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## Jobs lost to tight budget

BRIAN WALLHEIMER  
FOR THE ALESTLE

SIUE is citing budget problems for a number of layoffs, at least six from the Heating and Refrigeration Plant.

"We are notifying people we are laying them off," Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenneth Neher said Monday.

more layoffs across campus.

"My understanding is there's been a number of layoffs around campus," Neher said.

Human Resources Director A.G. Monaco didn't return phone calls Monday and was out of the office Tuesday. His secretary said no one else in the office could say how many SIUE employees have lost jobs.

Werner said uncapping tuition and growing enrollment will increase the university's income by \$4.8 million. Tuition for in-state students this year is \$112 per hour. Last year, students paid only \$85 for every hour more than 12.

But the Southern Illinois University board of trustees uncapped tuition in May, making all hours \$112, including those over 12.

Werner said he also plans to use about \$1 million of non-state money to cover some of the university's administrative costs. Non-state money is income from university departments generated by activities, excluding those related to instruction.

That would make SIUE's budget deficit \$1.5 million. Werner said that money will come from cuts to his budget and the university's four vice chancellors' budgets.

Neher said he didn't expect any more layoffs though.

"If the budget doesn't change, I think everyone who is being affected

knows," he said.

SIUE is facing a \$5.64 million budget cut from the state. With already negotiated salary increases and an increase in the state's minimum wage, Chancellor David Werner said in May that SIUE faced a \$7.29 million budget shortfall.

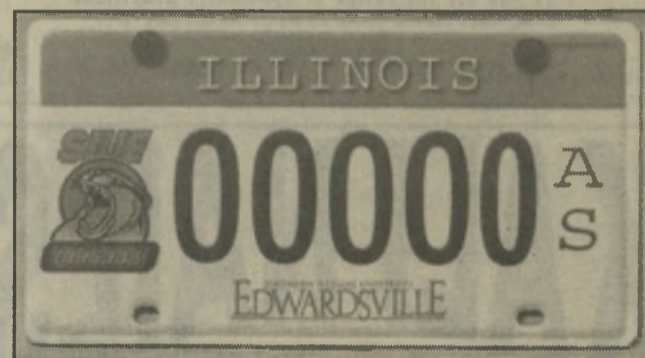
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*~Kenneth Neher*

SIUE spokesman Greg Conroy said the six layoffs are the only ones the university has planned and said those came from technological improvements in the Heating and Refrigeration Plant that reduced the needed staffing.

But Neher said there were

## Interested alumni needed for plates



NICOLE GAUDREAU  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

People interested in showing off their Cougar pride may soon be able to do so with an SIUE Alumni Association license plate.

The first attempt is being made to bring the special plates to the campus.

Secretary of State Jesse

White is asking 850 SIUE graduates interested in the plates to sign a petition. Once that number is met, the petition will go to the Secretary of State's Office to be considered.

The first 500 people who respond will receive a free license plate if the program is approved and 250 have already signed on.

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## Center's new garden grows learning

STELLA RAMSAROOP  
NEWS EDITOR

"More water!" squealed Kelly Yu, a 3-year-old at the Early Childhood Center as she emptied her plastic cup on a marigold. She ran to fill the cup again.

Kelly and her friends tended to the new garden that has become part of the curriculum this summer as a way of inviting children onto the renovated playground.

The "staff had a vision of a safe, inviting and attractive outdoor environment that would meet the needs of all children, including children with disabilities, and allow us to bring our curriculum outdoors," Center Director Rebecca Dabbs-Kayser said.

That vision produced a playground with a garden designed to attract birds and butterflies, a sensory garden for 2-year-olds, a vegetable garden and a weather station — all of which are maintained by the children of the day care center. The plots were planted with seeds



Stella Ramsaroop/Alestle  
Plants and flowers help youngsters learn about nature and gardening. Daniella Romano, 6, right, learns about a sundial.

or greenery donated by parents.

The childhood center recruited science education students from Elaine Aubsharba's summer class to help create a curriculum that would meet the goals of an outdoor classroom yet comply with the reality of a garden maintained by youngsters under the age of 5.

Kelly likes marigolds, or as she calls them, "the yellow flowers."

Ta'Liyah Thompson, a 4-year-old gardener at the center, likes the pretty pink flowers.

Kelly, Ta'Liyah and others ran back and forth Tuesday between the garden and a

plastic tub as they cheerfully emptied their cups on colorful flowers and tomato plants hanging heavy with small green bulbs.

New playground equipment was also installed this summer.

"We knew that we wanted to create more than a playground and hoped that it would be more like an outdoor classroom," Dabbs-Kayser said.

"The kids spend so much time inside watching TV," she said. "Our hope was to allow them to interact with the outdoors" so they can acquire an "appreciation for the environment."

