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# Dental school to expand Ethanol Research

Board of Trustees approves a budget increase to build addition

CORY FREEMAN News Stringer

The expansion of the main clinic at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton will be more costly than originally planned due to unexpected high bids.

The SIU Board of Trustees approved the budget increase from \$2 million to \$2.6 million earlier this month during its regular monthly meeting.

"It's always negative when things are more expensive than they were going to be, but the need for the clinic expansion is still there," School of Dental Medicine Dean Ann Boyle

According to Boyle, the school took out a loan to cover the budget increase that will be paid out over the coming years.

"We'll have to change our timing on other projects, but we're happy the board approved

(the loan)," Boyle said.

The clinic addition, which will be known as the Advanced Care Wing, will add about 6,000 square feet to the clinic on the Alton campus, providing space for 24 new clinical rooms and a classroom for 75 students. The additional space will allow the school to consolidate teaching in specialty disciplines and general dentistry in one location.

"It's expensive to maintain a clinic. There's equipment and sterilization to deal with," Boyle said. "By bringing everything to one building, we can do more with fewer people."

Boyle said she hopes to consolidate clinical activities into one building by bringing predoctoral and doctoral students together.

"Centralization is much more cost efficient," Boyle said. "It brings convenience for patients with complications and better experience

the students."

The SIU Board of Trustees awarded bids to five Metro East businesses for expansion of the clinic. The contracts were awarded to Hart Contracting Inc. in Alton for general contracting at \$1,058,480, Wegman Electric Co. in East Alton for electrical at \$237,460, Amsco Mechanical in Granite City for heating and cooling at \$237,000, Belleville Mechanical Inc. in Belleville for ventilation at \$85,129 and GRP Mechanical Inc. in Bethalto for plumbing at \$436,852.

The cost of the project will be funded through the issuance of \$2 million in Certificates of Participation to be repaid by the school tuition revenue, \$500,000 through an internal loan to be repaid through tuition revenue over 10 years and \$100,000 from university operating funds.

The addition to the clinic is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

# Center receives grant

CORY FREEMAN **News Stringer** 

SIUE's National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center is among eight recipients of funding from the State Technologies Advancement Collaborative.

Out of a total of \$6.4 million awarded for various energy research products, NCERC received \$633,000.

"We'll use this to study the quality and composition of an animal feed co-product produced during dry-grind fuel ethanol production," NCERC Director Martha Schlicher said. "The coproduct is distiller's dried grain with solubles, which is about 20 percent of revenue for an ethanol plant."

According to a press release, NCERC will use the funding to develop ways to better utilize coproducts of corn-based ethanol

production to gain new markets. NCERC and its research partners were among four groups in the Midwest to receive funding as a result of STAC's Energy Efficiency Fossil Energy Science Solicitation.

"The funding will allow the NCERC, working with its research partners on this project, to better ensure the economic future of dry-grind fuel ethanol plants," Schlicher said in a press

The animal feed is used primarily for cattle, which takes 85 percent of the feed, with the rest going to poultry and swine.

The NCERC research are Washington partners University, Emerson Process Management and Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.

> NCERC is working on a see ETHANOL, page 3

# Help build new picnic area and leave a legacy at SIUE

BRENT NAYLOR NEWS REPORTER

It is not the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but students can purchase bricks to immortalize their messages in the picnic planned American Society of Civil

ASCE is building a picnic area near the windmill sculpture between the Engineering Building and the Morris University Center.

"This year we're hosting the 2005 Mid-Continent Regional Conference for ASCE and we needed to raise \$20,000," **ASCE President Erica Thompson** said. "The original plans (for the windmill sculpture) included a picnic area, but it was never built. Someone suggested that we build the picnic area and make it a fund-raiser as well."

Thompson said student mlindma@siue.edu.

organizations, alumni anybody else who wishes to support the ASCE can purchase a brick for \$50

"That's pretty much all that's going toward (the picnic area) right now. If we need to put any more money toward it, it will come from the ASCE," Thompson said.

The bricks can hold up to three lines of 14 characters. Thompson said the bricks can have anything on them as long as it's not

"They're being used to build the patio area, and then next year we're going to donate picnic tables and benches."

The deadline for purchasing a brick is Friday, Feb. 25.

