime suspect, Scott Peterson, has been charged with double homicide.

There is a need for a federal law addressing this issue because problems exist, such as a person crossing state borders to commit a crime against a pregnant woman where the punishment is less severe. Also, crimes committed on military bases are not subject to state law, and there is no protection for a pregnant woman who does want to have the baby.

The U.S. House approved acts similar to the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 1999 and 2001, but they were not acted on in the Senate. With a conservative majority in Congress, the bill has a good chance of passing. President Bush has expressed his support for such a bill. Laci Peterson's family sent a letter to congressional leaders encouraging the lawmakers to pass such a bill and name it "Laci and Connor's Law."

Although the bill specifically exempts abortion as a crime, opposing organizations still see it as a tool for anti-abortion activists.

..... Quote of the Day

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

~Ben Franklin

That is until the other day.

It made me happy to know that people still remember what America is going through, and that all of the troops and their families are not forgotten.

Every one of us, whether we realize it or not, is like our neighbor in so many, many ways. We support our country, want to get rid of the bad guys and go on with our everyday lives.

As I write this, there are Americans risking their lives to fight for the everyday freedoms that let us go shopping and take walks with our dogs.

Although it's been almost

two years since Sept. 11, let us not forget the soldiers who are still overseas fighting for you and me.

If you can't fight physically but still have love for your country, show your patriotism in another way.

Fly a flag, put up a yellow ribbon or come up with a decoration of your own.

You never know who will notice it and how much your tiny bit of patriotism can affect just one person.

Nicole R. Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

Weekly Poll Question

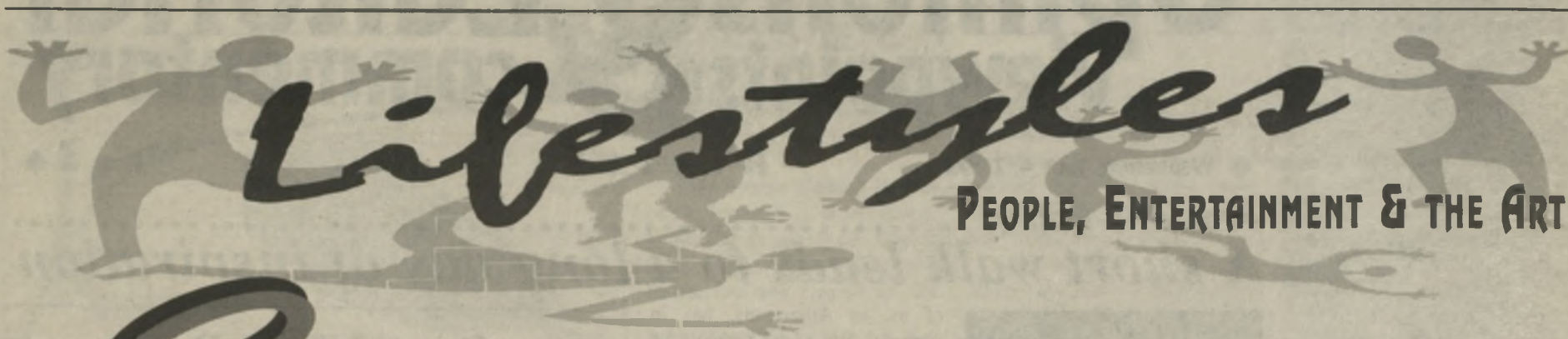
How would you rate Dining Services' hours and quality of food during the summer?

Vote online at www.thealestle.com.

Last Week's Results

What do you think about SIUE's proposal for a nine-hole golf course on campus?

Heck yeah! A golf course would be great	--	25%
Yes, as long as it helps the campus	--	19%
OK, but with very rigid environmental precautions	--	19%
No way! I wouldn't support it for any reason	--	38%



Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & THE ARTS

Summer Concert Series

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The Lovejoy Library will be louder than usual Monday night.

SIUE faculty members and guest musicians from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will start off the Summer Arts Concert Series with Igor Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" at 7:30 p.m. in the Abbott Auditorium.

The Russian composer wrote "The Soldier's Tale" while seeking refuge in Switzerland during World War I.

The piece combines narration with instrumental music.

The folk tale follows a young soldier returning from war. He sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a magic book that will bring riches.

"The Stravinsky is going to be a very interesting performance," Music Department Chair John Korak said. Korak will also be performing.

