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Chancellor strides into job

JAMIE FORSYTHE
NEWS EDITOR

At 5:30 a.m. SIUE is practically deserted except for the geese perhaps, but new Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift can be found walking around the campus.

"I'm taking advantage of living in Cougar Village by walking around the university every morning," Vandegrift said Monday afternoon.

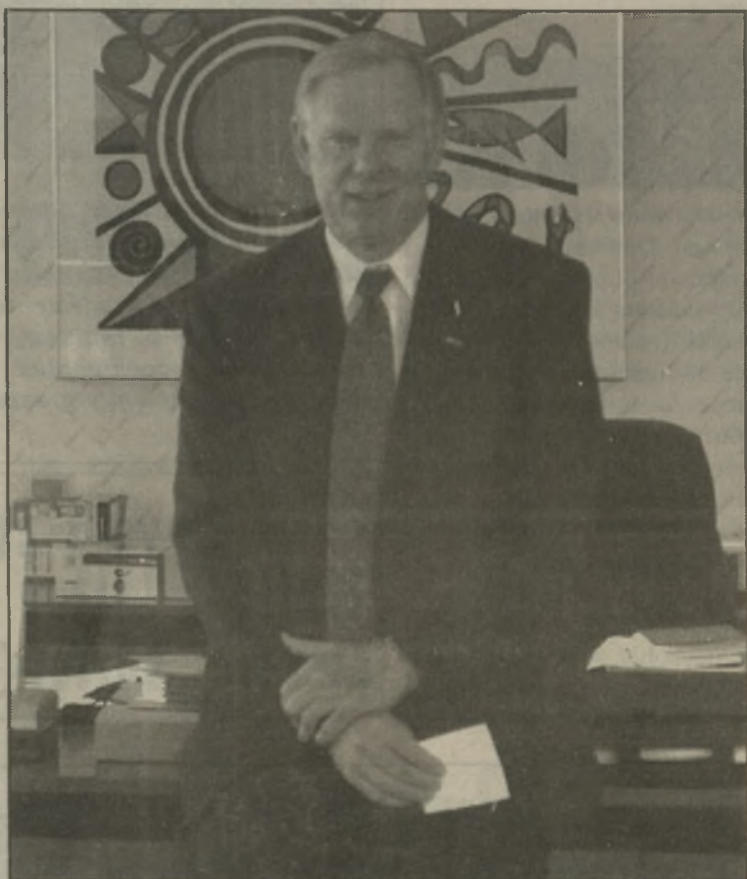
Vandegrift joked that he had not yet tried to use the Cougar Village laundry facilities, and said he is sure his Ford van will never be mistaken for a Beemer.

Alestle columnist Travis Ross recently wrote about the chancellor taking up residence in Cougar Village until he can close on the home he and his wife bought.

Vandegrift arrived on campus Thursday afternoon after driving with his wife, Suzanne, from their home in Georgia.

He had been expected July 1, but his arrival on campus was

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JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

SIUE's new Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift already feels at home in his office.

Lodge to be built in University Park

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

Plans are being made to build a hotel in SIUE's University Park.

The 54-room lodge and conference center will include The Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture Library with works by the famous architect and others.

The library will offer "a walk of inspiration for young people," said Bill Shaw, architectural consultant and project manager for Stonebridge Development.

As of yet no groundbreaking date has been set.

SIUE has been actively seeking such a project for more than a decade and Stonebridge Development was willing to

make an investment that met university standards, University Park Executive Director Brian Donnelly said.

Bringing the lodge and conference center to University Park will benefit SIUE and the community, he said.

Although this is a first for SIUE, Donnelly said it is common on many college campuses.

"There are all kinds of continuing education programming that could benefit from this."

~Brian Donnelly

"There are all kinds of continuing education programming that could benefit from this," he said.

University Park makes up 330 acres of the SIUE's 2,660-acre campus.

Dredging of ponds nearing completion



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

With the dredging complete, Peck Pond awaits rainwater to refill it.

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

The dredging of three ponds on campus is nearly complete

The Peck and Arboretum ponds are finished, although the Peck Pond awaits rainwater to refill it. Director of Facilities Management Bob Washburn said

the pond might take through the spring rains of 2005 to fill unless there is a wet fall.

