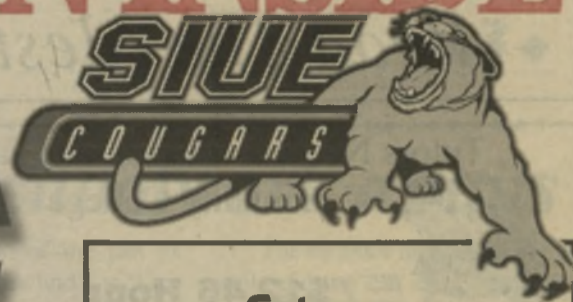


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Trustee resignation unexpected

Repking cites personal reasons for resigning from SIU board

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
FOR THE ALESTLE

Southern Illinois University is waiting on Gov. Rod Blagojevich to appoint at least one new trustee after the resignation of Mark Repking, former president of Liberty Bank in Alton.

Two other trustees, Gene Callahan of Springfield and John Brewster of Herrin, are serving despite their terms

expiring in the spring.

The university is also waiting on the governor to either reappoint them or appoint new members.

University spokesman Steve Binder said Repking, of Godfrey, submitted a letter of resignation to Blagojevich more than a week ago and the university found out Thursday or Friday of last week.

"He just cited personal reasons," Binder said.

Repking said Friday he no longer had the time to serve on the university's board of trustees since he is changing careers. He resigned as president of Liberty Bank in Alton July 2 at the request



SIU PHOTO

Mark Repking

of the bank's board of directors.

Repking would not give a reason for his resignation. He also declined to say what his new career would be and said he had resigned from all other community boards.

In a press release from
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"Both trustees Brewster and Callahan have indicated a desire to be reappointed..."

~Steve Binder

Summer graduation only weeks away Alumni Association to give alumni and teacher awards

STELLA RAMSAROOP
NEWS EDITOR

More than 580 students are eligible to receive their diplomas at SIUE's summer commencement.

The ceremony's guest speaker will be Lendell Phelps, an SIUE alumnus who will also be receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award. Debra Reichert Hoge, professor in the Special Education and Communication

Disorders Department, will receive the Great Teacher Award for 2003 at the commencement as well.

Angela K. Zanardelli was selected by the deans and faculty to be the student speaker at the graduation, commencement coordinator Janet McReynolds said. Zanardelli will be receiving a bachelor of science in geography from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Phelps is a 1971 Mass

Communications graduate of SIUE. He is the Regional Vice President for Global Accounts at SBC Communications. His accounts include MasterCard International, Anheuser-Busch and Nestle Purina PetCare.

Phelps has served as a member as well as the president of the SIUE Alumni Association. He is also a member of the SIUE Foundation board.

Hoge came to SIUE to teach
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Slight increase in new student enrollment

STELLA RAMSAROOP
NEWS EDITOR

Convocation for incoming freshmen will see a slight increase over last year with about 1,650 projected for enrollment this fall.

This year, convocation, which has traditionally been for incoming freshmen, and orientation, which has been for

transfer students, are being combined into one event to boost attendance for incoming freshman, said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Boyd Bradshaw.

According to Bradshaw, in the past, convocation was held during the week, and had poor attendance. Though orientation, which was held during the weekend, had a good turnout.

However, the newly combined event is intended to be primarily for incoming students and not for transfer students.

"There is currently nothing for transfer students, but we are looking into something for the future," Bradshaw said.

Concerning transfer student enrollment numbers for the fall, Bradshaw said, "It is too early to

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RYAN HESSION/ALESTLE

Construction on Parking Lot E is due to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

Sidewalk construction to improve student safety

RYAN HESSION
SPORTS STRINGER

Faculty, students and staff will no longer have to dodge buses and cars as they travel between Peck and Rendleman Hall and on Parking Lot E.

Construction to the Hairpin will make it shorter and free from motor vehicle traffic for the safety of pedestrians.

"The problem right now is that vehicles and pedestrians are mixed together; and that's never a good situation," Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Administration Richard Walker said. "This should alleviate that problem all together."

"It will make that situation safer for everyone walking across there," Walker said.

A new crossover will be built east of the flagpoles, replacing the connector road that runs to the west of the flagpoles.

According to a Facilities Management update, although architect renditions show fountains and other improvements, the present project would simply return the area to green space.

"There's an awful lot of pedestrian traffic out there, especially when school comes back," Walker said.

Construction is also underway in Parking Lot E. The three entrance points in the center of the lot are being closed and replaced by a continuous raised sidewalk.

Construction on both sites is expected to be finished by this fall.