He said there is an unusual combination of instruments, including the bassoon, clarinet, percussion, string bass, trombone, trumpet and violin.

The performances will feature a rainbow of musical styles from marches, tangos and waltzes to ragtime, but with a modern twist, Korak added.

The next concert is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, and features the LeClaire Trio, comprised of faculty members with guest violist Peter Chun.

The program includes Ludwig van Beethoven's Quartet, Op.16 and Johannes Brahms' Quartet No. 1 in G minor.

The trio includes violinist Lenora-Marya Anop, cellist Kangho Lee and pianist Linda Perry. Chun is a music faculty member from the University of Kansas.

A performance at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, features Bones Apart, an all-female trombone ensemble. The program will include music ranging from classical to pop.

The four women from England have won many prestigious awards, including the Royal Over-Seas League Competition where they competed against other young chamber groups from England, Scotland, Wales, Canada and Australia.

They have played at numerous festivals and recitals, such as the International Trombone Festival in Texas and at Queen Elizabeth Hall.

They have also been awarded a distinction in professional performance diploma from the Royal Northern College of Music. The group has also won the Philip Jones Award.

For more information on Bones Apart, visit their Web site at www.bonesapart.co.uk.

Wrapping up the concert series will be an all-jazz faculty concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, in Room 1109 of Katherine Dunham Hall.

The players are trombonist David Stamps, jazz keyboardist Reggie Thomas, guitarist Rick Haydon and jazz saxophonist Jason Swagler. The concert will kick off a jazz camp on campus.

Each concert is free. For more information, contact the Music Department at 650-3900.

Summer Concert Series Presents

Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale"
7:30 p.m. Monday, June 9

The LeClaire Trio with
guest Peter Chun
7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13

Bones Apart
7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16

All-jazz faculty concert
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 7

Nostalgia in city park

Entertainment and bike stunts are just part of the activities offered at the Route 66 Festival

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Take time to relax and reminisce at the 7th annual Route 66 Festival in Edwardsville City Park.

The Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will host the event from 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday at the park.

Free entertainment and music by a variety of bands will be provided both days. The Zydeco Crawdaddies, a Louisiana bayou band, will start off the festival at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Families will have plenty to do, including an obstacle course, a bounce house, bungee run and a giant slide for the young or the young at heart.

The Artisan Village will feature handmade items from pottery and baskets to watercolors and jewelry. The village will be open from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Work up an appetite shopping and dancing because food booths will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Nonprofit groups will have carnival stands to sell food, such as corn dogs and funnel cakes. Alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The talent show begins at 7 p.m., followed by a performance by Night Shift, a festival dance band, at 9 p.m.

Bicyclists can participate in a Bicycle Fun Club Ride at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Entry is \$7 and can be paid the day of the ride. Bicyclists can choose from a 14-, 32-, 51- or 66-mile ride on old Route 66 and rural country roads.

For those who would rather watch than ride, the Bicycle Stunt Air Show will be at 10 a.m., 12:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The musical entertainment continues at 1:30 p.m. with Prairie Moon Consort, followed by the Edwardsville Municipal Band at 4:30 p.m., the Joey James Band at 6:30 p.m. and the '50s and '60s band Facts of Life at 9:30 p.m.

Fido is welcome as well, with Bark in the Park dog training from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

To finish off the evening, the Route 66 Car Cruise will start at 6 p.m. at the Edwardsville High School. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CVS Pharmacy or 4 to 5:45 p.m. at the Edwardsville High School. The entry fee is \$10.

The cruise will follow Center Grove Road east from the high school, then turn north onto Illinois Route 159 where it will stop at the festival.

Trophies will be awarded at 8 p.m. at CVS Pharmacy for Best Original, Participant's Choice, Judge's Choice, Best Sports Car, Best Muscle Car and Best Street Red/Custom. Dash plaques will also be awarded to the first 200 entries.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce at 656-7600 or visit the Web site at www.edglenchamber.org.



Get your kicks on Route 66 ...

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Shine up the hubcaps of the old jalopy to join the Illinois Route 66 Motor Tour this weekend.

The tour is Friday through Sunday with stops at historic Route 66 landmarks along the way and is sponsored by the Route 66 Association of Illinois.

The group is a nonprofit association "dedicated to preserving, promoting and enjoying Route 66 in Illinois" and has sponsored the Motor Tour since 1990.

"It has snowballed ever since," President Jeff LaFollette said.