The weather station has a



Stella Ramsaroop/Alestle  
Ta'Liyah Thompson, left, and Kelly Yu, right, water the marigolds in the Early Childhood Center's new discovery garden.

rain gauge, a windsock, a sundial and a thermometer. The sensory garden allows younger children to experience gardening through touch and smell.

"Through gardening, children have the opportunity to discover the immediate and useful connections between science, math and literacy," Dabbs-Kayser said. "We also

hope that our discovery garden introduces children to the importance of environmental stewardship."

"Can I water these over here too?" Kelly asked her instructor. With a positive response, she jumped right on the job and tended to another section of the garden. Ta'Liyah

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# Where to go when you have to go

STELLA RAMSAROOP  
NEWS EDITOR

Construction in the Morris University Center has left visitors, students and staff short on restrooms and elevators.

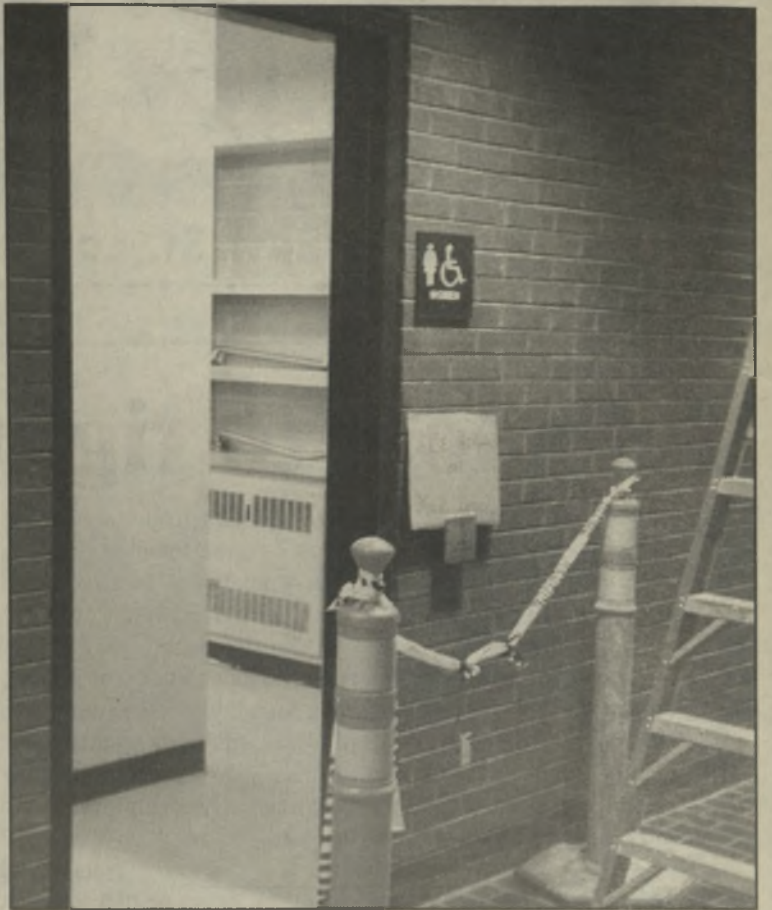
Restrooms on the upper and lower floors are closed and only the west elevator, one of two, is functioning.

Only the main floor facilities and those in Cougar Den are open for use.

MUC Director Mary Robinson said the original intent was to shut the restrooms down one floor at a time. However, construction fell behind schedule and in order to get all services up and running by the start of the fall semester, two floors had to be shut down simultaneously.

According to Robinson, two restrooms on the upper level were going to be "combined into one grand restroom." However, when the construction crew knocked down the wall there, workers found unexpected pipes that could not be moved. Robinson said the wall had to be closed again and the restrooms restored to their original layout.

"We had to double up to make sure we get done," Robinson said Tuesday.



Stella Ramsaroop/AleStle

The restrooms on the upper and lower floors of the Morris University Center are closed. Visitors to the center must use the main floor restrooms.

Once renovations on the upper and lower level restrooms are complete, construction will start on the main floor restrooms.

Robinson said she expects renovations, including the elevators, to be completed by the start of the fall semester Aug. 25.

## LICENSE PLATES

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There is no deadline for entries. The cost of the plates in Illinois is \$118 the first year and \$105 for annual renewal.

The license plate program would not only give people the chance to show school spirit, but would also help the campus.

The SIUE Alumni Association Legacy scholarship fund will receive \$25 from every

purchase and renewal.

Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Anna Dunham said interested students should act so their names can be put on the petition.

"We are still in the beginning stages. We are just trying to get the plates approved," Dunham said. "If any student is interested, they

need to let us know so we can put their names of the list for the secretary of state."

Alumni will be contacted by the Secretary of State's Office if the plate program is approved.

For those who did not get a pamphlet with information on the plates, there are forms to fill out online at [www.siu.edu/ALUMNI](http://www.siu.edu/ALUMNI).

