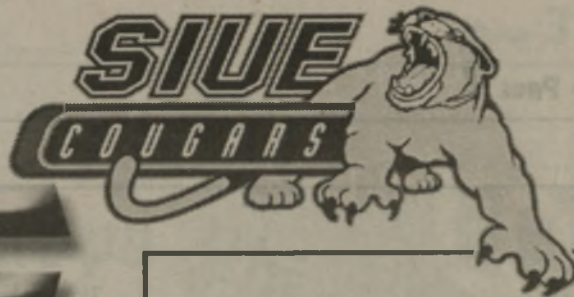


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New step for freshmen

JAMIE FORSYTHE
NEWS EDITOR

Some 1,650 incoming freshmen must attend a Springboard to Success registration session before they can register for classes.

"This is the first year we are having it this way. In the past, students have registered through PEAR (Pre-Entry Advisement Registration) and Springboard to Success. Springboard to Success was for students who lived

farther away," student transition coordinator Emily York said.

Springboard now has a day program and an overnight program to accommodate commuters and non-commuters.

During Springboard, students will be able to complete a variety of tasks. Students will register for classes, get to know the campus at informational sessions, get their SIUE e-mail account and obtain their SIUE identification card, according to York.

York said students are invited to the day or overnight program, depending on when they applied for admission.

"Students who apply earlier can register for classes earlier," York said.

The day program accommodates 50 students, and the overnight program can accommodate 100 students, according to York.

"It's a way to answer any questions they have about SIUE."
see FRESHMEN, page 10

Student forgets to check blind spot



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

A 1999 Mercury Tracer was damaged in an accident Friday morning on South University Drive.

TYLER BENNETT
NEWS EDITOR

Two vehicles collided at 10:37 a.m. Friday while heading southbound on South University Drive. A 1994 Dodge Ram pickup truck was driving in the right lane, and a 1999 Mercury Tracer sedan was in the left lane. The driver of the Dodge Ram merged into the left lane and hit

the Mercury Tracer. The names of the drivers have not been released. SIUE Police Capt. Tony Bennett said one subject was taken to Anderson Hospital for treatment.

"It was the officer's observation that the subject was complaining of pain from air bag deployment," Bennett said.

The other driver was not injured.

Tuition cheapest at SIUE

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

With tuition frozen for incoming freshmen this fall, all SIUE students are undergoing increases in tuition costs.

In 2003, Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the Illinois legislature put the Guaranteed Tuition Law into effect, allowing students and parents to budget their higher education years.

"Tuition is a concern and financial aid, that is all something they ask about," Edwardsville High School guidance counselor

Judy Verseman said. "As a parent myself, I would be (happy about the frozen tuition)."

All universities in the state are forced to guarantee a frozen tuition to incoming freshmen under this new law.

Incoming instate freshmen who attend SIUE, starting in the fall semester, will pay a steady \$4,020 in tuition, 16 percent more than students are paying now.

Continuing SIUE students will pay \$3,600 in tuition next year, an additional 7 percent, and will endure additional increases in the years to come.

Incoming instate Southern Illinois University Carbondale students will see a 20 percent increase.

This law is nothing new for Illinois. Beginning in the summer of 1999, Western Illinois University voluntarily began to guarantee a frozen tuition to incoming students.

According to Western Illinois University's Web site, for the fall 2004 and spring 2005 semesters, incoming instate students will pay \$4,537.50 in tuition, an increase from \$3,915.

Kids see storybook characters and meet Rams cheerleaders

BRIAN TREDWAY
NEWS STRINGER

Six Greek organizations were recognized at the fourth annual donor appreciation reception in Birger Hall for their help with the A Book in Every Home campaign.

Campaign Chair Kay Werner, manager of information technology at the East St. Louis Center, presented the Chris Van Alsburg Award Friday to Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Gamma Rho and Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity.

The Alsburg Award is presented to "those who made a major contribution in helping



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Rams cheerleaders Andrea Martin and Susan Lyons sign pictures of the cheerleading team for Logan Brown at the recognition reception held by the A Book in Every Home campaign Friday.

see CHEERLEADER, page 4

Meet your president

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

The student body voted and Dell Jones was elected the 2004-2005 Student Government president.

When asked about her new role, Jones, who has been an SIUE student for about two years, said, "I've been given this opportunity as a nontraditional student to make use of my life experiences, couple them with my college experience, to enhance the college experience for the students of SIUE."

As Student Government president, she said she wants to work at providing the Greek organizations with housing on campus, increasing student involvement in SIUE organizations and involving more nontraditional students in campus life.

When it comes to the services on campus, she said, "I would like to increase and



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Dell Jones improve student services. I would like to see more vend-a-card machines and better copiers in each building."

Dell also said she is looking forward to working with and for SIUE students.

"Each day the students of SIUE inspire me, motivate me and energize me to keep doing what I am doing. They have welcomed me into their world and taught me some very valuable lessons," Jones said.

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India Night wraps up week

NICOLE GAUDREAU
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than 600 people filled the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center Saturday night to enjoy a taste of Indian culture as part of India Night, cosponsored by the SIUE Cricket Club and Campus Activities Board.

India Night is in its 10th year and was expanded to India Week for the first time this year because of its popularity.

Ashok Dubey, treasurer of the Indian Student Association, said India Night went very well and was quite a success.

"It was really big this year. Everybody enjoyed everything. The music, food, decorations -- everyone liked it a lot," Dubey said.

Many students participated in dances and took part in the entertainment.

Dubey said what he enjoyed most about India Night was a song that signified India's culture.