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Attendees listen to a speech during the 2002 Convocation. Convocation and orientation will be combined events this year.

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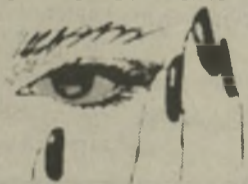
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Green gators surround trees on campus

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The new trees on campus have been dressed for the weather.

The green bags at the base of the newly planted trees at SIUE are called tree gators.

While a tree gator is attached to the tree, water is dripping into the roots, slowly delivering 20 gallons of water to the root system over a six to twelve hour time period.

This allows for deep-water saturation, keeping trees healthy and green while reducing watering frequency.

The bags are made of a tough, UV-treated polyethylene reinforced with nylon webbing and the sides are watertight.

The tree gators are secured to the trees with heavy-duty nylon



NICOLE GAUDREAU/ALESTLE

A newly planted tree is equipped with a tree gator, which allows continuous watering of the young trees on campus.

zippers sewn on each side.

Drip holes, cored through both ply of material, allow for adjustable drip times.

Two hundred of the "gators" have been purchased; the 600 new trees will be on a three-week rotation schedule.

RESIGNATION

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Liberty Bank announcing Repking's resignation as its president, P.J. Jun, chairman of the bank's board of directors said the bank became aware of performance issues that compelled it to ask for Repking's resignation.

Binder said the university is also waiting for action on Callahan's and Brewster's seats.

"Both trustees Brewster and Callahan have indicated a desire to be reappointed and are just waiting on the governor's office," Binder said.

Until a decision comes from Blagojevich's office, Callahan and Brewster continue to serve on the board of trustees.

Binder said there is no indication as to when the governor will make appointments to the board.

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in 1980 where she also earned both a master of science in pathology and audiology in 1976 and a doctorate in instructional process in 1985.

Classes taught by Hoge include speech-language pathology and early childhood special education. She has also supervised clinical practicum

students in the SIUE Speech-Language-Hearing clinic as well as off-site classes.

The SIUE Alumni Association sponsors both awards that will be presented at the summer commencement.

The distinguished Alumni Award honors SIUE graduates who have achieved distinction in

their fields and have also served the university. The recipient of the Great Teacher Award is selected by a vote of the alumni each year.

The commencement ceremony for summer 2003 graduates will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Vadalabene Center Gymnasium.

CONVOCATION

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tell, but it looks like it will be close to last year."

According to the 2003 edition of the SIUE Fact Book, there were 1,283 new transfer students in the fall of 2002.

The purpose of convocation is "to introduce the students to

the university," Bradshaw said.

The event will include some workshops to acquaint the students to the culture of the university and introduce them to the faculty. It will also include a lunch that is covered by the \$8

registration fee.

Convocation and orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, in the Vadalabene Center with events throughout the day and will end Sunday, Aug. 24, with a men's soccer game at Korte Stadium.

Campus Scanner

Religious Center Closings: The Religious Center will be closed Friday, Aug. 1 and Wednesday, Aug. 13 for carpet cleaning. For more information call Tiffini Rushing at 650-3246.

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

Catholic Mass: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Religious Center. For more

information, call 650-3205. Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry.

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.

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.

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

Summer is almost over and schoolwork awaits



The end of summer is almost here and the fall semester is only a few weeks away.

We made it here at the Alestle; writing, laying out pages, reading and trying to figure out what to publish for you to read every week.

This is the last issue for the

summer semester and I hope those of you who have read the paper these past few months learned a thing or two from something the Alestle staff published.

College is a learning experience for all of us and the Alestle should be a part of that experience.

We put out the information and you decide what to do with it. All of us are here for an education and we can learn from more than just textbooks.

I said at the beginning of summer, this is my first semester as the editor in chief of the Alestle.

I know I have a great deal of

hard work ahead of me just as everyone else does and I will try to make this year a good one.

I just hope the paper serves as a resource for students, faculty and staff throughout the fall and spring semesters and helps get people involved on campus and in the community.

Anyone can help us do that by writing a letter to the editor, telling us what you like and don't like, and if you think we're struggling and need major help, feel free.

No one is perfect and we all need a little help now and then. If you think you have time this fall or spring and want to help us out, we'd love to have you.

The summer months went by well, and we can only hope the coming semesters will be even better.

I hope you had a fun, productive summer, made a lot of money in your spare time and read the Alestle when you had an extra minute or two.

Take advantage of the next two weeks you have free from studying, books and professors and maybe we'll see you in the fall.

Congratulations to the graduates and good luck to all of you!

