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Dental School growing E-billing coming to your computer

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE's School of Dental Medicine in Alton is planning to get new sidewalks this summer. More work, however, is now on the table.

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees unanimously approved a \$2 million renovation and expansion of the facilities in Alton Thursday.

The project will combine two clinics and add 4,500 square feet of space, which will provide

the space for up to 30 new dental workstations.

"The building was too small the day it opened," School of

Between 90 and 100 students work in the clinic each year, and nearly 40,000 patients visit each year.

Professors must go from one building to another to watch their students. The new work on the buildings would make it easier for the professors

to keep track of their students.

The clinic first opened in 1986. The high cost for the expansion is because of the special plumbing and equipment needed. The revenue of tuition

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"The building was too small the day it opened."
~ Dr. Ann Boyle

Dental Medicine Dean Ann Boyle said.

According to Boyle, the administration believes the clinics will be more efficient if everything is consolidated into one building.

Student volunteers for jail

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE's Student Trustee Rick Maurer, a junior, is going to get arrested Wednesday and sent to a makeshift jail at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"I am going to be held in jail until students raise enough money to let me out," Maurer said.

"Basically, we call local businesses and men and women and send out a warrant for their arrest because they are accused of having a big heart," MDA District Director Tricia Essenspreis said.

The event is called the MDA Lock-Up. The MDA is a voluntary health agency that aims to overcome neuromuscular diseases.

At 11 a.m., Maurer is going

to be cuffed and put behind bars with a mug shot until \$600 is raised to bail him out.

"I got involved with this a few days ago as a fund-raiser, and I thought it would be neat to try," Maurer said.

"It's a good way for Maurer to hang out, meet people and eat," Essenspreis said.

Interested students should contact the MDA in Edwardsville at 655-0368.

Trust your trustee

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

The students of SIUE spoke, and Rick Maurer has been elected to serve the student body as student trustee.

Maurer has been involved in Student Government for three years. Throughout his time, he served as a student at large and a student senator.

As with the other new

Student Government officers, Maurer also has plans in mind for the upcoming year.

"I am working on organizing a series of letter-writing campaigns for next year. I hope to use some new ideas that will make it easier for students to get their views to their state and federal representatives," Maurer said.

In addition to his accomplishments, he also has the unique position of serving on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees. Last year, he was selected by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to hold a voting position and will continue to hold the position for the upcoming year.

Maurer said he looks forward to working with all of the new Student Government officers.

"I'm sure that working together we can find new ways to improve SIUE for everyone, students and administrators," Maurer said.

Student employees get rewards



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Student employee LaToya Lytle receives a free Aquafina water bottle and a coupon for a free Pepsi product from sophomore Erin Jenkins Monday in the Morris University Center during National Student Employee Week.

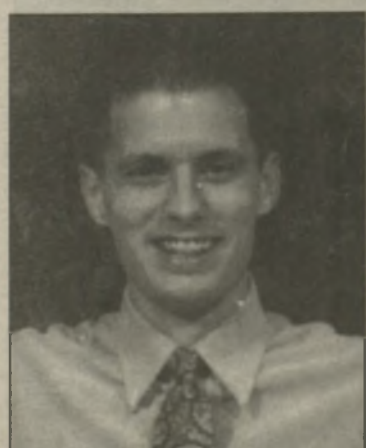


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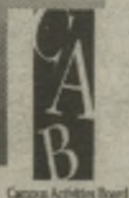


Thursday, April 15th

Stratton Quadrangle

12-1 p.m.

Free Soda Available



Resident students compete for the best dressed room

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

On-campus students with a decorative edge in their living space are asked to help University Housing's search for the best decorated rooms to display college life.

"Basically, it's just a contest for us at University Housing to get to see what it is really like to live on campus," University Housing Coordinator Shelley Wolfe said. "So (through this contest), we can get pictures for our University Housing publications. We need pictures, and we want to brag about what our students' living areas look like."

Students living in the

residence halls or Cougar Village may enter until Thursday, when the contest closes.

"They just need to e-mail me or stop by my office or call me," Wolfe said.

Staff members will take a look at the room in person before making a decision.

"What I am going to do is get together with other staff members and set up an appointment to take a look at the room to see what room is the best decorated," Wolfe said. "Hopefully, we'll get the pictures taken in the next few weeks."

In the past, Wolfe contacted residence hall advisers to find the best decorated rooms. This year, she decided to try something different.

"This time, I thought I would sit down and e-mail and see what kind of response I'd get," Wolfe said. "I've been surprised and somewhat overwhelmed by the response. Hopefully, we'll be able to take this to a higher level in the future."

The top two rooms in Cougar Village and in the residence halls should be contacted Friday.

"I probably have close to 12 right now, and they are all over the place," Wolfe said. "I would say I think I have more females than males (who have entered)."

For more information or to enter the contest, contact Wolfe at mwolfe@siue.edu or 650-4627 before Thursday.

Applications open for Staff Senate

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE Staff Senate members are accepting applications for the new term, which will begin May 2004.

Staff Senate secretary Hope Austin said the task of the members is to discuss certain issues.

"Their primary tasks are to be senators, so issues will be discussed and voted on," Austin said.

They first discuss the issues before them and then vote to pass them. Austin said, in the seven months she has worked with them, they have only passed two issues.

"The university legislature is made up of staff senators and Faculty Senate members," Austin said.

Austin said her job consists of working with both groups.

"I do all the coordinating for

both those bodies. I set up meetings, paperwork and take care of administration for both sides," Austin said.

Austin said this is an additional job for the members because they are also employees of the university.

Database Administration Manager and Staff Senate President Joe Loring said they are part of the university governing process, and there is a mission statement to uphold.

Loring said he will keep his position since there is no president-elect following in his footsteps this year.

Loring said someone has expressed interest in being president-elect and will shadow his job next year.

"I will tutor the president-elect so they get exposure," Loring said.

Loring said the Staff Senate also has fund-raisers to raise

money for scholarships. An annual event the Staff Senate normally hosts is the Ice Cream Cabaret in August.

Loring said he gives credit to Academic Counseling and Advising counselor Jessie Harris for organizing this event.

The requirements for the position are as follows: a permanent, full-time civil service employee or a full-time professional staff employee on a continuing contract; a minimum of two years of consecutive employment with the university at the time the candidate picks up the petition and the statement of candidacy forms; and employed on the date of election. Petitions must be filed in person in the University Governance Office.

To complete the application, for the election calendar or for more information, visit the Staff Senate Web site at www.siue.edu/UGOV/STAFF/.

Police Incidents

Traffic

4/4/04

Police issued a citation to Ebony Carney for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Alison Kraft for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Corey Pryor for speeding on University Drive.

4/5/04

Police issued a citation to Sean Quinn for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Troy Shelton for speeding on South University Drive.

4/6/04

Police issued a citation to Marcellus Walton for a handicapped-parking violation.

4/7/04

Police issued citations to Thomas Cupples for speeding on South University Drive, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and having no driver's license with him.

Other Offenses

4/6/04

Police arrested Mihia Henderson for an SIUE warrant and resisting arrest. Henderson was processed and taken to Madison County Jail.

Police arrested Corey Maufus for criminal trespass to state-supported property and an Edwardsville warrant. Maufus was processed and taken to Madison County Jail after not being able to post bond.

4/7/04

Police arrested Antoine Burrell for domestic battery. Burrell was processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

4/8/04

Police arrested Adam Chambers for driving under the influence and obstructing a police officer. Police issued citations to Chambers for leaving the scene of an accident and improper lane usage. Chambers was processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

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Wed, April 14

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Admissions director retires from SIUE

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Admissions Assistant Director Jim Rotter will be recognized for his 33 years of service to the SIUE community.