"My favorite part was the song that shows what India is. It tells what the Indian flag signifies," Dubey said.

The Indian flag is made up of three colors. Saffron, or orange,



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Kishore Vankayalapati plays cricket Thursday in Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge during India Week.

stands for courage; white represents purity and truth; and green stands for faith and fertility. The navy blue wheel in the center of the flag signifies the continual progress of the country.

Dubey said he thinks India Night is important because it

gives people of Indian culture a chance to teach others about it.

"America is the only country that allows people to come show their culture," he said. "I think people accept the culture very well, and the reactions (to India Night) were very good."

Basketball rolls on to court

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE's women's basketball team held the third annual wheelchair basketball game Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars played the Confluence Center Coast professional wheelchair basketball team.

The event was free and included a free-throw shootout contest at halftime for a 20-inch flat screen television. Gift certificates, movie tickets, tanning packages and teeth-whitening packages were given away as well.

"The girls of the basketball team were so excited about playing. It says a whole lot about the team and about their enthusiasm," Disability Support Services Director Jane Floyd-Hendey said.

"The wheelchair group won the event, and it's something



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

SIUE's women's basketball team plays wheelchair basketball against Confluence Center Coast professional wheelchair basketball team Wednesday night.

that we look forward to get involved outside of the actual season," women's basketball head coach Wendy

Hedberg said. "It was fun competing with them, and we had a good time, and we hope to do it again next year."

Raise your voice for your rights

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

The Student Leadership Development Program will sponsor Raise Your Voice Campaign: the Right to Descent from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center.

Volunteers are needed to help organize, facilitate and

promote civil engagement on the SIUE campus and in the community through dialogues and activities.

"What we do is raise our voice for a national campaign in focusing on engaged issues, such as government, and getting out the issues with our community on campus," Kimmel Leadership Center Assistant Director

Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt said.

"People who feel they can't raise their voice can raise their voice with us through passive activism," Kutterer-Siburt said. "It's living simply and doing with less."

Sign-up sheets are available in the Kimmel Leadership Center. For more information, call the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Ponds all dried up



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Geese search for food next to the drained pond in front of Alumni and Founders halls.

JAMIE FORSYTHE
NEWS EDITOR

The geese and other wildlife on campus will be without ponds for an undetermined length of time.

SIUE Facilities Management began draining the three ponds on campus the last week of March.

"We are cleaning the muck out of the ponds and returning them to their natural states," Facilities Management Assistant Director Lee Hoffmeier said.

The pond behind Bluff Hall, the one in front of Alumni and Founders halls and the one by the Science Building's arboretum will be drained, cleaned out and deepened, according to Hoffmeier.

"Much of the discharge deposited at the bottom of the lake is from the parking lots,

especially at the pond in front of Alumni Hall, and rain water," Hoffmeier said.

Over the years, the ponds have become too shallow, and too much vegetation has grown around the edges, according to Hoffmeier.

"There will be more water in the lake, which will be easier to maintain, and it will look better," Hoffmeier said.

The three ponds' general health has been deteriorating since they were put in during the '60s.

The geese and other wildlife will be preserved during this process.

"The turtles in the arboretum will be moved elsewhere. I don't know what will happen to the snails or the fish," Hoffmeier said.

P-card used for theft

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE issues credit cards to approved university employees. Former SIUE professor Debra Wicks was approved for the card and, as a result, she took advantage of it by making \$1,625 worth of personal charges.

The cards are actually called procurement cards, or p-cards. Purchasing Director Larry Hinton said these cards are purchased through MasterCard.

Hinton said he doesn't know how many departments on campus have these.

"I don't have a number as to how many departments. At the end of February 2004, 484 cards were issued," Hinton said.

The p-card has a transaction limit and a monthly limit. Hinton said the transactional limit is \$3,500, and the monthly limit is \$15,000.

Hinton said the individual could receive more money with additional approval, but the final decision comes from the vice chancellor for Administration.

The p-cards are given out individually to approved

employees.

"When charges come through, the card manager looks at them and checks them. The card manager keeps track of all purchases," Hinton said.

Hinton said employees tell the card manager when they want to make a purchase.

"The employee tells the card manager, and he makes an entry," Hinton said.

Hinton said the entry is then forwarded to a fiscal officer to decide if the charge is approved. If the entry is legitimate, the charge is approved.

In Wicks' case, the card manager saw the charges were questionable, along with knowing Wicks would not return to teach the scheduled classes.

Hinton said Wicks' card was canceled immediately.

"The card manager contacted the p-credit manager and canceled the card on Monday, Jan. 5, 2004," Hinton said.

The Edwardsville Police Department was contacted but did not return the phone call to confirm if the department was handling the Wicks case and if she was still missing.

Phi Kappa Phi



Chapter 203 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi congratulates the following new members who were initiated on March 26. For further information about Phi Kappa Phi, please visit our web site at <http://www.siue.edu/PKP>.

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Science clubs unite

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

A new event is taking place to promote science on campus. The science-based clubs of SIUE are holding the Science Pentathlon from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Vadalabene Center.

Chemistry Club Vice President Brandon Hatfield said, "The event is held to promote competition and socialization between the various science-based clubs."

This year, the event has five different events: basketball, volleyball, pingpong, dodge ball and the faculty chubby bunny, which consists of faculty members competing to see how many marshmallows can be stuffed into their mouths at one time.

According to Hatfield, "The event is also to promote the

science departments and to get our name out among the student body of SIUE."

This year's event is open to anyone with an interest in science and a desire to compete against other students and faculty. Pizza and soda will be provided.