## GARDENING

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immediately joined her, again emptying their plastic cups and running for more water.

Plans are in the works to

continue the gardening curriculum into the winter months by learning about important gardening components

like compost and watching the cycle of plants dying and coming back to life in the spring, Dabbs-Kayser said.

# Campus Scanner

**Coffee with the Chancellor:** All staff and faculty are welcome to attend the next Coffee with the Chancellor from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday in the International Room of the Morris University Center.

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

**Baptist Student Ministries Fellowship and Prayer Cookout:** The free event is open to all students and is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Call 656-4100 for the location.

**Golf Tournament:** The third annual Arms of Love Pregnancy Resource Center Golf Tournament is at 8 a.m. Saturday at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 5801 Pierce Lane, Godfrey. Entry fee for a four-person team is \$300; individual entry fees are \$75. The price includes green fees, cart, food and drinks, skin games, snacks and a gift bag. For more information, call Angela Valdes at 466-1690 or e-mail [aolpre@mtsinet.com](mailto:aolpre@mtsinet.com).

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

**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.

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From the Editor .....

## Work is what brings home the bacon



For most of us in school and for those who are not, there is one thing the majority of the population has in common – work.

Whether it is schoolwork, an hourly job, being a full-time mom or dad or being a server living off tips, we all know the feeling of having a job or some kind of responsibility.

Sunday was my last day at a

restaurant where I was a server for a little more than a year. I wasn't sad it was my last day, or happy for that matter; the drive was just too far and I needed something closer to home.

I look forward to having my weekends off, but now that a few days have gone by, I realize I have the whole weekend to do whatever I want, but I need money to do it.

The mail is full of bills, the animals need food, I need food and we all know there's always a compact disc, pair of shoes or digital video disc that we just have to have.

People are busier now than they have ever been and barely have time to eat and sleep with all of the tasks in their daily lives.

For those of you who have

every day all to yourselves, with no job and money supplied to you by the money fairy, take advantage of it while you can.

For most of us, reality hits sooner or later and you will have to grow up and learn how to live life on your own.

I know, for me, money from the parents stopped coming in when I was out of high school, and even when I was in high school, I worked and paid for most of my things.

Now that I am halfway unemployed – I still work for the AleStle – it is obvious to me that working only one job doesn't cut it these days.

One job may be OK for some, but for the rest of us, it's rough, and the extra money from a second job really helps.

To the single parents out there who work two jobs, go to school and still have time for family and a social life, I applaud you. I have a boyfriend and a puppy, and sometimes it's hard for me to find time for them.

I'm sure one day I'll live through marriage, a career and taking care of a child while trying to juggle everything else along with it, but until then, I'll take advantage of the free time I have right now and begin my search for my second job.

To everyone else, summer is almost over, so have fun while you can – school and plenty of hard work are right around the corner.

Nicole R. Gaudreault  
Editor in Chief

Letter to the Editor .....

## Unneeded assistant coaches are going to sports teams that already have them

Dear Editor,

I have kept quiet for too long about my thoughts dealing with the inequality in the SIUE Athletics Department.

Just why is it now that SIUE is hiring more assistant coaches? I thought there was a lack of money and funding, which is why the administration was trying to get rid of the wrestling program – the most successful team in recent years.

The only sport that could really put an assistant coach to use in a full-time position is men's and women's tennis.

Positions are posted on the athletics Web site for men's basketball, baseball and golf. Yeah, golf!

I know the winter sports season is one of the longer of the three, but the men's basketball team had five coaches sitting on the sideline the last time I counted. And next season the team will have four or five again, I'm sure, after filling former

assistant Jason Holmes' spot.

Most teams, save tennis and golf, have at least one part- or full-time assistant, along with one or more graduate assistant coaches.

I understand the larger roster teams like track and field need them; it just agitates me any sport would get another assistant coach over tennis.

I am also aware most sports partake in two seasons' worth of games, whether they be conference, nonconference or exhibition. The same goes for both the men's and women's tennis teams.

I just don't understand how one coach for two teams that play in the fall and spring seasons can be expected to manage without even one assistant.

Keli Keener

4-year member of  
women's tennis team

SIUE alumna Graduate  
Student – Sports Management

## Quote of the Day

*“To find out what one is fitted to do,  
and to secure an opportunity to do it,  
is the key to happiness.”*

~John Dewey

## Weekly Poll Question

How often do you go out to eat?

- Never
- A few times a month
- Three to five times a week
- Every day

## Prior Polls

How often do you drive under the influence of alcohol?

- Never – 45%
- A few times a year – 18%
- Two or three times a month 18%
- Way too often – 18%

What do you think about SIUE's summer course offerings?