Nicole R. Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

Letter to the Editor

Student is sorry to see Education Leadership instructor go

Dear Editor,

As a member of the SIUE community, I am very concerned about the departure of one of my professors, Dr. Sharon Lee.

While I must admit that I was at first skeptical about the course Socio-cultural Foundations in Education, Dr. Lee soon made this class not only enjoyable, but also worthwhile.

She has provided me with a renewed passion in teaching, sparked several thought-provoking and exciting group discussions and caused me to look at ways to improve myself as an educator.

The workload is not light in this course; in fact it is a bit rigorous.

However, she does not brandish the red pen and begin slashing, tearing our reflections, ideas and self-esteem apart. She treats us as professionals, and if we do the work and do it well, then we receive high marks.

This is teaching. This is teaching well. I feel successful in her class, and as a result, I work hard to complete the assignments she gives, working harder than I have even in past courses.

Dr. Lee's focus is to help current teachers become better teachers. Her success in working

to achieve this is evident.

SIUE is a reflection of its students; if SIUE's students are successful, then is not Southern Illinois University also successful?

Its success stems from the many strong faculty members on its staff – a staff that should include Dr. Lee.

I know I am only one voice, but I also know others in the past have stood behind Dr. Sharon Lee as well.

In the course I am taking, students were nearly moved to tears when given this devastating news.

Do not take away someone

who is enthusiastic, vivacious, knowledgeable, fair, inspiring and good at what she does. It would be a travesty to lose Dr. Lee.

Not only would the SIUE community suffer, but so would the young students whose teachers would not be able to benefit from having her as an instructor.

I would like to know the outcome of this situation. I am willing to speak before a panel on Dr. Lee's behalf if needed.

Sincerely,
Beth A. Rapoff

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good luck!**

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the more you have to learn."
~Don Herold

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Games conquer the Web

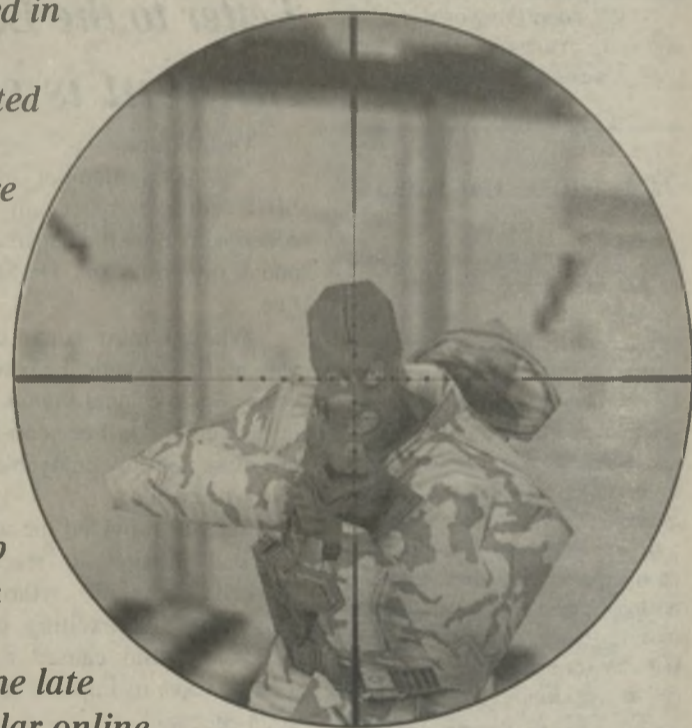


As role playing games have increased in popularity, games like Everquest have capitalized on the interest and dominated the computer gaming market.

Everquest is a party-based adventure game that allows gamers around the world to connect in one universe to compete for land or conquer one another, or simply meet people within the game in the online chat rooms.

In another popular online game, Counter-Strike, gamers come together to go either head-to-head or partner up to destroy other teams in a first-person shooter.

Counter-Strike was introduced in the late '90s and remains one of the most popular online games today.



Got Game goes the distance

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

For people who like to have a variety of games at their fingertips, Got Game is the place for them.

With 200 games available to play in store, rent or buy, owner Rob Taylor has started a business to cater to console and tabletop players.

Gamers can come in to buy brand-new games, used games or bring theirs to sell or rent. Customers can have Got Game try to sell their games. If an item is sold, the owner receives 75 percent of the sale. They can also bring their games for rent. If rented, the customer can receive credits in the store.

Taylor said his collection is growing, but he can special order any game his distributor carries and can also do pre-orders.

He deals with consoles such as GameCube, Xbox and PlayStation 2.

Xbox and PlayStation 2 will soon be online at Got Game.

Rentals are sold for \$7 for eight days for members. If returned by day five, members can receive credits on their next rental.