For more information, contact the individual teams.

Contact Hatfield at chemtamaram@yahoo.com for the chemistry team, Britney Rutherford at henriettathechicken@hotmail.com for the physics team, Zach Heeren at maxactionus@hotmail.com for the biology team and Jason Murphy at abrcrmbsterguy17@aol.com for the pre-dental team.

The winning department will receive a trophy to hold for a year before it goes up for grabs again next year.

Alarms to be tested

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The university will conduct tests of the civil defense and fire alarm systems at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The sirens will sound for approximately one to two minutes, and the fire alarms will sound for 30 seconds to

one minute. No evacuation of the buildings will be necessary.

The university asks people unable to hear either of the systems to e-mail their name, building address and phone number to Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu.

CHEERLEADERS

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KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Junior Alaina Long, dressed as Little Miss Muffet, reads to Teagan Potter during the A Book in Every Home recognition reception.

prepare the books for distribution," Werner said.

This year, the drive collected more than 15,000 books for children younger than 5. The goal was to collect at least 4,000 books between Jan. 15 and March 31.

Werner added that books are still being collected.

"It's going to be more because we're not done," Werner said.

Some 4,000 children throughout St. Clair and Madison counties will each receive two new books, which will be distributed between April 18 and 24, known as the Week of the Early Child.

Other awards handed out Friday were the Gold Circle awards, given to groups or corporations that gave more

than \$500.

The awards were presented to the St. Louis Rams, St. Louis Blues, Wood River Printing, Lewis and Clark Library System, Michael L. Yarbrough, Gwen Baalman and Calvin and Wanda and Logan Brown. The O'Fallon High School National Honor Society received a Patricia and Frederick McKissick Award for a donation between \$351 and \$500.

Werner and her husband, Chancellor David Werner, also received a Gold Circle Award. Kay Werner announced she will step down from her position as chair but will remain an active member in the A Book in Every Home foundation and an advocate for early childhood literacy.

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Judge by character, not by clothes

Why is it that people look at me differently when I wear a suit and a tie?

People call me mister and sir and treat me with respect. Other people in suits and ties, who would normally never acknowledge my lower existence, smile and nod at me like we are linked by a secret club.

I think the only reason people in suits and ties acknowledge other people in suits and ties is because there is always the slim chance I might not be a student. I might be somebody of great importance, like a young senator or a CEO, CPO, CIO, CFO or CEO for a large company.

Yeah, right. I don't even know what half of that stuff means.

In a world of suits and ties, I'm on the lower rung of the chain of importance. And how on earth could they not tell I'm new to the dressing up game? And, believe me, it's a game.

I've got so many colors on that it looks like I got shelled by

a paint ball gun with different colored balls in the hopper, or what the result would be when you give a kindergartener a fresh box of Crayola crayons and tell them to color the Christmas tree between the lines.

Just last week, I had on black shoes, gray dress pants, navy socks, a brown belt, a light blue shirt, a little gold buckle and a green, blue and gray tie. Picture a slimmer version of the great Jerry Garcia on a bad day.

To all of you speech communication majors, I've got an experiment for you. Throw on a suit and a tie, carry a briefcase and walk around campus for one day. The very next day put on some baggy pants, sandals, a backwards hat and a cutoff T-shirt. See who talks to you when you are wearing the different outfits.

I know I get treated differently and I don't understand it. I'm the same person in either outfit.

While suits often signify power, they also signify stressed out, living in suburbia, two dogs,

five credit cards and people with workaday lives like Ward Cleaver.

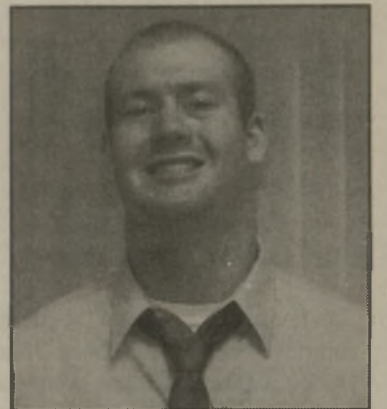
Sure, there are the few people who would sacrifice their lives for their jobs, and once the "higher-ups" see a person willing to do that, they'll work the poor soul until his or her fingers fall off.

I've got a question for you. Based on personal experience, which person is more likely to flip out and get irate in a traffic jam: the C whatever O in the suit or the person who is relaxed with a backwards hat, cutoff T-shirt and sunglasses?

Call me bias, but I'll take the individual in the suit nine out of 10 times.

Our society is obsessed with establishing a hierarchy. What is the first question you ask when you meet a student you don't know after you establish they have a name? You probably ask them what their major is.

If you're out in the workforce, you ask somebody what they do and then look at their suit and shoes to see how



expensive they are.

The majority of the time we don't ask them why they chose to work in the field they're in or why they do what they do.

We merely ask what their position is so we can instantly begin computing whether we are higher or lower on the food chain than the other person.

If you're looking for a moral, there isn't one. All I have to say is if you have to judge somebody, don't do it on their clothes.

Do it on their character.

Travis L. Ross
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Letter to the Editor

Grad assistant unhappy with Parking Services

Dear Editor,

Let me just say I am not the least bit satisfied with SIUE Parking Services right now, and here's the reason.

I happened to look at my student billing information online, which was a fluke I even did this, and I discovered I had a \$30 charge on my account from Parking Services.

My first thought was I had never received a ticket on my car. After that, I wondered why the

charge was \$30, instead of the usual \$10 or \$15.

