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## Ethanol soon to be on tap

LINDSEY ARNOLD  
FOR THE ALESTLE

The National Corn to Ethanol Research Pilot Plant is nearly complete, but there is still work to be done before the building becomes fully operational.

Boxes of laboratory equipment lay scattered about unfinished rooms; piping yet to be put in sits half-organized on the floor; and strands of wire hang on walls, ready to be installed.

However, the plant is finally taking shape. Most of the major components are in place, and offices and conference rooms are occupied daily.

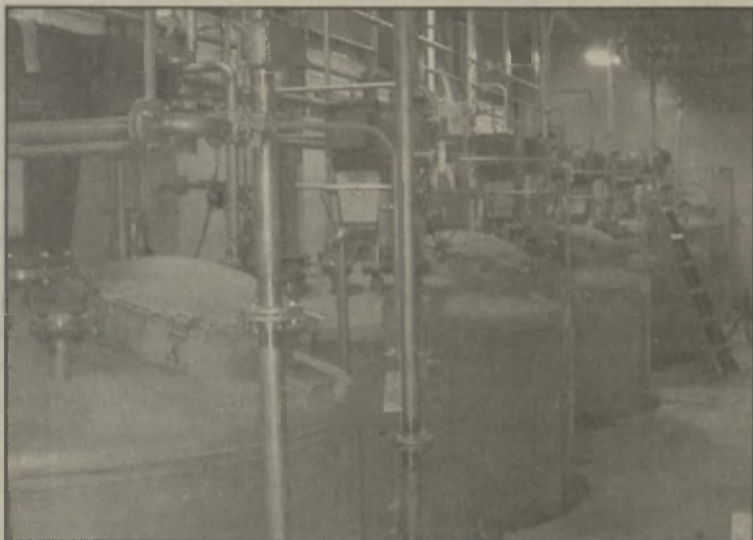
Rodney J. Bothast, director and research professor of the plant, said the best estimate he can give is the same as it was in January.

"It'll open when they're done."

Bothast expects to begin turning on some machines soon, beginning with the boiler in late July and then working backward through the ethanol process in the fall.

Student opportunities may be available as early as fall, as talks with the SIUE Schools of Business and Engineering began last week.

Bothast said there are probably four different companies working on the \$20 million project, originally designed by The Washington Group. The plant is both federally



COURTESY OF THE ETHANOL PLANT

Inside the Ethanol Plant that is nearing completion.

and state funded.

During a tour Wednesday, more than a dozen employees were present, working on the plant that is hoped to change the fuel ethanol industry in great ways.

"We hope to begin bridging the gap between research and production," Bothast said. "If we could get 10 percent of our liquid fuel needs met using fuel ethanol, it would be a tremendous development for the whole renewable community."

According to Bothast, the United States depends on foreign sources for 56 percent of its fuel needs. He hopes that percentage will change drastically by 2012 when the United States expects to produce 5 billion or more gallons of ethanol per year, up from the current 2.7 billion gallons.

A federal legislative energy

bill with bipartisan support is making its way through Congress, issuing a renewable fuels standard to increase the amount of ethanol produced in the United States annually. This bill will provide extra funding for building and research efforts. According to Bothast, the timing couldn't be better.

"Renewable fuels reduce dependence on foreign oil," Bothast said. "It's good for the environment, and it's good for rural America."

Though the SIUE research pilot plant is the only one of its kind in the United States, there are 70 ethanol production plants around the country, with at least six more under construction.

Bothast said the beauty of the plant is it contains several labs and extra plant space to

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## SIUE meets high court standard

STELLA RAMSAROOP  
NEWS EDITOR

SIUE admission policies remain unchanged in the wake of far reaching Supreme Court decision dealing with affirmative action.

Last week the Supreme Court decided to uphold the admission policy of the graduate program at the University of Michigan, stating it complied with a federal objective and did not function as a mode to meet a quota. However, it decided against the university's undergraduate program that used a point system,

giving preference to minority students in the admission process.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Boyd Bradshaw said the decision does not affect SIUE's admission policies because "race is not taken into consideration at all during the admission process." Bradshaw said students are admitted to SIUE based on merit alone.

Concerning the decision, Bradshaw said, "This reinforces a commitment to diversity in higher education." He also said it will have very little impact on what has been going on in the education industry.

According to the SIUE 2003 Fact Book, the university had a total of 14.2 percent minority enrollment in the undergraduate program during the fall semester of 2002. The graduate program enrolled 24 percent minorities during the same time. These statistics do not include international student enrollment.

SIUE does offer several scholarships such as the Johnetta Haley Scholarship, the Gates Scholarship and the Gillette Scholarship to encourage minority enrollment in

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## A declaration of freedom

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*

~From The Declaration of Independence

### What does Independence Day mean to you?



"I like to watch the fireworks – the big booms."

~Stefanie Miller  
Senior

"It makes me think of the soldiers overseas and the freedoms we have. They are fighting to provide freedoms to those who are without."

~Jim Lavelle  
Senior



"It's a time for reflecting on the past and hanging out with friends and loved ones."

~Charmaine Payne  
Junior

"A time to spend with my family. We always go to Alton or St. Louis to watch the fireworks."

~Kim Heyen  
Sophomore



## Special holiday hours for the SIUE campus

Several offices normally open after 4:30 p.m. will observe special hours Thursday.

