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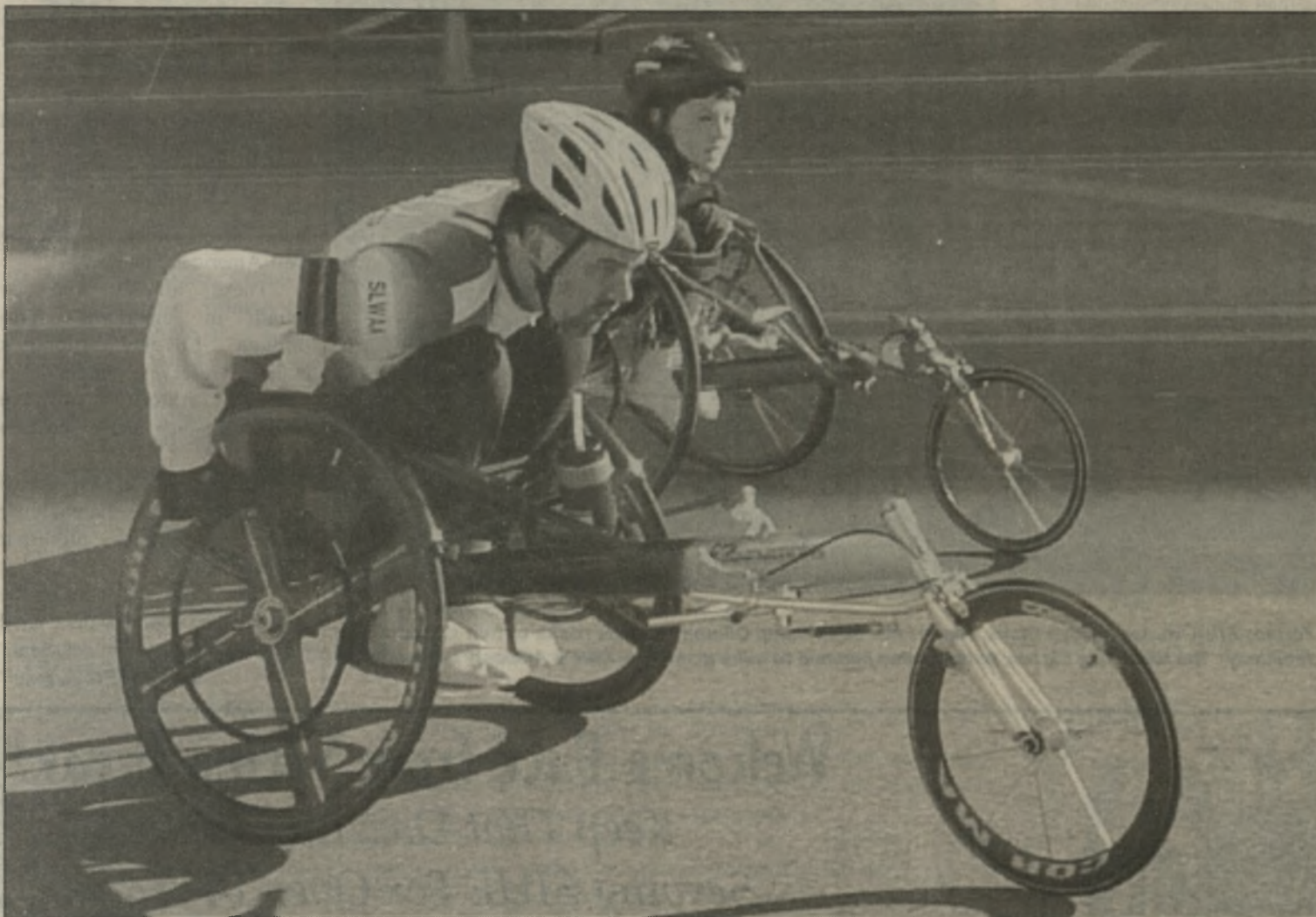
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SIUE will race to celebrate disabilities



KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Race over to Disability Support Services, Room 1218 in Rendleman Hall, or to the Vadalabene Center for an entry form to celebrate abilities Sunday with the Third Annual 5-Kilometer Race: Roll/Run/Walk.

"For SIUE students, if they sign up by March 17, it's only \$5 for them (to participate)," Disability Support Services specialist Jim Boyle said. "For everyone else who signs up before March 17, it is \$10 and everybody gets a free T-shirt."

After Wednesday, entries will still be accepted for \$15 until moments before the race begins.

"(Those interested) can sign up until the morning of the race," Boyle said. "The race-day registration is over at 7:30 a.m."

Traveling through neighborhoods and downtown Edwardsville, the event will kick off for wheelchair racers at 7:55 a.m. and walkers at 8 a.m.

"It goes through historical neighborhoods, and it starts and ends at the Madison County Transit Center," Boyle said.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Two cyclists race in the Second Annual 5-Kilometer Race: Roll/Run/Walk. Disability Support Services will hold its third annual race at 8 a.m. Sunday. Proceeds from the event will benefit New Horizons and the SIUE track team.