I am a graduate assistant, so I have a pass to park in the green lot, Lot E, and I park in the very same spot every day for work. Lot E is never filled to capacity, so it's never a problem of where to park.

When I called Parking Services to inquire about this charge, they said they could not tell me anything over the phone, except the date my ticket was issued and that I would have to go in to see what the ticket was

actually for. I come to find out I got the ticket over spring break, which is a little weird because when I came to work that week, Lot E was nearly empty.

I asked why the ticket was \$30 and was told I had parked in a service vehicle spot. I asked where that spot was and explained I park in the same spot every day, and they just stared at me with no type of response.

When I told them I had never received a ticket on my car, they said that was not their problem and that after the ticket is

"secured under the wiper," it is not their responsibility.

Feeling a bit frustrated at this point, I asked if there was anyone else I could speak with, and I was told no because 10 days had passed since I received the ticket.

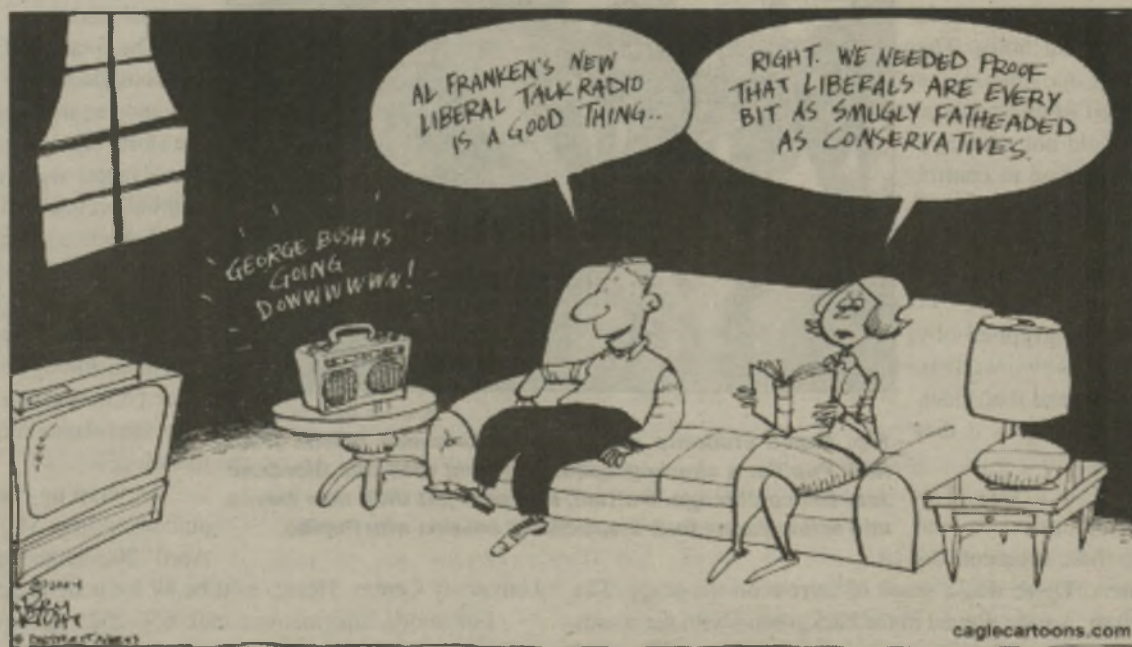
Of course 10 days had passed. I didn't even know I had been issued a ticket in the first place.

It was obvious to me nothing was going to get accomplished, so I did what they wanted, and I went and paid the \$30 fine. My major issue with this situation is the ticket somehow vanished, and because it did, now I can't do anything to fight it.

I'm sure this same situation has happened to many others and could easily be avoided. Tickets should get sent in the mail, and then there would be no problems with "securing them under the wiper."

This, of course, would cost the university money for postage. At a time when money is always tight, I guess Parking Services just benefits more when the tickets get "lost" from your car.

Megan Gundry
Graduate Assistant



Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT, & Arts

Dance company makes first SIUE appearance

ADRIENNE SMITH
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

For the first time on the SIUE campus, Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago put on a performance in the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater Friday night.

Sponsored by the Arts & Issues series, the performance included dancers and excellent choices of music and choreography to make the evening a memorable experience.

The theater was packed for the sold-out event.

Arts & Issues Coordinator John Peecher greeted and welcomed visitors and students with a pledge. Peecher asked the audience members to raise their right hand and repeat after him.

"I promise to attend more Arts & Issues events," Peecher said.

The crowd laughed, and the performance began.

Among the audience was Mort Kessler, one of the founding principle dancers. Kessler travels wherever he can to see Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago perform.

"I'm a groupie," Kessler said.

Kessler is now retired and said the dancers were wonderful.

"The show was really good," University of Missouri-St. Louis criminal justice major Davida Skannal said. "Each piece was unique. I was impressed with the whole production."

Seven different dance pieces were performed. The opening act was "Entropy," choreographed by Davis Robertson. This piece showed how limber and daring the dancers were. Dancers were swung, tossed and caught throughout the show.

"Punk You Very Much" was the second dance, choreographed by Michael Rioux. Dancers were dressed in denim jeans with patches and holes. The main focus was on two couples. With one couple, the man tried his best to be acknowledged by the woman. Then, when he finally gave up, he could not get rid of her. He then took advantage of the situation to control the woman. She was forever attached to him, literally.

The second couple represented the opposite. The woman wanted to leave the man, but by force was controlled to stay with him.

"Sing, Sing, Sing" was choreographed by Giordano. A red light flooded the stage as two women, dressed in tuxedos and red bow ties, danced their duet. With their bright smiles, the dancers looked as if they were just having fun putting on a show.