The Service Center in Rendleman Hall will close at 4:30 p.m. and the Bursar Satellite

Cashier, which is located within the Service Center will close at 4 p.m.

In addition Business Student Services, Academic Counseling and Advising, Special Services

and the bookstore will close at 4:30 p.m. Also, the Religious Center will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Regular hours will resume on Monday.

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accommodate research to find ways to make more ethanol from less corn and cellulose.

"Collaboration is planned to work with Monsanto," Bothast said, who has also received interest from corn growers nationwide and given tours to researchers from around the world. "The research community is trying to find a better, more efficient way to break down cellulose."

However, Bothast said, "Everything's sized down." The plant will be used for research, which is why it is smaller than the standard ethanol production plant. When running, the plant is expected to be able to produce 500 gallons of ethanol per day from 200 bushels of corn. This ethanol will be denatured with 5 percent petroleum and shipped elsewhere to be made into the gasoline.

Bothast said the gasoline available at the pump is 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent

petroleum.

"There are a lot of standard automobiles on the road that can burn up to 85 percent ethanol," Bothast said, who often drives a Dodge Grand Caravan donated to SIUE by the Illinois Corn Growers Association. He added Henry Ford himself advocated ethanol-blend fuel use as early as 1935.

E-85 compatible vehicles include the Ford Taurus, Dodge Caravans, most Plymouth vehicles, the Chevrolet Silverado and several others, most of which are made in American-based factories. Drivers may want to check their owner's manual to see if their vehicle is E-85 compatible.

"The biggest problem we have with E-85 is finding a place to buy the fuel," Bothast said, who fills up from an E-85 tank on campus that is filled by a private organization.

"There are not many fueling sources, so the market has been

to push fuel ethanol as a 10 percent blend, which is what's available."

According to Bothast, even ethanol fuel for campus use will not be made in the plant.

Ethanol is mainly made from corn or other sources of cellulose in a wet or dry mill process. Each process adds enzymes and yeast to yield a relatively small amount of usable ethanol and a large amount of end product.

In the dry mill process, 56 pounds of corn will yield 2.7 gallons of ethanol alcohol with up to 17 pounds of animal feed used mainly for dairy cows.

Wet milling produces only 2.5 gallons per bushel, but its end product has more value as vegetable oil and high protein animal feed for poultry and swine.

More information on ethanol may be found at the American Coalition for Ethanol Web site at [www.ethanol.org](http://www.ethanol.org).

## SUPREME COURT

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underrepresented academic areas.

Paul Pitts, assistant to the chancellor for equal opportunity programs, said in the 10 years since assuming his position, fewer than five students have

claimed they were denied enrollment based on race.

Pitts said diversity helps students learn to interact with people of different backgrounds, and they take that training into the workplace after graduation.

Bradshaw said diversity enhances the educational experience.

In fact, Bradshaw said diversity attracts students because many look for it when choosing a college.

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## Campus Scanner

**Baseball:** The second annual SIUE Alumni Association Day will begin with a pre-game reception at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St., across from Wrigley Field in Chicago. The price is \$38 for association members and \$42 for nonmembers. This includes a game ticket for the Cubs vs. Cardinals game and buffet in the picnic area. Tickets for only the pre-game reception are \$15.

**Amnesty International:** Everyone is invited to the Amnesty International meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Grounds, 233 N. Main St., Edwardsville.

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

**Swing Dance:** The Lindy Hop Swing Society of Greater St. Louis is offering swing dance lessons at 7 and 8:15 p.m. Wednesday nights through July 30 in the South Grand neighborhood at the First Divine Science Church Hall, 3617 Wyoming, in St. Louis. Dancers

of all skill levels are welcome. The six-week series costs \$35 for the public and \$30 for society members. For more information, call 865-2346 ext. 12.

**Seminars:** The SIUE Small Business Development Center will conduct a morning seminar on "Running Effective Meetings" Wednesday, July 9. The seminar is conducted from 8:30 a.m. until noon at 200 University Park Drive in SIUE's University Research and Technology Park. Price for the session is \$99, which includes a continental breakfast. For more information, call 650-2669.

**Blood Drives:** The American Red Cross is holding blood drives in Alton from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Saints Peter and Paul Church; in Troy from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday in the Tri Township Park Senior Citizens Center; in Alton Square Mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in St. Anthony's Wellness Center; in Marine from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Marine Lion's Club; in Edwardsville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church; in

Alton from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Coulson-Barker Olds-Cadillac-GMC; in Highland from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Korte Recreation Center; in Bethalto from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Senior Citizens Center; in Wood River from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 pounds, have not donated blood within 56 days, not be taking blood thinners or antibiotics and have not 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 residents of Illinois. 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

As all of us are aware, Independence Day is right around the corner.

Some of us may think this day is just a day for partying, fireworks and having a good time, but we should remember the true meaning of the day and be grateful for the independence given to us by our Founding Fathers.

July 4 is the day America celebrates its birthday, and although the day only comes once a year, we should recognize every day just how lucky we are to live in the United States of America.

We are a free people, able to do what we want, when we want, and sometimes we take this for granted. This July 4, remember what the day really means. While you are lighting your fireworks and celebrating with family and friends, be thankful for where you are today, and get more out of the holiday than just a good time.