- Classes are good, but times don't fit my schedule – 10%
- There is not enough variety of classes – 9%
- They are just fine, I got all the classes I wanted – 8%
- I never have and never will take summer school – 0%

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# Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & THE ARTS

## Hollywood playing time



Geoffrey Douglas' book, "The Game of Their Lives," tells the true story of the 1950 American soccer team who beat top competitor England for a chance at the World Cup.



Brian Douglas, left, and Matt Little, right, play soccer players in David Anspaugh's "The Game of Their Lives."

Callie Stilwell/Alestle

Callie Stilwell  
Lifestyles Editor

When Brian Douglas and Matt Little got the call to act in David Anspaugh's feature film, "The Game of Their Lives," these two actors didn't have to research their parts to play soccer players.

Douglas and Little played on the SIUE Cougar soccer team together. Little was named All-American and Douglas went to the Final Four in 2001.

"We both feel lucky to be a part of this. It's an experience of a lifetime," Douglas said. "It was really cool that Matt and I both made it, to be part of this with a friend."

Little has played professional soccer with the St. Louis Ambush, and now Douglas and Little coach soccer in the Edwardsville area.

Douglas said they heard about the auditions for the movie in November. Crusader Entertainment held the casting call in St. Louis and five other cities.

Little said there were about 1,200 people at the tryout in St. Louis. Their audition was about skills, not acting ability, as neither one has performed on the silver screen before.

Little said they did drills in groups of 100, with 30 to 40 people chosen from each group.

It was weeks after that audition when Douglas and Little were contacted again, this time to read part of the script.

Douglas said their auditions were taped and then sent to the director and crew in Los Angeles.

Douglas had some experience in reading a script, with a couple of small commercials under his belt.

Little, however, was new to the process.

Douglas said they continued through two more auditions, reading one more time and playing a field scrimmage at the last call.

"They told us not to cut our hair," Little said.

"They had a bunch of pictures from the '50s. They wanted to style it for themselves," Douglas said, joking Little about the side-part he received.

Other than hairstyles, they also had to get used to the 1950s-styled equipment and uniforms.

Little described their two-pound soccer shoes as "Doc Martin-like leather boots."

"These boots were something else," Douglas said.

Their soccer balls were like medicine balls, he added.

"They had a shoe lace stitched in them. They were pretty different," Douglas said.

Little also commented on enduring long-sleeve shirts and long socks in the 90-degree weather.

There were five to six teams put together for the movie.

"They got you on teams and

The catering company had just finished working for "2 Fast 2 Furious," Douglas said. "They took care of us big time."

However, production money doesn't just go to food, but to paying for mistakes.

"It's real expensive if you mess up. That's money," Little said, adding that everything was choreographed.

He said they only had a few times when they played up to two minutes straight, compared to a

As for their first look at Hollywood, they both said how impressed they were with the crew.

"These guys were full of experience. They knew exactly what they were doing. It was like clockwork," Douglas said. "It was cool to be around those guys, watching behind the scenes."

Douglas and Little wrapped up their game shots last week on The Hill in St. Louis.

Little said that area was chosen because six of the players from the U.S. team were from The Hill.

"The Game of Their Lives" is based on the book of the same name by Geoffrey Douglas. Anspaugh has also worked with writer Angelo Pizzo on the movies "Hoosiers" and "Rudy."

"The Game of Their Lives" follows the true story of the 1950s American soccer team that competed in the World Cup.

At the time, soccer was not an American favorite, and the team was hastily assembled from amateur and semipro players.

Described as "one of the sporting world's most stunning upsets," the underdog American team defeated the reigning English powerhouse.

*"It was really cool that Matt and I both made it, to be part of this with a friend."*

Brian Douglas, soccer player

told you when you were going," Little said.

Douglas and Little play in two of the four games in the movie, as part of Simpkins Ford and the West Coast all-star teams.

Douglas said shooting usually began at 6 a.m. and continued until around 8 p.m. They went Monday through Friday for two weeks.

Those long days didn't go without perks, according to Douglas.

"They furnished everything and gave you whatever you wanted," he said, commenting on how good the food was.

regular 90-minute game.

Douglas explained they couldn't let them free play too often because the cameras wouldn't be able to set up in time to get shots, making it easier to shoot short scenes and follow a storyboard.

One of the funnier sides of filming the movie for them was that high-fives weren't done in the 1950s.

"It's hard to remember when you are caught up in the moment," Little said of the couple of retakes that were needed because someone gave a high-five.

# Franks' serves up Main

CALLIE STILWELL  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

SIUE students wanting a taste for finer cuisine can make a reservation at Franks' on Main in Edwardsville.

Franks', 156 N. Main St., is known for steak and seafood.

"The concept is something I've been involved in, quality service and food," Manager Marc Rousseau said.

Frank Ferrara Sr. and Frank Ferrara Jr. are two of three owners. Hence, the name is Franks', he explained.

