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Strike has happy '80s come back with spring end for workers

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE building service workers of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2232 have finally reached an agreement on pay raises.

"The Head Start employees got (a one and a half increase across the board pay increase,) but these are only about nine people who (are in the union)," AFSCME spokeswoman Barbara Brumfield said.

The building service workers will receive retroactive pay for the pay raises.

"(Building service workers) will get a 1 percent retroactive increase on July 2003," Brumfield said.

In addition to the 1 percent retroactive increase, the building service workers will also receive additional retroactive pay increase from January 2004 to the present, according to Brumfield.

"This group has gone without a pay raise in that time (of negotiation)," Brumfield said. "We have to finalize the wording on it, and then we will be done."

Building service workers have been waiting for this news for the past nine months.

"It started as a wage reopener in July of 2003," Brumfield said. "We protested at the graduation back in December. It got them back to the table where both sides could talk again. We had other protests, but they were canceled (because of the negotiations)."

In addition to the pay increases, AFSCME Local 2232 also agreed to extend the current contract.

"The contract is due to be open now, and we normally agree with a three-year contract, but we decided to extend the contract one more year," Brumfield said. "It extends our contract, and we'll be back negotiating in June of 2005, instead of June 2004."

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

April at SIUE means one thing, Springfest 2004.

The theme of this year's event is "I Love the '80s."

Springfest 2004 features a variety of events for students. With activities like Cougar karaoke, Battle of the Bands, a trivia contest and the '80s rock band Son of Glam, there will be something in store for everyone.

Along with these events, a few new things have been added this year.

"There are tons of new events happening this year at Springfest," Campus Activities Board Traditions Chair Julie Luehder said. "We are going to show a popular '80s movie on a huge outdoor movie screen, and we are moving the location to the new RecPlex."

Having many Springfest activities at the new RecPlex, across from the Early Childhood Center, is also something new.

"We decided to move



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Top, Tanika and Tiresha Mayes enjoy the inflatable games Wednesday as part of Springfest. Bottom, Tanika Mayes waves from the inflatable race.

Springfest to the RecPlex because it is the best location for many reasons," Luehder said. "First of all, there is a huge open field with enough flat ground to hold all of our activities. Also, it allows us to collaborate with Campus Recreation in order to make Springfest a successful event."

For more information, call CAB at 650-3371 or visit the Web site at www.siu.edu/CAB.



Students propose to stay safe

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Three SIUE speech communication majors want to make a difference with their senior projects.

With a proposal of Keeping an Eye on Your Safety, or KEY, Linda Dohnal, Sheila Arseo and Keith Brown said they hope SIUE may provide a service to reduce instances of drinking and

driving by 2006.

"In Speech 200, we were supposed to sell a product or service. My partner and I chose to go a different route (with a designated driving service), and it blossomed into a senior project," Dohnal said. "Sheila and Keith got on board, and we think, through this, we'll leave a positive impact on the school and the students."

Through the presentation of

the proposal from noon to 1:30 pm. Friday, April 23, in Founders Hall Room 3302, the team hopes to gain support.

"The greater the support and the more members involved, the sooner we get university backing," Brown said.

The team hopes SIUE will follow in the footsteps of schools such as the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, where a similar service was offered to students.

"All of the big 10 schools, they all have designated services," Dohnal said. "They have had much success with that."

With the addition of a proposed Cougar cab, students 21 and older may get transportation between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. to and from popular area night life locations and campus for a small fare.

In order to gain insight on students' opinions of the idea, the team polled 300 SIUE students. The team asked students

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KRISTEN REBER/ALESTLE

Students Linda Dohnal, Keith Brown, and Sheila Arseo hope to provide a program to keep students safe.

Former employees back on the payroll

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Two retired SIUE employees are back on the university payroll while still receiving pension checks.

Former Dean of Students Randy Rock and former Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Janet McReynolds are being paid to help the new employees in their former positions. Rock is also teaching classes.

"They help with the transition, and it's a way for people taking their places to get help from the person who has done it for years," Public Affairs Assistant Director Greg Conroy said.

"It's very common. It's in the law, and there's nothing illegal

about it," he added.

Under state law, retired state workers must wait 60 days before they can return to work for the organization. Their monthly income cannot exceed their pension check under the law.

McReynolds and Rock were out 60 days after their retirements before the university asked them to return, Conroy said.