The association has had an average of 200 cars and about 400 people each year for the tour.

"It was something they wanted to do, to get the feel for the road again," LaFollette said. "Ninety percent of the route in Illinois is still drivable."

The tour follows Route 66 from Chicago to Collinsville, making 11 stops along the way, including Litchfield, Mount Olive and Hamel on Sunday. People are welcome to join at any spot.

The tour concludes at the Cahokia Mounds Museum Historic Site.

"Going on the tour, driving Route 66, is a great experience," LaFollette said. The tour goes by numerous

mom-and-pop operations; some are closed but others are still running, such as the Ariston Café in Litchfield.

The Ariston opened in 1924 and is still owned by the Adam family. The tour will stop in Litchfield to help commemorate the city's sesquicentennial.

In its 14 years of existence, the association has helped restore business landmarks along the way.

"We have a lot of good volunteers," LaFollette said, including some who drive more than 100 miles to a site.

Much of the labor and supplies is donated by local businesses and townspeople who like to be a part of preserving Route 66.

"We try to promote the road and businesses all the way," LaFollette said.

Registration for the tour is \$25 for members and \$40 for nonmembers and can be sent to Motor Tour, Route 66 Association of Illinois, 2743 Veterans Parkway, Room 166, Springfield, IL 62704. Registration is open during the tour.

Membership to the association is \$15 per year or \$25 for a family.

For more information on the tour or to join, visit www.il66assoc.org or call (708) 389-3823.



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Soulsby Shell Gas Station is one of the landmarks the tour will be visiting in Mount Olive. The 13-by-20-foot station was open for 65 years and is undergoing restoration work.

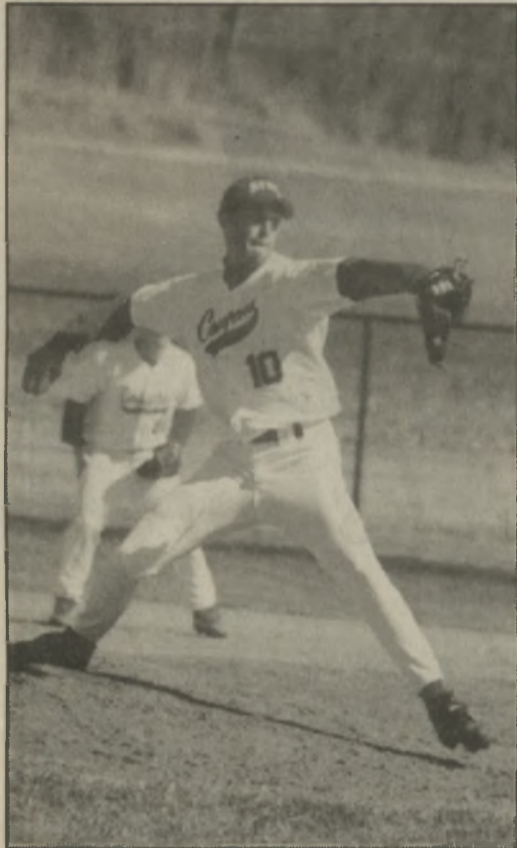
"Baseball is like church. Many attend, but few understand."

~Wes Westrom

The women's golf team will be holding a golf benefit at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28 at the Sunset Hills Country Club. For more information or to register, call Larry Bennett at 618-650-3236.



SIUE athletes earn post-season honors



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Hinton works from the hill in a contest earlier this season. He wrapped up the season with a 4-1 record and a 1.57 ERA.

Four SIUE baseball players named All-GLVC

AJIT OZA
SPORTS REPORTER

After a roller coaster season, the SIUE baseball team closed things out with positive news.

Four players earned All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors, and one was named to the All-Region team.

Senior pitcher Brad Hinton came out on top. He was named first team All-GLVC and was selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-North Central Region first team. Hinton was mostly a reliever this season, but posted a 4-1 record with a 1.57 ERA. He also struck out 28 batters and had four saves.

"He exceeded my expectations," head coach Gary Collins said. "One thing that we like as coaching staff is having a veteran guy that we know is not going to get rattled when the time comes."

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Esker and Waldo earn All-American honors

AMY GRANT
SPORTS REPORTER

Two softball players can now add the honor of All-American to their list of achievements.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association named junior outfielder Jenny Esker and freshman utility player Holly Neuerburg as NFCA/National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II All-Americans.