Arboretum Pond filled quickly and the fountain now works properly. There is no current plan for a fountain in Peck Pond due to lack of funds, but it can be added anytime,

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SIUE graduate publishes book

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

Michael Rawlins, a 1988 SIUE mass communications graduate, is telling the world about life on the high seas in his book "The Last American Sailors: A Wild Ride in the Modern Merchant Marine."

"The book is about contemporary merchant marines and answers everybody's question about being on the sea," Rawlins said. "It addresses stereotypes that people generally have questions about."

For example, Rawlins' book looks at such questions as is there a girl at every port, are ships vulnerable to terrorists, are there pirates and is there such a thing as a perfect storm.

"Most people are not quite sure what the merchant marine is," Rawlins said, "so they try to relate it on the only level they know - old swashbuckling books and movies. I wanted to give a perspective of someone with years on the water, to combine history with some good old



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL RAWLINS

SIUE graduate Michael Rawlins is a merchant marine who recently published a book and is working on another one.

sea stories."

Rawlins has worked as a merchant marine for 14 years, and has gotten so accustomed to the work schedule that he does not want to leave the line of work.

"As a merchant marine, you usually work two months on and get four months off," he said.

"And that's year-round."

Rawlins lived in Carlinville while attending SIUE and got his first job as an assignment editor at WYRT Radio in Glen Carbon. A friend at the time was a merchant marine.

"The opportunity to work on

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Employee of the month

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

Barb Randle, secretary for the Department of Mass Communications, has been honored as the July employee of the month.

Before working with the mass comm department, Randle worked for the Department of Concrete Construction Resource Unit in the School of Engineering.

Wilma Snell, an educational research consultant for the concrete construction

resource unit, originally nominated Randle.

"When we gave her an assignment, she would have it done quickly and correctly," Snell said.

Snell described Randle as one of the best secretaries the unit ever had.

"I'm very honored," Randle said. "I don't think I've done anything special. I just do my job."

Randle will mark four years of service to the SIUE community in August.

In addition to being chosen as employee of the



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE
Barb Randle

month, she will receive a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to the university bookstore, a close-by parking spot and two complimentary lunch coupons.

New payday at SIUE

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

SIUE employees have a new payday.

Effective this month, paychecks will be issued on the

last banking day of each month. Previously, monthly paychecks and the second check of semi-monthly checks were issued on the first banking day of the next month.

Recognition of Arboretum



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

SIUE's Donal G. Myer Arboretum has been designated as a Shaw's Garden East site by the Missouri Botanical Garden. The 30-acre site is on North University Drive near the roadway to Cougar Village. In the edition of July 6, the story about the Arboretum was mistakenly accompanied by a picture of the Biology Department's greenhouse. The Alestle regrets the error.

Campus Scanner

Art in the Park: The Edwardsville Municipal Band will play from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday at the Edwardsville City Park in downtown Edwardsville. Jean Kittrell and the St. Louis Rivermen will play from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday. Children's art classes, kindergarten through fourth grade, will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Rich Walker at 650-3158.

Cookout: Baptist Student Ministries is sponsoring a prayer cookout from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday. There is no charge, and it is open to all interested students and guests. It is being held off campus. Call 656-4100 for location and directions.

Summer Showbiz: Summer Showbiz presents "Gypsy" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Dunham Hall Theater. The last showing will be 2 p.m. Sunday. For ticket information, contact the University's Box Office 650-2774 or (888) 328-5168, ext. 2774.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

Have a comment?
Write a letter to the editor.
alestle_editor@hotmail.com

My sister, Jodi, was always laughing or singing, which made it almost impossible not to be happy when she was around. Jodi, our brother, Jim and I had the best time cheering for the university of Kentucky's football team over pizza in our apartment on December 29, 1999. I remember the date because this was the last day I saw my sister. She was killed two days later on New Year's Eve by a drunk driver. My hope is you will remember her smile before you get behind the wheel. Please don't drink and drive.