The two are not full-time employees, Conroy noted.

"They are on part-time basis and not getting paid nearly as much."

Rock's contract ends May 15 and Reynolds' at the end of the year. Neither contract will be renewed, Conroy said.

Rock and McReynolds were unavailable for comment.



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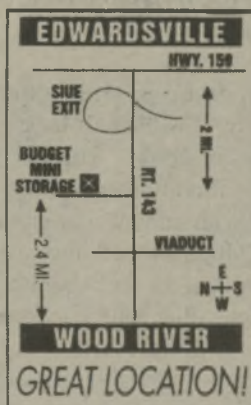
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20 years of foreign exchange

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

Assistant Director for the International Exchange Programs Loretta Dieckman is retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to SIUE.

Dieckman plans to retire Friday, April 23.

School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino said, "We are all sorry to see Loretta go, but we are also pleased that she will enjoy her retirement with her husband Bill. The neat thing is that she has had some wonderful relationships with SIUE students going abroad and also visiting students. There is evidence of this that her office is filled with good mementos from students who adjusted to the new countries. Loretta is congenial and she welcomes everybody. Loretta is often the

first person who students talk to." Dieckman said there are a number of things she plans to do after she retires.

"After 20 years with the university, it might be a good time to retire, and I plan to travel with my children and family all over the country," Dieckman said.

School of Business International Programs Director Radcliffe G. Edmonds said, "Loretta Dieckman's 20-year career in the School of Business has always involved helping students. She began by assisting all of the students enrolled in the School of Business' St. Louis MBA program, and as the school's international programs grew over the past 10 years, Loretta's sphere of influence expanded to the world."

Edmonds also said Dieckman

has welcomed every incoming exchange student, as well as students going abroad.

"Every SIUE student going abroad for a semester to one of our exchange partners has had both an easy time getting there due to Loretta's work with our partners abroad and a helpful and sympathetic person back home for e-mail and even telephone contact, as needed," Edmonds said. "Our retiring assistant director of the school's Office of International Programs has been instrumental in the success of the exchange programs and in ensuring that all of the exchange students have had an outstanding experience."

For those who want to extend their wishes to Dieckman, a reception will be held in her honor Friday, April 23, in Founders Hall, Room 3307.

Bosses make breakfast



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Customer service representative Frankie Polich-Burns helps Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson serve breakfast at the annual event to honor the student and staff employees in the MUC Wednesday.

The faculty discussions lack crowds

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

The faculty conversation series for the school year is winding down.

Three faculty conversations have been held throughout the spring semester.

"The discussions have been quite interesting. Attendance hasn't been high," philosophy professor Robert Ware said.

The events are aimed to provide thought-provoking conversation between faculty members.

"(The purpose is to) provide opportunities for faculty members to come together and discuss issues of substance," Ware said.

Ware said he hopes the series will continue in the fall and possibly include student participation.

Have fun with the Chemistry Club

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

The Department of Chemistry and the Chemistry Club announce the 28th Annual William J. Probst Memorial Lecture will be Thursday.

"The lectures have been going on for 28 years in memory of past chemistry professor William J. Probst," said Assistant Professor for the Department of Chemistry and Office of Science and Mathematic Education Eric Malina.

This year, Dr. Bassam Z.

Shakhashiri will lecture on "The Joy of Learning and Exhortations for Good Teaching," at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Science Building, Room 1105, and "Science is Fun," at 7 p.m., in the Meridian Ballroom at the Morris University Center.

"Bassam has been a science educator for years and years," Malina said. "He is originally from Lebanon, but had his university training in the states."

Also, a Student Research Symposium will be held at 2 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom in the MUC Thursday.

"It's a poster session where students present a poster," Malina said. "It's traditionally for seniors and students."

"The 'Science is Fun' lecture is about combustion, exploding balloons, floating soap bubbles, polymers and other spectacular scientific phenomena," Malina said.

"We look forward to a good crowd," Malina said. "It's a great show for adults and kids alike."

The lectures are free for all. For more information, contact Malina at 650-2589 or email him at emalina@siue.edu.



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questions such as if they would use the service and how much they would pay for the service.

"It's called a convenience sample, and we went downstairs while people were eating (and gave them surveys)," Brown said. "We had to go through training with the Institutional Review Board."

Throughout the semester, the team met with campus organizations for advice

on the plans.