But before you go out to celebrate, test your knowledge by taking my quiz. I put together a quiz of the history of Independence Day with the answers supplied at the bottom.

Don't cheat. Try to see just how much you actually know about Independence Day. Who knows, you just may learn something.

Nicole R. Gaudreault  
Editor in Chief



## 4th of July Quiz

1. Independence Day 2003 will be what anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

A. 229th B. 227th C. 327th D. 237th

2. America claimed its independence from England with the signing of the Declaration of Independence in what year?

A. 1777 B. 1773 C. 1776 D. 1677

3. When and where was Independence Day first observed?

A. Pennsylvania, July 9, 1776 B. Virginia, June 9, 1776

C. Philadelphia, July 8, 1776 D. Philadelphia, July 4, 1776

4. In what year did Congress declare July 4 a federal holiday?

A. 1952 B. 1974 C. 1942 D. 1941

5. The first draft of the Declaration of Independence was written by whom?

A. Ben Franklin B. John Adams

C. Thomas Jefferson D. Robert R. Livingston

Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. C 4. D 5. C

## Try to put the independence back into Independence Day

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IRVINE, Calif. (U-WIRE)- America's cities and towns will soon fill with parades, fireworks and barbecues. They will be celebrating the Fourth of July, the 227th birthday of America. But one hopes that on this second post-September 11 Independence Day, the speeches will contain fewer bromides and more attention to exactly what is being celebrated. The Fourth of July is Independence Day, but America's leaders and intellectuals have been trying to move us further and further away from the meaning of Independence Day, away from the philosophy that created this country.

What we hear from politicians, intellectuals and the media is that independence is passé, that we've reached a new age of "interdependence." We hear demands for mandatory "volunteering" to serve others, for sacrifice to the nation. We hear demands from trustbusters that successful companies be punished for being "greedy" and not serving society. But this is not the message of America. It is the direct opposite of why America became a beacon of hope for the truly oppressed throughout the world. They have come here to escape poverty and dictatorship;

they have come here to live their own lives, where they aren't owned by the state, the community or the tribe.

Independence Day is a critically important title. It signifies the fundamental meaning of this nation, not just of the holiday. The American Revolution remains unique in human history: a revolution – and a nation – founded on a moral principle, the principle of individual rights. Thomas Jefferson at Philadelphia and George Washington at Valley Forge pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." For what? Not for mere separation from England, not – like most rebels – for the freedom to set up their own tyranny. In fact, Britain's tyranny over the colonists was mild compared to what most current governments do to their citizens.

Jefferson and Washington fought a war for the principle of independence, meaning the moral right of an individual to live his own life as he sees fit. Independence was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence as the rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What are these rights? The right to life means every individual has a right to his own independent life, that one's life belongs to oneself, not to others to use as they see fit.

The right to liberty means the right to freedom of action, to act on one's own judgment, the right not to have a gun pointed at one's head and be forced to do what someone else commands. And the right to the pursuit of happiness means an individual may properly pursue his own happiness – his own career, friends, hobbies – and not exist as a mere tool to serve the goals of others. The Founding Fathers did not proclaim a right to the attainment of happiness, knowing full well that such a policy would carry with it the obligation of others to make one happy and result in the enslavement of all to all.

The Declaration of Independence was a declaration against servitude, not just servitude to the crown, but servitude to anyone. That some signers still owned slaves does not negate the fact they established the philosophy that doomed slavery.

Political independence is not a primary. It rests on a more fundamental type of independence: the independence of the human mind. It is the ability of human beings to think for themselves and guide their own lives that makes political independence possible and necessary. The government, as envisioned by the Founding

Fathers, existed to protect the freedom to think and to act on one's thinking. If human beings were unable to reason, to think for themselves, there would be no autonomy or independence for a government to protect. It is this independence that defines the American Revolution and the American spirit.

To the Founding Fathers, there was no authority higher than the individual mind, not King George, not God, not society. Reason, wrote American Revolutionary Ethan Allen, is "the only oracle of man," and Thomas Jefferson advised us to "fix reason firmly in her seat and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God." That is the meaning of independence: trust in your own judgment, in reason; do not sacrifice your mind to the state, the church, the race, the nation or your neighbors.

Independence is the foundation of America. Independence is what should be celebrated on Independence Day.

That is the legacy our Founding Fathers left us. It is a legacy we should keep, not because it is a legacy, but because it is right and just.

It has made America the freest and most prosperous country in history.

# Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & THE ARTS

## AN ALL-STAR APPROACH

CALLIE STILWELL  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

If paying \$5 for a baseball game sounds good, then paying \$1.50 for a hot dog must sound even better.

The cost is inexpensive, but the caliber of play is high, especially when the Bluff City Bombers host the Central Illinois Collegiate League all-star game at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Lloyd Hopkins Field in Gordon Moore Park in Alton.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the entrance to the field. Game sponsor, St. Anthony's Hospital, is offering dollar-off coupons.

The lineup hasn't been chosen yet, according to Assistant General Manager Mike Pfeiffer. Any Bombers who play in the game will be part of the West Team.

Festivities start at 3:30 p.m. with the West Team batting practice and East Team autograph signing. Then they switch at 4:15 p.m.