Rotter will retire Friday, April 23.

Admissions Director Todd Burrell organized a reception to honor and recognize Rotter for his service. The reception will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday in the Mississippi and Illinois rooms on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

Burrell said he has been working with Rotter since October, and it has been great working with him.

"I've had the pleasure to work with him since October. I've learned a lot from him since that time," Burrell said.

Burrell said he wanted to make sure people who knew Rotter had the chance to know of Rotter's retirement.

"We wanted to make sure people around the community

knew," Burrell said.

Rotter said he thought it was very nice of Burrell to do something like this.

"I think it's very nice. I'm not one to make a big fanfare in my retirement," Rotter said.

Rotter said this would be a chance to see people he does not get to see on a regular basis.

After retiring, Rotter said he plans to relax for a while.

"My first few weeks I plan to do nothing," Rotter said.

Rotter also said he would later look for a side job and wants to spend more time with his family.

"I'm looking around for something part time and also spending more time with my family," Rotter said.

Rotter said the best part of working at SIUE is the students.

"It has been (fun) working with the students. Every job I've had, I've worked with students," Rotter said.

For more information, contact Burrell at 650-2937 or e-mail him at tburrell@siue.edu.

Disk golf comes to SIUE

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE Intramural Sports is sponsoring the Disk Golf Tournament for students at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"Disk golf is similar to golf, but you'd be using a disk and throwing it toward an object referred to as a hole," Intramural Sports graduate assistant Eric George said.

Disk golf is a nine-hole

course and starts at the Prairie Hall sand volleyball court.

Registration is Tuesday at the Student Fitness Center front desk. It costs \$5 per team, and there's a limit of four people to a team.

"This is the third year we have done this, and in the past, we have been successful," George said.

Interested students should contact the Student Fitness Center at 650-2348.

Celebration starts early

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

With another week to go before Springfest, students may want to start celebrating. Center Stage is presenting Mini-Springfest from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hairpin Drive.

"Springfest begins April 21," said Melissa Preusser, Campus Activities Board graduate assistant. "And we're going to have about a dozen inflatables (at Springfest), and we're getting you guys geared for Springfest, so there are going to be a couple inflatables, and snow cones and

cotton candy."

Center Stage, sponsored by CAB, offers students an afternoon to experience something different each month. Like the other Center Stage events, everything is free, and everyone is invited.

"We always have Center Stages twice a month," Preusser said. "Our committee picked this (theme). It (Springfest) has been a campus tradition for a long time."

For more information, contact CAB Entertainment Chair Lise Suliman at lsulima@siue.edu or Preusser at mpreuss@siue.edu.

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funds will eventually pay off the project.

Dental students will have increased fees to help finance the project, but SIUE Chancellor David Werner said the tuition cost would still be lower than the cost of the dental school at the

University of Illinois.

The clinics offer services any general dentist would, from cleanings to root canals, pediatric treatments and more.

For more information or to make an appointment at the Dental School call 474-7000.

SIUE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

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Thursday, April 15, 2004
4 p.m., Science Building 1105

Student Research Symposium

Thursday, April 15, 2004
2 p.m. Meridian Ballroom,
Morris University Center

Funded By: Sigma-Aldrich Corporation, SIUE Office of the Provost, College of Arts & Sciences, Graduate School, Department of Chemistry, and Student Activities Fees



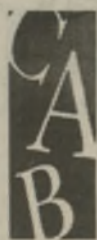
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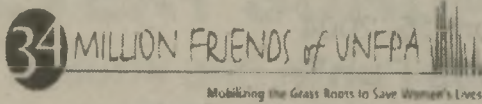
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warning systems as well as risk of death and injury.

Dr. Schmidlin is a professor and chair of Geography at
Kent State University

Contact siuegtu@yahoo.com for more information on these events.
These programs funded in whole or in part by student activities fees.



Dr. Tom Schmidlin
of

KENT STATE.

Friday, April 23 at 2:15 p.m.
Alumni Hall Room 2401

50th anniversary of case to be celebrated

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, Lovejoy Library and the Friends of Lovejoy Library are sponsoring a seminar Thursday, exploring the impact of the decision that overturned a "separate but equal" education for African-Americans.

The morning session will begin at 9 a.m. with a welcome and introduction by Lovejoy Library Dean Jay Starratt.

The morning will continue with a presentation by Deborah Henry of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, titled "Black Labor, the Building Trades, and the Legacy of Segregated Vocational Education in St. Louis."

SIUE education professor Peter Theodore will speak at 10 a.m. on the deep roots and branches of Brown v. Board of Education.

From 11 a.m. to noon, Kevin Michael Foster of Southern Illinois University Carbondale will conclude the morning session by speaking on strategies for black students' academic success.

The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m. with Edwardsville School District Superintendent Ed Hightower presenting "The Impact of Brown v. Board of Education: A Personal Perspective."

At 2 p.m., mass communications professor Bala Baptiste will speak on the desegregation of radio stations in New Orleans.

SIUE education professor Michael Afolayan will conclude the session by speaking on bridging the gap between African-American male students and their teachers.

Refreshments will be available, and admission is free. For more information, call the Friends of Lovejoy Library at 650-2730.

History meets forensics

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Carolyn Gilman, curator of the Missouri Historical Society's Lewis and Clark: The Bicentennial Exhibition, will speak on "Detecting Lewis and Clark: Paper Trails and Forensics" at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Lovejoy Library's third-floor conference room.

In the lecture, Gilman will share her quest for artifacts, art,

manuscripts, maps and specimens of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Gilman will discuss her seven-year search in obscure museums and forensics, and she will also share new and interesting knowledge about Lewis and Clark.

The Museum Studies program sponsors the event with funding from an Excellence in Graduate Education grant.

Sample a little summer

JESSIE HULING
NEWS STRINGER

The Collinsville Area Recreation District is offering a Sampling of Summer: A District-Wide Appreciation Event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Bobby's Frozen Custard on Illinois Route 159 in Maryville.

"It'll be just like a neighborhood barbeque," district representative Keesha Dhaene said.

The event offers free food and entertainment, including clowns, animals, face painting and a disc jockey spinning tunes, Dhaene said.

"I know the free food will

get the college kids to come out," Dhaene said.

There will also be a performance of traditional Irish dances by a group of youngsters, ages 6 to 12.

The event is a celebration of Collinsville and Maryville and the shared interests of the two towns. Collinsville Mayor Stan Schaeffer will officially start the event.

Each person at the event will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win \$100 toward a purchase at Pic-a-Place Travel Inc. Dhaene said merchants and businesses have donated a number of other prizes.

In the event of rain, the festivities will take place Sunday.

We Appreciate You!

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GOVERNMENT

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"We are trying to grab the attention of the community by doing this," Jones said. "I think the Senate should be here to listen and do something about these problems."

According to Student Government, Madison County Transit doesn't have a problem giving SIUE the extra service as long as the university can pay for it.

Housing pays for the Cougar shuttles, so the question as to which department would pay for

the extra bus services is still in the air.

Further discussion of the issue is expected at the next Student Senate meeting, which is at 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center.

The next Finance Board meeting is at 2 p.m. Friday in the International Room in the MUC. All student organizations are encouraged to attend and discuss further issues.

Correction

In the story "New step for freshmen" in the Tuesday, April 6, edition, the Alestle reported the fee can be waived if a student receives any federal or state financial aid.