Trivia night to help with cancer research

NICOLE GAUDREULT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Anyone who would like to test his or her trivia knowledge while helping save a life can come to Save A Life Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Engineering Building Atrium.

Presented by SIUE's Getting Down to Business Relay For Life Team, Save a Life Trivia Night was put together to collect money for the American Cancer Society.

Irene Pendleton, a 21-year cancer survivor who works on the Relay For Life committee, said trivia night is a fun event that works toward a good cause.

"It's a great thing. We hope to raise awareness about cancer and cancer prevention and to get as many people involved as we can," Pendleton said.

The American Cancer Society has more than two million volunteers nationwide and is one of the oldest and largest voluntary health agencies in the United States. Through this event, the Relay For Life Team said it hopes to help as much as possible by donating money to support cancer research.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins at 7. Chili, homemade goods and soda will be sold and popcorn will be provided to trivia contestants.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$80 per table, with six to eight people per table. Reservations are recommended but not necessary.

For more information, call Lovejoy Library secretary Darlyne Alldredge at 656-6431 or School of Business administrative secretary Peggy Thyer at 650-3412.

Crowds come to talk business

MARISSA VICKERS
NEWS REPORTER

Spring break is over and it's time to get back to business — international business.

International Business Week was hosted by the School of Business' Office of International Programs and the SIUE International Trade Center March 1 through 5.

The participating faculty members from four of SIUE's exchange partners spent time going to different classes discussing business in their particular countries.

A round-table discussion had an attendance of about 25 people from outside the university through the International Trade Center and an additional 45, including students, said Radcliffe Edmonds, economics professor and director

of the Office of International Programs.

"That went well. We've had a thank-you from an outside firm for putting it on," Edmonds said. "It drew in people from the outside, which was one of our

requirements. Almost all had more requirements than we do," Edmonds said.

According to Edmonds, most of the students' questions indicated an interest in the exchange partner's university.

Some of the visiting faculty met with two business associates who had attended the round-table discussion to talk about export possibilities.

"We allowed them to do some sightseeing," Edmonds said. "We kept

them very busy in the beginning of the week, and after they worked very hard, they got to go sightseeing with people they'd met, which is important."

The visiting faculty members also went to Anheuser-Busch and Schlafly for brewery tours.

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"It drew in people from the outside, which was one of our objectives ..."

~Radcliffe Edmonds

objectives to better integrate the university with the business community."

A public presentation, titled "Can You Compete," drew about 45 people.

"Visitors talked about how their business students are educated, internships, studying abroad and language

Local bands jam for human rights during Jamnesty

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

The Stagger Inn was rocking for human rights Thursday when the SIUE chapter of Amnesty International sponsored Jamnesty.

"Jamnesty was a huge success. We had over 100 people there and raised over \$400," Amnesty International member Pete Cerneka said. "And most importantly, everyone had a great time."

The evening, which benefited the SIUE chapter of Amnesty International, will help sponsor the group's future activities.

Camp Climax for Girls, Rainers of Kiev, Ring Cicada and the Guns of Navarone performed at the event, which began at 8 p.m.

"Amnesty International would like to thank the Stagger Inn, all the bands that played and all the people who came for the event," Cerneka said.

Amnesty International, which has approximately 1.5 million members

worldwide, is an organization dedicated to preserving human rights.

SIUE's chapter has meetings every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Religious Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. Room. The meetings are open to the public.

For more information, please e-mail amnesty@siue.edu.



Former SIUE student Steve Ricks, top, of the band Camp Climax for Girls rocks out on guitar during Jamnesty. The band Ring Cicada, bottom, also jammed to raise money for SIUE's Amnesty International.

SHARA REYNOLDS/ ALESTLE

New series to focus on America

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

A new series for students, faculty and staff is starting this week on campus.

Faculty Conversations on American Studies will enable everyone from the university interested in American history and culture to come together.

The first event of the year will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 2408.

This first meeting will establish future agendas and discuss two articles, Leo Marx's "Believing in America" and John Carlos Rowe's "Post-Nationalism, Globalism and the New American Studies."

These articles can be found in electronic form through Lovejoy Library's course reserves under the category "ASRDC: American Studies Reading and Discussion Circle."

Participants can also receive hard copies of the materials by contacting English professor Rebecca Walsh.

"Our scope will focus on the geographical region of the United States and its historical, cultural, see AMERICA, page 3

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Rhodes Scholarships available

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students interested in pursuing a doctoral degree or those who wish to further their education at the University of Oxford can now apply for the Rhodes Scholarships.

This will be SIUE's second year participating in the nomination. The scholarships were created to bring outstanding students from many countries around the world to Oxford.

Regional selection committees choose 32 scholars each year from among the candidates nominated by schools in all 50 states.

The scholarships cover three years of expenses for students pursuing doctoral degrees at Oxford and pay for all expenses for two years of study at the university.

Students who wish to apply must be American citizens between the ages of 18 and 24 who will complete their bachelor

degrees prior to Oct. 1. Applicants will also have to show academic achievement, integrity of character and the ability to lead, as well as various others requirements.