For more information, e-mail Thompson at ethomps@siue.edu or ASCE Vice President Megan Lindmark

# Students are crazy for SIUE



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Sophomore Kelly Abbott plays the banana toss game as part of Tuesday's "I Love SIUE" Cougar Craze in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.



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# School of Engineering to open house

RYAN WARTICK **News Stringer** 

The future of engineering will be the focus of the School of Engineering's fifth annual open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the SIUE Engineering Building.

Visitors will have a chance to meet with faculty and engineering students and to learn about the School of Engineering while visiting the research labs and classrooms.

While the event is open to the public, the open house is geared toward prospective students.

"We are expecting about 400 total people to turn out for the open house," School of

Engineering Admissions and Records Officer Tonja Smith said. "We have 150 prospective students preregistered, and we hope to get about 100 more students to show up at the event. Each year this event gets bigger and better."

The open house also will include various activities, including an egg drop contest sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers, a simulation on the effects of earthquakes on structures and a presentation on how robots play a major role modern manufacturing facilities.

The SIUE solar-powered car will be on display, and people will have a chance to control Taz, one of the School of Engineering's roaming robots.

"We wanted to make the experience as hands-on as possible," Smith said. "Participants get to use many of the labs so they can truly see what SIUE has to offer."

By participating in 12 of the demonstrations, designated prospective students will be entered into a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship.

At 1:30 p.m., campus-wide tours will be given as well.

Parking for the open house will be in Lot E behind the Engineering Building. While preregistering is recommended, it is not required to attend.

For more information or preregister, www.siue.edu/ENGINEER.

# Scholarship honors student's memory

SCHALENE HOUSTON News Stringer

A scholarship foundation has been set up in memory of a former student.

The Oladapo J. Fowowe Memorial Foundation was begun in memory of Fowowe, a firstyear SIUE student last year.

Fowowe was killed in gun violence while visiting his home on spring break in March 2004.

Foundation President Rosie Fowowe said education and helping others were important to

"I believe if my son had not been killed, he would be working with others to help them achieve their goals as he always did," Fowowe said.

There will be a \$1,000 scholarship that will go toward tuition, books, or boarding.

Fowowe said the scholarship is available to all Illinois high school seniors and to students attending a college or university in the 2005-2006 school year. For the first year, only one scholarship will be given out.

Fowowe said as the foundation grows she hopes to make more awards available.

"The foundation board members are diligently working to increase and double next award," year's Fowowe said. "The foundation members have spent numerous hours promoting my foundation, and if only one person applies this year, we would have met our goal," -Fowowe said.

The selection criteria include academic performance, character, leadership and financial need. The academic performance will be determined by evaluating transcripts released to the foundation.

The character and leadership criteria will be evaluated with a 250-word essay in which students will describe personal character and leadership skills.

There is a \$20 application fee, which will be deposited into the foundation's account for next

scholarship. deadline for applying is April 14, and the committee will meet in June for the selection process.

Fowowe said this a nonprofit corporation.

"Education was extremely important to him as well as helping others," Fowowe said of her son. "My son enjoyed his time at SIUE.'

Fowowe said she is hoping to raise enough money to keep her son's presence remembered on campus.

"By 2007, I hope to have raised enough money to have a section of SIUE's library dedicated to the memory of my son," Fowowe

Fowowe said there will be a night vigil for her son at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in Calumet City. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Fowowe at (708) 891-4886 or e-mail her at rafarmer7@sbcglobal.net.

## Scholars from around the world visit

RYAN WARTICK News Stringer

SIUE has a global feel this semester with professors visiting campus from three different continents.

The first two of these scholars were Maria Manuela Bureu Ramos and Maria Isabel Santaularia Capdevila from the University of Lleida in Spain.

The two scholars recently went back to Spain, but while they were here, they worked primarily with the faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences.

A Fulbright Alumni Award made their visit possible. The award will allow a total of four professors from Spain to visit SIUE in a two-year span.

Likewise, four SIUE faculty with the first two going to Spain after the end of this semester.

"We have two professors going to Spain in May, and then we will have another professor from the University of Lleida coming early in the fall semester," English professor Jeffrey Skoblow said.

SIUE also has a professor visiting from Africa, Anthony Chokor from the University of Benin in Nigeria. Chokor is here through an agreement among Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity Rudy Wilson, the Office International Programs and the Geography Department.