The specific requirements students must meet to be qualified for the fee waiver are students must demonstrate economic need by meeting one or more of the following

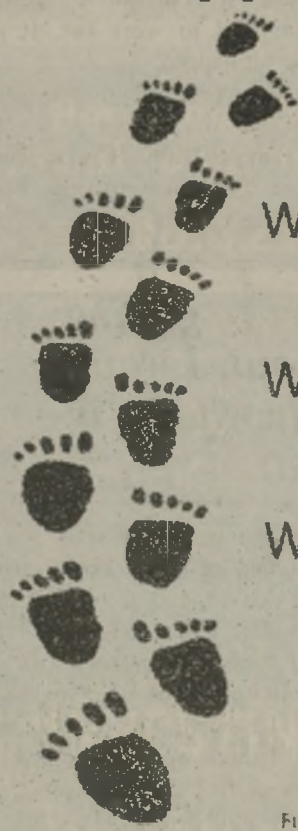
indicators: students' family receives public assistance; student is a ward of the state; student resides in a foster home; student participates in the free or reduced lunch program at his or her school; and/or students total family income is at or below the maximum amounts established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Low Standard Budget.

The Alestle regrets the error.

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
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Getting in shape is almost as difficult as getting off the couch

OK, I'll admit it. Working out is a difficult task for me.

I attempt to do it on a regular basis, but something extremely important, like watching television or cleaning the house, always comes up right when I am about to start my "Tae Bo Advanced Workout."

I am a semi-fit young woman, but when it comes to getting motivated to work out, it just doesn't happen.

In order for me to get a workout routine going, the Tae Bo master Billy Blanks, would have to come to my home personally and get me off my

too early, it's too late, I don't feel well, I'm too tired or I just ate too much, and if I work out I will get a stomach ache.

What is my deal? Is it just my friend and I, or does anyone else not have the motivation to get into shape?

Sure, I have motivation to walk to the mailbox to get the mail or to the refrigerator to grab a cup of chocolate pudding, but not to get up and exercise.

Who wants to exercise when you can sit on the couch with popcorn and watch the entire first and second seasons of "Friends" on DVD? Not me.

Summer is right around the corner, and the pool will be yelling my name, but if I don't get myself in shape, I may have to ignore the call. I only have five months until the biggest day of my life and mere weeks until summer, so what should I do?

For those of you who can relate to this, is there a magic pill? Do we need to hire a personal trainer or someone else



to make us get up and get in shape?

If so, why can't we do it on our own? If there is a secret to getting motivated to work out, I would like to know exactly what it is and how I can get it.

I can do the crunches, leg lifts, squats and curls, it's just getting me started. I guess I will just have to give the Tae Bo master a call to see if he can offer any energizing tips.

Nicole R. Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

"If there is a secret to getting motivated to work out, I would like to know exactly what it is and how I can get it."

I am a 21-year-old college student, which is probably the average age of people reading this article.

You would think I have the energy to come home every day from school, run a few miles, do an hour of Tae Bo and still have the time and energy to do my homework and then go out, but I don't.

Now, don't get me wrong, I

am a semi-fit young woman, but

when it comes to getting motivated to work out, it just doesn't happen.

In order for me to get a workout routine going, the Tae Bo master Billy Blanks, would have to come to my home personally and get me off my

Letter to the Editor

Professor questions the draining of campus ponds

Dear Editor,

I find it interesting and even clever that someone, who is not natural history inclined, would decide to drain some of the campus ponds during the spring,

when both our indigenous amphibians and our local geese would be using them for reproduction.

We learn the so-called reason for this action is to clean and deepen said ponds, but that will

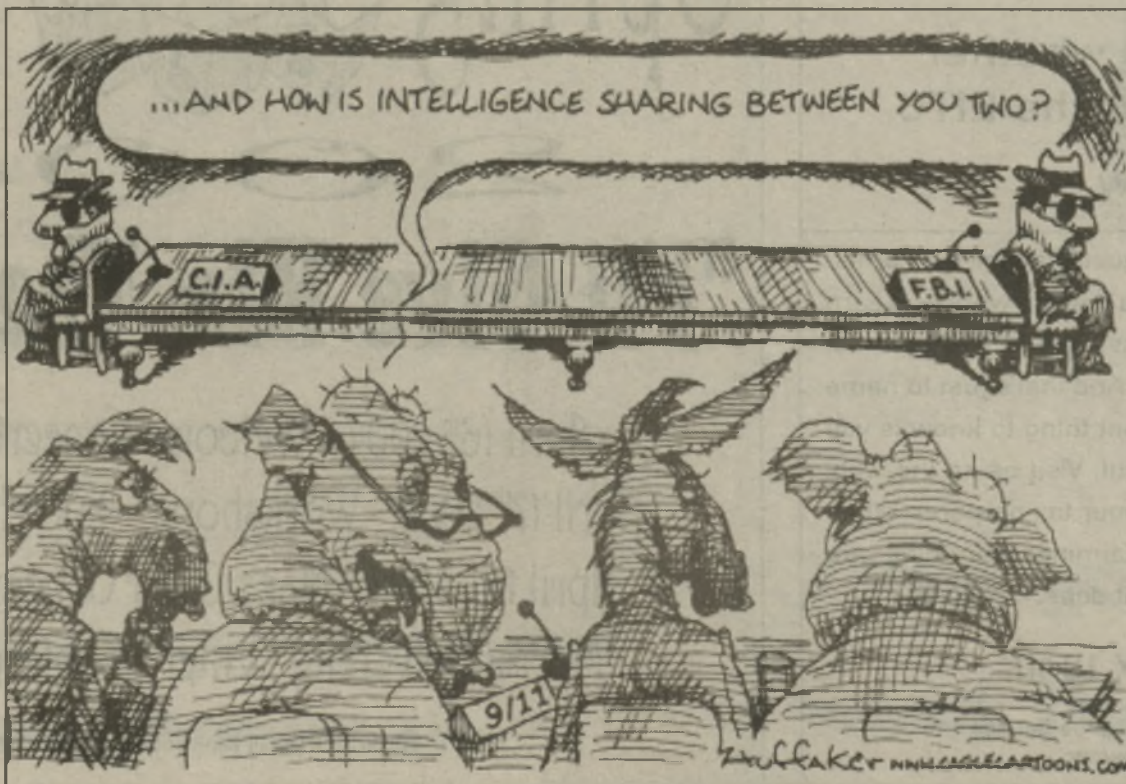
probably take months using the equipment I've seen parked nearby.

You would have to let them dry completely. And, who suggested the ponds needed to be cleaned and deepened?

No one here in the Biology Department I know of.

Ralph W. Axtell
Professor
Biological Sciences

Political Cartoon



Quote of the Day

"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can't be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people."

~Lee Iacocca

Political Cartoons



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Lifestyl

World traveler teaches tricks of the trade

SUZANNE SCHMIDT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Ever wanted to travel all over the world for really cheap?

Gil White has traveled to 55 countries and has many tips for cheap travel.

At the Wednesday night lecture, "Europe and the World for 84 Cents a Day," White gave tips about how to get free rides, cheap food and free or cheap accommodations.

White said these are the three essentials in traveling, and his lecture focused on the travel essentials and the many experiences he has had.

"People probably think I must've slept in fields, but that couldn't be further from the truth," White said.

White said that, on 84 cents a day, he slept in a bed with a roof and had at least two meals a day.

There were many tips White gave for cheap and entertaining travel.

"I want to make sure that this is the best trip of your life," White said.

White has traveled to many countries and has lived on a small budget by communicating with people.

"People have been incredibly wonderful, helpful and friendly," White said. "You've got to learn to really trust people."

White said his experiences have proved that most people are really helpful and trustworthy.

"I've been traveling to the extreme, but I've never had a problem, and I am still here to talk about it," White said.

White started traveling when he was only 16 on a trip to Australia, where he said he hoped to become a tennis player.