Students wishing to apply are recommended to begin preparations by May in order to meet the Sept. 1 deadline.

For more information, contact philosophy professor Robert Ware at 650-2913 or at rware@siue.edu.

Writer's Club to honor women

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Eugene B. Redmond Writer's Club will present two programs in honor of Women's History Month and also in recognition of the club's 18th birthday.

The EBR Writer's Club will present Images of Women in the Poetry and Prose of Langston Hughes from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the library of the East St. Louis Higher Education Center, 601 J.R. Thompson Drive.

The event will include a round-table discussion of Hughes' female characters, readings from his works and creative responses by club members in kwansabas, the

original seven-line poems invented by the club in 1995.

Native American poet, musician, activist and professor Joy Harjo will perform her multi-genre writings and play the soprano saxophone at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Hickory/Hackberry Room of the Morris University Center.

Harjo, a faculty member of the University of California-Los Angeles English Department, wrote numerous books and recorded a compact disc titled "Letter from the End of the Twentieth Century" with her band, Poetic Justice.

Her honors include the Oklahoma Book Arts Award, a National Endowment for the Arts

Creative Writing Fellowship, an American Book Award and the American Indian Distinguished Achievement in the Arts Award.

Both events are free. Sponsors include the Langston Hughes National Poetry Project: "Speaking of Rivers: Taking Poetry to the People," the EBR Writer's Club's Drumvoices Revue, the SIUE English Department, the women's studies program, the Office of the Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity and the East St. Louis Cultural Revival Committee.

For more information, call the EBR Writer's Club at 650-3991.

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In 2003, 325 participated in the Celebrating Abilities race while 193 participated in 2002.

"This is going to be my second year, and it is the furthest I've ever ran at one time," sophomore Jacob Post said. "I just hope a lot more people come out. We had great weather last year, and hopefully we'll have great weather this year."

The Celebrating Abilities race, which is sponsored mainly by New Horizons and the SIUE track team, is also sponsored by numerous organizations in the community such as BJ Printables and The Bank of Edwardsville.

Age groups will be divided into 13 divisions, ranging from 15 and under to 70 and over, and the top three men and women in each age division will receive a medal. Overall winners in the male and female wheelchair division and the walkers and runners division will receive a Windbreaker.

Proceeds benefit New Horizons and the SIUE track team.

"(New Horizons is the) student organization for people interested in disabilities," Boyle said. "Some people in the group have disabilities, and some are working with those who

have disabilities."

Free doughnuts, granola bars and water will be available for participants.

"Just anybody (should participate). The more people, the more diverse the group, the better," Boyle said. "It's fun and it's good exercise. It gives you a chance to interact with other people in the community, and it benefits a good cause."

For more information, contact Disability Support Services Director Jane Floyd-Hendey at 650-3782 or track and field head coach Darryl Frerker at 650-2877.

BUSINESS

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"They went with a couple of un-tenured professors, some of the people whom I believe are the future of our exchange

relationships," Edmonds said.

The visiting professors finished the week with a visit to the Lewis and Clark Museum

in Hartford before returning home to Germany, Mexico, France and China over the weekend.

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political, racial and gendered formations from the pre-colonial era to the present," Walsh said.

The group plans to meet regularly throughout the

academic year and bring in members from all academic fields to explore American society.

"This American studies circle will extend beyond scholarship to incorporate

pedagogy as well," Walsh said.

This event is funded by a grant from the SIUE Faculty Conversations Series.

For more information, contact Walsh at rwalsh@siue.edu.



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March 27 - Frank Holten State Park, Tri City Youth Council Volunteer Project
April 3 - St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL
April 16 & 17 - Lock-in, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m., MUC

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

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Why not to 'mess with Texas'

Three thousand miles, 700 U-turns, thousands of dollars, five atlases purchased to replace the ones tossed out the window and a few barrels of Lone Star beer later, my friends and I are back from Texas, alive and not in body bags.

And, the next time someone tells you that Texas is a whole different world, you better believe it.

It's a world flooded with one-way roads, Whataburgers, Lone Star beer and cheap hotels designed to lure people from Illinois into thinking they're getting a spot close to the beach for very cheap.

The reality of the situation is you're five minutes away from the "bad beach" and 25 minutes away from the "real beach," and

your hotel is in the middle of a refinery.

I only wish I were joking about that, but the fact of the matter is I might as well have been wearing a shirt that said, "I'm from Illinois, please take all of my money."

This is why the majority of the Northern states are in such a sad economic situation, because we take credit cards on vacations down South. Not a good idea.

The people down South will try to con you into buying things you would never purchase unless you're in Southern territory. Things like hermit crabs.

Why on God's earth do people in the North need hermit crabs? When people from the South come up here, we don't try to pawn our annoying native

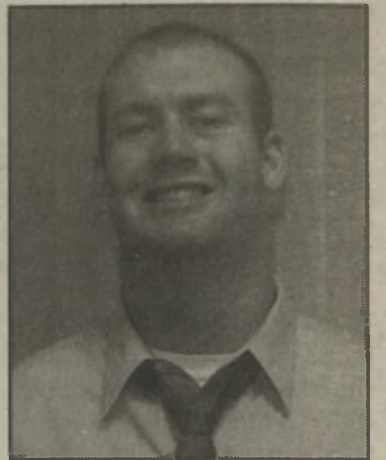
animals off on them.