The home run hitting contest will be from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

A pre-game ceremony, introductions and the national anthem will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the start of the game at 7:05 p.m. Awards will follow the game at 10 p.m.

This is the first time the

Bombers have hosted the all-star game.

"We're really looking forward to setting up a precedent," Pfeiffer said. "It's a special honor for the players," he added that lets them experience some of the limelight.

The Quincy Gems have hosted the all-star game in the past. Pfeiffer said it was time for the Bombers to step up to the plate and become more active.

There are three teams in both the West and East leagues.

Pfeiffer said the coaches will have a conference to submit players for the positions, and then they vote. There can be from five to nine players from each team.

During

games, \$5 will buy tickets behind home plate, and \$3 will buy general admission tickets.

Pfeiffer works in sales and is also the announcer for the Bombers home games.

He has usual duties of hosting promotions during games.

One fan is chosen to bowl a strike with an oversized ball and pins in front of the Bombers' dugout for a prize.

During seventh-inning stretch, a fan is chosen to race Boomer, the

Night.

Manake Jewelers of Alton donates an \$1,100 diamond to be buried in the outfield. Women sign up for the event throughout the night.

After the game, 20 are chosen to take shovels in the outfield to dig for the diamond.

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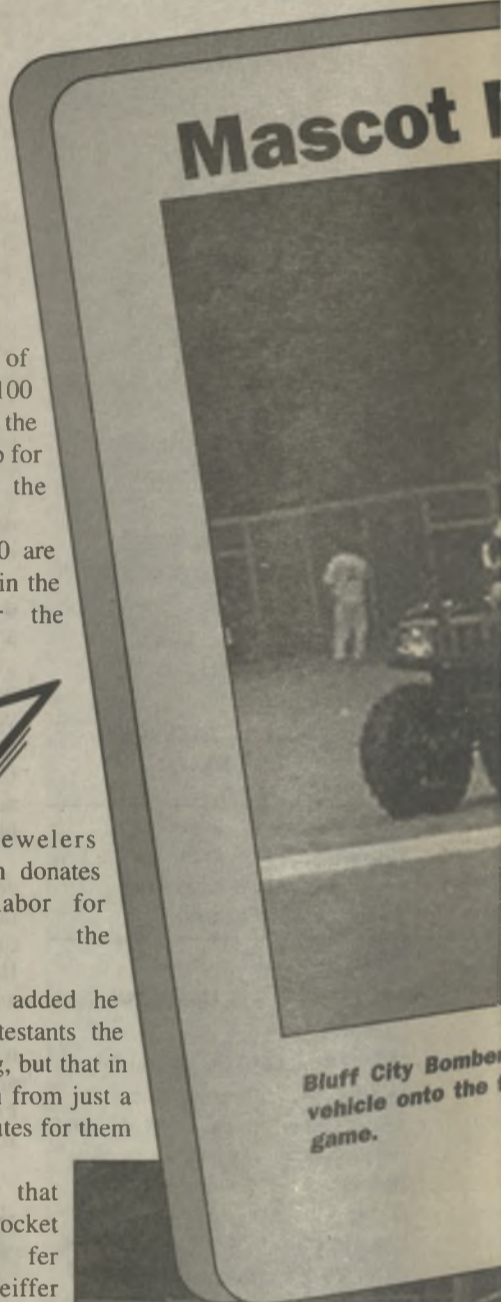
Jewelers then donates the labor for setting the diamond.

He also added he shows the contestants the general area to dig, but that in the past, it has taken from just a few minutes to 20 minutes for them to find it.

Other promotions that are healthy on the pocket book are the Two for Tuesday, when Pfeiffer announces a certain item at the concession stand is two for the price of one, and Thirsty Thursday, when draft beer is \$1.

Corporate parties and birthday parties are also available through the Bombers, as well as catering.

For more information, call 377-8040, or visit [www.ciclbomb.com](http://www.ciclbomb.com).



Mascot

Bluff City Bombers mascot vehicle onto the field.

## BRINGING back baseball

League brings players experience, without the paycheck

CALLIE STILWELL  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Fans looking for baseball "like it oughta be" need to take a quick drive to Alton.

At Lloyd Hopkins Field in Gordon Moore Park, fans can revel in the fact that the Bluff City Bombers players are out there for the game, not the money, since they do not get paid.

The Bombers are part of the Central Illinois Collegiate League, started in 1963. The CICL is one of 10 summer collegiate baseball leagues run under guidelines set by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The CICL is pre-professional amateur baseball, with teams playing in more than 40 games a season.

The five other teams in the league are the Danville Dans, Decatur Blues, Quincy Gems, Springfield Rifles and the Twin City Stars from Bloomington-Normal. Chief

Executive Officer of the Bluff City Bombers, John Bigness, said the CICL receives a \$40,000 stipend from Major League Baseball, which is then distributed to each team.

While coaches do get paid, the amount is not substantial.

"They're not doing this for the money. They want to stay involved in the game," Bigness said, adding that being involved at this level for the coaches can also open doors for coaching at a college.

To play in the CICL, players must have completed one year of college and still have college eligibility.

Rosters are limited to 23 players, with no more than four players from one school.

For players not from the area, Bigness said General Manager Jack Tracz finds host families for players to stay with for the season. Illinois Sen. William Haine, D-Alton, and his family put up one of the Bombers.