"Both had wonderful years and are very deserving of this honor," head coach Sandy Montgomery said in a press release.

The May 13 honor marks the fourth consecutive year SIUE has had an All-American with Esker and Neuerburg becoming the ninth and 10th players to be tabbed All-Americans in SIUE softball history.

Esker, who was previously elected to the first team All-Great

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Jenny Esker watches the ball bounce off the bat earlier this season. Esker led the team with 48 runs, 75 hits and nine home runs.

Cougar Athletics finishes No. 2 in GLVC trophy race

Solid season put Cougars near the top of the GLVC

TRAVIS L. ROSS
SPORTS REPORTER

With all of the accolades being collected by individual athletes, it was only a matter of time before the SIUE Athletic Department snared one of its own.

SIUE placed second overall in the race for the 2002-2003 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy with 94.5 points. Indianapolis University won the trophy, now in its 22nd year, with 101.5 points.

The trophy is given to the school in the conference that collects the most points based on its teams' finishes in conference standings and league championships.

SIUE finished third overall in titles won with two GLVC Tournament titles. Men's soccer

finished third in the conference but managed to win the GLVC Tournament while the softball team finished on top of the conference and won the GLVC Tournament.

"We're pleased and proud," Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said. "Obviously we want to be first. The strong showings in softball and soccer helped tremendously."

"We talk about being competitive and how tough the conference is," Hewitt said. "It is one of the benchmarks that we (use to) evaluate the program."

According to Hewitt, with all of the upgrades in athletics SIUE hopes to bring home first place next season. He said programs that should be improved by next season include men's tennis and men's basketball.

Since joining the GLVC, the Cougars have consistently placed in the top four for the All-Sports Trophy, winning it in the 1997-1998 season.

Volleyball recruits three to put more power in lineup

RYAN HESSION
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The SIUE volleyball team has added a little pop to its lineup.

Tina Talsma, a 6-foot sophomore who played last season at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, is expected to have a big impact on the program.

Talsma, who is originally from Ontario, Canada, had a phenomenal season last year, earning co-Freshman of the Year honors in the Peach Belt Conference.

She was also named to the

Men's Track and Field looks to future, brings in three

RYAN HESSION
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The SIUE track and field team signed Kyle Fluck this season for cross country as well as track and field.

Fluck, from Geneseo, is a four-year varsity award winner in cross country and was the Geneseo high school's most valuable player as a senior. He is

PBC's All-Conference team, leading UNC at Pembroke with 137 blocks and 454 kills.

Talsma will have three years of eligibility while at SIUE and will compete for a position as middle blocker or outside or right-side hitter.

According to head coach Todd Gober, Talsma has a lot to offer the team.

"Tina is intelligent, has a good work ethic and gets along quite well with her teammates," Gober said.

Gober expects Talsma to be a standout both on the court and in the classroom.

a three-year letter winner and a two-time, all-conference award winner.

SIUE Coach Darryl Frerker said Fluck adds to the depth of the cross country team as a middle distance runner in track and field.

"As a freshman, if Kyle is anywhere close to being in the top five scores in our meets, I will be very pleased," Frerker

"She brings size to our front row, and I love her attitude," Gober said in an SIUE press release.

Three new freshmen were signed along with Talsma, bringing a total of 12 to the roster this season.

The three new players are 6-foot middle blocker Jamie Jones from Flanagan, 5-foot-11-inch outside hitter Trisia Happe, from St. Louis and 5-foot-9-inch outside hitter Beth DeGreeff from St. Louis.

As for the team, Gober has

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said. Josh Bozue, from Fairborn, Ohio, and Cody Ellermeier, from Du Quoin, were also signed in the offseason.

Frerker expects his teams to be competitive and strong.

"We did well last year, and we will be strong this year to be one of the top teams in our conference meets," Frerker said.

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Senior first baseman Jason Kessler and junior pitcher Brian Keating were named to the All-GLVC first team. Kessler batted .305 for the Cougars with 53 hits and 34 runs batted in.

"Red (Kessler) had a great first half, and then he kind of tailed off the second part of the season," Collins said. Keating ended the season with a 3-5 record and a 3.51 ERA.

"Keating pitched great," Collins said. "We just could not

score when he was on the mound."

Sophomore outfielder Craig Ohlau was named to the All-GLVC second team. Ohlau led the Cougars in batting with a .331 average, 51 hits and 37 RBIs.