"Traveling is a great education. I learned more traveling than in the first 18 years of my life," White said. "It is important to have a sincere interest in meeting people so that you can see how they live and how they think."

White also said the main thing to remember is to pay people back when you get something from them, like giving them a gift or doing some chores for them, and to

remember that people are unofficial ambassadors of their country.

"It is not true that you can measure how good of a time you will have by how much money you spend," White said.

In order to be able to travel for really cheap, a person needs to meet people and talk with the natives of the country.

"Never assume people talk your language in their country," White said.

Even though White has traveled all over the world and met countless numbers of people, the only language he can speak is English.

"I learned to communicate with my hands and my face," White said.

There are some tips that will help a person get a ride in a foreign country.

"It has everything to do with grooming. Look excited and make eye contact," White said. "Half the fun of your trip is getting places."

White said drivers are usually bored and want someone to talk to anyway, so if a person looks like someone they would like to talk to, they can get a ride.

One method White described to help with getting people to pull over is the "wrong sign,

right road"

technique.

First, you write on a sign a town's name that is in the other direction. The people will pull over to tell you that you are going the wrong way. Then you explain the truth, and

they will usually be amused enough to give you a ride.

"You have to use your imagination," White said.

White recalled one time he called the disc jockey of a radio station and broadcast that he wanted a ride, and he got one.

There are also hitchhiking agencies in Europe that can help, and sometimes there are ride boards, which contact travelers with similar destinations.

"Everybody is going to have different experiences, so keep an open mind," White said. "Use your own judgment about the character of the people you meet."

There are alternatives to hitchhiking that are fairly inexpensive, like bicycles, buses and trains. Renting cars is also an option, but a very expensive one.

"Taking the train is probably the best way for most people," White said.

There are passes that can be bought ahead of time, but it is best to buy them as you go.

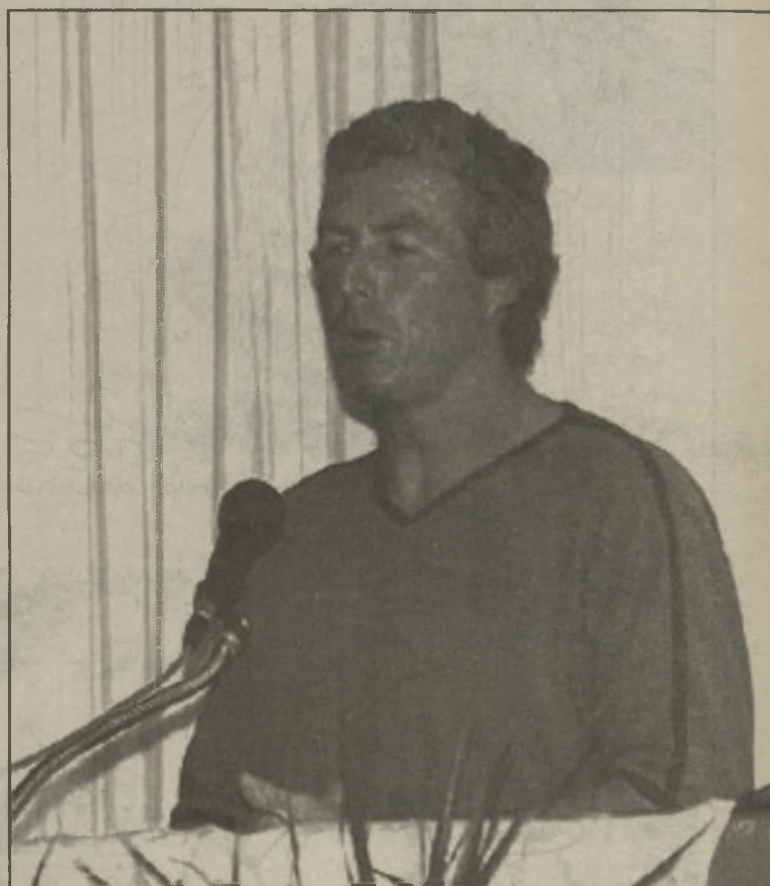
The way to get a free place to stay at night could come from the person who gave you a ride.

"Don't be afraid to ask people to stay with them," White said.

The most important thing White said to remember is to give people something or do

something for them when receiving something from them.

"Do chores like dishes, babysit, clean, chop wood, shovel snow or even milk their cows," White said.



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

World traveler Gil White shares his traveling knowledge and experience with students during his lecture Wednesday.

The other option is to give them a gift that says something about your own culture.

"Bring T-shirts, baseball caps, stamps, dollar bills, postcards or even small books," White said. "I learned more about the customs of the country when I stayed with people."

White stayed with many different people in his travels, but he always paid back the people he stayed with, as well as sent them thank-you letters when he was done traveling.

White said one downside of cheap travel is getting used to unusual sanitation systems. He said another thing to remember is to go along with people's customs so they are not offended.

White said another option, other than staying with people, is to go to hostels.

"(They are) very convenient. You can leave your luggage there, take showers, meet people and find out where the good cheap stuff is," White said.

There is the option of getting a hostel card, which may help with booking rooms in advance.

"If you are going to stay in a hostel, that should be the first thing you do when you arrive," White said.

White also said universities are good places to go when looking for a room for the night or a cheap meal. White said to bring a pup tent as a last resort.

"Sometimes you got to rough it a little bit, but this is only a small phase of your life," White said.

Food is an absolute necessity.

"Take food in your backpack every day," White said.

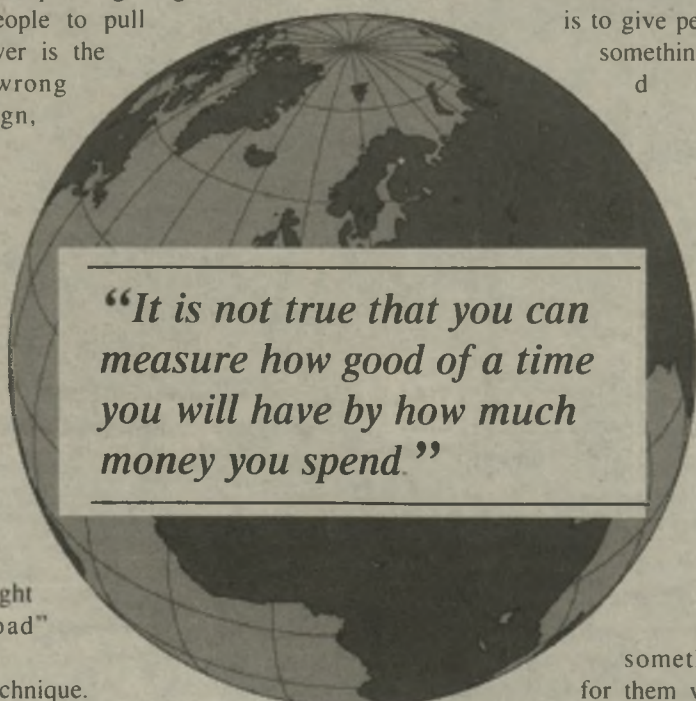
Good places to go to buy food are farmers' markets, supermarkets and university or hospital cafeterias, White added.

After using these tips, the trip's budget should be slimmed down.

There are also other tips White gave to help maximize the experience.

White said the most important tip is to research. Always try to research every purchase to save money whenever possible.

"No two castles are alike in the world, so always see the castles," White said. "Don't be



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afraid to go into the countryside of any country. Never travel the same road twice, so that you can see different scenery. Take tons of pictures."

White also gave helpful tips to prevent travelers from having bad experiences.

"Always keep money and passports on your person, and if at all possible, carry travelers' checks," White said. "Also, don't leave any valuables in your

backpack. Try to put them under clothes and under your pillow when you sleep."