Sure, hermit crabs are cool when you buy them, and they're great for show-and-tell in the third grade.

But these things pass – literally. Remember that when you're tapping on Herbie's shell wondering why he's been hiding for four months.

I'd also love to see people in Texas drive in Illinois. If you miss a turn in Illinois, you can turn around at the store up ahead and go back down the other lane. You can't do this in Texas.

Texas only has one-way roads. This forces you to make a 180-degree loop past the refinery, under the overpass, into Arizona and back on the one-way street you came in on the first time when you messed up, just to get



to the stupid Whataburger.

Now, if you're a porn-watching, religious gun freak, Texas is the place to be.

Not five seconds after we crossed into Texas there were ammunition stores everywhere, see TEXAS, page 5

Letters to the Editor

Professor is still feminist at heart

Dear Editor,

For more than a year, I had an "I love feminism" sign on my office door in Peck Hall.

A couple of days before a letter appeared in the March 4 issue of the Alestle, titled "Student finds bigotry disgusting," someone tore this sign down.

It saddens me someone would destroy private property and attempt to stifle free speech.

Though the sign was torn down outside my office, the feminist still resides within. It should come as no surprise that, as director of the women's studies program, I love feminism.

Many students are uncertain about the term "feminism," but to confuse feminism with bigotry is just plain wrong.

A basic dictionary definition of feminism would be the theory of the political, economic and

social equality of the sexes.

As the Feminist Majority notes, feminism promotes equality between women and men and girls and boys.

The women's studies program has a course, WMST 200: Issues in Feminism, that delves into these very important questions and features scholarship on feminism and issues that concern women.

This particular course has been offered for years. Feminism

has been around even longer. During March, Women's History Month, the women's studies program is offering a wide range of events.

I hope those who are interested in feminism will have the opportunity to learn what it is all about by participating in these or other women's studies programs.

Martha Bailey
Political Science Professor

Feminism, bigotry – complete opposites

Dear Editor,

Stephen Jones, who wrote a letter to the editor in the March 4

issue of the Alestle, titled "Student finds bigotry disgusting," clearly is confused about the meaning of the words

"feminism" and "chauvinism."

Jones said he believes feminism is bigotry, but in fact, it is the opposite of bigotry. Feminism stands for equal opportunity, equal pay for equal work and so on.

According to the American Heritage College Dictionary, feminism is "belief in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes." A chauvinist, on the other hand, is a bigot.

He or she believes in treating people differently because of their sex. The American Heritage College Dictionary defines chauvinism as "prejudiced belief in the superiority of one's own gender, group, or kind."

How ironic it is that Jones wrote his letter in March, which is Women's History Month.

The syndicated columnist Molly Ivins wrote a wonderful

piece in March of 1999, in which she laments that people don't understand what the word "feminism" means.

"I used to go on college campuses 25 years ago and announce that I was a feminist, and people thought it meant I believed in free love and was available for a quick hop in the sack with anyone who asked," Ivins wrote. "Now, I go on college campuses and say I'm a feminist, and half of them think it means I'm a lesbian."

We feminists must not allow ourselves to be defined by those who are opposed to us. All of us in the university community should use this opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of feminism.

Lee Wolfram Pogatschnik
Psychology Professor



Housing lockdown policy is breaking student's billfold

Dear Editor,

On March 2, I was once again in violation of SIUE's University Housing lockdown policy by failing to return the lockdown key in the required time limit.

I have been a resident in University Housing at SIUE for nearly four semesters, and I am fully aware of the importance of this rule.

Without a lockdown key to be accounted for at the front desk, my roommate would have to wait for the master key to be able to get back in the room in the event he were to lock himself out as well.

Secondly, without a rule in place, University Housing would have no control over where the keys were, and it would cause a huge uproar. I am fond of the fact SIUE tries to control the location of the lockdown keys.

However, I am absolutely appalled at the fact they would charge \$10 to students for being in violation. I understand this may scare people into returning their keys on time, but in my opinion, it is time for a change.

There are certain people who attend SIUE who fall right in between Presidents George W. Bush's and Bill Clinton's United Financial Aid Campaign's margin of error.

These individuals' families make just enough money so their sons and daughters, who happen to be unable to claim themselves on their taxes, do not receive

adequate financial aid.

Also, on the other end of the spectrum, their parents make just enough not to be able to afford to pay for their education. I happen to be one of the thousands in the United States who carries this burden.

I bet you're wondering this right about now. "Steve, what the heck does this have to do with locking yourself out of your dorm room?" Well, the attribution is simple.

I am a forgetful person and have locked myself out about five times this semester. Three of those times, I have also forgotten to return the key to the front desk.

That is 10 times three, which equals \$30 out of my pocket that could have gone toward paying off my tuition, which is what I have to do.

Working as much as I do and carrying a premedical major is hard enough. We forgetful and imperfect human beings should not be held accountable for something that isn't our fault.