Chokor's specialty is in members will visit the University housing and housing patterns, of Lleida in the same time period and he will work with faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences. His facilitator during his stay is geography professor Francis Odemerho who taught in the same department as Chokor in Nigeria.

> The third continent to be represented by visiting faculty this semester is Asia.

In late March, "Dunka" Duinherjav of Mongolia will spend a month on campus working with faculty and staff from the School of Engineering.

"We are conducting joint research on cold weather concreting," Duinherjav's faculty facilitator and engineering

see SCHOLARS, page 3

## ELLA presents sociolinguist

BETHANY EVERETT LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The regional differences of people's speech will be discussed by sociolinguistic specialist Walt Wolfram thanks to the English Language and Association.

The free event takes place at p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center. Wolfram is the sixth speaker in the association's series. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Wolfram is a William C. Friday Distinguished Professor at North Carolina State University. According to the NCSU Web site, in 1969 Wolfram "published the first descriptive linguistic book on African-American vernacular English." He is also credited with creating "national awareness about the role of vernacular dialects in American society and

Wolfram has written 11 books and more than 200 articles. His most recent book is "Language Variation in the School and Community."

"(Wolfram) has conducted Literature research in more dialect communities than any current dialectologist or sociolinguist in North America," according to the Web site.

"Wolfram will be discussing the way English speakers pronounce their words and why people from different parts of the United States sound different," association President Janella Moy said in an e-mail.

The next event in the speaker series will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in the Conference Center of the MUC. Non-fiction writer Brad Land will be the featured speaker.

For more information, contact Moy at jmoy@siue.edu.

# Police Incidents =

Traffic .

Police issued a citation to Tiffany Nelson for unauthorized use of a handicapped parking space

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at Supporting Services.

Police took a report of an accident at Cougar

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in Lot A. No injuries or road blockage occurred. Police issued a citation to Veronica L. Schwartz for failure to yield at an intersection.

Police issued a citation to Derek R. Laframboise for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jessica P. Rosal for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and written warnings for having no driver's license with her and failure to stop at a stop sign on South Circle

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Police issued a citation to Dennis L. Robert for no insurance and a written warning for failure to stop at a stop sign on North Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Paul R. Redel for unauthorized use of a handicapped parking space

Police issued a citation to Rebecca J. Schooley for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to David A. Van Der Graaff for failure to stop at a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to James E. Turner for no insurance and a written warning for expired registration on Circle Drive.

Other Offenses

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Police responded to a fire alarm in Prairie Hall. Cooking in the third-floor lounge triggered the alarm. No fire and no damage occurred.

Police found a state sign knocked down on East University Drive.

Theft .....

Police took a report of a parking tag stolen from a vehicle in Lot 4.

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fourth trial for a private client and two other grant-funded research projects.

The facility first began taking clients in October when it made its first ethanol and had four private clients and two funded grants.

NCERC took two years and \$20 million to build. The facility was undergoing construction and testing its equipment in its first

two years.

The plant's key objectives are to advance research from the lab to the market, foster consensus on the industry research priorities, maintain a state-of-the-art facility, which is the preferred site for ethanol research, maximize the use of the facility to validate commercial concepts and train individuals for the industry.

### SCHOLARS

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professor Luke

said. Duinherjav also will speak to

faculty and staff, as well as observing classes and teaching in the United States since early methods.

"The way we teach is quite speak English. different from the way they teach in Mongolia," Snell said.

While Duinherjav has been January, he is still learning to

"We're engineers, technique-wise everything is very similar," Snell said. "It's not like we're trying to interpret the subtleties of a poem."

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Module 17, 2:00 p.m

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Image - February 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Morris University Center

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at <a href="https://www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP">www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP</a>.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005



Hello my fine, unfeathered friends. I, A. Goose, have returned to campus with my gaggle after a wonderful winter vacation in Florida. While the rest of you couldn't decide whether to wear T-shirts or sweaters thanks to the fluctuating weather, we were bathing in

# Geese flock back to campus

It was a great time, but we knew we had to return home to our favorite college students.

You may have noticed the loud honking around you.

signaling our arrival back to campus and performing wake-up calls those students who may have

forgotten us during our short Certainly sabbatical. all weren't celebrating our departure.

Sure we've brought back a few of nature's problems. We still have to use the grounds as our bathroom, which means your

sunshine and water in the south. streets, sidewalks, grass and anywhere possible; but that's nature. If we were allowed in the buildings, perhaps we'd use your lavatories.