White said it might help to bring a lock and chain and secure your backpack to items that are in the room.

"Always take precautions," White said. "I hope to inspire you to travel and meet new people."

White said there are a number of items to bring when traveling abroad with only a backpack and a

budget.

He said everything should be packed separately in clear and compact plastic bags to make items more convenient to find in a backpack.

White said to bring suntan lotion, batteries, a raincoat, a small radio, a small tape recorder, a small camera and a journal. When packing clothes, pack layers, extra socks and at least one nice outfit.

White also said not to be

afraid to pack too much because these extra items can always be given away as gifts.

Also, White said, a helpful tip is to bring lots of film and take lots of pictures, but only get them developed in America. Otherwise pictures could be destroyed.

White said to bring a passport and make photocopies because they might come in handy.

All these tips will help make for a cheaper and still fun

experience.

There are also international student identity cards that can give discounts in several countries. White said the Study Abroad Office on campus might be able to help attain these, as well as any other helpful items for traveling. For more information, contact Julie Beall-Marshall, assistant to the director of the Study Abroad Office, at 650-2419.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author brings years of talent to SIUE

BRIAN CRAMER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Norman Mailer, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, in the Meridian Ballroom of Morris University Center.

As the conclusion for this year's Arts & Issues series, Mailer offers a chance for students to hear the thoughts, memories and artistry of a paramount 20th century American figure.

"This is the first time we've had Norman Mailer on our series bill, and we couldn't be more pleased," Arts & Issues Coordinator John Peecher said. "Mailer is larger than life and a true champion of American letters."

Mailer has lived what most would consider a phenomenally successful and extraordinary life.

According to www.pbs.org, Mailer and Edgar Allen Poe are the only two American writers to be both so extremely celebrated and despised at the same time. His diverse works are considered both controversial and brilliant.

Mailer's works have been published in many forms, such as novels, poems, screenplays, plays and essays.

The 1948 publication of "The Naked and the Dead," the initial stamp Mailer marked on American culture, is based on his experiences as a rifleman during World War II in the South Pacific.

"The Armies of the Night," a 1968 narrative of an anti-Vietnam War march on the Pentagon, and "The Executioner's Song," describing the life and death of Utah murderer Gary Gilmore, brought Mailer his two Pulitzer Prize awards.

Mailer has won many additional awards and has had five of his books nominated for the National Book Awards in four different categories.

With his Esquire columns, essays and political reporting during the 1960s, Mailer is considered one of the founders of new journalism, along with a few

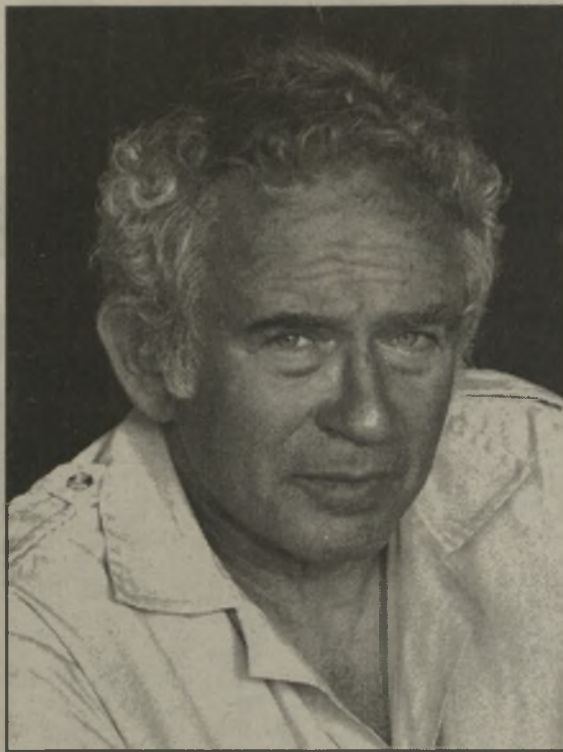


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Norman Mailer

other prolific writers such as Hunter S. Thompson and Tom Wolfe.

"This is the author who combined journalism, autobiography and political commentary with the richness of a novel to become one of the most important contributors to an

emerging form of literature, new journalism," Peecher said.

"The Spooky Art," chronicling the benefits and trials of a writer, was released for Mailer's 80th birthday. "Why Are We at War?" raises arguments against President George W. Bush and the Iraq War. These are Mailer's latest additions to his impressive literature repertoire.

Mailer's works include not only writings, but also many other mediums.

Mailer has given many college lectures, appeared on numerous talk shows and radio shows and co-founded the Village Voice, one of the earliest underground American newspapers.

He has also run for mayor of New York City, advised politicians and been president of the American chapter of PEN, a writers' organization.

A few of Mailer's many

positions include fighting and punishing both corporate greed and the destruction of nature. Mailer also fights to break down walls between underground, elite and popular publications.

With so many different projects, accomplishments and stances under his belt, Mailer has gone from being an American writer to being an American legend.

According to www.pbs.org, in "Advertisements for Myself," Mailer summed up his ability to successfully undertake many different roles in society and styles of medium when he stated, "I become an actor, a quick-change artist, as if I can trap the Prince of Truth in the act of switching style."

Fifty free tickets will be available for students one week before the event at the MUC Information Desk. Tickets can be purchased either online at the Arts & Issues Web site, www.artsandissues.com, or at the Information Desk. Student tickets cost \$4.50, and general admission tickets cost \$9.

For more information on the event, contact Peecher at jpeeche@siue.edu or 650-2626.

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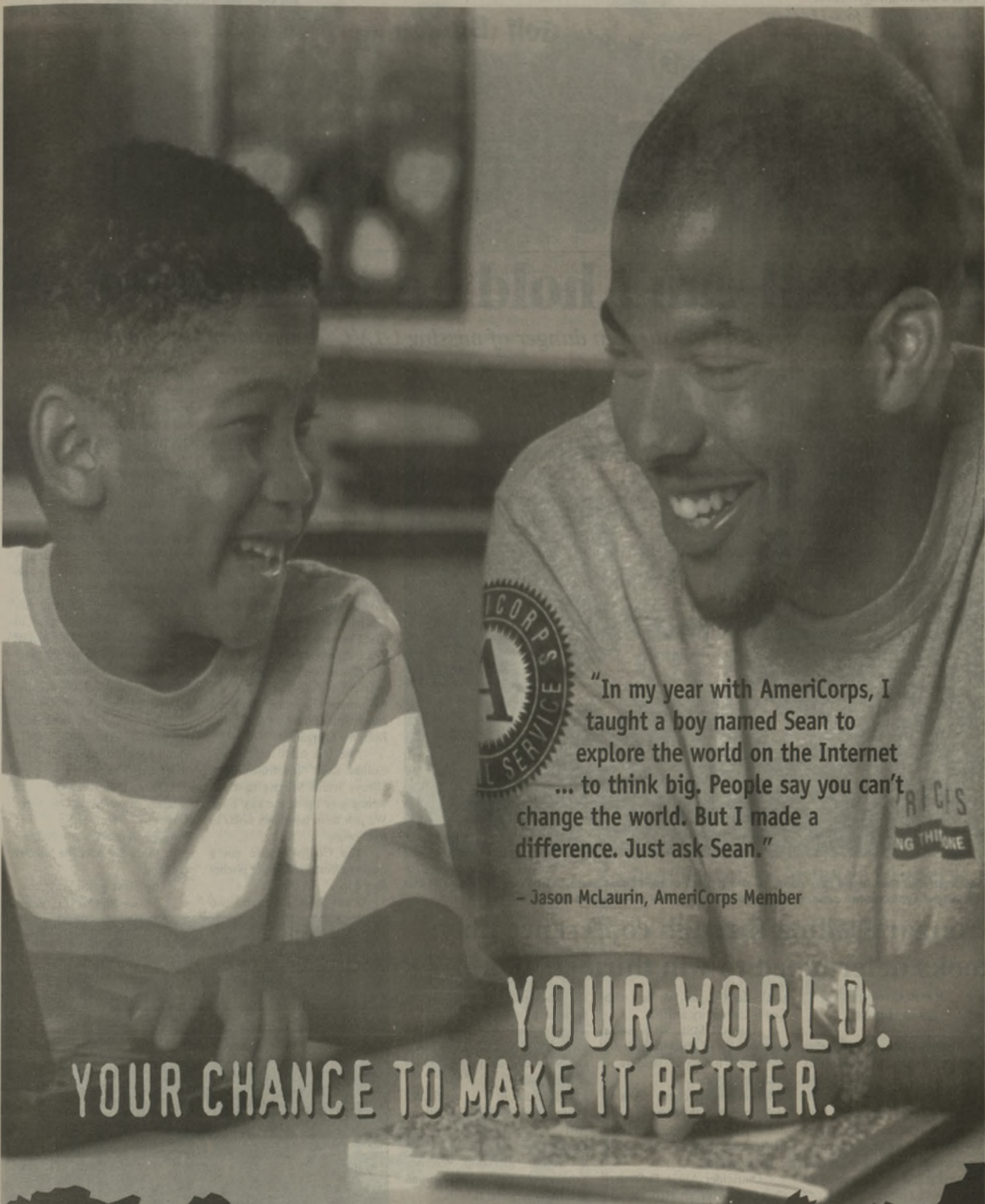
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Coming Up