I am certain it does not cause the university financial damage because I returned my key two hours late. Resident assistants write up their residents for alcohol violations and noise violations, so why can't they just write people up for lockdown violations?

This way we could undergo disciplinary action and possible sanctions, instead of being forced to pay useless fees.

Stephen Krawzik

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almost outnumbering the Whataburgers. And, right next to the ammunition stores are porn shops.

And right next to the ammunition stores and porn shops was a church. Once again, I'm not making this up.

If terrorists are looking to blow up at least half of this

country, all they have to do is land a missile in Texas where there's enough live ammunition to light up a small country.

I had a great time on the break but, believe me, Texas is a whole different world.

Travis L. Ross
Assistant Sports Editor

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"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

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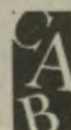
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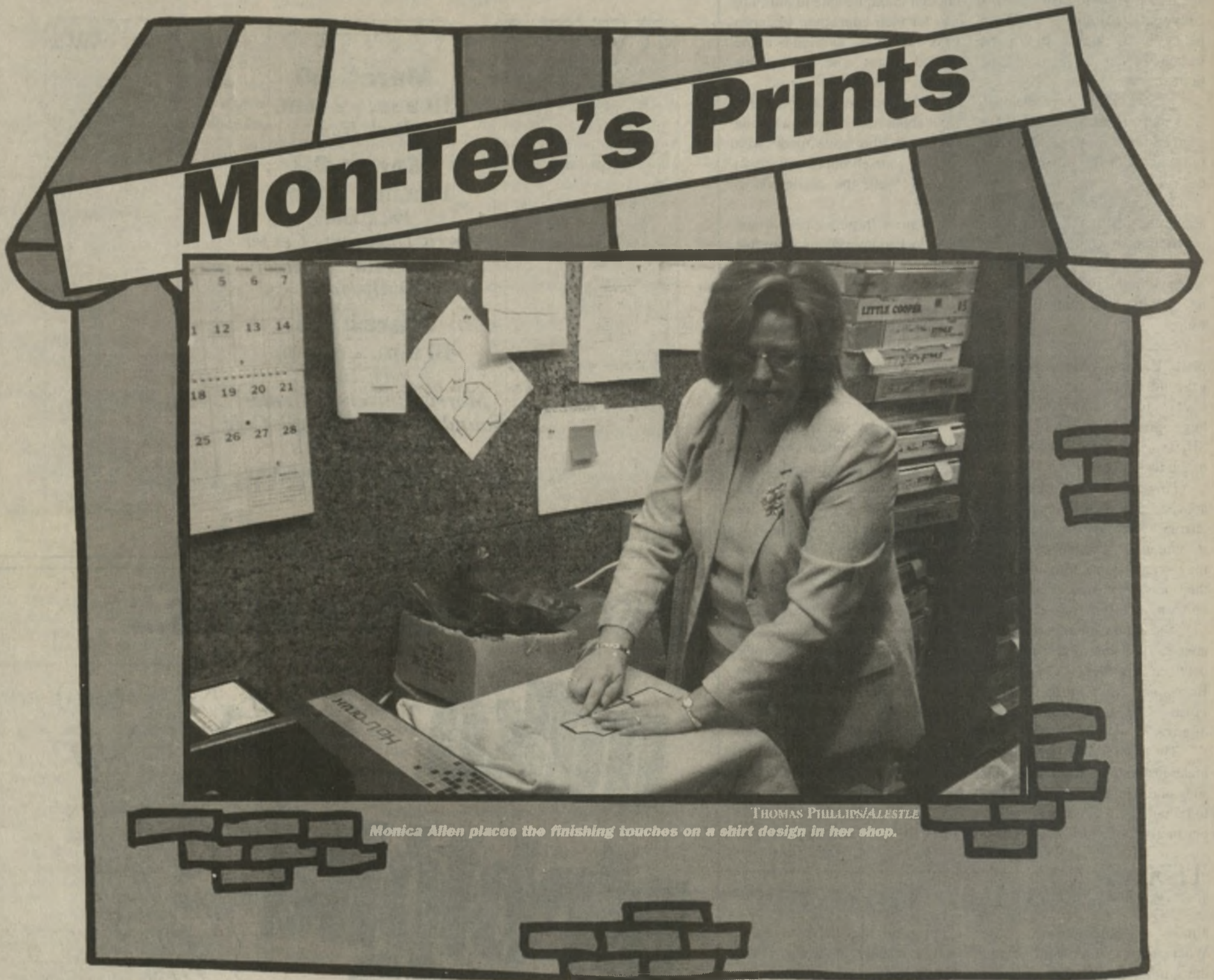
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Monica Allen places the finishing touches on a shirt design in her shop.

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Monica Allen needs a break. So it makes it even more fitting that the sign posted on the front of Mon-Tee's Prints, 316A N. Main St. in Edwardsville, reads, "Starting April 13, there will be no new jacket designs submitted."

Seeing as how Allen will be in Hawaii for a relative's wedding and to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary, the break on jacket designs is a necessity for her.