The team also helps find employment for players, which can include upkeep of the stadium.

The league gives players a chance to use wooden bats, rather than the aluminum bats used in collegiate baseball. That gives the major league scouts a look at how the players perform under true conditions.

Another difference from college baseball is the frequency of games.

"It shows how they deal with the grind six days a week," Bigness said.

As a testament to the steppingstone qualities of the CICL, there are 20 former CICL players active in MLB, with 150 active in the minor leagues and more than 800 signed to professional contracts since the league began.

# TWO OWNERS SPORT MANY HATS

CALLIE STILWELL  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

A story line of old college baseball buddies investing in a baseball team together sounds like a feel-good Hollywood movie, yet this movie came to life for Bluff City Bombers Chief Executive Officer John Bigness and General Manager Jack Tracz.

The two played collegiate ball at the State University of New York at Oswego and thought it would follow suit to own a baseball team.

After looking into the Central Illinois College League, "We put together a group of investors," Bigness said.

Tracz and Bigness own the Bombers with six other investors.

Tracz, who has more than 30 years of baseball experience, consults with Bigness daily on changes and decisions; however, they must conference over the phone because Bigness works as a software analyst and consultant in New York.

Bigness said he likes to joke with his co-workers when they ask him what he's doing.

He said his usual response is, "I own a baseball team. I'm going to watch them."

Bigness said, overall, it's a fun thing. "We've still got a lot of work to do."

On his list to step up is getting Tracz to use the computer for mail merge.

"He's a little more old fashioned,"

Bigness said with a grin.

Attendance is where they would like to see larger numbers.

"If we can do 1,000, I feel we're doing pretty good. Our goal from day one was to average 1,000," Bigness said. "It's the type of thing where you have to build awareness," he said, adding a lot of people just don't know about the Bombers and their games.

"We'd like to see nicer capacity," Bigness said, looking at the seats behind home plate.

Those seats are \$5 and come with backs to the seats, an upgrade from the regular bleachers. Bigness said, "We don't get a lot of money from ticket sales. We'd rather get them in the park."

"We try to review as much as we can," Bigness said, needing to always keep the costs in check. "We get a budget, then compare it to what actually happens."

When the Bombers are on the road, 20 to 22 people have to travel. Bigness said this season the team is renting eight-passenger vans, but each road trip costs more than \$200.

Bigness said the team also pays to feed the players after the games.

Other costs include paying coaches, umpires and renting Lloyd Hopkins Field.

"Over the course of a season, it adds up," Bigness said.

Their employees operate the concession stand for the Bombers games, as well as for the American Legion and high school games played there.

While watching baseball games of the team you own is part of the fun, Bigness said it all comes down to business in and off season to keep the team going.

"We really need to gear it up in the start of January," Bigness said speaking of selling fence signs, game sponsorships and program ads.

Bigness added January through April is the prime time for closing sales.

Bigness likes the fact the owners can have another job and still take care of sales.

"It doesn't require full, round-year attention," Bigness said.

Much of the sales for the Bombers is done through trade. When Bigness comes into town, he will stay at one of the advertising motels at no cost as might visiting teams.

Other than the fans, the league is there for the players.

Tracz said he talks to coaches, scouts and his own scouts when looking for players, but he also must look to see what he needs.

"There are certain schools we have good relationships with," Tracz said, mentioning SIUE Cougar baseball head coach Gary Collins as one of the best.

Tracz receives hundreds of calls and e-mails about players.

"They may have a good player, but not good enough to play in our league," Tracz said.

Once he gets a list together, the players come in for a tryout.

"You go primarily by recommendation," Tracz said of his trust in his scouts' advice.

Players sign a contract with the team. They can sign with another team next year, which is how the Bombers gained a player from the Springfield Rifles.

"It's fun to project these guys, which one is going to take it to the next level," Bigness said.

# COUGAR ACE GETS LEG UP

## Keating continues baseball season with the Bombers

CALLIE STILWELL  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Criminal justice senior Brian Keating takes the summer off from school to work on his form.

Keating, a left-hander, pitches for the Cougars. His stats this season include throwing the eighth no-hitter in SIUE history against Wisconsin-Parkside. He is also a third year veteran of the Bluff City Bombers.

"We have a bunch of great guys on the team," Keating said. "We hang out after the game, talk on the bench. It's good camaraderie."

Keating said the guys on the team like to have fun. He equates the team to the "Major League" movies, except not as goofy.

During a regular game promotion, Boomer, the Bombers' mascot, races one of the young fans around the bases to home plate. Keating mentioned some of the players have been known to tackle Boomer to help

out the fan.

"The kids are really into it," Keating said.

One of the nongame responsibilities for the players is the Bombers little league baseball camps. Youngsters in their baseball uniforms watching the Bombers games is a regular sight.

This season, Keating is on the team with former Cougar baseball player Chad Opel. Opel is on the disabled list for a Baltimore Orioles farm team and is serving as an assistant coach for the Bombers.

Keating also mentioned how playing with the Bombers gives him an opportunity for more experience and to work with great coaching.