Women's softball Wednesday
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Baseball can't hold on to momentum

A 9-14 conference record puts them in danger of missing GLVC Tournament for the first time



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Junior pitcher Ron Jones gets ready to fire a pitch toward home plate. Jones has been one of the few bright spots on the season. He leads the team with a 4-0 record and 1.16 ERA.

Cougars rolling through conference play; looks determined to win third straight title

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE softball team keeps rolling right toward its third straight Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship.

The Cougars stretched their winning streak to eight games this week, including sweeping conference rivals Quincy University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"Whenever you could collect conference wins like that it's big," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We just have to keep on building one step at a time."

The Cougars improved to 27-11 overall and 10-2 in GLVC play.

SIUE is in the thick of a three-team race for the conference title. Northern Kentucky University leads the way with a perfect 10-0 record

while the Cougars are tied with Lewis University at 10-2.

Against UMSL, SIUE used a combination of efficient pitching and timely hitting to come away with the victories.

Junior pitcher Ashlea Hoheimer stole the show in game one. Her six-hit, one-run performance led the Cougars to a 2-1 victory.

Outfielder Alicia DeShaier went 2-3 with an RBI for the Cougars.

Game two saw more solid pitching as junior pitcher Jessica Finch continued her brilliant season, going the distance in a 4-3 Cougar victory. The extra-inning affair ended when All-American senior outfielder Jenny Esker blasted a walk-off home run. The blast was Esker's fifth of the season.

Against the Quincy Hawks, the Cougars saw more of the same from Hoheimer and Finch.

The duo again led the Cougars to victory.

Hoheimer picked up a 5-1 victory in game one while Finch was untouchable in a 7-1 victory in game two.

Sophomore outfielder Shanna Waldo went 2-4 with an RBI in game one to lead the Cougars.

Junior shortstop Veronica Schmidt chipped in two hits and two RBIs in game two.

"Veronica has started to hit the ball for us," Montgomery said. "We needed her to step up during the critical stretch."

The pitching staff continues to be the driving force behind the season. The staff holds a 1.35 ERA while opponents are batting just .200 off Cougar pitching.

"We have a great staff this year," Montgomery said. "All four of our starters are coming up big for us."

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KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Whenever it looks like the SIUE baseball team might turn the corner, they run into a speed bump, this time in the form of the University of Missouri-St. Louis pitching staff.

"We have made up absolutely no ground," head coach Gary Collins said.

Last week, the Rivermen hurlers put the clamps on the Cougar bats, allowing just nine hits and three runs in two games. The Cougars dropped game one 4-2 and game two 2-1.

Game one saw the Cougars muster just four hits as the Rivermen benefited from a four-run fourth inning to pull away from the Cougars.

"We just can't score runs," Collins said. "It's frustrating. It always seems like we have the wrong guy up at the key time. We just have too many holes in the lineup."

The Cougars again got a quality effort from junior pitcher Ron Jones.

Jones went three and two

thirds innings of shutout ball, in relief of senior southpaw Brian Keating. Keating worked the first three plus innings, allowing four runs on four hits.

Game two saw more of the same from the UMSL pitching staff. SIUE was held to one run on five hits.

The Cougars wasted a solid performance from junior pitcher Jarad Rettberg. The Bethalto native allowed just two runs on six hits while suffering the loss.

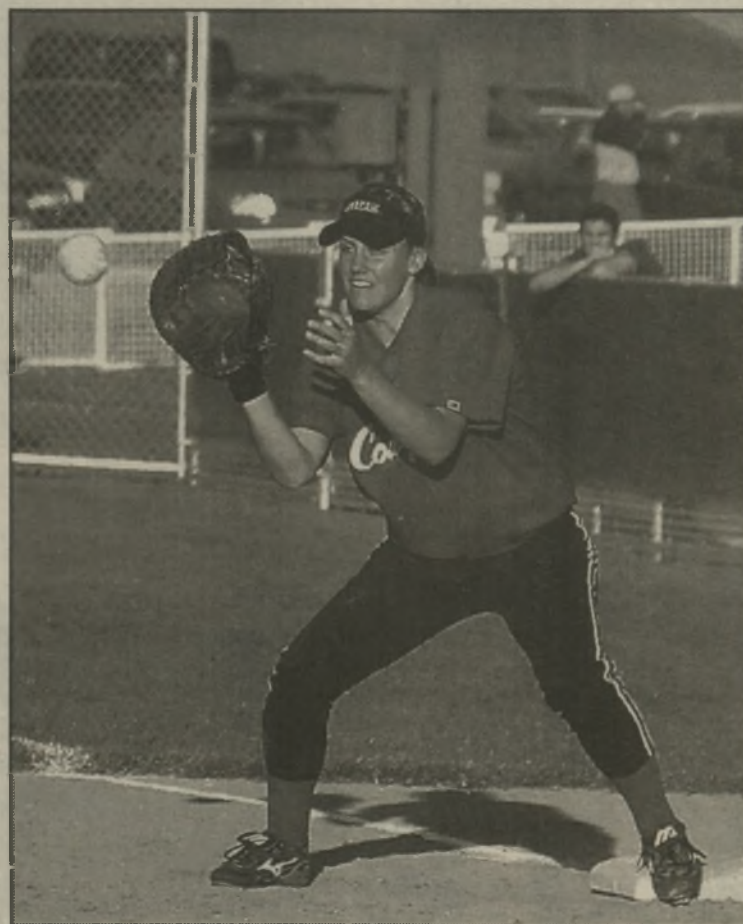
"Our starting pitching has been good enough all year to win," Collins said. "Our record is not a reflection of the way these guys have pitched. They have done a good job for the most part."

The two losses concluded the season series with UMSL, which took three of four from SIUE.

Over the weekend, the Cougars traveled to Northern Kentucky University. The Cougars were able to manage a split, going 2-2 over the holiday weekend.

The first game saw the

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior first baseman Melissa Lindgren prepares to receive a throw to first base.