Warhammer 40,000 is one of Taylor's special tabletop games. For those who are not tabletop-gaming savvy, he describes it as a terrain table used with miniature figures.

Taylor said he found the game was popular in the area but not offered.

"I went ahead and carried a small supply. It's a growing supply," he said.

Because tabletop games need numbers of people to play, Taylor has devoted Thursdays to War Hammer 40,000 and Friday to Magic the Gathering.

There is no fee to use the tables.

"I get to know my customers," Taylor said of the people who play at Got Game frequently.

A yearly membership is \$25. Per hour, gaming is \$4 for nonmembers and \$3 for members. Hours can also be bought at bulk rates. Hours do not expire.

People come in to play competitively with other people. Taylor said it's not the same beating a computer as winning against another person.

"It's more unpredictable," Taylor said.

Got Game is a member of iGames, which hosts regional and national tournaments. Taylor said he would eventually like to have a regional tournament at his store.

At this point, Taylor said he is getting feedback and looking at what he can



improve for his gamers.

Taylor said he is not focused on bringing in a certain type of gamer or age group but just wants them to feel comfortable while there.

A true gamer who began with Atari.

Taylor enjoys and knows the gaming world as well as its business side. Taylor is a 1996 graduate of SIUE with a finance degree and is married to an accountant.

Got Game is at 4 Club Centre Court, Suite E, in Edwardsville.

For more information, contact Got Game at 655-9505 or visit www.gotgamestore.com

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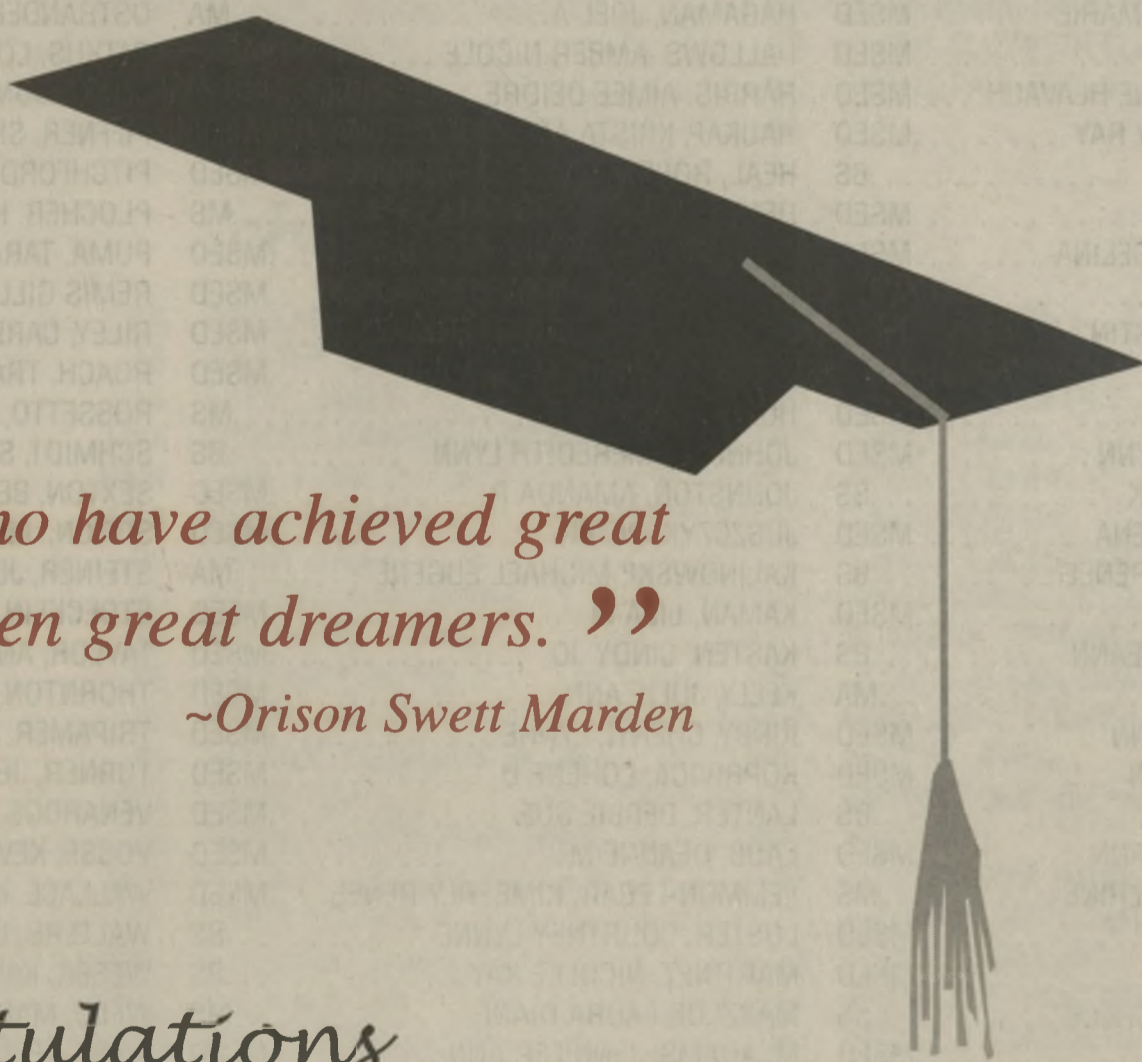
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“All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers.”