Julie Johnson

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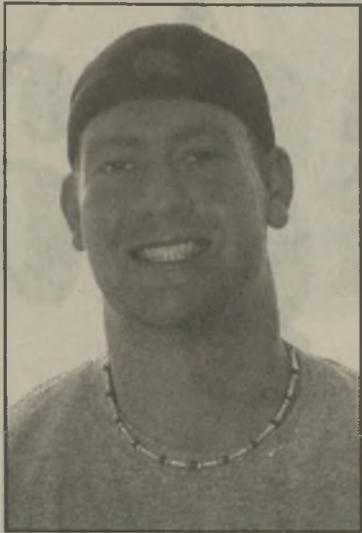
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Columnist blazes housing trail



You could say my string of luck with university housing has burned out.

When people ask me what I do to supplement my monstrous Alestle paycheck (for the record, I think I am actually paying The Alestle to work here), I tell them I'm a professional mover.

I've lived in five Cougar Village apartments in three years, going through roommates faster than quarters at a C-V laundromat – the roommate

count now stands at 12.

You can't blame it on me. I actually planned on living with the same guys throughout college, at least until our apartment burned down and my personal roommate roller coaster began.

This isn't the sacrificial apartment burning that happened last year that most of you would remember. This is 412 that burned down a few years ago – I'm still waiting for the findings report on the cause of the fire.

If the university is looking for something to burn, they can melt all of the Rubbermaid tubs I use to hold my personal affects when I move, which become less and less with each relocation, and easily reconstruct a plastic version of the Morris University Center – and you could do that for a hell of a lot less than the nearly \$20 million we spent to renovate the MUC.

But anyway, the first day I moved into the next apartment, 419-2A, which is on the extreme 400-side, the person below us

complained that, while moving in, I was being too noisy while walking up the stairs. We hadn't even rolled in the radios, computers, guitars or a dartboard and the old codger said we were being too noisy.

So we moved yet again, this time to the opposite end of the 400-side, where people have a pulse, into 423-2B. We were more than content to stay there for the next six years until we graduated, but fate, once again, threw us the big hook.

I love how the university hangs important documentation, such as, oh, I don't know, homesteading forms, on the little magnetic clippy thing outside of your apartment door. If your little magnetic clippy thing fumbles the papers that will dictate where you live the next year, you've just earned a free ticket to the housing lottery.

The housing lottery is an extremely complicated system that no ordinary college student, administrator or anybody in university housing can figure out

that uses your grade point average, total semesters spent in university housing, weight, height and hair color to determine what number you will be in a line of about 2,000 bloodsuckers who are all out to take your apartment away from you.

Somehow, I wound up with the number 2,050, and my friend and I were forced to move again, this time down the valley into 427-1B.

The biggest problems I have now are the air conditioning spontaneously shutting down, the water occasionally getting shut off, the sewage backing up and the mirror on the back of my door falling off and shattering at will.

I guess I should just be grateful this apartment hasn't burned down – if you do see smoke in my general direction though, come on over, we'll be up in the circle parking lot having a party.

Travis Ross

Columnist

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Fahrenheit 9/11, a little good reporting

(U-WIRE) Texas, Austin — A controversial video accuses a powerful Republican of abusing his power in order to discredit his opposition and promote an aura of fear and paranoia that he then exploits to squelch dissent, while doing nothing about the real problem facing the nation. The piece is generally seen as well done and convincing, although some conservative publications label it “a smear,” and its producers “un-American.”

Were Edward R. Murrow

and Fred Friendly, the minds behind the March 9, 1954, broadcast of “A Report on Senator Joseph R. McCarthy” around today, I would very much like to think that they'd approve of the new Moore film. But, they'd remind us - Murrow did it first.

Murrow's broadcast on the CBS News television program “See It Now” is considered by many the high point of a career which spanned radio programs in London during the Blitz to a

documentary on migrant farmers in America called “Harvest of Shame.” The broadcast took on Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., hung the red-baiting bully upon his own words by using videotapes of its subject in order to deconstruct the arguments McCarthy put out - and to construct a counter argument.

It turned public opinion against McCarthy, and helped end McCarthy's career.

Although “Fahrenheit 9/11” contains much of Moore's unique flair (I cannot imagine Murrow renting an ice cream truck), there are key similarities in the construction of Moore's film and Murrow's “Report.” Besides using their subjects' own quotations against them, both use videotaped effects to present those subjects in a negative light.