Keating could be lost for season

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

A season that has already had its fair share of disappointments took another hit this week.

All-Great Lakes Valley Conference senior pitcher Brian Keating could be out for the rest of the season.

The southpaw recently expressed soreness in his throwing elbow, which led to his early exit against the University of Missouri-St. Louis last week.

According to head coach Gary Collins, the team is going to prepare for the worst.

"As of now, I haven't received a definite answer from

him regarding his condition," Collins said. "I am going to prepare as if he is not available until I am told otherwise."

While Keating is being checked for a partially torn ligament, nothing has been diagnosed yet.

"I'm sure we'll learn more about his condition this week, but for now, we'll just have to wait and see," Collins said.

On the season, Keating is 1-4 with a 5.06 ERA. Those numbers are drastically higher than his first-team All-GLVC performance last year.

Keating was a workhorse last year for the Cougars, posting a 3.51 ERA while going 3-6.

Collins said he sees a

correlation between Keating's higher number this year and his arm injury.

"He was probably trying to pitch through it. It just caught up to him," Collins said. "He is our best pitcher. You just can't replace him if he is done."

With less than half of the conference season remaining, the potential loss comes at a desperate time for the Cougars.

They are in 10th place in the GLVC with only the top eight teams advancing to the conference tournament.

Since SIUE joined the GLVC, the Cougars have never missed the conference tournament.

BASEBALL

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Cougars break their two-game slide, defeating the Norse 7-4. Junior first baseman Craig Ohlau woke up the Cougar bats, going 3-4 with a season high of five RBIs.

"Craig has been our best hitter all year," Collins said. "Everybody got off to a slow start, but he really has been hitting for most of the year."

Jones again came up with a big performance, throwing six innings while giving up just one earned run.

Game two saw the Norse turn the tides. Sophomore pitcher Kyle Jones wasn't able to keep the Norse down, giving up five runs in six innings.

The back-and-forth battle continued in game three, with the Cougars striking back with a 5-0 win.

Sophomore pitcher David Briesacher turned in his best performance of the year, going the distance while allowing only

two hits. It was the Cougars' third shutout of the season. Junior infielder Jared Brueggeman led the way offensively for the Cougars, going 2-4 with two RBIs.

The finale saw the Norse even the series with a 5-4 victory. Ohlau went 2-4 with an RBI in the losing effort.

The Cougars stand at 12-24 overall and 9-14 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, good for 10th place.

Ohlau continues to lead the Cougars with his .331 average and 41 hits. He is also the only Cougar to start in every game.

Senior centerfielder Luke Humphrey is quietly putting together another solid season. Humphrey is hitting .280 while leading the team with two home runs, 10 doubles and 27 RBIs.

"Luke has been one of the few that has been able to recover from the slow start," Collins said.

Collins also noted contributions by sophomore outfielder Joe Wargo.

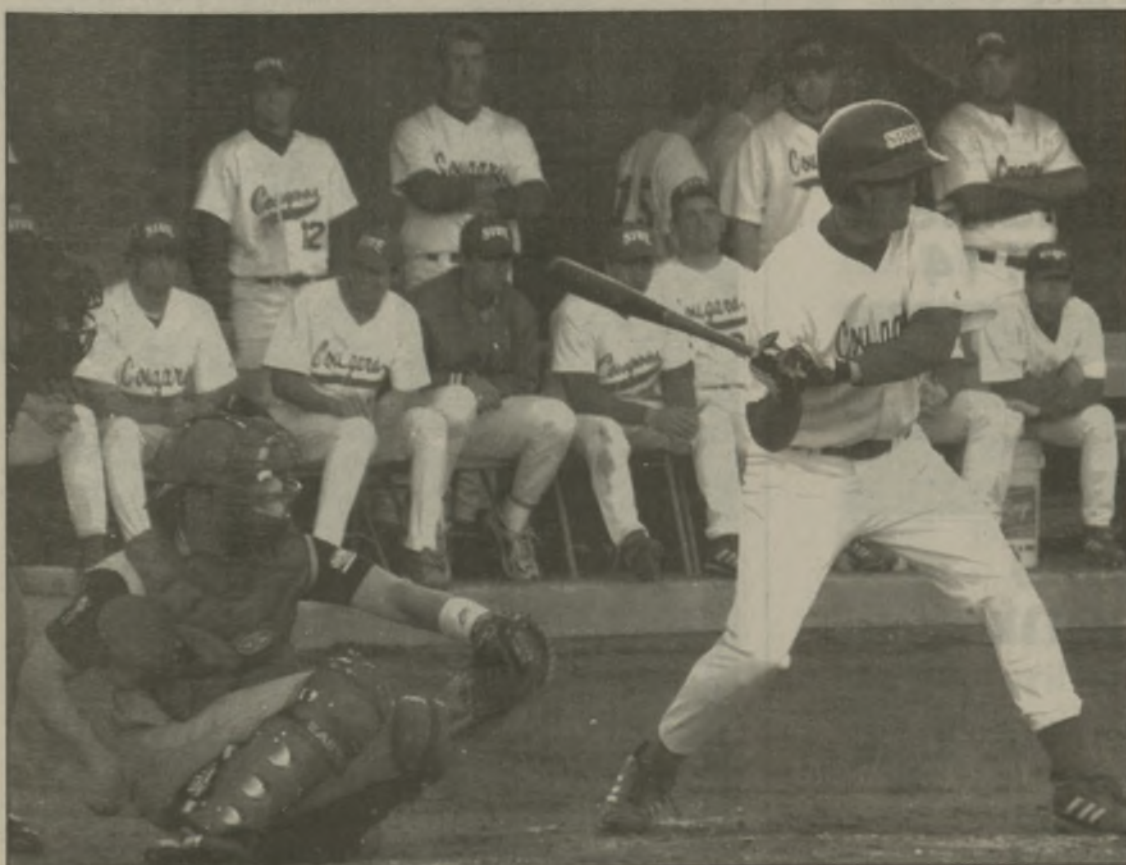
"Joe has got the job done in the past few weeks," Collins said. "He's scoring some runs for us."

Wargo leads the Cougars with 22 runs scored and seven stolen bases.

On the mound, Jones continues to be a pleasant surprise. His 4-0 record and 1.16 ERA are both team bests. In fact, he is the only Cougar to have a winning record on the pitching staff.

Rettberg, while only having a 2-4 record, holds a 2.74 ERA in 46 innings pitched. The right-hander also leads the Cougars with 39 strikeouts.

The Cougars will look to improve on their chances of gaining a postseason berth when they host Kentucky Wesleyan College in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Wednesday.



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Junior outfielder Jared Brueggeman stands in and waits for an incoming pitch. The Cougars are in danger of missing the conference tournament for the first time since joining the GLVC.

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SOFTBALL

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Finch leads the staff with a 1.01 ERA, to go along with her 8-1 record.

Hoheimer stands at 9-4 while leading the Cougars with 90 innings pitched.

Offensively, the Cougars are once again being paced by Esker. The two-time All-Conference performer leads the Cougars in almost every offensive category. She is batting .375 with five home runs and 23 RBIs, which are both team bests.

"She gets us going," Montgomery said. "But players still have to step up, and they have of late."

SIUE enters a pivotal week, hosting the University of Alabama-Huntsville Wednesday before traveling to NKU with first place on the line.