Allen specializes in screen printing and embroidery for the majority of the Greek organizations at SIUE and local youth and YMCA sports teams, among many others.

"I know my limitations, and I would do it if I felt I could," Allen said. "I push myself too hard sometimes because I don't want to let anybody down."

Allen's strong work ethic has kept her in business for 12 years. For the last four years, the business has been at the same location.

Before inheriting the business, formerly known as Liz's Shirt Shack, from her mother-in-law, who owned the company for nearly 30 years, Allen contributed to the family business by doing screen printing and embroidery out of her garage to help with back orders.

She inherited the business, along with a host of new clients,

after her mother-in-law retired.

Allen is especially careful to thank every one of the organizations that contribute to her business and tries to give back to her customers as much as she possibly can.

"I love going to things at SIUE that each of the organizations throw," Allen said. "If I'm invited, I usually try to make it to everything — neophyte ceremonies, step shows, talent shows, everything. It's not because I'm a big kid, but most of my business comes from there."

While her entrepreneurial spirit comes with her strong work ethic, Allen also makes time for the simpler things in life.

The Walt Disney character, Jiminy Cricket, adorns her wall

of fame in her shop and also dangles from an Italian charm bracelet on her left wrist.

For Allen, the character represents more than just an animation.

"I love Jiminy Cricket. He was the conscience for Pinocchio," Allen said, showing off her bracelet. "And sometimes I feel like I can be the guide for those I know, to help keep them on the right track."

Keeping with tradition, Mon-Tee's Prints is a family affair, with husband Brad and sons Ross, an SIUE freshman, and Myles, an Edwardsville High School sophomore, pitching in on a regular basis to help out the business.

Even her oldest daughter, Tiphany, contributes from her

home in Indiana to support the business by sending cuts for designs when she can.

Allen's love for embroidery and her customers is apparent, especially in her never-ending search to find a needle and thread to fill out her charm bracelet.

"When my husband (retires) from General Motors, I won't be here as much," Allen said. "But I'll still be the boss. As long as my hands, my eyesight and my health let me, I'll keep doing this. I don't think of this as a job because it only becomes that when it gets to be too much."

For more information on Mon-Tee's Prints or for ordering information, contact the shop at 692-4212.

SIUE aims to stamp out club drugs

APRIL BUEL
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's aggressive campaign against club drugs, such as ecstasy and methamphetamine, reached SIUE's campus Thursday.

The campaign, known as Project X, was introduced to students, faculty, staff and members of the community during a forum in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

The goals of Project X were introduced by Bill Weidler, a representative for Cornell Interventions.

Guest presenters spoke about the effects of drugs and alcohol on the community and other aspects of Project X.

In a recent press release, Blagojevich said the use of meth and ecstasy impacts the entire community, as well as law enforcement, and that is why he believes community forums are so important.

Guest speakers included Master Sgt. James Creighton of the Illinois State Police, who is also the director of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois for Project X, and Jeanne Hansen from the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, who oversees the Project X Initiative and the Domestic Violence and Methamphetamine Initiatives for Illinois. SIUE Acting Director of Counseling Services Sarah Bradbury and Maria Mitchell, from the St. Clair chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, also spoke.

Project X is a \$2.5 million initiative with the goal to rid Illinois of club drug use before the abuse continues to spread. The program is primarily funded by assets confiscated from drug dealers.

According to the Illinois State Police, there continues to be a rapid growth in the use of club drugs.



Maria Mitchell, from the St. Clair chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, shares her story at the Project X forum.

In 1998, more than 93 grams of ecstasy were submitted to Illinois crime labs. By 2002, this figure increased to more than 3,278 grams.

Project X offers a three-pronged approach of prevention, treatment and enforcement.

The prevention portion of the campaign began in mid-November with public service announcements.

The announcements were created by a partnership with the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and Illinois.

The radio and television spots were designed to catch the attention of 18- to 25-year-olds by using tools such as

coroner's reports and peer confessions about the consequences of their drug abuse.

For the treatment portion of Project X, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, of the Illinois Department of Human Services, is launching a \$500,000 initiative in nine universities and colleges across Illinois to provide intervention services for club drugs.

The initiative will give those who seek help more options for treatment such as clinics and education on how to get help.

Cornell Interventions, 302 N. 5th St. in East St. Louis, was awarded a grant from Illinois to provide intervention services for this district.

Weidler, a Cornell Interventions representative, is helping to

develop awareness with students about the dangers of club drugs.

"If someone approaches me and they do have a problem, I will talk to them and further assess if they need treatment," Weidler said. "I can refer them to a treatment center and help them out."

Counseling Services at SIUE is also playing a minor role in Project X.

Bradbury, acting director of Counseling Services, said they do not see a big problem with students using club drugs.

"The only thing that we are doing is providing a place for Bill Weidler to see students if someone wants to talk to him,"

Bradbury said.

"We provide preliminary counseling for alcohol and drug problems. If it is a major drug problem, we can refer people out."

In addition to SIUE, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the University of Illinois-Springfield, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign and Western Illinois University are also taking part in the initiative.