"Craig has some serious talent; he really does," Collins said. "He runs and throws above average for a first baseman, and that is what makes him so good."

SOFTBALL

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Lakes Valley Conference and All-Region, was honored with a first-team All-American selection.

She dominated the GLVC offensively, leading the conference with a .439 batting average, 48 runs, 75 hits, 48 runs batted in and a 1.000 fielding percentage. Esker also led the Cougars with 18 doubles, four triples and nine home runs.

"It's a nice honor for Jenny," Montgomery said. "She was deserving of the award last season, so it's great to see her get such an honor this year."

Neuerburg was named a

third-team All-American, which made her the second freshman in SIUE history to receive the honor. Senior outfielder Katie Waldo became the first freshman All-American in 2000.

Prior to this selection, Neuerburg was named to the second team All-GLVC and first team All-Region. She started 48 of 51 games this season, hitting .357 with 25 runs, 50 hits, 43 RBIs and 62 assists.

"Holly had a great season for us," Montgomery said. "It is quite an honor for a freshman to be named All-American."

VOLLEYBALL

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high hopes this season. "Our team will be young with two seniors and one junior," Gober said. "But, (we) will be very talented, and I like the

attitudes of our players." Practice for the volleyball team starts Sunday, Aug. 11, and the first game is Thursday, Aug. 29.

Baseball golf benefit just around the corner

AJIT OZA
SPORTS REPORTER

The 15th annual SIUE Baseball Benefit Golf Tournament is just around the corner.

Over the years the benefit has generated between \$5,000 and \$8,000 per year for the program.

"This benefit has been really good to us," head coach Gary Collins said. "It has funded most of our spring trips."

Collins said the benefit gives friends and fans of the program a chance to get together and have a good time.

"For a lot of old players and friends, this is sometimes their

one time a year to get together and reunite," Collins said.

The format of the tournament is a four-person scramble.

"We give away a lot of smaller prizes, so this way we can still keep the event fun in nature," Collins said.

According to Collins, putters, golf bags, T-shirts and caps will be up for grabs at the tournament. Collins said there are no grand prizes because the goal of the benefit is simply to have a good time.

"This is a family event. A lot of alumni and friends of the program play," Collins said. "It is more of a fun get-together than anything. If someone comes out with the goal of winning the

tournament, then they probably will."

The entry fee for the tournament is \$110 and it is open to everyone from kids to adults.

"We are looking for more foursomes and are hoping every year that we max out on the number of entries," Collins said. "We are always looking to bring in new people to the tournament."

The tournament will be Friday, June 13, at the Arlington Golf Course in Collinsville. Proceeds will benefit the SIUE baseball team.

For further information or to register, contact Coach Collins at 650-2872 or the Athletics front office at 650-2172.



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Junior pitcher Missy Koenig, left, lets a pitch go earlier this season. She was 7-3 with a 0.95 ERA. Senior first basemen Jason Kessler, right, batted .304 s and drove in 35 RBI's for SIUE.



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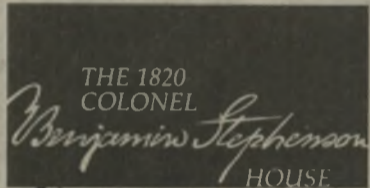
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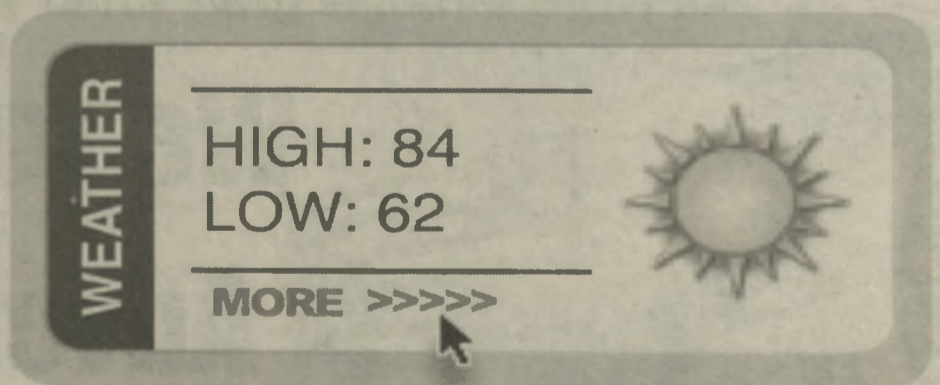
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