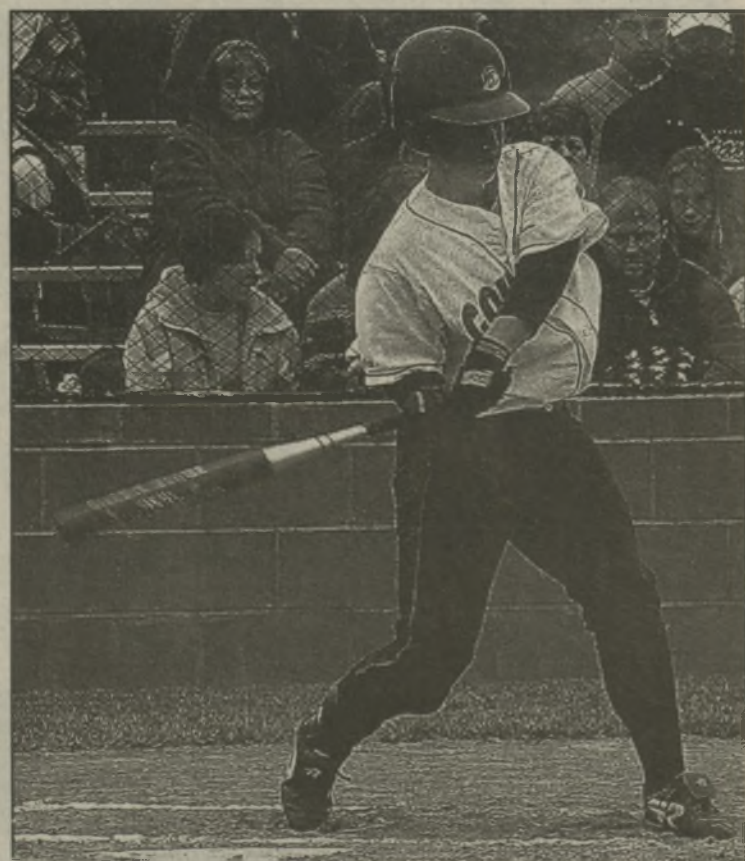
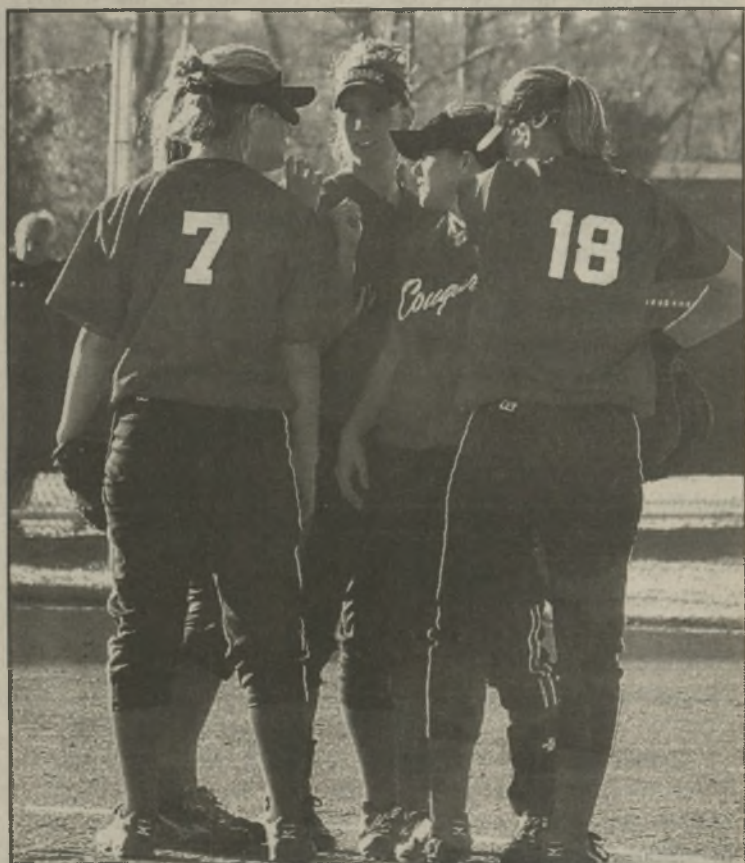
"Everybody knows how important the NKU games are," Montgomery said. "We hate them."

The players have already begun talking about it, but we have to take care of business on Wednesday first."

Montgomery said she knows the highly anticipated games against NKU will go along way in the final conference standings.

"They are playing well. There is no doubting that," Montgomery said. "They're trying to knock us out of the top spot, so we have some pressure on us."

The Cougars most likely need to sweep the doubleheader action against the Norse to keep their 3-peat hopes secure.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Top, the Cougar infield gathers around the mound to talk strategy. Bottom, a Cougar batter gets ready to swing at a pitch.

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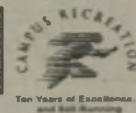
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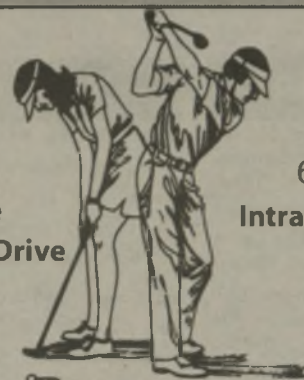
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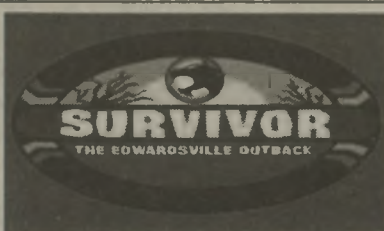
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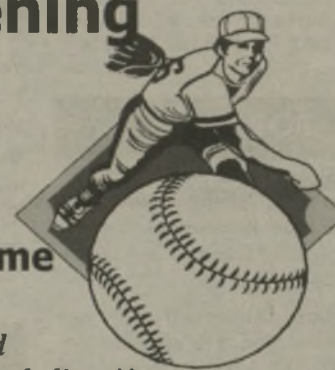
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
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Student Open Forums

Students:

The following session is being provided as an opportunity for students to meet and ask questions.

Chancellor Candidate

Dr. Aaron Podolefsky

Northern Iowa provost and vice president for academic affairs

April 16, 2004: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Illinois Room, Morris University Center

Classified & Personals

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A l e s t i e

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004 ◆

HELP WANTED

Bartender Trainees Needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. 1-800-293-3985 ext 255 4/29/04

Avon/Mark Reps needed. FT/PT. Call today. 618-667-1923. Leave message 4/22/04

Receptionist Needed: Work part time now and full time in the summer. Call for details 618-345-7299 or 531-3756. 4/15/04

Part-time help needed for local cleaning company. Days only - no weekends/evenings. \$6.50 - \$7.50/hr. Must have car. Needed now and summer. Call 656-0005. 4/15/04

Outdoor Laborer for summer and fall job. Lawn and landscape work. Starting pay \$7.25 for 30 - 40 hrs per week. 345-9131. 5/26/04

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FOR SALE

Used Books at bargain prices. Good Buy Bookshop, Lovejoy Library Room 0012, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11am to 3pm. Sponsored by Friends of Lovejoy Library. 4/29/04

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King sz soft sided water bed and frame. \$250 neg. 659-9994 after 5 p.m. 4/20/04

MISCELLANEOUS

A panel discussion on Project Management April 21, 2004 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Maple/Dogwood Room MUC. Refreshments served. Admission free. Brought to you by CMIS 540 spring class. RSVP to Yi Zhang at yzhanaa@siue.edu by April 19th. 4/20/04

PERSONALS

Congrats to the AΦ Sister of the Week Erika! We love you! Love your AΦ sisters! 4/13/04

International Student Council Elections (ISC) Presidential candidate "Vikas" - "V" for Victory. Vote Vikas Friday (April 16th), MUC, 2nd Floor, ISS Office, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. 4/13/04

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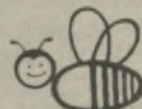
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 8am - 4:30pm

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