We do occasionally honk at

"You may have noticed the loud honking around you. We were signalling our arrival ..."

> those students who stray a little too close to our families or to our lunch. You'd honk too if you thought someone was going to step on your food. And, yes, we do occasionally take 10 minutes to walk across the street while you're trying to drive to your

next class.

However, what we have brought back is worth all the discomfort that comes with the minor problems. What we, the geese, bring to this campus is a chance for students to commune with nature and enjoy our company while we cohabit with

We are your tie to a world that existed before the classrooms, the Quadrangle and the fast food places. The other geese and I have been traveling to this area year after year because it offers us something nowhere else does.

Not the food, though the grass is quite tasty. Not the great entertainment, though the outside concerts in the spring and

see GEESE, page 5

# Letters to the editor Conservative student annoyed by liberalist

I was beginning to think the Alestle had found a more moderate voice, but Nate Jones reaffirmed my suspicions to the contrary. Jones said he was offended by the "obscene smut" Conservative Student Organization was advertising. So therefore, is Jones offended at the idea of having a family? Is Jones offended at the prospect of life? Is Jones offended our country

gives us the freedom to choose any religion we wish to follow? For that matter, I suppose he is also offended at the idea of freedom of speech, which is exactly what the CSO was exercising.

But my real question to Jones is this - what is the real reason he is so offended? Does he honestly believe that if he were to put up a flier promoting liberalism that he would be "beaten by a bunch of Republicans"?

Who does he take us for? The fact of the matter is he is so closed-minded he is unable to respect others for their viewpoints. He is offended because a different viewpoint was offered, and he didn't agree. Therefore, it was evil, offending and should be referred to as

"smut". Thanks for telling me my views resemble dirt. I appreciate

If he were to present his views in a form that was not derogatory to everyone who does not share the same views, I would not be writing this letter right now. It might surprise him to know I have several very close friends who are, in fact, liberal. However, the difference between them and him is they are willing to listen to other viewpoints and find a compromise. I don't believe he has this capacity, and I don't believe he ever will.

In closing, I am offended by Jones. I am offended the Alestle continues only to support leftwing columnists. I am offended any of my views that are conservative in nature are immediately called "smut" by left-wing zealots like Jones. I want equality because extremists like Jones have taken it away.

I would, however, like to thank you for advertising the Conservative Student Organization. I was unaware of its existence on campus. I'm sure when the members posted the flier, they did not know it would get as much press as it apparently has. In fact, I think I'll join the group as soon as I can.

> Chris Holmes Industrial Engineering Senior



#### Political Cartoon



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## Who wrote "The Bald Soprano"?

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#### ~ ELLA ~

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#### **GEESE**

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summer are a hoot. No, we geese have the opportunity to observe humans in their natural in ours - not to mention we watch from a closer viewpoint than the deer, and that makes them a little peeved. And you

haven't seen funny until you've the students, it is an opportunity seen a mad deer.

survive in a home that we are willing to share. Though not all the students appreciate us, and indeed all of us don't appreciate

for those who walk and those We get to follow in the that fly to exist together and environment while we exist footsteps of our ancestors and learn the true meaning of coexistence.

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# Finding a place to

Weighing the pros and cons of living on or off campus can be difficult. Before making a housi

# Living off campus vers

**CHAVON CURRY** LIFESTYLES STRINGER

College students encounter many challenges to prepare them for living in the "real world" and becoming selfsufficient.

Choosing to live in a house or apartment or to remain at home with parents rather than to live in campus residence halls is one way to prepare students for life after college.

Living off campus can teach students not only selfreliance, but some students claimed it has helped reduce some of the stresses involved with being a college student as

Sophomore English education major Melissa Miller said she enjoys living at home with her parents

living at home with my own be touched," Tolbrid said. room and bathroom," Miller said. "I like the separation of living provide privacy, the between off- and on-campus school and home life."

Miller said living at home offers students the opportunity to clear their minds of the stressful timeframes schoolwork, enabling them to focus on other activities.

Another advantage to living off campus, whether at home with parents or in one's own place, is privacy. The solitude of living in a place where parties will not interrupt studying is another positive reason for commuting to

Junior accounting major, Stacy Tolbrid said she enjoys the perks of off-campus

"I like knowing no one else will be there when I get home

"It is really comfortable and that my belongings will not that residence.

authority figures are not always around to supervise activities

Some students don't Not only does off-campus have the opportunity to choose lifestyle allows students to housing, due to tight finances. have more space and freedom Living at home may be the as well. Aside from a landlord, only choice for some but also allows students to save money. Responsibilities, such

parking permit or whether they should consider transportation.