The fourth performance was "Can't Take This Away," choreographed by Randy Duncan. It was divided into two segments. In the first segment, the dancers played the part of lost sinners. There was a sense of sorrow on the stage. The dark and low lights added to the feeling. A song played in the background with the words "sinner come home." The dancers' faces were sad, distraught and lost.



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Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Top, dance students get a pre-performance lesson from Nick Pupillo, a choreographer traveling with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago. Bottom, students put their new moves into action during their instructional session with Pupillo.

Suddenly, a shot of bright colors jumped onto the stage. Oranges, reds and yellows scattered the stage. The dancers then showed joy on their faces. They danced around, symbolizing love and happiness because a lost sinner was found. This performance touched on a religious aspect of God finding the sinners and giving them enduring, irreplaceable joy.

"My favorite part of the program was 'Punk You Very Much' and 'Can't Take This Away,'" SIUE junior international business major Jenéva Scott said. "I really liked the music that accompanied these scenes."

Jon Lehrer, Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago associate director and choreographer of "Bridge and Tunnel," said this fifth piece was about how he remembered high school in Queens, N.Y. Boys chasing girls and vice versa with teenagers playing sports and games. There was a dancer who played the part of the outcast and was later befriended by two women who helped him along the way in high school. This dance played with different situations that some high school students might encounter. It showed the experience of dating and winning and losing relationships.

"Mi Chasco," a work in progress, was choreographed by Alberto J. Arias. The piece opened with a series of poses by a male dancer and a female dancer. Lehrer was the male dancer. A light from above the heads of the dancers helped separate each new pose by turning on and off. The dancers were very intimate. A voice in the background sang the chorus, "After rain comes summer, after summer comes rain."

"My favorite was 'Mi Chasco.' The couple worked well with each other," UMSL criminal justice major Skannal said.

The finale performance was "Prey," choreographed by Roin De Jesus. The female dancers were dressed in red and the male dancers in black. Wind blew through the skirts of the dancers as they danced across the stage. The dancers were working so hard their breathing was audible even from the middle section of the theater.

Lehrer, who has been with the company for eight years, said the show gave a wide spectrum of jazz variety.

"The jazz dance performance was amazing," SIUE freshman biology major Kendra Chapman-Small said. "The performers were very talented and very expressive with their dance moves. I could truly tell that they love to dance."

To wrap up the Arts & Issues events for this year, author Norman Mailer will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris

University Center. Tickets will be \$9 for general admission and \$4.50 for students. For more information, call 650-2626 or visit the Arts & Issues Web site at www.artsandissues.com.

Take a walk on the artsy side

SUZANNE SCHMIDT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The Sculpture on Campus program will sponsor the Sculpture Walk at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

There are 12 sculpture pads around campus that display graduate and undergraduate students' sculptures.

Students submit proposals for sculpture ideas, and the 12 best are displayed for a year. This is the second year for the contest.

Those students whose proposals are chosen receive a \$500 stipend to help with the cost of making the sculpture and then pick the pad where they want their sculpture displayed for the next year.

Art and Design Department Chair Ivy Cooper said the yearly contest gives students a chance to have the professional experience of having their work displayed.

New sculptures will be put up in October.

Students have an added incentive to propose the best sculpture for next year's contest. There will be a \$1,000 prize for the winner.

"It's very exciting what's coming up for the program," Cooper said.

Cooper said the Sculpture Walk provides students the chance to see the sculptures one last time.

"The walk takes a little over an hour," Cooper said.

The walk will begin at the

Art and Design Building and will visit every student's sculpture on campus.

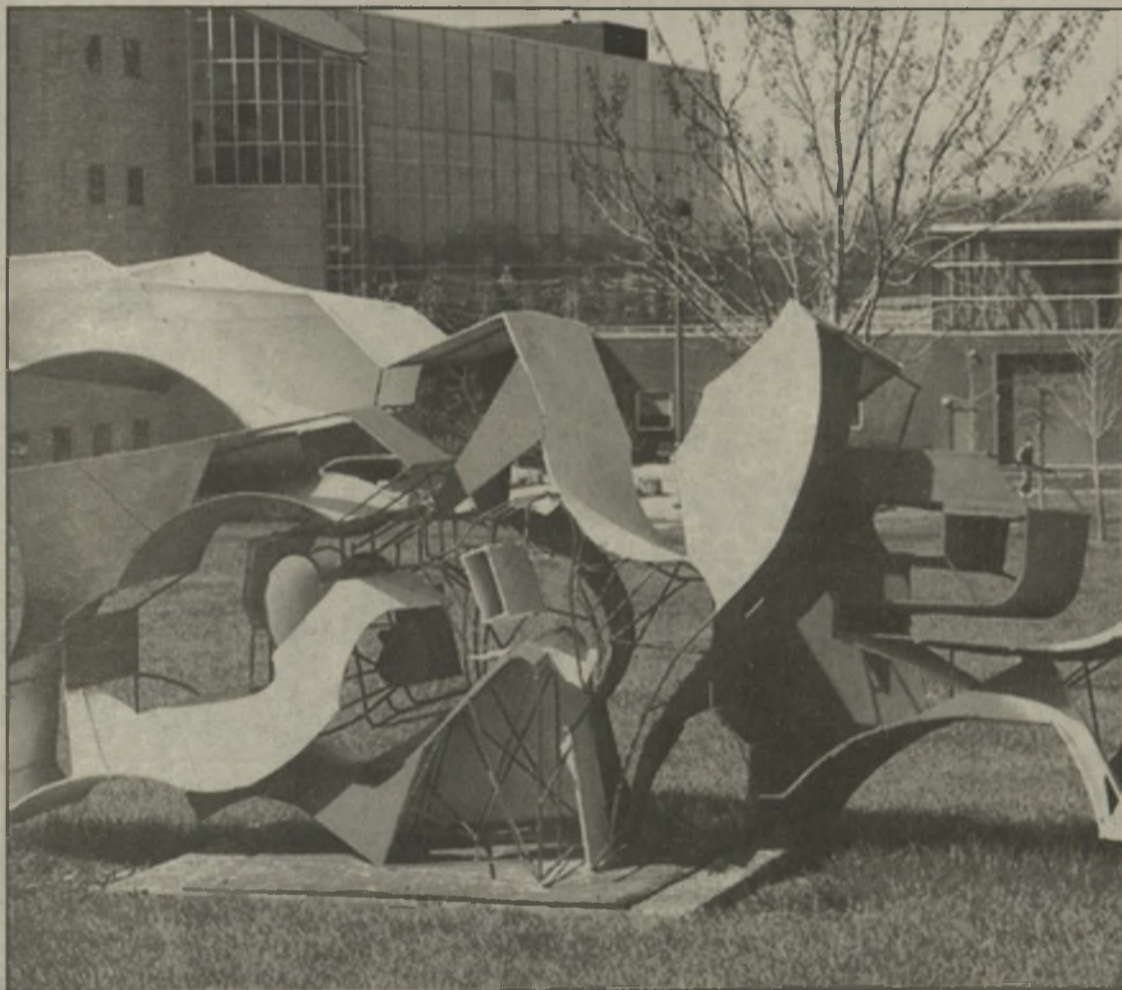
Cooper said the students who made the sculptures will also go on the walk so they can answer questions.