~Orison Swett Marden

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Gaming center storms to forefront

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

In the world of gaming, age has no boundaries.

Gaming centers have become more popular as multiplayer online games have emerged in the forefront.

"You can go online any time, anywhere and test your skills against the best," Cyber Storm LAN Center co-owner Mike Libb said.

The center provides around 20 computer games for players to use. Libb said people of all ages, from seven to 30 years old, come in to play the games.

While the games offered at the gaming center can also be played at home with the right equipment, Libb said gaming centers provide face-to-face contact for the gamers, which he described as more satisfying.

"Most guys like to rub things in," Libb said with a laugh, "They like to know who they are beating."

Gamers are very community-based, according to Libb; there is no age, race or gender in the community, but a different type of bonding where "you help me, I help you" is the mantra.

Libb has seen brothers, one in junior high and the other in high school, in the center together, gaming.

"It's much more of an equalizer," Libb said. "We tend to be more competitive by nature. It's still win or lose."

The quest for competition can pull any type of personality into the gaming world, just ask Justin Hays, an employee of Cyber Storm LAN Center.

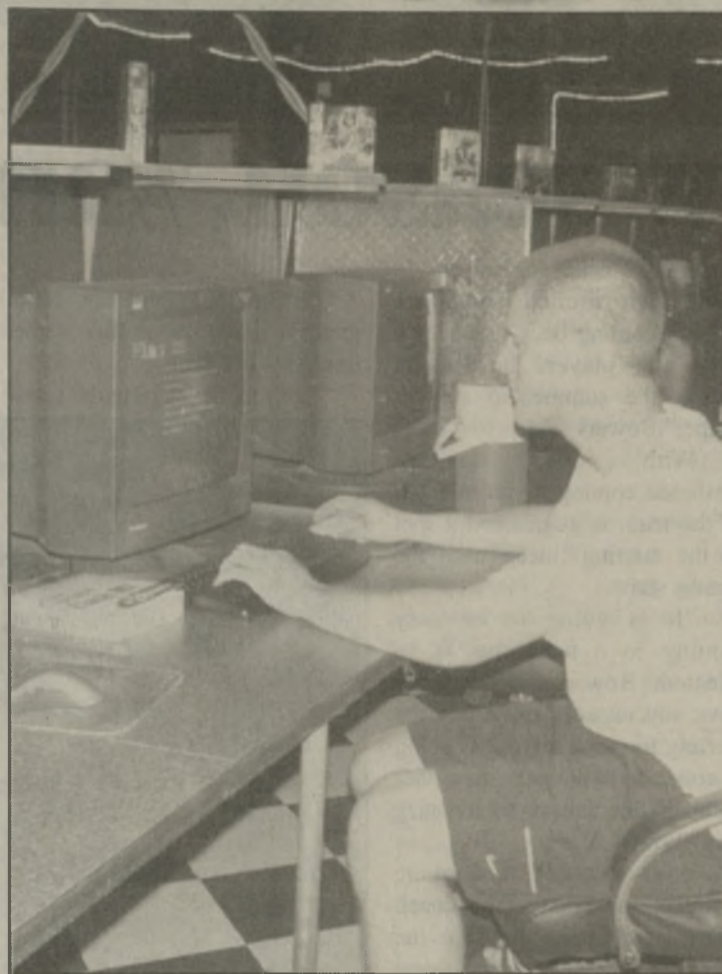
"The thing that hooked me about gaming was the same thing that I like about sports," Hays said, who is also a player on SIUE's men's volleyball club and a junior computer science major.

Hays says there is not much difference from playing online at home and coming to a gaming center, except at the center "you're interacting with people."

With his circle of friends, Hays said playing computer games is a replacement for their free time.

Hays became a fan of computer games when he was younger because it was the only way to play against other people.