Also, those students residing on campus must purchase a meal plan for eating on campus, but those living off campus may spend extra money eating out everyday while on campus. And, individuals residing off campus can save money by bringing food from home, they may run into the problem of where to store and refrigerate these

Since finances are often a major setback for students wanting to live off campus, having a roommate is one way for students to pay their monthly bills. Unlike living on campus, students who choose to have a roommate at their own residence must make sure all costs are shared equally and consistently.

Roommates should set ground rules in regards to cleaning, privacy and visitors. If those issues are not addressed, smaller issues, such as who drank the last of the tasks to manage, and may the trash wasn't taken out, may include extra costs besides cause problems within the household.

In the end, each student minutes away and I spend should weigh the pros and cons of living off campus to decide which option is most compatible.

Ultimately, living at home or off campus aids in teaching classes only on Tuesdays and students the responsibility Thursdays to cut transportation needed for successful living after college.

For more information how one travels to and from about off-campus housing in campus may also be a concern the Edwardsville area, visit SIUE Housing Office's Web campus housing. Students must site at http://siue.och101.com

It is really comfortable living at home with my own room and bathroom ... I like the separation of school and home

~Melissa Miller

going on in a residence, when a person decides to come and go from the residence or who the person chooses to allow visit

as paying rent, power, phone and other bills are usually not included with at-home

"I think I get more support and comfort at home," Miller said. "My food, my phone and my board are all free."

Though living off campus allows more freedom, privacy and space, it does require more responsibility, including more milk housing.

"Right now I live forty-five anywhere from \$15 to \$20 a week on gas," senior, nontraditional student Boyd Ballard said.

Ballard added he takes

Besides the cost of gas, for those who choose offdecide if they need a car and or call 650-3931.



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Senior Ryan Dannenberg and sophomore Kyle Chandler feed the fish in their off-campus



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ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Freshman Tony Hill studies in his room in Bluff Hall.

AMBER ERNST LIFESTYLES STRINGER

With only a few more months left of the spring semester, SIUE students must decide on and reserve housing for the coming semesters.

Often times the most difficult part of this process is finding the perfect balance between comfort and affordability. However, this very complex decision can be broken down into three simple questions.

First, a student needs to decide if they want to live on or off campus.

"There are several advantages to living on campus to (living) off campus," Michael Schultz, director of University Housing, said. "If you have an off-campus apartment or house that you rent with someone else, you always run the chance of your roommate(s) moving out and leaving you with the entire bill.

"Living on campus also eliminates the hassle of all the startup fees involved with living offcampus."

Living on campus consists of either the residence halls or Cougar Village.

Cougar Village is comprised of 496 student apartments in 62 buildings. The singles apartments house three or four residents depending on shared or private bedroom preference.

"The cool thing about living in Cougar Village is it feels like you're more on your own," Jacki Bolin, Cougar Village resident director of lower 500 hall, said. "It's kind of an intermediate step between the dorms and being out in the real world."

"Obviously, Cougar Village is geared more toward upper-class students," Bolin said. "One of my favorite things about Cougar Village, however, is that there is always something going on whether it's volleyball or washers, which really shows the sense of community that is built here."

Cougar Village also has apartments available for families. Traditional freshmen are not allowed to reside in Cougar Village unless they are contracted family residents. Approximately 120 families reside in two and three bedroom furnished and unfurnished apartments at Cougar Village.

"Any student with a spouse or

children can contact the Central Housing Office for details about accommodations in family housing," Ann Wendle, resident director of family housing, said. "I think it's beneficial for students to live in family housing because we have an amazing community and support network.

"University Housing staff plans activities, serves as an experienced resource and designs programs based on student needs and suggestions," Wendle added. "It's a small community where most people know each other ... it's a place where the other students and staff understand the challenges of going to school while taking care of a family."

Mass comm. major Adam Woloszynek said the best part of family housing is convenience and less financial worry.

"I can focus more on schoolwork rather than things like monthly bills," Woloszynek said.

Residence halls are the other on-campus living option.