Cooper said one sculpture that gets a lot of questions is the one with the woman's torso and the spider legs.

This sculpture is displayed on the path between Peck and Founders halls where many students pass by every day.

Senior Crystal Kwentus designed this sculpture and will create another one for next year's Sculpture on Campus program.

For more information, contact the Art and Design Department at 650-3071.



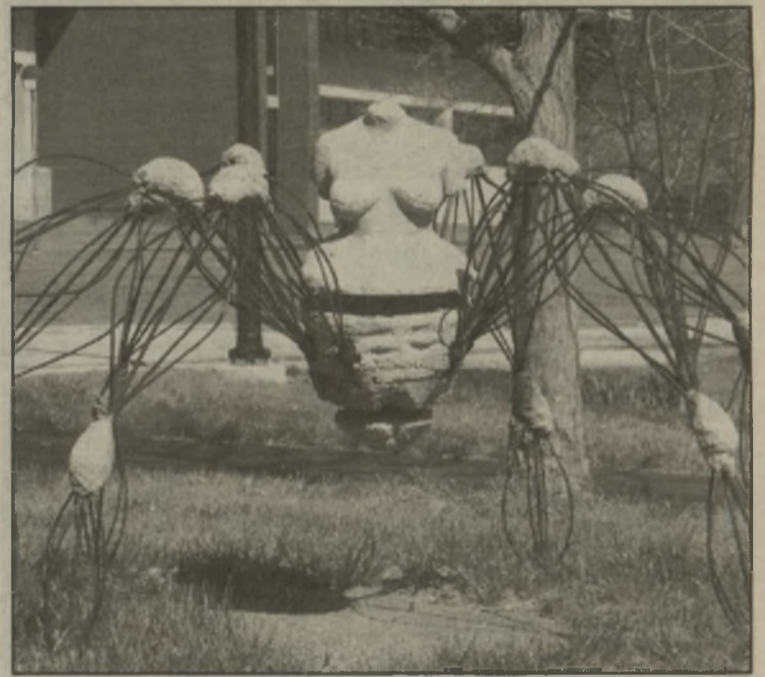
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"No. 2" by Reema Anderson and Kim Knolhoff



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"Parataxis" by Crystal Kwentus

CAB offers last chance for Taste of Culture

BRIAN CRAMER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

For those students willing to take a bite out of something different, Taste of Culture serves up a stomach full.

The sixth and final event of the semester, Taste of Culture is from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Campus Activities Board sponsors the event, which is free and open to everyone.

"The main objective of this event is to explore and bring different international cultures to campus," graduate assistant and CAB program adviser Gokul Kommineni said. "Students at

SIUE come from different backgrounds and from different countries, and it has become very important in this global world that we understand different cultures. Taste of Culture is a medium by which we bring culture and also provide entertainment."

"The Taste of Culture series adds a great element to campus programming and works hard to expand minds culturally," Multicultural Programs Chair Melanie Rodriguez said. "Taste of Culture is geared toward embracing and celebrating diversity."

This particular portion of Taste of Culture is titled International Music Fest and will

feature the bands Slainte Mhath and Waterhouse.

Slainte Mhath is a quintet that mixes contemporary arrangements with 21st century Celtic music. Adding some Jamaican flavor, Waterhouse aims to bring the culture and sounds of the Caribbean with its performance. The group uses a variety of music styles, including reggae, ska and calypso.

The International Music Fest will also include vendor booths, crafts and artwork.

Kommineni said there are many reasons that students should check out Taste of Culture. It offers people the chance to experience different cultures. It provides

entertainment with global education, interactive games, free international food and the chance to win traditional gifts. It also exposes people to world knowledge that can be helpful in the global environment.