A lot of what players get at Cyber Storm LAN Center is the



CALLIE STILWELL/ALESTLE
Employee Justin Hays works on one of the computers at Cyber Storm LAN Center in Glen Carbon. The center has 20 games available for play as well as the Internet and casino games.

environment, not necessarily the game. When entering the center, one must allow time to adjust to the darkness and black lights. Each console has a leather high-backed chair and privacy panel if opponents are screen-lookers.

Libb said his clientele is mostly male, but the occasional girlfriend will come in. Libb adds that surfing the Internet and casino games are popular for those who don't want to play the multiplayer online games.

Players can play against others in the center or play against people on the Internet.

Membership for a year is \$45 and includes free birthday play. Members pay \$4.50 an hour, and nonmembers pay \$5 an hour to play. Time cards are also available.

"I have a pretty steady regular crowd," Libb said.

Last year Libb hosted college nights for computer science majors.

The center is also open for renting. He has had 25 30-year-old males rent his place after their local reunion.

For the younger crowd, there are lock-ins from midnight until 7 a.m.

The center updates their games as new ones come out.

"The big names, you have

to get them," Libb said, but added he has checked out lesser-known games after hearing about them from customers.

Libb said surprisingly the number one game has been Counter-Strike for the past two years, even while new, popular games have come out.

Another popular game at the center is Everquest, a massive multiplayer online game.

Players pay \$14 monthly to Sony to be a part of the Everquest realm.

Those not into gaming may be surprised people can make a living from playing games.

Libb said the competition is rough. Dallas has a world championship tournament where the winner receives more than \$200,000.

"Around here, competition is more on the friendly level," Libb added.

Libb owns Cyber Storm LAN Center with P.J. Walsh, who Libb says is the brains behind the technical side of the business.

Cyber Storm LAN Center is located at 11 N. Cougar Drive in Glen Carbon.

For more information, call 692-4977 or visit www.cyberstormgaming.com.

Say What?

Why are video games addictive?



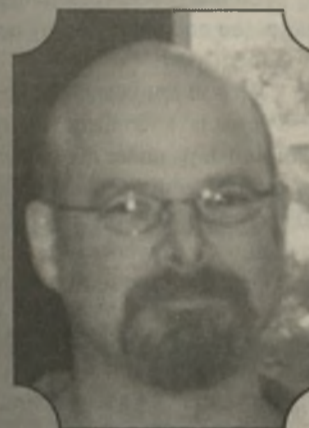
"I used to play daily. It's something about the reality."

~Rajkumar Arcod
Graduate student



"It's not really an addiction, but a distraction. It depends on the student; otherwise it's just a release."

~Robert Bart
Senior



"It's not a passive activity, as opposed to TV. It's more of an active form. You are persuing something."

~Patrick Murphy
Mass Comm. chair



"It's kind of like an escape. Basically, I do it when there's nothing else to do."

~David Jensen
Sophomore



"A lot of the time, it's comradery with friends."

~William Catalano
Junior

Isn't it fun to go out on the course and lie in the sun?

~Bob Hope on cheating in golf



New coach, new season, same goal

Bowers hopes to raise the bar in women's soccer

AJIT OZA
SPORTS REPORTER

When SIUE hired Lynda Bowers as the new head women's soccer coach, the university was getting a familiar face.

Bowers, a native of Palmer, Alaska, was player of the year her senior year at Palmer High School. Moving on to SIUE, she played soccer for the Cougars from 1994 to 1997. She currently ranks 17th on the all-time scoring list with 16 goals and 47 points.

Bowers was also a two-time All Great Lakes Valley Conference selection. She was also named captain her junior and senior year.

"I felt as though I was a key contributor in every game, and I was involved in every play as most midfielders do," Bowers said. After leaving SIUE,

Bowers went to St Louis Community College in Forest Park and started the women's soccer program.

"It was extremely difficult to start a program from scratch, because there is no history; the other difficult part was getting past the stigma of having a college in a supposed inner-city area," Bowers said. "But other than that, everything was good. I had a lot of help and support from the people at Forest Park," Bowers said.

Being head coach at SIUE is something that is a long-term goal for Bowers.

"In ten years I hope to still be here," Bowers said.

She has a one year contract this season and hopes to stay here subsequent years.

"Also in ten years, I hope to be a coach and have a few championships under my belt and constantly building this program and making it one of the best in the country," Bowers said.

The start of the season cannot

come any quicker for Bowers.

"I am excited about the players coming back and seeing what the players have done during the summer to stay in shape," Bowers said.

With seven talented freshmen coming in, no member of the team is guaranteed a spot in the starting lineup until the season starts.