Rousseau has worked for the Ferraras more than three years and has been a manager at Franks' on Main since its opening in October.

There is no dress code, Rousseau said, except to be comfortable.

As for the serving staff, "Everybody's happy with the service," Rousseau said. "They tell us on a daily basis."

A lot of the employees are college students, Rousseau added. Bartender Brandon Ward said he enjoys the laid-back, but classy atmosphere of Franks'.

"It's a place families can come eat at, but at the same time, you can have business meetings."

It is usual to see one of the Ferraras or a manager out on the floor talking to customers.

One of the aspects that sets Franks' on Main apart from the other area restaurants, according to Rousseau, is the food.

"We are a scratch kitchen," Rousseau said.

Rather than receiving frozen goods in boxes and bags, the food

is homemade from recipes, Rousseau added.

The seafood comes from a distributor who supplies other restaurants in the St. Louis area.

"They have the highest quality and customer service," Rousseau said, explaining why

Rousseau added it would be great if customers would dine at Franks' once or twice a week.

Lunch specials cost less than \$7, steak and seafood under \$20 and pasta dishes around \$11.

Franks' caters to the younger crowd with karaoke on Thursday



Callie Stilwell/Alestle  
**Brandon Ward, a bartender at Franks' on Main, cleans up around the bar and lounge area.**

that distributor was chosen.

Franks' on Main has upscale food at competitive prices. Rousseau said prices are set by taking a look at the area market.

Franks' offers four to five nightly food specials, as well as drink specials every night.

Rousseau said consumers like the St. Louis quality Franks' has brought to Edwardsville. However, Rousseau said, despite the quality, people should not think of Franks' as only for special occasions.

and Saturday, as well as live entertainment featuring Gabie, an accomplished folk player with more than 30 years experience.

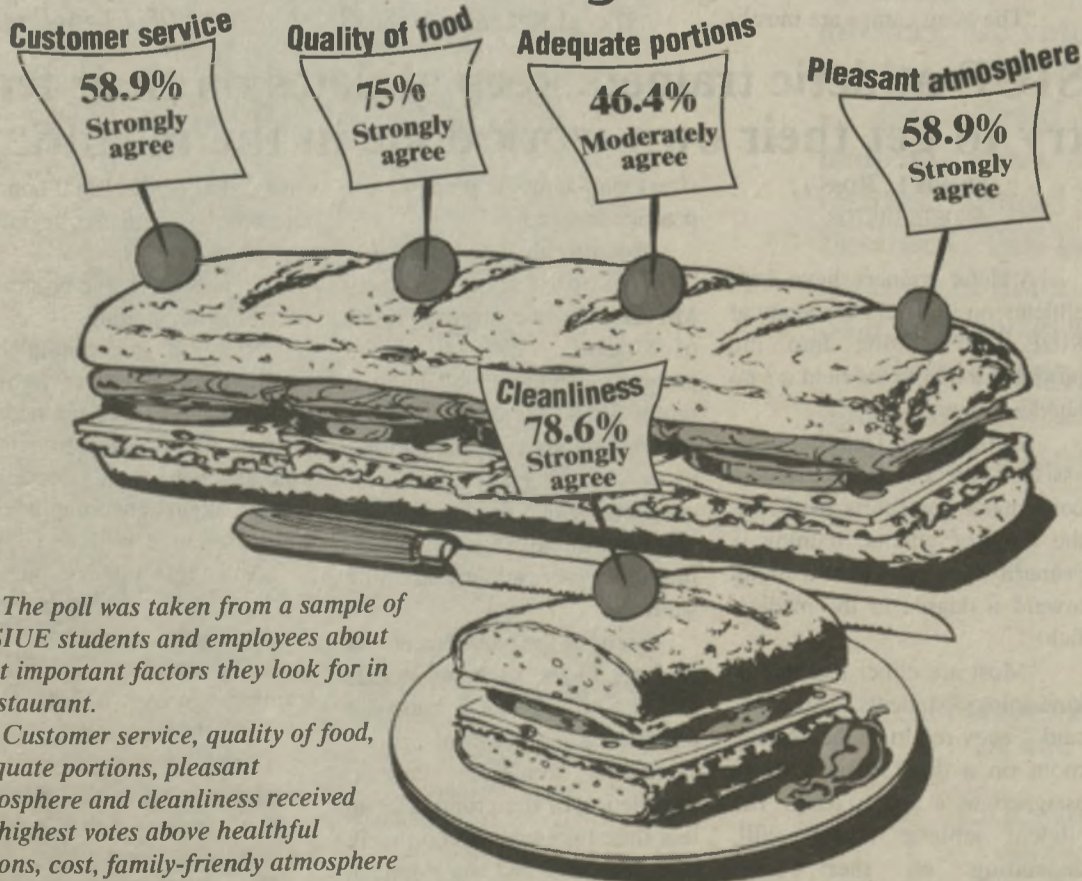
Franks' will be at the SIUE Downtown Block Party Friday, Sept. 5, selling food and drinks and handing out coupons.