"Granted, we could have made this happen in a small amount of time, but we've spoken to SIUE lawyers and the Risk Management Office," Dohnal said.

The team also researched for sponsorship information with designated driving for St. Louis area universities.

"I think we've really laid the groundwork," Arseo said. "We've

really done our homework."

While Dohnal, Arseo and Brown graduate in May, the group does not want to see the possibility of such a program leave SIUE with them.

"The students at SIUE really have to be on board," Dohnal said. "Once we turn in the petition to organize, we will be recognized as an organization. We need another group of students to carry this on."

Campus Scanner

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Greek Life Coordinator John Davenport is presenting effective strategies for student organization officer transitions from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Kimmel Leadership Center Conference Room. For more information, contact Kimmel Assistant Director Cheryl Heard at 650-2686 or at cheard@siue.edu.

Promotion and Tenure at SIUE: Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Sharon Hahs and Associate Provost David Sill will take a look at promotion and tenure dossiers on file at SIUE from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Engineering Building, Room 2026. Space is limited and seating is reservation only. To make

reservations, contact Cindy Scarsdale at cscard@siue.edu or 650-3647.

Lunch With a Professor: Come and have a free lunch with history professor Eric Ruckh from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center Boardroom. For more information, call 650-2305.

Surviving Finals Week: A seminar sponsored by Academic Counseling and Advising to show students how to gracefully survive the last few weeks of school will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 3311. For more information, visit Academic Counseling and Advising in Peck Hall, Room 1315, or call 650-3701.

Jazz Combo Concerts:

The Music Department is sponsoring jazz combo concerts from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Dunham Hall, Room 1114. For more information, call 650-3900.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Ants taking over columnist's dorm

I have a dilemma. I pay for a private room in Cougar Village, but about 100 roommates live there too.

In other words, my room has been overrun by ants. The little insurgents are everywhere.

At first I thought it was just my "clean" room that attracted the ants. Yeah right, my room is a playground for small creatures looking to avoid being found ever again.

I made a map for my room, and it looked like something straight out of "Lord of the Rings." The dartboard is like the eye of Sauron looking down at me. The closet is like Fangorn Forest; I swear the junk in there is talking to me. My dresser is like

Mount Doom; it's impossible to reach without a great journey, and the ants are like hobbits, annoying little things that seem to be everywhere.

And I swear the little evildoers are getting bigger.

Last week I think the ants sent the leader of the group to negotiate with me. I was minding my own peace, cursing the ants and playing "MVP Baseball 2004" on my computer.

All of a sudden this mammoth ant, which looked like it weighed in the ballpark of two ounces, shakes its way up the desk and perches below the monitor. The ant then started running around frantically, screaming something about a

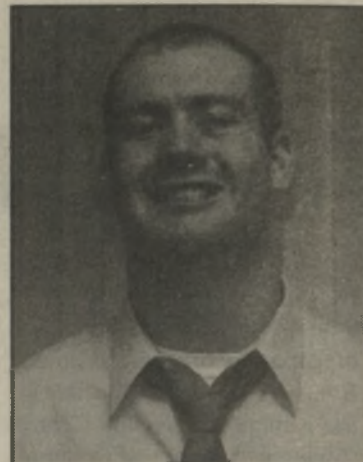
union and its rights and how it had a family to worry about. Blah, blah, blah.

Jim Edmonds was up to bat, and I was not in a mood to negotiate; so I set my drink on the little monster.

This sparked an outcry from the residential ant community, the likes of which I have never seen and hope to never see again.

Since then, you could say I've got a bigger problem. And, I've consulted with other residents of the village who say this is also a problem they have. I guess it's the nice weather that brings these little buggers out.

I guess as long as the little buggers eat the crumbs on the floor and don't bother me when



I'm playing video games, we can coexist; for now.

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Letter to the Editor

Peace rallies not necessarily anti-military

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to express respect for Joseph Layman, who had a letter printed in the April 8 edition of the Alestle, and to all who voluntarily serve in the armed forces.

Far too many people these days simply choose not to serve our country in any way. I am a veteran, although the only war I served in was the Cold War, where both sides had enough sense to avoid making it total war. My service was a miniscule part in the facing down of the Soviet threat. My nephew serves in Iraq now, and I worry about him.