"All our events are free," Kommineni said. "We just want the students to take advantage of the programs we provide, taste international food, watch cultural programs, gain some geographical and cultural knowledge by playing our quizzes and win exciting prizes."

The five events already held were the Middle Eastern Fiesta, Hispanic Explosion, African Jamboree, Chinese New Year,

Samba Bom Brazil and My Big Fat Indian Wedding.

"I try to give everyone a glimpse of the things they don't get to see on TV," Rodriguez said. "There are a lot of things going on in the world right now, and through these events, I hope to create a better understanding about the numerous people living in different parts of the world."

For additional information about the event, contact Rodriguez at merodri@siue.edu or Kommineni at gocool@sbcglobal.net. Students who would like to join the multicultural committee can contact Rodriguez and Kommineni at cab@siue.edu.

Police Incidents

Traffic

3/29/04

Police issued a citation to Emilie Remelius for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Nicholas Stalker for a stop sign violation on Circle Drive.

3/30/04

Police issued a citation to Matthew Crawford for expired registration.

Police issued a citation to Leslie Rennie for expired registration.

3/31/04

Police issued a citation to Ashley McIntosh for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Angela Adams for speeding on South University Drive.

Liquor

3/27/04

Police arrested Andrew Black for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Police issued citations to Black for illegal transportation of alcohol and squealing tires. Black was processed and released with a notice to appear.

4/1/04

Police arrested Jared Siebert for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. He was processed and released with a notice to appear.

4/2/04

Police arrested Thomas Gutow for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Gutow was

processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police arrested Robert Jones for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Jones was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police arrested Kylee Stonecipher for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Stonecipher was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police arrested David Pindras for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Pindras was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police arrested Daniel Ceurvorst for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Ceurvorst was processed and released with a notice to appear. Police also issued a citation to Ceurvorst for driving too fast for conditions.

Theft

3/30/04

Police arrested Nancy Alexander for retail theft at the Morris University Center. Alexander was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Other Offences

3/30/04

Police arrested Antione Brown for possession of a controlled substance. Brown was processed and released with a notice to appear.

4/1/04

Police arrested Marvell Seals for a valid SIUE warrant. Seals was processed and released after posting a bond.

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Cougar wrestling takes another blow

Head coaching position will take hefty pay cut

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in his four-year tenure as the head coach of Cougar wrestling, Booker Benford's job is being put on the auction block.

"I feel as though it's becoming more and more apparent from what I understand or from rumors that I'm not wanted."

~Booker Benford

And, if he returns as head coach of wrestling for the 2004-2005 season, he'll be doing so as a purely part-time head coach with no benefits.

"I knew this was coming, but I don't really think that I like the position going to part-time," Benford said. "Right now I'm 70-percent coach and I was also 30-percent event management. It's

like three-quarter time. It's a lot better than part-time because you get benefits."

The only coaches who have full-time positions at the university are men's and women's basketball and men's and women's soccer. All other coaching positions in the athletic department are part-time, meaning the coaches have responsibilities in addition to their coaching duties.

Athletic Director Brad

Hewitt

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to manage the fund raising dollars to the best of the department's ability.

Hewitt said the pay for the next head coach could reflect a 25 to 50-percent cut in what Benford currently makes. He says the pay depends on how much time the person could commit to the program.

That means the next head

coach's salary will be between \$7,000 and \$15,000 per year.

According to Hewitt, wrestling doesn't merit a full-time head coach.

"It doesn't require a year round position for the number of athletes and the tier level of the program," Hewitt said. "We don't have a full-time coach in any of the tier three sports."

Hewitt said Benford's contract expires in June and he is eligible to apply for the position like anyone else.

Benford said he's not excited about having to re-apply for a position he's held for four years.

"I do not like the situation where I have to re-apply for my job," Benford said. "Every year prior to this I've been re-hired by having them go through evaluations and I've been re-hired. This is the first time this has happened."

According to Benford, times are tough.

"I feel as though it's becoming more and more apparent from what I understand or from rumors that I'm not wanted," Benford said. "I feel as though the job has been put less
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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Wrestling coach Booker Benford looks on as the Cougars play in a meet last season.

Track and field teams look to make mark at outdoor meet, come away No. 6 and No. 10

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The SIUE men's and women's track team competed in their first outdoor meet of the season this weekend.

The Gatorade Classic took place at Southeast Missouri State University Friday and Saturday. The women placed sixth overall out of nine schools, and the men placed last among 10 schools. For the women, the competition included Southwest Missouri State University, who took first overall, and Southeast Missouri State, who took second.

SIUE freshman Tairisha Sawyer placed in the finals of the 100-meter dash with a time of 12 minutes, 23 seconds. Freshmen Jamie Thomas and Brittany Reeves also competed in the 100-meter dash. Thomas finished the

race with a time of 12.83, and Reeves finished with a time of 12.82.

Sawyer, sophomore Yahshi Rice and sophomore Grace Patten competed in the 200-meter dash. Sawyer finished sixth in the event with a time of 24.74. Rice finished with a time of 26.85, and Patten finished with a time 28.59.

Rice also competed in the 400-meter dash and finished with a time of 1:03.31.

Senior Breanne Steffens took seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:19.08 and placed third in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:36.80.

Sophomores Heather Zipparro and Amanda White also competed in the 1,500-meter run. Senior Maria Ewersmann took fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:21.48, followed

by junior Erin McMullen, who took fifth with a time of 19:33:51.