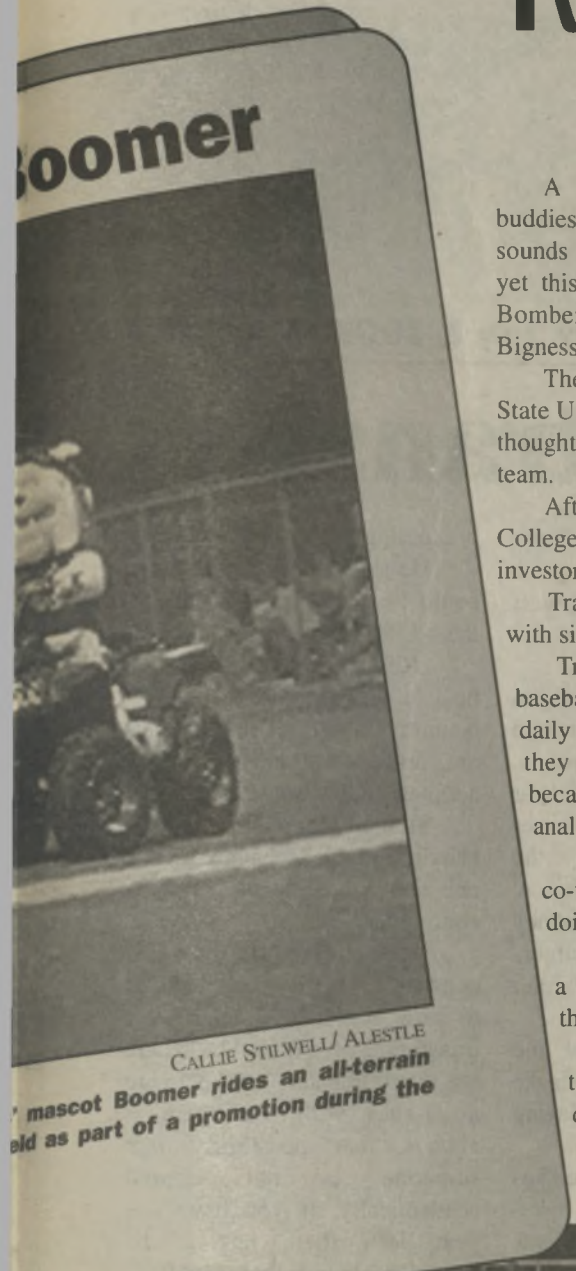
Keating wants to continue playing baseball whether it be with a professional team or a team like the River City Rascals, but said having scouts at the games doesn't worry him.

"They're watching during college games," Keating said. "They know what's in the league."

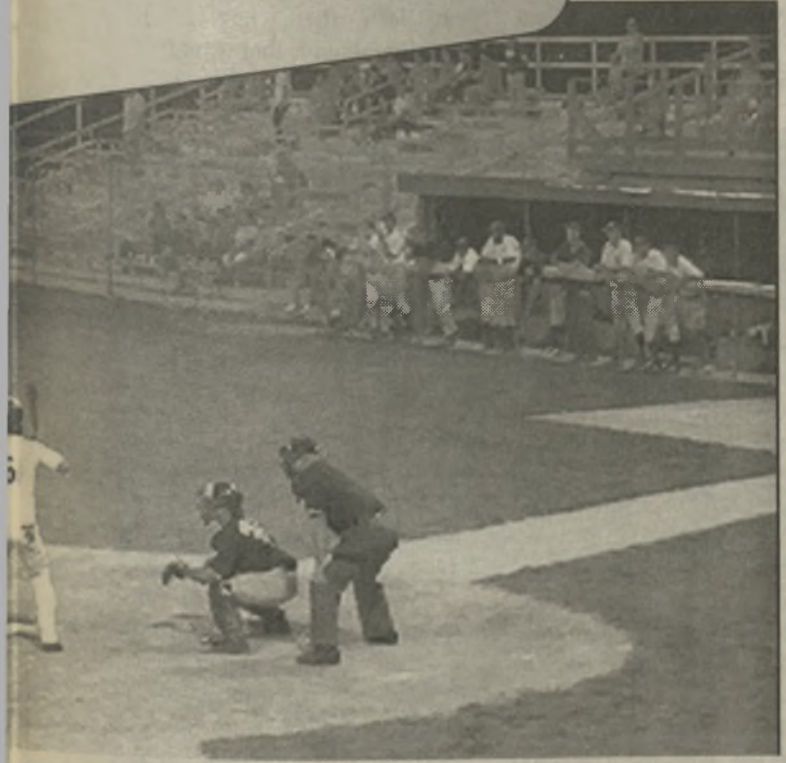
## Discount tickets

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mascot Boomer rides an all-terrain  
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Stephen Holst, top, bats for the Bluff City Bombers at Lloyd Hopkins Field in Gordon Moore Park.  
Bluff City Bombers mascot Boomer, bottom, tries to beat a fan participating in the Boomer run to home plate.

"My athletes are always willing to accept my advice as long as it doesn't conflict with their views."

~Lou Holtz

Sign up for the next session of the Cougar Soccer camp which will be held July 13 through July 18. The costs of the camp is \$400 for residents and \$300 for commuters. For more information call Kevin Kalish at (314) 712-5862.



# GLVC clamps down on D-I transfers

*GLVC presidents make it tougher to move into the GLVC*

TRAVIS L. ROSS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Athletes transferring into the Great Lakes Valley Conference may have to sit out a year before playing for any teams.