The opening credits sequence, which shows Bush and several of his cabinet members getting makeup applied, brings to mind a sequence in “Report” which has the camera linger on McCarthy far longer than is necessary, giving the audience time to think more deeply about McCarthy and what they have just seen. In the same video clip, McCarthy has his hair out of place.

Due to the harsh lighting and the limits of black-and-white

video technology, that hair looks almost as nauseating as when Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz spits into his own hair in order to improve its appearance for the cameras in “Fahrenheit.” Similarly, a maniacal, nervous laugh by McCarthy in “Report” mirrors a laugh by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

This comparison is important. For those who support Moore's message, it's reassuring that the country has overcome similar challenges. For everyone else, “Report,” the broadcast that cemented Murrow's place as the patron saint of broadcasting journalism, is a measuring stick for both sides with which to compare the accuracy, quality and effectiveness of “Fahrenheit 9/11.”

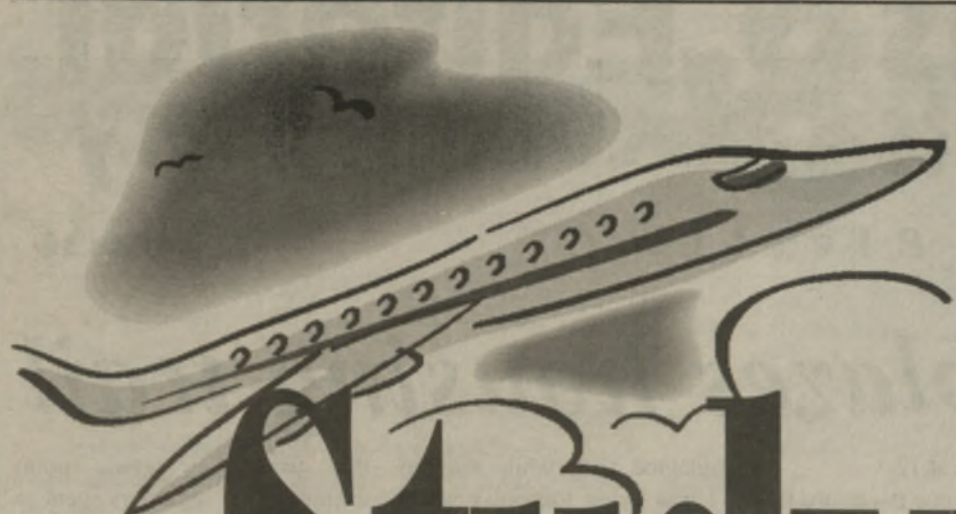
But most important, it shows that the closest current analogue to the hard-hitting TV news magazines of the 1950s is a documentary film. TV news magazines today are not asking hard or controversial questions. Instead, they compete for ratings by interviewing celebrities such as, say, Spears.

Fifty years later, there are no Murrows on the airwaves.

Brian Boyko

Daily Texan





Studying abroad

Learn about the

KARA SCHUFFERT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Ever wanted to travel to other areas of the world, but never thought it possible due to matters such as school, work, friends and family?

In all

actuality, the college years could be the most opportune time in a student's life to witness other cultures, to take part in the diversity our world has to offer and to study abroad. With programs offered through SIUE and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the chance of a lifetime to experience that which may have once seemed impossible is achievable.

According to www.siu.edu/STUDYABROAD, studying abroad is an enriching and eye-opening adventure, where learning extends far beyond the classroom and the experience will expose people to new ways of thinking, living and viewing the world.

Julie Beall-Marshall, a study abroad coordinator at SIUE, agrees with the Web site's description and encourages more students to take advantage of this opportunity. She wants to make known that it's financially possible for anyone and agrees that it is an experience that is not just excellent from an educational and career standpoint, but is also a fascinating, fun experience.