Thomas took third in the 100-meter hurdles finals with a time of 14.46. Freshman Valerie Simmons, Reeves and junior Jenny Jaquez also competed in the 100-meter hurdles finals. Simmons posted a time of 15.40, and Reeves finished with a time of 15.59. Jaquez registered a time of 15.81. Jaquez also placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.80. Senior Carrie Carducci placed third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:20.05.

The women's 100-meter relay team of Rice, Sawyer, Reeves and Thomas placed sixth. The women's 400-meter relay team placed fourth.

Senior Stacey Baima

competed in the long jump with a distance of 4.14 meters.

Competition for the SIUE men's team included Rend Lake College, who placed fifth, and the University of Memphis, who took second.

Competitors for the 100-meter dash included sophomore Brad Blevins, who finished with a time of 11.56, sophomore Jeff Papenberg, who finished with a time of 11.58, and freshman Harold Turney, who posted a time of 11.59.

Turney competed in the long jump with a distance of 6.7 meter. In the 200-meter dash, sophomore Jeff Fearday completed the race with a time of 22.99. He was joined by teammate Papenberg, who finished with a time of 23.49. Fearday also competed in the

400-meter dash, registering a time of 50.27. Senior Kevin Koller ran the race in 51.96, and junior Chris Clewis ironed out a time of 53.80.

Senior Richard Skirball competed in the 800-meter dash and finished with a time of 1:55.85. Freshman Cody Ellermeyer ran the 800-meter dash in 1:56.39.

Ellermeyer placed sixth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:04.94. Junior Ryan Boyll took fourth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:01.79.

The men's 400-meter relay team of Koller, Ellermeyer, junior Ben Hilby and Fearday placed sixth with a time of 3:21.66.

Senior, Marvell Seals competed in the triple jump, see TRACK AND FIELD, page 11

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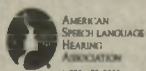


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KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EARS



Women's softball endures rough week

KEVIN CORRIGAN
 SPORTS EDITOR

The women's softball team got a little taste of perfection last week.

Unfortunately, it was from the Lewis University Flyers.

Flyers' senior pitcher Mary Jaszczak threw the first perfect game of her career in a 2-0 victory over the Cougars. SIUE wasn't able to get anybody on base.

Senior Missy Koenig was the tough-luck loser, surrendering just four hits while

pitching a complete game.

Jaszczak's performance was one for the record books, recording the sixth perfect game in school history.

The Cougars' dropped the opener against Lewis 3-0. Again, the Cougars couldn't wake up the bats as senior pitcher Carrie Paradzinski threw a four-hit shutout.

Junior Jessica Finch took just her first loss of the year, giving up three runs on six hits.

The Cougars was able to rebound nicely, however, as they

swept the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Game one saw the Cougars' bats erupt in a 13-6 victory. In the second game, pitching and hitting lead to an 8-0 Cougar victory.

On the season, senior Jenny Esker continues to lead the way offensively for the Cougars. She leads the team in batting average, .358, home runs, 3, RBIs, 19, and hits, 34.

Senior Shannon Evans is also putting up some lofty numbers, with a .321 average, to go along with her 18 RBIs.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

The Cougars go up to bat last season.

FRESHMEN

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before they get here," York said.

The day program runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost, including lunch, is \$50 per student. Each additional family member who attends must pay a \$15 fee.

The overnight program is \$75 per student, which does not include lodging.

Optional lodging at the residence halls is an additional \$20 for a student only.

If a parent or another family member wants to attend, it's a \$25 fee per person. The lodging cost for a student and one family member is \$40. For two to three family members, the lodging fee is \$50.

"We did a lot of investigation before deciding on the fee. It's right around, if not less than, what other universities require," York said. "We are not making any money off this."

The fee can be waived if a student receives any federal or state financial aid, according to York.

"We haven't had anyone use the fee-waiver program yet," York said.

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attractive in my eyes from the time that wrestling was dropped. My pay has been looking less and less attractive for the last year and a half.

"I have heard a lot of rumors stating that I'm not going to be back here and that someone else has the position," Benford said. "Of course, those are rumors. The athletic director has said that rumors are rumors."

All things considered, Benford said he intends on submitting his application for the position.

"I plan on applying for the position for the sake of the wrestling team," Benford said.

"The pay is lower and so are the benefits. That's the bottom line. I can deal with that."

And, Benford said he knows what it takes to run a decent

program.

"To get it where you want it to be, it takes time," Benford said.

"And that's what I've withstood. It takes interaction time with your wrestlers. You want your kids to see you and interact with you. The way it looks now, that factor is being taken away. It could be a lot less personable."

Benford said he's spent four years getting the team moving in the right direction.

"We came from having very few people on the team to finally getting the mix of wrestlers that can put up with the hard practices, and it's now come to this," Benford said.

"These wrestlers went through a situation where it looked like the team was gone, and now we have this."

TRACK AND FIELD

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hitting a mark of 14.27 meters.

Rice had a positive view on the turnout of the meet.

"This was the first meet of the 2004 outdoor season," Rice said. "So I think that we did pretty well."

Blevins agreed with Rice.

"It was a pretty successful meet, considering it was the first of the season," Blevins said.

Junior Ryan Boyll had a somewhat different outlook.

"Last year, we did better, but we just treated this as a workout meet, so we were not really looking at the times," Boyll said.

The Cougars will host the Cougar Classic Saturday. The men's and women's team will compete.

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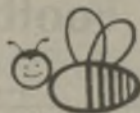
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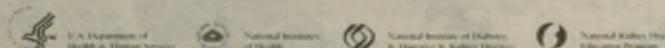
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