I take issue with the comments and assumptions. He assumed those at the peace rally at SIUE were somehow automatically opposed to the military and, thus, to him. How does he know this?

He said those at the rally "just wanted to stop the war," as if stopping a questionable war is somehow anti-military or un-

American. Stopping the war is hardly a negative stance, and I recall the peace rally was held weekly on the Stratton Quadrangle before the war even started, when more of us should have stood up. I never attended a protest, but I voiced my concern with my keyboard.

Layman stated sometimes war is inevitable, and he's certainly correct. Sometimes all diplomatic endeavors have been tried and exhausted.

Throughout history, wars have been avoided through diplomacy, and wars have been fought after diplomacy failed. Sometimes a king or a dictator feigns diplomacy and wages war anyway. This seems to be the first time a president has behaved in such a way.

Layman assumed the war in Iraq was inevitable, and he is correct, in a sense. The war in Iraq was apparently part of President George W. Bush's administration's plans before Osama bin Laden's minions piloted those planes into infamy. It appears that, as more of the

truth is uncovered, we will learn too many of our finest will have died or been crippled because our president bears a grudge against a despot who has a long history with his family.

Terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and democracy for the people of Iraq are the lies foisted on all of us by an administration filled with men who never served when they were called and who have an agenda that has nothing to do with national security. And, our troops are now serving to meet those ends.

Layman assumed our right to free speech is guaranteed by our military might. Again, he is partially correct. Our security and way of life comes from a strong military, but to claim the antiwar

protestor's right to dissent is a result of the military and past wars is nonsense.

Those rights were won some 200 years ago and are maintained by all of us who vote and participate in our democracy. No one in Iraq is defending an American's right to free speech any more than those who fought in Vietnam or Korea did, other than maintaining an undoubted military readiness that promises a fight if the homeland is threatened.

And yet this promised fight has been derailed by Bush's endeavors in Iraq, and the author of the Sept. 11 attack goes free. We settled for a tie in Korea and lost in Vietnam, but we didn't lose our security or freedoms.

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Quote of the Day

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ADRIENNE SMITH
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

A Greek tragedy hits the stage of Dunham Hall with murder, deceit and scandalous affairs.

The Theater and Dance Department presents "Oedipus" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 21 through 24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in Dunham Hall Theater. Be entertained with a classic fable by Sophocles.

The cast has been rehearsing since March 1. There are 29 people in the cast, some of whom were also part of the previous play, "bobrauschenbergamerica," by Charles Mee.

Theater professor Johanna Schmitz directs "Oedipus." Schmitz said there are no bad people in "Oedipus," only good people making bad decisions.

Schmitz has been directing for years and joined the SIUE faculty in 2002.

"I'm more interested in giving the audience an emotional ride, in which we watch a good person make the wrong decisions, causing a downfall," Schmitz said. "And Oedipus falls pretty far. He is a good person, as are the other characters, which makes the play itself a catharsis for the audience."



"Oedipus" was written by the Greek philosopher Sophocles in 430 B.C. According to SIUE's events Web page, "Oedipus" is the tragedy Aristotle called the purest example of this dramatic form.

The production tells the story of a

king in Thebes and the experiences he goes through. It uncovers the secrets of his past and the fate that led him to it.

According to www.imagi-nation.com, "Oedipus" is one of the most ingenious of all the fables of ancient mythology.

"I believe the play would be a

simplistic, unemotional reckoning if we gave into the notion that Oedipus is the arrogant and narrow-minded character he is sometimes made out to be," Schmitz said. "It is much more interesting, and I hope cathartic, for an audience to watch a generally good man make an error, recognize it and then willingly suffer the consequences of his action in order to set things right."

Schmitz has also added a change to the play by making the costume plot a more modern dress.

In previous performances of "Oedipus," the performers have dressed in Greek togas.

"I didn't want to do a museum piece," Schmitz said. "We don't know how the Greeks did it, and I didn't want the audience to be caught up in wondering if we got the costumes right."

"Reacting to the emotion and pity for the tragedy in the lives of the characters relieves members of the audience of their own fears,"

Schmitz said.

General admission tickets are \$8. Tickets for students, seniors, faculty and staff are \$5.

Students can receive one complimentary ticket by showing valid student identification.

For more information, contact the Box Office at 650-2774.