The rule applies only to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I athletes with one year of eligibility remaining. The rule becomes effective with the 2004-2005 season.

The rule, passed 11-0 in June by GLVC school presidents, forces transfers in all sports with one year or more of eligibility to take a red-shirt year at their GLVC school before competing.

GLVC Commissioner Jim Naumovich said the rule was discussed after the television broadcast of the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament between the Northeastern State University Redmen and the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers.

"There was some concern in the broadcast about the constant reference to Division I transfers, and this is a point that was driven home by the announcers," Naumovich said. "It came up in the GLVC Council of Presidents, and there was some concern as to whether or not these transfers were graduating from these schools or just coming to fulfill their last year of (eligibility for) competition."

Naumovich said the GLVC

doesn't have an abundance of Division I transfers, but he said the ones who do enter the GLVC have a sizeable impact on the program.

**"...there was some concern as to whether or not these transfers were graduating from these schools ..."**

~Jim Naumovich  
GLVC Commissioner

This season the Northern Kentucky University Norse featured basketball forward Quentin Smith, who transferred from Morehead State University, and center Chris Seabrooks, who came to the team from the

University of Pittsburgh. Smith averaged 13.4 points per game while Seabrooks added 8.6 points per game and 31 blocks on the season for the Norse.

Kentucky Wesleyan College also brought in a pair of Division I transfers. GLVC Player of the Year guard Marlon Parmer transferred from the University of New Mexico, and center Eugene Dabney came from Rutgers University. Parmer averaged 19.9 points.

Naumovich said the rule is not intended to make the conference a level playing field for all the teams.

"It was not to close the gaps between the haves and have-nots," Naumovich said. "It was about the presidents being concerned that the players were

graduating."

He said this is a policy that could be taken up nationally by the NCAA Division II.

"Right now this would just be a conference policy," Naumovich said. "The presidents are, however, trying to get this adopted on a national basis."

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said the decision is a good one and a healthy move in the conference.

"It really puts some consistency across the GLVC as to how we handle Division I transfers," Hewitt said. "There are many transfers that there are no issues with, but there is always that possibility that someone is not cleared academically. If you have one year left, there has to be something unique that would

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## Football camp gives youth a leg up on season, Rams players lend counselors a helping hand



AJIT OZA/ALESTLE

Camp members work through a running drill. The campers worked on a wide array of offensive and defensive techniques.

AJIT OZA  
SPORTS REPORTER

A Sports International Football Camp for youngsters ages eight through 18 is under way on the SIUE campus.

The coaching staff consists of ex-college players, high school

coaches and college coaches. These coaches run the drills during the camp. The camp provides counselors who are with the campers day and night.

The camp had surprise guests last week from St. Louis Rams halfback Lamar Gordon and offensive guard Andy

McCollum. More players are scheduled to make an appearance.

"It's always nice for the kids to get to see some professional players here," camp head coach Bob Syenseth said. "They really enjoy it."

"The objectives for the camp are different for the different age groups," Syenseth said. "We try to teach the older kids things that they could use to help them on their high school teams, and the younger kids, we try to teach them some fundamentals of the game."

The camp is a help to many. "The camp helps me a lot on fundamentals," Michael Goldstider from Clayton High School said. "The camp also gets me into shape so I have a leg up when I start regular football practice."

For some parents, the camp is also a way for them to spend some time with their children.

Sly Spears believes in the camp for his son, Antwayn.

"I have been taking my son here for two years, and I have definitely seen the change in not only his skills, but also I have seen a change in his confidence and leadership," Spears said.

## Prairie State games' success streak continues in Southwestern Illinois

KELI KEENER  
FOR THE ALESTLE

The 2003 Prairie State Games, Illinois' Amateur Sports Festival, was over the weekend at sporting venues across Southwestern Illinois.

In its 20th year, the games have gone through many alterations.

"We wanted to do some different things this summer since it's the 20th anniversary of the games," Director of Competition Aaron Emig said in an interview with the Telegraph in Alton. "We wanted to change things around a little bit."

Donato said organizers of the games are always looking for suggestions.

"We have a pretty good system," Donato said. "But one of the things that we always do is talk to the coaches and talk to the players to see if they have any suggestions."

Executor Director of the Games Phil Donato said there were between 5,500 and 6,000 athletes.

The opening ceremonies for the Prairie State Games, usually held at SIUE's Ralph Korte Stadium, were moved to the new

Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights.

Track and field superstar Jackie Joyner-Kersey was the keynote speaker.

Changes in competition were also made. Athletes no longer competed as members of regional teams. From now on, each team will be school-driven.

"We tried that in soccer and had some success," Emig said. "It's easier to put together teams this way, and we wanted to get some more college teams too."

Basketball and volleyball followed suit.

Donato said a few other things have been added to keep the games a little closer to its home base of Fairview Heights.

"We added some interactive games in and around the area," Donato said. "We had everything in one central location."

One negative side about the games this year was the lack of medical staff volunteers. Usually, the games brings in 30 or more eager helpers. This year, the National Athletic Trainers' Association annual convention was in St. Louis and there were fewer volunteers.

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make you want to transfer schools."

Hewitt cited the case of center Dan Lytle who is transferring to SIUE from the University of Evansville with one year of eligibility remaining.