All of the residence halls are set up in a suite-style, meaning four

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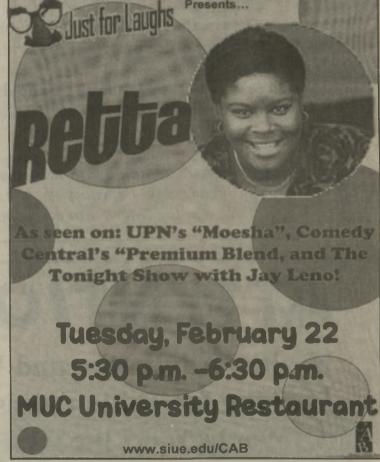
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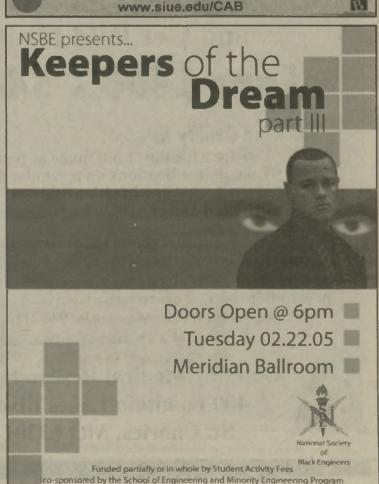
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residents per suite, two per room, and four per bathroom.

Bluff Hall, the newest addition to University Housing, is open to all students.

"One of the best aspects of living in Bluff Hall is that there are built-in academic and interest communities, which really help in making friends and getting involved right away," Matt Crouse, Bluff Hall director said. "Some of the events and activities that Bluff Hall is known for are social events such as the Super Bowl party, grillouts and open mic nights."

Woodland Hall, the oldest residence hall at SIUE, also is open to all students.

"One of the main programs of Woodland Hall is the Second Year Experience Program, which is an optional program for

second- year residents to become mentors, have mentors, develop leadership skills and attend beneficial seminars," Emery Jordan, Woodland Hall director,

Prairie Hall, however, is open only to students with a freshman standing.

"The best thing about Prairie was the closeness you get with people," Kylee Downey, a recent resident of Prairie Hall said. "You get the experience of getting along with a bunch of diverse people, which is good because you are going to have to do that in the 'real world' anyway, however, I didn't care for the strict rules."

For more information concerning University Housing and the space reservation process, visit www.siue.edu/HOUSING.



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Sophomore Brian Ralph, freshman Jameson Liggett and sophomore Matt Gorlewicz watch TV in Cougar Village.





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# Austin bouncing back from surgery



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Freshman guard Amy Austin shoots a layup in a home game prior to her injury. Austin tore the ACL in her right knee and is currently out for the season.

# Track outruns rivals at DePauw

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's and women's track teams broke records and gained more confidence last weekend after winning the DePauw Invitational, defeating numerous schools in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"I thought both teams did an exceptional job of coming and executing the way we needed to." Head coach Ben Beyers said.

Beyers explained that he was quite happy with the way both teams performed last weekend, which isn't surprising considering both teams continued to break records and make

qualifying times.

Freshman Kyle Rose, who won two races last weekend, broke the school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.30 seconds. Rose also won the 400-meter dash with an NCAA Division II qualifying time of 49.18. His teammate sophomore Jonathan Bannister followed closely behind with a time of 49.28, placing second.

"I just got out there, felt good and ran some good races," Rose said about his individual performance.

Junior Brian Taghon dominated in the long-distance running events, running the mile in 4 minutes, 15.70 seconds and the 3,000-meter in eight minutes,

31.68 seconds. Both times earned him first place in the events.

Senior Lee Weeden had a successful weekend as well, placing first in the weight throw at 17.45 meters and the shot put at 16.01 meters.

The men's 200-meter relay squad of Rose, senior Jeff Fearday, sophomore Jason Hall and freshman Ryan Nowakowski set a new school record, coming in at 1 minute, 29.89 seconds.

"I expected to break the record because we have been working out hard since September," Rose said. "So like coach said, it's our time to reap our rewards. We have all worked very hard, so we shouldn't expect see TRACK page 11

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

When freshman guard Amy Austin entered SIUE as a member of the women's basketball team, she expected to burst on the scene.

However, becoming one of head coach Wendy Hedberg's top guards, she hit a wall when a little pop occurred from her right knee.