Cultural music spreads diversity



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Rays Bean on percussions, left, and Maisha Odlum, also on percussions, play to the beat of Caribbean in the Goshen Lounge Tuesday. The two, members of the band Waterhouse, performed for the International Music Fest. The event was the last in the Taste of Culture series sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

CAB sponsors a night of laughs and prizes

JESSICA SHUMAKER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

After sponsoring the Psychic Fair and Casino Night, Campus Activities Board will present Late Night Laugh-In from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in Center Court of the Morris University Center.

"There will be plenty of free food and lots of prizes," CAB graduate assistant and program adviser Melissa Preusser said.

The talents in this event include female comedian Alex House, comedians Alfred and Seymore, who also include hip-hop dance in their routine, and Mission Improvable, an improvisation group from Chicago.

"We would like for students to come out, participate and to have a good time," Special Events Chair Tiffany Hudson said. "We want to help students to get out from under those books and take a break."

Preusser said CAB tries to have an event at least once a month.

The students from CAB are responsible for picking out the entertainment for the rest of the students.

"There is a delegation of about four or five people who go to NACA (the National Association for Campus Activities) to view the entertainment," Preusser said.

NACA holds conferences where the students view entertainment and then book the agents for shows.

"There are 12 different chair members in CAB," Hudson said. "Each person gets a turn at coordinating an event, and this was my turn."

Hudson also coordinated other events like the Psychic Fair and Casino Night.

"This is my last event for the year," Hudson said. "Actually, this is my last event all together. I will be gone next year, so I hope to go out with a bang. Yes, I'll be there, and I hope to see a lot of other students too."

Preusser said if the Late Night Laugh-In goes well, CAB plans to have this event next year.

What's going down AROUND TOWN?

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Eddie From Ohio, 9 p.m.
Blueberry Hill's Duck Room
6504 Delmar Blvd.
University City, Mo.
(314) 727-0880

Dark Star Orchestra, 8 p.m.
The Pageant
6161 Delmar Blvd.
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(314) 726-6161

Form of Rocket, Head On Collision,
Richboy Falling, The Apology
Clause, 7 p.m.
Pop's Nightclub
1403 Mississippi Ave.
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274-6720

Riverdance, 8 p.m.
Fox Theatre
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Johnny Fox, 5 p.m.
Bennie Smith and the Urban Blues
Express, 8 p.m.
Broadway Oyster Bar
736 S. Broadway
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Monty Alexander and Les McCann
8:30 p.m. & 10:15 p.m.
Jazz at the Bistro
3536 Washington Ave.
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Friday

Jan Marra, 5 p.m.
The Ground Floor Band, 10 p.m.
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A John Mancuso Production,
Byproduct, Five Story Fall, Hell in
the Cannon, Lodi-C, Realm, The
5th Element, Lye By Mistake, 7 p.m.
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Perfect Xsistance, Tainted Wisdom
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Rod Stewart, 8 p.m.
Savvis Center
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Sofachrome, 8 p.m.
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Attack, Six, 7:45 p.m.
Mississippi Nights
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Whoppers Taste Good, 7:30 p.m.
The Creepy Crawl
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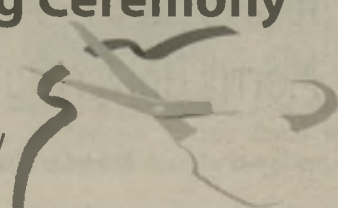
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Cougars set for conference tournament

Fourth-seeded Cougars will open GLVC Tournament play up against Bellarmine University this weekend

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's tennis team stopped a four-match losing skid by posting two conference victories this weekend.

SIUE picked up wins against Lewis University and St. Joseph's College to snap its skid. The Cougars end the regular season 8-9 overall and 4-4 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

"Those two wins brought us to the .500 mark in the conference and put us in a good position," head coach Bill Logan said. "All we are thinking about right now is the conference tournament."

Against the Lewis Flyers, the Cougars swept all six singles matches, cruising to the 8-1 victory.

Sophomore Matt Warner posted a 6-0, 6-1 victory in the number one singles spot.

The Cougars took two out of three in doubles play.

Against the Pumas of St.

Joseph's, the Cougars again dominated singles action in the 5-1 team victory.

The Cougars took all three singles match while again taking two of three in doubles

Freshman Justin Free leads the team with a 14-7 record on the year, which includes a 6-1 mark in conference matches.