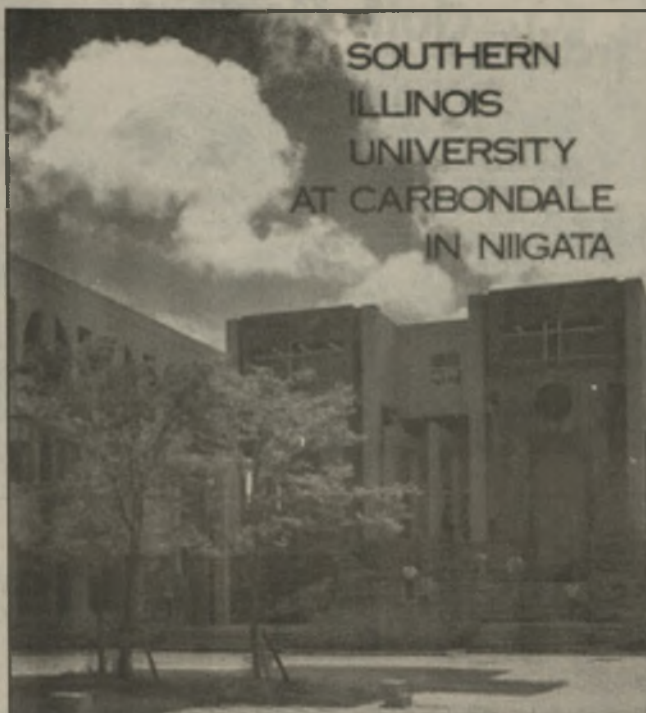
Holly Williams, a student who studied in the Netherlands four years ago, is still in contact with



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Left, a picture of the campus in Niigata, Japan. Right, students pose for a picture in Salzburg Austria.

at least 10 people she met during her stay. She said she met some of her best friends while in Europe.

Beall-Marshall said there are approximately 500 international students studying on SIUE's campus any given semester. This includes all degree-seeking students and exchange students; however, the number of SIUE students going abroad is around five to 10.

Beall-Marshall said that number is expected to increase during the next few years. She added that in recent months student interest in studying abroad, especially in less-traditional sites, such as Africa and Asia, has increased.

The office of study abroad in the Morris University Center has relationships with Salzburg College in Austria and the University of Wales in Swansea, Wales. Both destinations are popular programs with SIUE students.

The SIUE School of Business is one of the only departments offering students an opportunity to take courses at universities in other countries. Students in the program register and pay tuition for credit at SIUE. This approach eliminates the transfer credit problem as the grades from abroad are figured into the student's grade

point average. Beall-Marshall said that of the 500 international students, approximately 75 come through the School of Business.

Cynthia Peterson, assistant director of international affairs in the School of Business, just stepped into office to replace Loretta Dieckman, who retired in the spring. Peterson said students do not necessarily need to be business majors or minors to work through the department. The department is willing to help look for classes that suit any interested

“There are exchange-type study abroad programs which cost the same as or close to the cost of SIUE tuition, room and board. With plenty of planning, most students can make their dream of study abroad come true.”

~Julie Beall-Marshall

student's educational requirements.

The School of Business' international programs offer destinations such as the Netherlands, England, France,

Germany, Mexico and Hungary, and the school also has an exchange program through the SIUC campus with Nakajo, Japan.

“Studying abroad is becoming very important in business due to the fact that many businesses are globalizing,” Peterson said.

Peterson explained how the experience not only looks superior on resumes but also may lead to promotions within companies because it shows that a person is comfortable with traveling and is able to interact within other communities.

“I used to live small and rural town in Japan for about three years. It was good place to study, but I was not satisfied with many things,” said Tomomi Sakazaki, an exchange student from Nagoya, the third largest city in

Japan. Sakazaki said she came to SIUE as a business administration order to obtain diverse opportunities in the United States.

Approaching her fifth year as a student at SIUE, Sakazaki said at times she feels stressed out and homesick. However, she loves the fact that she is meeting new people of different cultures and has the opportunity to learn from them.

Sakazaki is just one example of a satisfied exchange student. Almost any student who has traveled abroad would agree that it is a one-of-a-kind and gratifying experience.

Beall-Marshall wanted to clear up two myths that might be hindering students from entering the program. Myth No. 1 – You have to know a foreign language to study abroad.

Truth – “There are many opportunities for students with no foreign language skills to study abroad. There are many foreign universities that offer all or some courses taught in English, even though the native language is not English.

The United Kingdom and Australia are also options, although they generally are more costly than many other study abroad destinations.”

Myth No. 2 – Study abroad is only for rich kids. There is no way I can afford it.