Austin's season ended Dec. 6 when the Cougars hosted Southwest Baptist University at the Vadalabene Center.

"I was just driving down the left hand lane to shoot a layup," Austin said. "And, I went to jump and (the knee) gave out."

Austin tore her right Anterior Cruciate Ligament, and has had to sit out the rest of the season with surgery, significant rehabilitation and hard work to push back to form.

"From Dec. 6 (on) I had to rehab (the knee) so I could get my muscles stronger before surgery," Austin said. "I had surgery and

the next day I started rehab doing leg-lifts and riding the bike trying to get my muscles stronger so I could walk on (the knee)."

Having to do the simple things like climbing the stairs, walking from place to place and even doing the laundry was a hassle for her. Austin says that the simple things were the motivation she needed, though the thought of literally rebuilding her strength in her knee was tough.

"It was tough mentally, knowing that I have to rehab my leg back to where it was before was hard," Austin said. "But I think I have come out stronger than I had going in."

According to Austin, the hardest aspect of this recovery has been having to sit and watch her teammates play when she cannot, and not being able to compete to her fullest makes it frustrating. Still, she works hard and credits the bench for helping the team

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The SIUE men's track team hurdles its way to victory in an indoor competition. The team takes on Eastern Illinois in Charleston Friday.

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## SIUE tennis teams pound Principia College

MATTHEW BRUCE SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's and women's tennis teams simultaneously swept the Principia College Panthers, 5-0, Tuesday afternoon at the Hexberg Tennis Center in Elsah.

Head coach Bill Logan spoke highly of his squads' showings.

"Both teams did well," Logan said. "It was a good performance by both the men and the women. Everyone played well, and it was (pleasing)."

Instead of the usual ninepoint system that includes six singles matches and three doubles, the teams went to an abbreviated five-point format, with just four singles and one double. The format change allowed the players to participate in a weekday event without missing excessive class time.

SIUE junior Matt Warner was impressive, beating Principia front man Michael LeVan in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 to get things rolling for the men's team.

The other Cougar men needed three sets to finish respective matches, but all prevailed in the end.

SIUE Sophomore Andrew Reznack had a slightly tough time disposing of Principia senior Matt Spencer in the final singles match of the day for the men. He won the first set 6-4, only to go down 6-7 in the second set. Reznack came through and

outlasted Spencer 10-6 in the third and decisive set.

In the doubles contest, the SIUE men thrashed Principia, 8-0. Sophomore Justin Free and junior Matt Kuban were too much for Principia underclassmen Eric Olsen and Eric Lines.

The victory gave the SIUE men a 2-1 record as they snapped Principia's two-game win streak.

"The men are just starting up," Logan said. "We're hopeful for the season. (SIUE men are) looking really sharp."

The Cougar women were just as sharp in their match against Principia, handing the Panthers their second loss of the year 5-0.

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## Softball under radar for season opener

JONG CAMBRON
SPORTS REPORTER

Being an underdog may be a blessing in disguise for the SIUE Cougars softball team.

Head coach Sandy Montgomery said that the Cougars have dropped out of the NCAA Division II Top 25 poll for the first time in over five years.

"We are not ranked in the preseason poll due to the graduating players and people not knowing about our incoming players," Montgomery said.

The Cougars lost All-American outfielder Jenny Esker, second team Central Regional All-American catcher Shannon Evans, All-Great Lakes Valley Conference pitcher Ashlea Hoheimer, pitcher Missy Koenig who led the staff with a 1.12 ERA and first baseman Melissa Lindgren, who drove in 23 runs and started all 54 games last season.

"You can't just replace a first baseman, catcher and an All-American," Montgomery said.

However, Montgomery is not worried as she has two seniors, pitcher Jessica Finch and outfielder Samantha Easterley as starters and added that the junior class is outstanding.

Junior infielder Alicia DeShasier was named to the Central Regional All-American and the All-GLVC first teams, based on her .324 batting average, 29 RBIs, 20 stolen bases and 17 doubles, which led the team

Another junior, outfielder Shannon Waldo, led the team with 28 stolen bases. Waldo also contributed 48 hits, which was good for third on the team.

The last senior on the team, Veronica Schmidt, is out for another week or two after having arthroscopic knee surgery in the offseason. Schmidt had started every game for the Cougars since her freshman year. Freshman Ashley Price will be handed the reins until Schmidt is available.

"I'm not afraid to play freshmen," Montgomery said.