The duo of Free and Senior Doug Kummer has picked up a team high of eight victories in doubles play.

SIUE, Bellarmine University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis all finished 4-4 in conference standings. The teams' head-to-head records could not break the tie, so a coin toss determined the fourth through sixth seeds.

The Cougars won the coin toss, giving them the No. 4 seed. Bellarmine picked up the fifth seed and will meet the Cougars in the first round.

"We beat Bellarmine earlier in the year," Warner said. "We got a chance at this thing if we all play up to our ability."

The Cougars defeated the

Bellarmine Knights earlier in the year 6-3, but both No. 1 and 2 singles were won by the Knights.

"Those matches were pretty close," Warner said. "It wasn't like we were not in those matches."

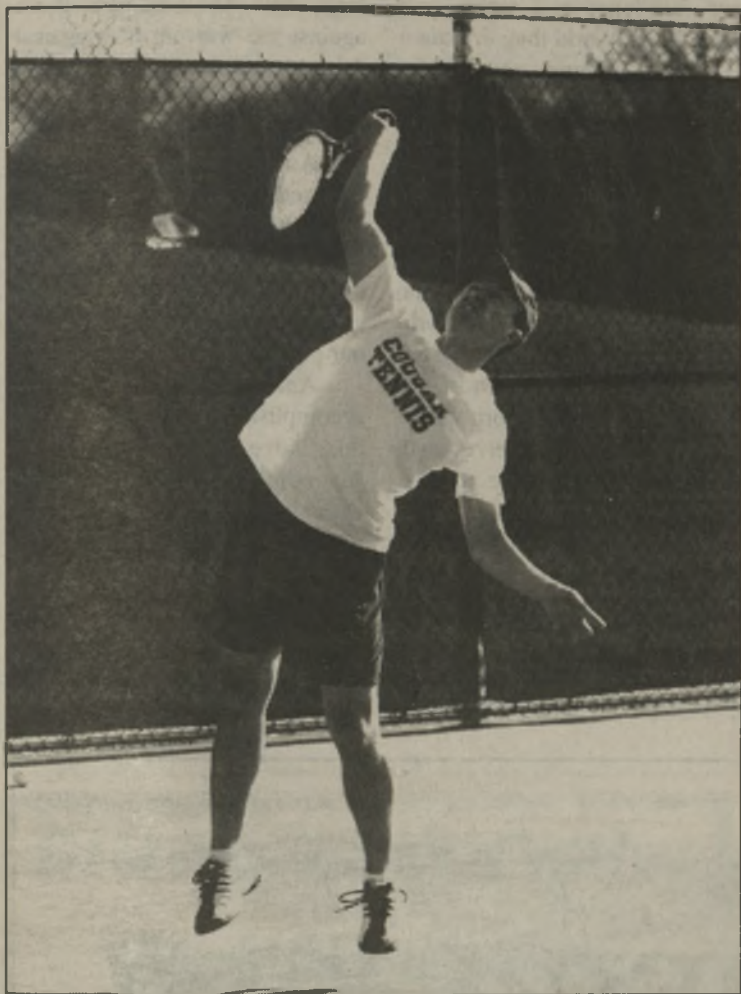
If the Cougars advance to the second round, they will most likely face the No. 1 seed Northern Kentucky University Norse. Earlier in the season, the Cougars lost to the Norse 9-0.

"NKU is a good team, but that score doesn't indicate how close some of those matches were," Warner said. "If we do see them in the tournament, everybody is going to have to step up."

NKU finished the GLVC regular season number 1 in the conferecne with a perfect 8-0 record. The Norse were 13-3 overall on the year.

"It's not going to be easy to win, but we definitely have the firepower to compete with these teams," Warner said.

"It's the end of the season, and its time to step up to the challenge at hand."



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Junior Chris Rigdon gets in position to serve one up in a match at SIUE. The Cougars will open the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament against Bellarmine University.

Cougars split home games with nationally ranked UAH Chargers Pitching steals the show again for surging Cougars

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE softball team got another taste of tournament atmosphere when the No. 9 ranked University of Alabama-Huntsville Lady Chargers visited the Cougars Wednesday.

The Cougars came away with a split, dropping game one 1-0 but winning game two 7-0. The loss in game one halted the Cougars' eight-game winning streak.