Truth – “There are exchange-type study abroad programs which cost the same as or close to the cost of SIUE tuition, room and board. With plenty of planning, most students can make their dream of study abroad come true. Most forms of financial aid can be used to study abroad in a university-approved program, there are numerous scholarship opportunities for study abroad, and student loans can also be used to finance study abroad.”

Peterson said that there are other opportunities to travel for a shorter time if a summer, semester or a year is not desired. There are trips offered with an instructor and other undergraduate or graduate students that usually last for two weeks or so, and students also receive credit hours. Presently, there is a group from SIUE in Costa Rica working in the rain forests while receiving class credit.

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience that is relatively easy to accomplish. It usually works best for students who have completed their freshman year, and it is available for undergraduate and graduate students alike.

This experience is not only an aspect of one's education that is appealing to employers, but also it will provide students with more independence, confidence and endless possibilities of what life, cultures and SIUE have to offer.

Sports Quote of the Day

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."

~Mahatma Gandhi

Coming Up

Golf Scramble to benefit women's golf program. The event will be July 26. Call 650-3236 for more information.



Men's soccer loses All-American player

AJIT OZA
SPORTS REPORTER

Losing an All-American can be devastating to a program, especially if that player has two years of eligibility remaining.

That's the situation men's head soccer coach Ed Huneke is facing. Sophomore back Tim Velten has decided to seek greener pastures by transferring to the University of Louisville.

"Anybody will tell you that losing two All-Americans does create a problem, particularly with Tim, the timing was extremely bad," Huneke said.

Velten, who was an All-American back, was also named as the Great Lakes Valley Conference's Co-Freshman of the Year for last season.

He started 20 games for a defense that only allowed .085 goals a game. He was also able to find the back of the net three times during the season with two of the goals being game winners.

Besides playing soccer, Velten was a player on the Cougars baseball team. But it was baseball where Tim was having his problems, batting only .180 with 16 hits.

"He (baseball coach Gary Collins) has to run his program like he sees fit, and to be honest

with you Tim didn't deliver the numbers like expected," Huneke said.

Velten played in 35 games and started 25 of those games, but when his bat went silent, freshman infielder Kyle Martin replaced Velten.

"Kyle Martin took the job over midway through the season and played outstanding there," Collins said.

The bad statistics led Velten to be cut from the baseball team after the season.

"He wasn't happy getting cut from the baseball team ... one of the main reasons he came here was to play two sports," Huneke said. "When that didn't work out he wanted to take a new

scene."

With Velten gone, it leaves a big void on a soccer team that had already lost two All-Americans in Cal Thomas and Addae Rique. Thomas graduated and Rique left the team with one year of eligibility remaining.

Rique has had some luck in trying to play for a professional soccer team.

"I know there have been two major league soccer teams call and express genuine interest in him," Huneke said. "I do think he has the potential to play at that level. But, he's got some baggage with him, and his wife has a job that she has to stay here with."

"We planned on having two

All-Americans back. We did not find out about Tim until late May," Huneke added. "At that point you can't come up with a comparable replacement in terms of available players. We got Tim's money, but weren't able to use it effectively."

Martin seems to have fit in well in the infield, batting .252 in 37 games for the Cougars this past season, however, the soccer team might not be as fortunate in finding a replacement for Velten.

According to Huneke, junior Kevin Thibodeau could be taking Velten's place.

"Part of coaching is doing the best with what you have, that's what they pay me for," Huneke said.

Kids get a kick out of camp



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

A participant in the summer soccer camp, sponsored by the SIUE Cougar soccer teams, practices her kicking during drills.

Grizzlies game tickets available to alumni

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

Get your tickets now for the Gateway Grizzlies game against the River City Rascals at 7:05 p.m. July 31, in GMC Stadium in Sauget.

The SIUE Alumni Association is sponsoring the event.

"We do events for the alumni so we're more engaged with the university and help foster relationships," Alumni Affairs Assistant Director Anna Dunham said.

Dunham added that anyone can attend the game, but only 150 tickets are available.

"The Gateway Grizzlies will be against their rivals, the River City Rascals," Dunham said.

A pre-game reception will be

at 5:45 p.m. in the GMC Stadium picnic area and will include an all-you-can-eat buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and Pepsi products. Parking is free.