The third portion of Project X is enforcement. For this leg of the campaign, \$1.8 million is dedicated to expand resources to fight the use of club drugs.

First, the state is expanding the resources committed to the Drug Administration Club Drugs Task Force, which is part of the multijurisdictional Chicago High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Second, the state is also allowing other multijurisdictional enforcement units throughout Illinois to devote more overtime hours to undercover operations.

The Illinois State Police have begun an investigative operation known as Club U that includes targeting the student populations of Illinois' nine major colleges and universities.

In addition to these measures of enforcement, the state is building a modernized tracking system to monitor seizures and arrests and assist in identifying drug traffickers.

"We're increasing awareness and encouraging community involvement in an all-out assault on the illegal sale and use of these dangerous drugs," Blagojevich said.



The Warehouse Project provides live entertainment at the community forum introducing Project X.

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Sports Quote of the Day

"I hate to lose more than I love to win. I hate to see the happiness in their faces when they beat me."

~Jimmy Connors

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Tuesday, March 16, 2004 ◆

Men's basketball season ends in Indy



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior guard Ron Jones looks to put an entry pass inside the lane for the Cougars against the University of Indianapolis. The Cougars saw their season come to an end with a 77-71 loss to the Greyhounds in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

First-round loss to the Greyhounds ends Cougars' chance of NCAA Tourney berth

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

A season filled with promise and resurgence came to an end Friday when the Cougars were eliminated from the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

The Cougars were downed by the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds 77-71 in the first round of the tournament. The loss ultimately ended their season, as the Cougars were not selected for an at-large bid in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Championship.

The Cougars ended their season 16-12, their best mark since the 1997-1998 season when they went 18-11.

The loss marked the third loss of the year to the Greyhounds, who lost their semifinal match in the GLVC Tournament. The Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers won the tournament by defeating the Lewis University Flyers 72-71 in overtime.

Unlike the two previous meetings with the Greyhounds,

the Cougars kept the game interesting from start to finish. The game included eight ties and 12 lead changes. The first half saw both teams trade baskets, with each team trying to build momentum. Neither team saw a lead bigger than six points in the half.

The Cougars were led by junior guard Calvin Sykes' 17 points and four rebounds. Junior forward Tim Bauersachs added 16 points in the losing effort.

The second half belonged to the Greyhounds. After taking a 41-39 lead with 19 minutes to play, Indianapolis never relinquished the lead.

Behind the play of seniors David Logan and Jason Wright, the Greyhounds were able to pull away midway through the second half. The duo combined for 38 points, including 24 in the second half.

The Cougars kept within striking distance for much of the game thanks to impressive free-throw shooting. The Cougars went 27-31 from the stripe, including a stretch of 10 in a row

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Baseball team left reeling after Spring Break debacle

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

A rough start to the baseball season didn't get any better for the Cougars during spring break.

The team's annual trip down to Savannah, Ga., saw the Cougars drop five games in a row out of six. The Cougars returned home to face the St. Joseph's College Pumas for two doubleheaders this past weekend.

The Pumas took three of four from the Cougars to start the Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season.

In Georgia, the Cougars got off on the right foot by defeating the Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Golden Bears 1-0 in their opening game.

Senior pitcher Brian Keating stole the show for the Cougars, throwing a four-hit shutout. The southpaw is 1-2 but holds a 2.38

ERA while compiling 19 strikeouts in 22.2 innings pitched.

From there, the Cougars fell off the boat, dropping the next five games. Kutztown avenged their opening loss by dropping the Cougars 8-7. Junior pitcher Ryan Spurgeon took the loss for the Cougars.

The Cougars went on to drop two games to the Wayne State College Wildcats 11-6 and 9-2. Sophomore pitcher David Briesacher was rocked in the 9-2 defeat, giving up five earned runs and nine hits in six innings pitched.

The Cougars ended the trip by dropping a heartbreaking 5-4 decision to the Concord College Mountain Lions.

Freshman pitcher Adam Tallman lost his college debut, giving up five runs on 10 hits in

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior infielder Wes Pickering takes a cut at a pitch in recent action. Pickering is second on the team with a .311 average and 15 total bases. Pickering and the Cougars be back in action Wednesday against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Club sports making a name for themselves at SIUE; continue to be recognized by students

TRAVIS L. ROSS

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Club sports are becoming a booming business at SIUE.

There are 20 clubs available for students, eight of which have become recognized as a part of club sports since the fall of 2002.

"It's a big indication that campus life is really growing," Campus Recreation Assistant Director Chad Rodgers said. "It shows growing student life and growing school pride. Students are seeing that they can go out and represent their school, and that boils down to school pride."

The Ice Hockey Club won both the regular season and the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association Championship for the first time in school history. The Underwater Hockey team walked away with first place in a tournament at Michigan State University. The Bowling Club struck gold, winning first place in the Association of College Unions' International Bowling Tournament.

The Powerlifting Club is tearing up the record books with four of the athletes owning a combined 33 Illinois, National and World records, and the Tae

Kwon Do-Hapkido Club has qualified seven individuals to represent Team USA at the World Peace Games in Barcelona, Spain, this summer. The Men's Club Volleyball team has closed out the last two seasons ranked in the top 25 in the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

"The success of the clubs has really been tremendous for as young as we are," Rodgers said.