Game one saw two outstanding pitching performances. Junior Ashlea Hoheimer did everything she could to pick up a victory but failed due to an unearned run in the top of the seventh inning.

Hoheimer went the distance,

giving up just six hits and the one unearned run.

UAH starting pitcher, sophomore Lindsey Skinner, blanked the Cougars while allowing just three hits.

Game two saw the Cougar bats explode for seven runs on 13 hits.

Senior outfielder Jenny Esker had a perfect day at the plate. The All-American finished with two runs scored and one RBI.

Junior shortstop Veronica Schmidt also had a quality day at the plate.

The Westmont native stayed hot for the Cougars, collecting two hits, two RBIs and one run scored.

Sophomore outfielder Alicia DeShaier chipped in with two hits, one RBI and two runs

scored.

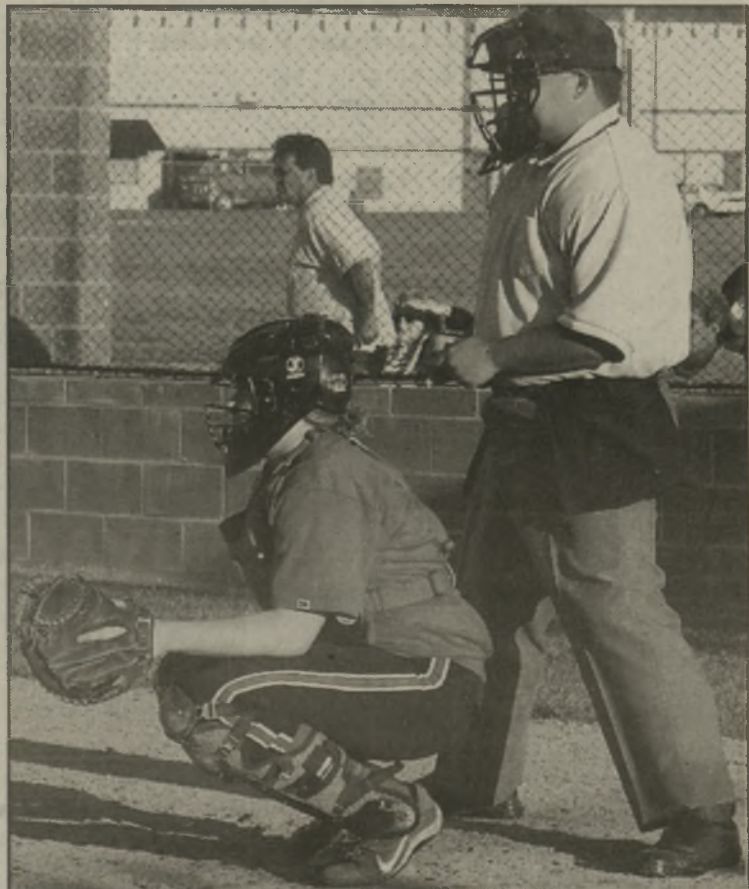
The Cougars also benefited from two costly errors that led to two Cougar runs.

Sophomore pitcher Mary Heather White continued a recent trend for the Cougars, great starting pitching. White kept the Charger bats at bay, giving up no runs on just four hits. White improves to 7-3 on the season.

In the past six games, the Cougars have given up just two earned runs. The Cougars are 5-1 during the stretch.

The Cougars will travel to Northern Kentucky University this weekend to battle for first place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

SIUE trail NKU by two games in GLVC action. The teams will play a doubleheader starting at noon.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior catcher Shannon Evans settles in behind the plate. The Cougars will take on Northern Kentucky this weekend.

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VETERAN

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And, in fact, it was the military and National Guard units who broke up peaceful anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, thus negating free speech of the demonstrators and going so far as firing on and killing four students at Kent State in 1970, two of whom were mere passers-by.

If there is a threat to free speech rights, I'd suggest our own attorney general is more of a threat to us than any Muslim leader, dictator or despot. It is the pervasive apathy of those eligible to vote but don't that threatens our freedoms and rights, not some Third World thug or state.

Thirty-second sound bite answers to complex issues that trouble our society and the mindless readiness to accept easy answers and shun debate are more of a threat to our freedom and security than anything another country can do, and the mightiest military in the world will be impotent to stop such a cancerous erosion of our freedom if it comes from within while we delude ourselves with simple answers because we fear debate.