Tickets for the Gateway Grizzlies game are \$19 for SIUE Alumni Association members and \$22 for non-members. Register for tickets by calling the SIUE Alumni Association at 650-2760 or online at www.siu.edu/ALUMNI. Tickets and directions to GMC Stadium will be mailed two weeks before the event.

Six Flags St. Louis tickets are also available through the SIUE Alumni Association. Prices are \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members.



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VANDEGRIFT

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delayed due to the death of his mother-in-law.

He said he settled into his new office Thursday afternoon. Then Vandegrift and his wife set up their temporary living arrangements in Cougar Village.

The Vandegrifts are waiting for their house in Lincoln Knolls subdivision to close in mid-August.

Vandegrift said that his wife will be very active on campus and in the community, and they are both anxious to get settled in.

Living in Cougar Village is going very well, according to Vandegrift, and he has met a few students there already.

"I care about students and enjoy working with them. I want students to feel free to walk up and talk to me," Vandegrift said. "I will probably ask them why they chose SIUE and what their major is."

Vandegrift had some meetings Friday, and then got his first opportunity to welcome a group of high school counselors to the university during their tour of the campus.

He said that he has been spending a lot of his time walking

around the university, visiting every office and introducing himself.

"I want everyone to know that I'm here and am very happy to be here," Vandegrift said.

SIUE's future is promising, he said. "SIUE has a vision to become a recognized metropolitan university.

"I'm going to focus on the strategic plan for the university and the values that are already set in place," Vandegrift said.

Vandegrift served as provost and vice president for academic affairs/chief information officer at Georgia Southern University. He said Georgia Southern University and SIUE both place a lot of merit on community, values and commitment.

He said SIUE is a beautiful campus with many different aspects to take in.

Vandegrift was seated in his Randleman Hall office Friday afternoon when he said he saw a deer walk across the grassy portion of Circle Drive.

"I thought the deer was going to walk straight into Peck Hall," Vandegrift said with a smile.

is at 28,000 cubic yards with about 5,000 to go.

The results of the overall project are positive. Washburn said he is hopeful about the future. "This is the first time this has been done in SIUE's history. We're hoping for another 35 years."

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Washburn said.

Stump Lake, which lies behind Bluff Hall, is half done and the frequent rain prohibits the dredging to continue.

The initial estimates for the project were to remove 20,000 cubic yards of sediment from all three ponds and the current total

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ships as a merchant marine fell into my lap. I wanted to see what a merchant marine would be like without being in the military, and lo and behold, I'm still here," Rawlins said.

Rawlins added that he started at the bottom of the chain of command and is now Second Officer Merchant Marine.

Rawlins' duties include checking the sea routes, watching the radar and supervising the cargo operation.

Rawlins has been to 45 countries, including Japan, Iraq and Korea.

"The one place I'd like to go would be to Antarctica," Rawlins said. His ship went there in January, "but I missed the opportunity."

Rawlins said a merchant marine has to be sure to pack right for the climate.

"You don't want to be in Alaska in short sleeves when it's

15 degrees out," Rawlins said.

When not at sea, Rawlins lives in Las Vegas, where he has relatives. Rawlins' mother and brother still live in Illinois.

"The Last American Sailors" costs \$19.95 and is available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and www.TheAmericanSailor.com.

Rawlins' book was published in April.

He said he is already at work on his second book, "Maritime Exposed: Tearing the Mask Off the Modern Sailor."

This book promises to be a much harder-edged account of the lifestyle, he said. The book is scheduled to be released late this year.

"I'm not trying to romanticize the world of merchant shipping. I'm just trying to give a little blend of history and observations of sea stories," Rawlins said. "You're a survivor out there."

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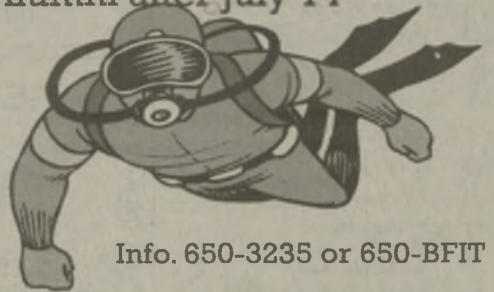
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