"He already has a bachelor's degree, and he is working on a master's," Hewitt said. "He just wants to play another year of basketball."

According to Hewitt, athletes usually transfer with one year of eligibility because they are caught up in academic troubles, and they are unhappy and have no ambition to graduate.

Hewitt apparently referred to Kentucky Wesleyan's Dabney as a player who got caught up in academic troubles and was looking to transfer with one year of eligibility.

"What happened is a young man who was a premier player transferred in from Rutgers (for his senior year)," Hewitt said. "At the time he submitted an application into KWC for the following year, his transcript was fine. But he dropped all of his classes when he left Rutgers, meaning that his grades had dropped.

"KWC just assumed that he finished the 12 hours," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said if the player (Dabney) was ineligible, then it

puts everybody in a tough spot.

"The reality of the situation is that this man was ineligible," Hewitt said. "What do you do now? If he wasn't around, how would the team have done?"

Hewitt said if the problem had been discovered during the regular season, and the player was ruled ineligible, then another conference school would have gone to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Kentucky Wesleyan placed second overall in the tournament.

According to Hewitt, SIUE did a report on how many one-year transfers were brought in to play for the university since 1995. He said there were three in baseball and one in men's basketball.

"All of them graduated with the exception of the one who went on to play professional baseball," Hewitt said. "We were obviously very proud of our transfers because they graduated and were very successful. If you look at some of our conference schools, they are doing one transfer a year in almost every sport.

"It's going to have a minimal effect on us, and basically it means that all of those transfers will have to go through the conference just to be sure that it is a healthy situation."

## Athletic Department has more than 100 people apply for open coaching positions

### SIUE looking to fill positions in women's soccer, basketball, golf and baseball

RYAN HESSION  
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE Athletic Department is on the hunt for a few good coaches.

The search is on for a head coach for women's soccer and assistant coaches for the women's golf and men's basketball and baseball programs.

"The process is moving along very well," Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said.

So far 35 people have applied for the women's soccer position.

The screening committee has narrowed the selection to three potential coaches who are being interviewed throughout this week.

Hewitt and the committee will work with the Human Resources Department to work out an offer for the person selected as the finalist.

"It's the first time they will have a full-time head coach," Hewitt said. "So that's a big improvement for the women's soccer program."

Two of the applicants are from St. Louis while the other is from South Dakota.

Candidate Lynda Bowers is the women's soccer coach at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. She was formerly an assistant coach for the Cougars.

Becky Poepelmeier coached for two seasons as an assistant for the University of Cincinnati. She led the Bearcats to a Final Four appearance.

She is also actively involved in the Olympic development program in Ohio.

Jessica Maddox, the third candidate, works with the St. Louis Youth Soccer League. She competed at Midway College in Kentucky as an undergraduate and was an assistant coach at Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn.

There were 50 applicants for the assistant men's basketball coach position. The screening committee has narrowed its search to two candidates.

"We're going to try to work them into the schedule some time next week," Hewitt said Tuesday. "And from there, make a decision."

The new assistant will replace Jason Holmes who left the Cougars to take a head coaching job at Dunlap High

School.

"The other two assistant coaching positions combine part-time positions into quasi-, full-time positions, which are \$16,000 (a year) jobs," Hewitt said. "So they are not high-paying, full-time positions.

"We're hoping to attract a little more permanency in the position instead of having a graduate assistant or a part-time person take it for a year or two," Hewitt said.

"We're hoping maybe we can entice someone to come in, take the position and work on a graduate degree as well," Hewitt said. "But they will have a better income situation than the typical \$7,000 a year cycle for most graduate students.

"That was our motivation, hoping to get someone who is a little more committed to coaching and taking that entry-level position and move on."

Assistant coaching candidates for women's golf and men's baseball are still involved in the interview process.

The budget already has money appropriated for the jobs.

"There is no negative impact on the budget cost," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said he hopes to have all the jobs filled by the end of this month.

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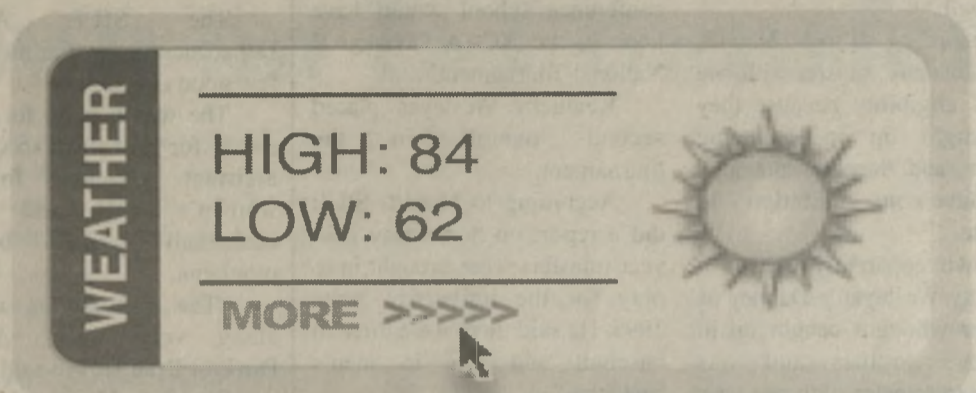
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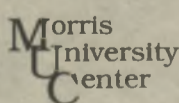
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