Another freshman, pitcher Lindsey Laas, will join the rotation.

Montgomery also thinks freshman infielder Mallory Ruggles will contribute because she hits the ball extremely well.

"People will be surprised with our offense this year," Montgomery said.

The Cougars have been selected to the NCAA Division II tournament for five consecutive years and six of the last eight seasons. They finished last year with a 35-19 overall record and

15-5 in GLVC play.

SIUE puts its NCAA tournament streak on the line beginning this weekend in Central Arkansas Tournament with games on Friday against Delta State University and Ouachita Baptist University. The Cougars will finish the tournament on Saturday with versus Henderson University and Emporia State University.

All four games will be played, starting at noon Friday against Delta State, at the Jeff Ferris Jr. Complex located at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE

The SIUE softball team is set to field another winning season despite losing two Ali-Americans. The Cougars travel to take on Delta State University Friday in Conway, Ark.

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keep up.

has been tough," she said. "I am the kind of person that likes to be on the court and contribute to the

"I am just on the bench cheering the team, which is all I can do right now," she said. "The bench is a key role. A lot of people think that just the top five players are important, but the bench is equally important."

process, Austin has overcome the walking issue and is now just weeks away from running. Playing, however, may not come until the team prepares for next season.

"I go back to the doctor in two weeks," Austin 110 percent," Austin said. said. "Hopefully by then I can just start running, and it player and want will be about four months before I can start participating again."

Austin credits her teammates for coming to her aid in a trying time, especially fellow freshman guard Tiffany Sproat, who suffered the same injury a while

"They have been very supportive," Austin said. "When I first (injured my knee) they were like, 'You will come back much stronger,' and I had just talked to (Sproat) who has tom her ACL before."

As the rehabbing So far in the rehabbing dwindles down to going back on the court, Austin hopes to make her mark again and help push the Cougars towards a Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship.

"I am going to give it "I am really a determined prove to everyone that I will be better next year and show what I

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anything less."

The women's team was just as impressive last weekend with runners like sophomore Tairisha Sawyer breaking her own school record and improving her provisional qualifying time in the 200-meter dash with a 25.31 second time.

"We came in deciding that we would win the meet," Sawyer said. "We wanted to qualify for nationals and break some personal records."

Another record-breaking

team member sophomore Callie was Glover. She broke the school record and improved her provisional qualifying mark in the weight throw with a toss of

qualifying mark was sophomore Brittany Reeves, who qualified in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.40 seconds.

the way in the long-distance events, winning first in both the

mile and the 3,000-meter. She broke her own personal records for the season with times of 5 minutes, 7.99 seconds in the mile and 10 minutes, 29.79 seconds in the 3,000-meter.

The Cougars' next meet is Also making a provisional Friday at Eastern Illinois University where they will compete in the Friday Night Special.

According to Beyers, this Senior Christen Carducci led "will be very good competition to have prior to the conference championship."

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Seniors Chrissy Yingst and Allison Coats shut down Principia's Heather Ruszczyk and Julianna Ko 8-0 in doubles to start the contest.

Yingst pummeled Principia's Kat Pomeroy 6-1 and 6-3 in singles, and Coats throttled Jess Campbell 6-0 and 6-3 to continue

the SIUE women's dominance.

Juniors Gina Wohltman and Celia Montes kept up the winning effort for the Cougars. Wohltman beat Cory Sprague 7-6 in a tiebreaker and 6-1 in a decisive set, and Montes battled Elise Epperson in three sets, 7-5, 5-7 and 10-6 for the win.

The women's team, 7-6 this season, travels to Principia again to take on Washington University, Truman State University and Southwest Baptist University at 9 a.m. Friday, and the men's team, 2-1, takes on Western Illinois University at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Macomb.

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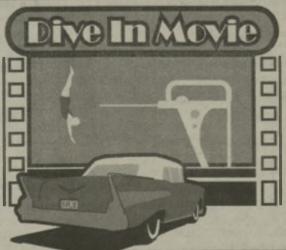
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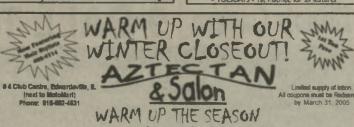
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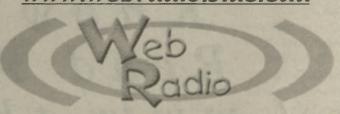
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