The dining area seats about 120 people, with the bar and lounge accommodating about 70. There is also a separate banquet room for 80 to 100 people.

To make a reservation, call 656-2978.

## Alestle restaurant poll

### What's in when dining out?



The poll was taken from a sample of 56 SIUE students and employees about what important factors they look for in a restaurant.

Customer service, quality of food, adequate portions, pleasant atmosphere and cleanliness received the highest votes above healthful options, cost, family-friendly atmosphere and alcohol availability.

## Say What?

What is your favorite restaurant and why?



**Macaroni Grill**  
Brentwood, MO

"I love Italian food. I like the atmosphere there."

~Nima Arjomandnia  
Graduate student

**Casa Gallardo**  
Fairview Heights

"The portions are good. The food is great and the drinks are even better."

~Andrea Beilsmith  
Senior



**Bamboo Garden**  
Staunton

"I think it's the best Chinese restaurant here."

~Connie Hu  
Graduate student



**Emperor's Wok**  
O'Fallon

"You get to taste a little bit of everything."

~Jen Turner  
Senior



**El Rancherito**  
Highland

"The taste is the best in the area."

~Kevin Grulke  
Sophomore

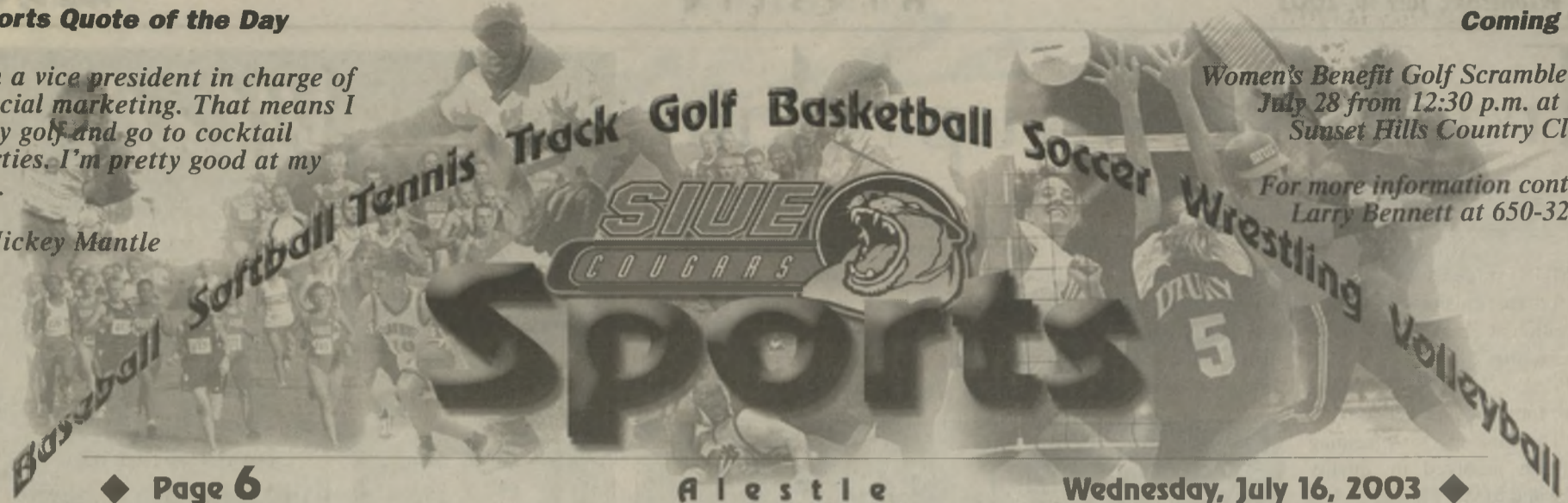


I'm a vice president in charge of special marketing. That means I play golf and go to cocktail parties. I'm pretty good at my job.

~Mickey Mantle

Women's Benefit Golf Scramble on July 28 from 12:30 p.m. at the Sunset Hills Country Club.

For more information contact Larry Bennett at 650-3236.



# Women's soccer hires head coach



LYNDA BOWERS

## Former Cougar becomes first full-time head coach

coach for the women's soccer team.

Bowers played on the Cougar soccer team from 1994-1997 and graduated in 1998. She later attained a master's degree in Exercise Physiology from SIUE. She served as an assistant coach for the Cougars for four years under Brian Korbesmeyer, the head coach she is replacing.

After leaving SIUE, Bowers went on to start the soccer program at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park in 2001.

"It was a factor that helped

in her favor," Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said.