The protestor's right to free speech is a result of our law, culture, tradition and history, not of military largess.

Layman seemed to imply that, while he is against the

antiwar stance of the protesters, he can't stop them. So, he is compelled to remind them they owe him, and all veterans, something for their ability to dissent.

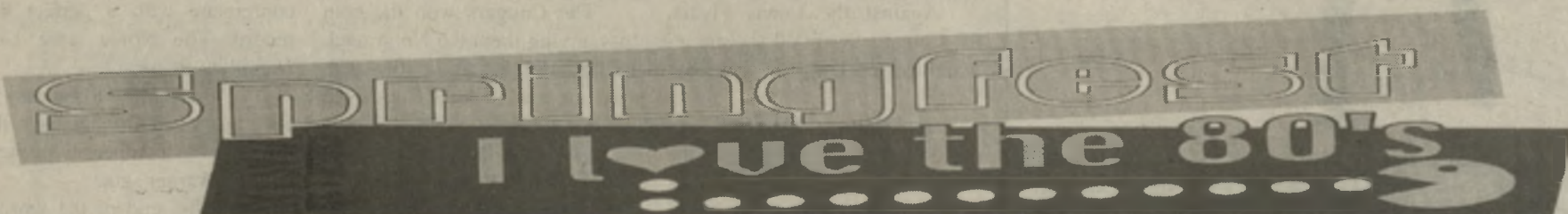
He can't have their support of the war, so he wants their thanks or some admission they are wrongheaded.

But how does he know the protesters have contributed nothing to the troops? He can't possibly know whether those who oppose Bush's folly have friends or relatives serving in Iraq, but he assumed those against the war are also against the military. It's a mindset that assumes "if you aren't with us, then you're against us."

As a veteran, I adamantly opposed this war, and now I can only shake my head and hope my nephew, along with Layman, doesn't give his life for what amounts to despotic behavior of our president.

And, I hope we can accomplish regime change here this November by voting the scoundrels out and, hopefully with allied help, bring our friends and relatives home to live their lives.

Brad Walker
Alumnus 1988



Wednesday, April 21

All 80's Cougar Karaoke

Goshen Lounge
11:30am-1:00pm

Battle of the Bands Competition

Woodland Hall North Lawn, (rain location: Meridian)
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Thursday, April 22

80's Organization Fair

Stratton Quad, (rain location: Goshen Lounge)
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Campus Rec Survivor on the Quad

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Giant Banana Split

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11:30am-1:00pm

Outdoor 80's Movie

Woodland Hall North Lawn, (rain location: Woodland Multipurpose)
8:00pm-10:00pm

Friday, April 23

80's Trivia Contest

Goshen Lounge
11:30am-1:00pm

Rec Plex Grand Opening

Rec Plex
6:30pm-7:45pm

Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Rec Plex
8:00pm-12:00midnight

Springfest Live

Rec Plex, (rain location: Student Fitness Center)
6:00pm-12:00midnight

Saturday, April 24

Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Rec Plex
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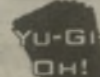
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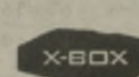
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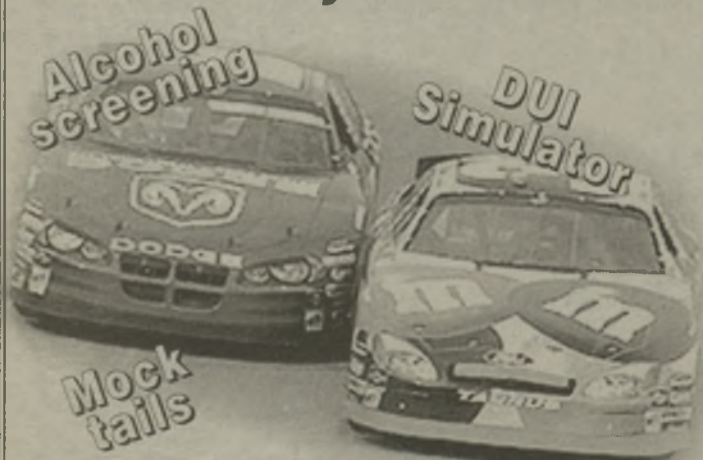
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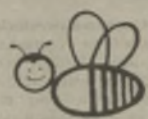
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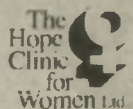


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