"It is going to be easy coming to a team that is so talented," Bowers said. "I do not have any expectations about the starting lineup; everyone is going to come on to the preseason with a clean slate and vie for a starting spot," Bowers added.

With every season there are expectations that the coach makes for the team, as well as the coaching staff. Also when a new coach comes in, the first season is always looked at closely.

"Personally what I would like to do with the team is develop a cohesive unit, and by that I mean I want the girls to develop a team attitude," Bowers

said.

While the talent has been there at times the attitude some times has not been.

"I think developing the team

attitude is going to be huge because the talent has always been there, and we are going to have to develop that team attitude to win a championship," Bowers said.



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Senior Sara Decker pushes the ball past an opponent last season. She led the team with seven assists and was tied for the team lead with seven goals.

SIUE teams gear up for fall competition, volleyball and soccer hit the field in August

Cross country adds two players, looks ahead to start of next season

AJIT OZA
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's and women's cross country teams have both added two runners for next year. The men's team signed Joshua Bozue from Fairborne High School in Ohio. Cody Ellermeyer from Du Quoin High School was also signed.

"Between Bozue and Ellermeyer, since both are string cross country runners, I see them both coming into the program and be top-seven runners for our program," head cross country coach Darryl Frerker said.

"We have a strong team coming back, so I don't want to put pressure on them to be top-five runners," Frerker said. "But if one or both of them were top-five runners, then we would be in contention for the conference title."

The women's cross country team also signed two runners for the upcoming season. Natalie Aschim, a state qualifier in cross-country from Rockford, went to

Jefferson High School. The second runner signed is Suzanne Gabbart who is also a state qualifier from Centralia High School.

"The girls are in a different situation. They are coming into more of an older established team," Frerker said.

The women's team will have four seniors returning to the team this season.

"I am looking at possibly looking at one of them running in the top five, but more importantly is our development for next year," Frerker said. "We are going to graduate three or four ladies. With them graduating, it is going to cause a lot of turnover."

Both teams are looking to get the new recruits some experience that will help the team next season.

"If either one of the new recruits were to come in and get into the top five, that would be great. Otherwise they come in and get the experience that we need for next year," Frerker said.



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Sophomores Heather Bonde and Krystal Majernick, left, slam the ball down on opponents last season while Tim Velten, right, races an opponent to the ball. Volleyball practice gets underway August 15 while men's and women's soccer practice begin Aug. 11.

From the Sports Editor

With wrestling tapped out, the question becomes who's next?



TRAVIS L. ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

In a letter to the editor last week, Keli Keener questioned why the tennis program has only one coach over both the men's and women's teams.

I have an answer. It's because the tennis program could join wrestling as sports dismissed by the university in order to financially strengthen the other programs.

Bare in mind, however, this is just my humble opinion.

Why else couldn't the Athletic Department shell out a little money so that the tennis program, where the men's and women's teams play in both the fall and spring, could have an assistant coach? Tennis is virtually the only sport that has one coach and was practically the

only sport the university was not in the market to hire an assistant coach for this summer.

In this recent hiring blitz, the Athletic Department was seeking assistant coaches who could help out with two or three sports. How difficult would it have been to tack tennis onto the form?

And, for being a one-man band, head coach Bill Logan has done an outstanding job with the teams. Since Logan came to SIUE in the '93-'94 season, he has accumulated an overall record of 162-129, meaning that he has won 56 percent of his games.

Men's and women's tennis are tier three teams, meaning that they get a substantial amount less than the tier one and tier two teams when it comes to any kind of financial assistance.

Men's basketball is a tier one team. In the last ten years the men's basketball team has gone 109-154, winning a little more than 40 percent of its games.

Last year the men's basketball team had three assistant coaches, two of whom were paid, and a new head coach.

Not to take anything away from Marty Simmons, but isn't Logan at the very least deserving of an assistant coach with all of the work that he has done? When Logan first came to SIUE the women's team was a dismal 6-43

in its previous six seasons. In his first year the team went 14-3 overall and 9-0 in the conference.

How does tennis come to be the team that is chastised monetarily, especially since the university just nixed the wrestling program? Shouldn't the money be there to give tennis at least one assistant coach, or is all of the money being spent on improvements to the baseball and softball fields, which were in dire need of them, and assistant coaches for other teams.

Maybe the university is looking to save another quick buck. SIUE got rid of wrestling, and now a group has pooled together enough money to keep the program running for at least a couple of years, and maybe forever.

The university could be thinking that if they get rid of tennis maybe an outside group will jump in and fund it as well. Not likely.