"She was a former assistant and player, so she already knows a lot about recruiting in the area,"

**"We are very excited about starting a new era in women's soccer here."**

~Brad Hewitt  
SIUE Athletic Director

Hewitt said.

In an interview with The Telegraph in Alton, Bowers said

coming back is the right thing to do.

"Being an alumna, it's great to be going back to my alma mater and being able to coach at a higher level," Bowers said.

Hewitt hopes Bowers will usher in a new era of women's soccer at SIUE.

"We are very excited about starting a new era in women's soccer here, with this being the first full-time coach in the program's history," Hewitt said.

In The Telegraph interview, Bowers said she's already thought about National

Collegiate Athletic Association recruiting, which began July 1.

"I really don't think I'm behind in the recruiting process," Bowers said. "We've got 26 players on the roster, so I'll just be looking to add two or three (players), or maybe four, if we can find a ringer."

Bowers is the fourth head coach in school history and the first full-time coach since the program's inception in 1982.

In her tenure at SIUE, Bowers earned All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors twice, was captain her junior and senior seasons and ranks 17th on the universities all-time scoring list with 16 goals.

## Government commission reaches conclusion that Title IX is fine

**Athletic Director says SIUE athletics is in full compliance with Title IX**

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The furor that has raked many universities across the country as a result of Title IX is having little effect on SIUE.

The federal law states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

However, while the 30-year-old law was intended to make playing fields equal when it came to the sexes, that has not always been the case.

"The unfortunate truth is that Title IX has evolved into something never intended," former President and Executive Director of USA Swimming Carol Zaleski said.

In February, the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics issued a report, "Open to All: Title IX at Thirty." The commission was developed to look into the

possibility of additions to the law to enhance understanding.

"The act was intended to expand opportunity," Zaleski told the commission. "The interpretation by the Office for Civil Rights and the evolved enforcement has turned into a quota program."

"Title IX is a good law with bad interpretation," she said.

After collecting opinions and taking a look at how Title IX has been implemented, the government officials decided not to change the law. More effort, however, will be placed on ensuring that schools fully understand the law.

When Title IX was passed in 1972, there were 170,384 male athletes and 29,977 female athletes involved with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Last year, 3,960,517 male athletes and 2,806,998 female athletes were competing in the NCAA.

Critics have charged that some universities have dropped men's programs in favor of funding more women's programs.

"I will never complain about women getting more opportunities," Leo Kocher, University of Chicago head wrestling coach, told the commission.

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## Cougar volleyball hosts individual youth camps, athletes help out, prepare for season around corner

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The Cougar volleyball team will take to the courts this week, teaching youngsters at individual skill camps.

The individual camps are open to boys and girls in grades four to 12.

The Cougars are offering team camps later this summer.

"The team camps are mostly

high school teams from around the state," head coach Todd Gober said.

Both camps can bring in a significant amount of money for the team.

"The camps can generate anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the team. We make so much money because most the girls help out at the camp as part of their fundraising efforts," Gober said.

"The girls come in for a

couple of days. It is kind of nice to meet each other before the season starts," Gober added.

The camps are also a good way to get an early look at high school players.

"The way it works in high school volleyball is that the girls will pick a couple schools that they are interested in, and they will go to the camps and get a feel for the coaches, etc.," Gober said.

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## SIUE athletic trainers keep athletes on their feet, try to get their own work done in the meantime

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Athletic trainers have kept athletes on the field for years at SIUE, but getting into the program and onto the field are no laughing matter.

According to Dan Stephens, assistant director of athletics and coordinator for sports medicine, the field of athletic training is primarily for students working toward a degree in the medical field.

"Most are either teachers or kinesiology students," Stephens said. "They report to the training room on a daily basis and are assigned to a sports team. The student athletic trainer will, depending on their level

(freshman-senior) prepare for practice and games."

According to SIUE's "Philosophy of Sports Medicine," some responsibilities of students involved in the program include maintaining a professional attitude at all times, staying within their limitations, using the proper channels for questions and procedural advice and continually working to improve your athletic training skills.

Some of the requirements for students in the program include completion of 1,500 hours of experience supervised by a certified athletic trainer, completion of the program in no less than two years and no more than five years and completing at

least 1,000 of the 1,500 hours in interscholastic, intercollegiate or professional sports.

Stephens said the program is very time demanding.

"It is a huge commitment to be involved in our athletic training field," Stephens said. "In the past six years student athletic trainers have logged over 25,000 contact hours covering practice and games here at SIUE."

And those numbers are just for the undergraduates. According to Stephens, most students involved in athletic training move on to seek graduate student positions.

"Once completing the requirements for the National Athletic Trainers Association,

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"I will complain about Marquette University cutting their wrestling team, that didn't cost them one penny because it was funded by outside sources, simply so that it would not fall afoul of the proportionality standard, simply so they wouldn't get dragged into court and lose," Kocher said.