Students with any questions about forming a club are encouraged to contact Campus Recreation graduate assistant Keith Becherer at 650-3245.

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five innings pitched.

Against St. Joseph's, the Cougars again were plagued by inconsistent pitching and untimely hitting. SIUE could only muster 11 runs in the four games against the Pumas.

In the Cougars' sole victory, junior pitcher Jarad Rettberg turned in an outstanding performance, going more than seven innings and allowing just one earned run while striking out seven.

Offensively, the Cougars

have been paced by senior infielder Wes Pickering, as well as sophomore outfielders Robert Rahn and Joe Wargo.

Pickering is off to a good start with a .311 batting average and 15 total bases.

Rahn is leading the Cougars in several categories, including a .333 team-best batting average to go along with a .545 slugging percentage.

Wargo has made the most of his 11 hits this season, leading the Cougars in home runs,

doubles and total bases.

As a team, however, head coach Gary Collins said he knows that collectively as a team the Cougars have to get rolling.

The team batting average of .246, along with a team ERA of 4.82, does not equal a winning formula.

The Cougars will be back in action Wednesday when they resume GLVC play against Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers.

BASKETBALL

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early in the second half. Sykes converted nine of 10 chances from the line.

The Cougars were plagued with foul trouble from start to finish, compiling 25 fouls in the game. Junior center Dan Heimos and junior guard Tyler Hackstadt both fouled out of the game. Heimos was never able to get into a rhythm, playing only 13

minutes and scoring just two points.

The loss marked the end of three Cougar careers. Jones, guard Cory Bradford and center Dan Lytle all saw their SIUE careers come to an end.

Jones ended the season third on the team in scoring while being a mainstay in the Cougars' starting lineup.

Bradford proved to be a good role player off the bench, appearing in 20 games for the Cougars.

Lytle's career was a short-lived one in a Cougars' uniform. The transfer from the University of Evansville was sidelined for the rest of the season after a serious back injury just four games into the season.



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Junior forward Tyler Hackstadt prepares to shoot a free throw. Hackstadt ended the season as the Cougars' leading scorer, averaging 12.4 points per game.

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Men's soccer nabs prominent area recruits; looks to make immediate impact in 2004

KEELAN GILLIAN
FOR THE ALESTLE

Men's soccer head coach Ed Huneke added a few new faces to the roster for the 2004 season with four freshmen and two transfer students.

During the past three years, the Cougars have averaged 15 wins per season and finished last season with a record of 16-4-1.

The new freshmen on the team are Grant Landon from St. Louis, Jarius Holmes from O'Fallon, Robert Ridder from Quincy and Nicholas Frasca from St. Charles, Mo. Tim Collico from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Mike Zaegel from Michigan State University are the transfer students Huneke added to the roster.

Landon was known for setting a record at Marquette High School, where he scored 13 goals and had 13 assists. Landon also received the Best Offensive Award two years in a row.

"Grant has a good combination of deception and aggression," Huneke said in a press release.

Holmes, who played at O'Fallon High School under

former Cougar defender Jason Turkington, was named the Belleville News-Democrat Player of the Year. He was also named two-time All-State selection in soccer.

Holmes scored 20 goals and added 13 assists in his senior season for the Panthers.

"Jarius is fast, dynamic and recognized as one of the best in the state of Illinois," Huneke said.

Rider was an All-State forward at Quincy Notre Dame High School. Rider finished all-time second in points and goals for Quincy. He averaged 18 wins during the past three seasons at Notre Dame High School.

Not only did Rider play soccer, he was also named two-time state qualifier in tennis.

Frasca is a 5-foot-10 goalkeeper from St. Charles West High School who recorded 101 saves and a .78 goals-against average in his senior season. He was also a member of the 2003 Olympic Development Program and was an All-State selection player.

Huneke said Frasca is technically superior and fun to watch.

Collico will have two years of eligibility remaining when he starts in the fall.

The 2001 National High School Player of the Year, Collico will replace the void left by All-American Cal Thomas, who graduated in the Fall. Collico was a member of Chaminade High Schools 2001 Missouri State Championship team.

Zaegel comes in from the Big Ten power Michigan State University.

A highly skilled midfielder, Zaegel should see plenty of time either in the Cougars defense or midfield. Zaegel was an All-Metro performer at the soccer powerhouse CBC high school in St. Louis.

With these new additional players, Huneke said he hopes to keep the roaring going this fall.

The Cougars have reached the 15-win plateau each of the past three seasons. They have won two conference championships to go along with two trips to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Tournament.

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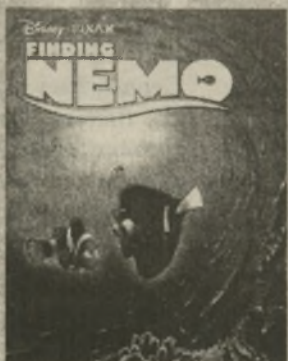


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