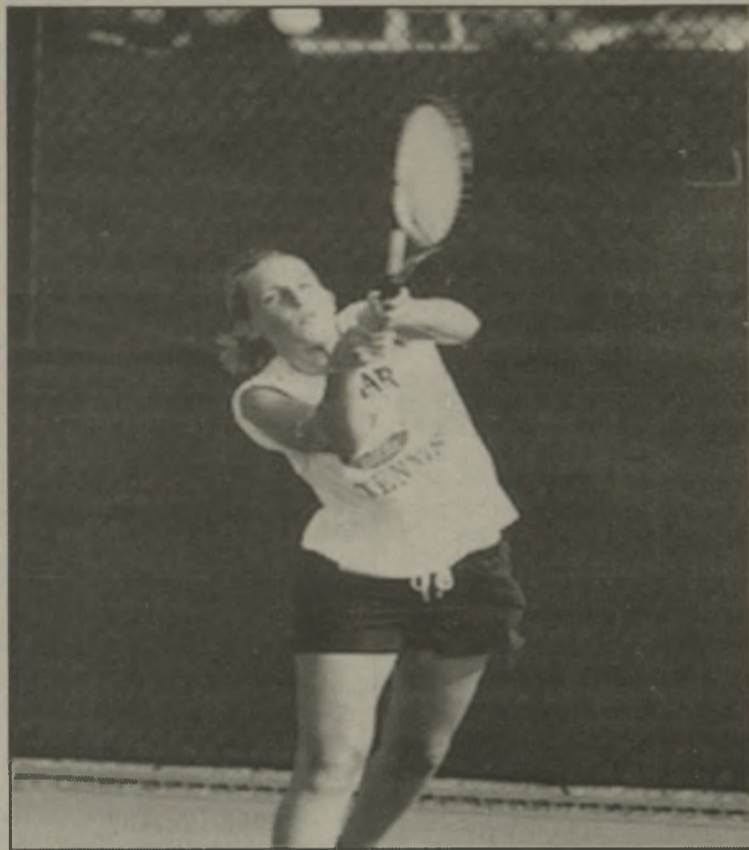
I don't want to see this university become one that is so obsessed with winning in one or two sports that we have to axe good programs to pump more money into mediocre programs.

I am a firm believer in the better a team is, the more fans it will draw. But, is it worth sacrificing another sport?

When the whole tier plan system was initiated at SIUE, I don't recall hearing anything about cutting sports. I thought the plan was to essentially establish a hierarchy of sports for funding purposes and to identify which sports the university was to strengthen.

I didn't think that meant giving the tier three teams absolutely nothing.

If anything, we should funnel more financial support to the tennis program because Logan has already shown that he can be successful if given the appropriate resources.



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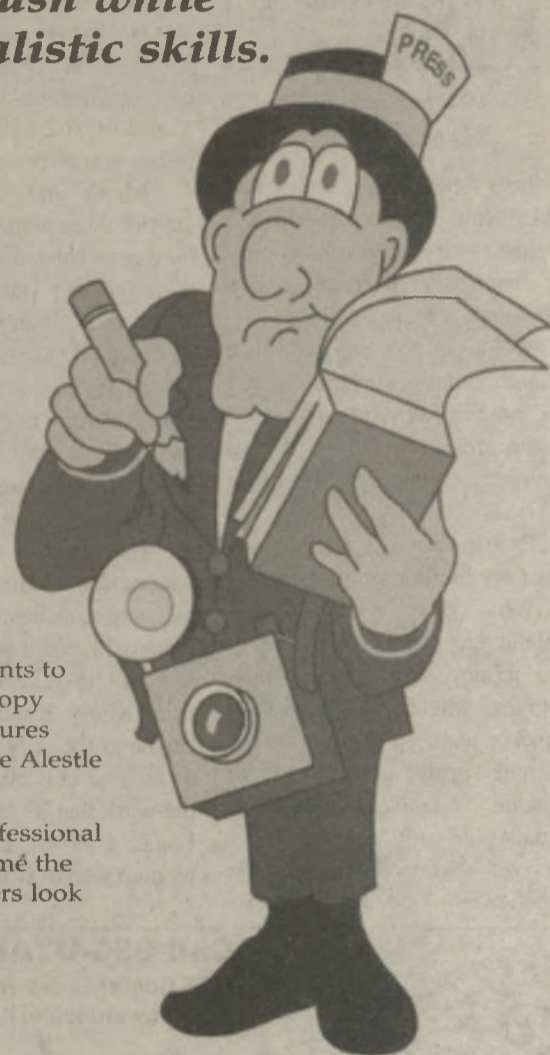
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