Wrestling isn't the only sport being eliminated by universities because of the way they perceive Title IX.

"Between 1993 and 1999 alone, 53 men's golf teams, 39 men's track teams, 43 wrestling teams and 16 baseball teams have been eliminated," Christine Stolba, a fellow at the Independent Women's Forum, said in the commission's final report. "The University of Miami's diving team, which has produced 15 Olympic athletes, is gone."

Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said only one sport has fallen victim to Title IX at SIUE.

"To my knowledge the only Title IX decision at SIUE was the men's golf program in the early '90s," Hewitt said. "Since then there has been a Title IX committee."

President of the U.S. Olympic Committee Marty Mankamer said if the current trend of eliminating programs continues, America might fall

from the upper echelon of successful countries in future Olympic games.

While the final report did not generate changes in Title IX, last week a U.S. civil rights official offered further clarification of the law and noted some of the misunderstanding may go back years.

A clarification letter issued Friday by Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Gerald Reynolds cited a 1996 letter as the cause for a great deal of misunderstanding.

Reynolds said the letter placed great emphasis on male-female ratios in athletics.

"This led many schools to believe, erroneously, that they must take measures to ensure strict proportionality between the sexes," Reynolds said.

"In fact, each of the three prongs of the test is an equally sufficient means of complying with Title IX, and no one prong is favored," Reynolds said.

In addition to having essentially equal numbers of athletes when compared to enrollments, the law also says universities must show a history of providing and expanding programs for underrepresented genders and that the programs do meet the needs of athletes, especially the underrepresented gender.

Hewitt said SIUE is compliant with Title IX in all

three areas. The men's golf program should be the only casualty here, he added.

"I don't see us being unsafe," Hewitt said. "We have a committee to oversee Title IX. The Gender Equity Committee's role is to evaluate the program and ensure compliance."

According to Reynolds, cutting sports was never recommended as a method of complying with Title IX.

In his letter, Reynolds wrote that "nothing in Title IX requires the cutting or reduction of teams in order to demonstrate compliance with Title IX, and that the elimination of teams is a disfavored practice."

"Because the elimination of teams diminishes opportunities for students who are interested in participating in athletics, instead of enhancing opportunities for students who have suffered from discrimination, it is contrary to the spirit of Title IX for the government to require or encourage an institution to eliminate athletic teams," Reynolds said.

SIUE's undergraduates are 45.3 percent male and 55.7 percent female. From July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, male athletes made up 54.7 percent of the Athletic Department while female athletes made up 45.3 percent.

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The camps' success is not only assessed by profit, but by the number of participants.

"Every year I try to set a goal," Gober said. "This year we are going to have about 175 kids come to the individual camps, and in the first session of the team camps, we are at a max of 21 teams. And in the second team camp, there are 16 teams signed up so far."

"My No. 1 goal is get the kids aware that we do have a volleyball program here, and

then my second goal, that goes right along with the first goal, is that I want the participants to come away from the camp having learned something, even if it is something small. I want them to have fun as well," Gober said.

The first Cougar volleyball team camp will be Friday and Saturday while the second will be Friday and Saturday, July 24 and July 25. For more information, call Gober at 650-5923 or call SIUE Athletics 650-2871.

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they sit for their board of certification exams," Stephens said. "This test comprises a written exam, written simulation and an oral exam. This is like other board examinations for nurses and physicians. A four-year comprehensive final crammed into an eight-hour time frame."

"Those who pass this examination are then nationally certified and qualify for jobs in high schools, clinic- or hospital-based outreach programs, college, professional and the industrial settings," Stephens said.

Stephens said making it through the program is quite an accomplishment.

"All of the students who have passed through our program and have passed their board

examination since I have been here over the past six years are all success stories," Stephens said. "Many have taken graduate assistants positions, some have furthered their education to include physical therapy, for example, and some have continued their education and now hold doctorate degrees."

And, Stephens says SIUE has one of the best programs in the country.

"Only the University of Indianapolis has a National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification accredited program," Stephens said. "Facility wise, we rate very near the top."

Stephens says the athletic training program at SIUE usually consists of about seven people per year.

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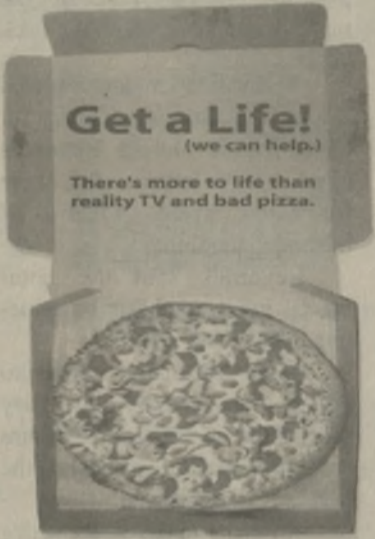
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