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Stabbing may lead to disciplinary action

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Twelve Alton High School students could face disciplinary action for their involvement in the stabbing of one of their classmates after a basketball game.

Alton Superintendent James Baiter said the disciplinary action would be based on video footage of the fighting that some Alton

students turned over to police.

"We viewed the videotapes, and we identified the students from the tapes we felt were involved in inappropriate conduct," Baiter told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

SIUE police went to Carbondale last week to meet with school officials who will help them find the man they

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University official in fatal accident

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Enrollment Management Assistant Vice Chancellor Boyd Bradshaw and his wife, Heather, were involved in a car wreck while vacationing in Florida for spring break.

Heather Bradshaw died Saturday morning.

The couple was vacationing with another Edwardsville couple in Pompano Beach, Fla., when their rented Ford Escape collided with a Ford Mustang March 20.

Boyd Bradshaw suffered minor injuries while Heather Bradshaw suffered more serious injuries that required brain surgery. Doctors induced a coma to allow Heather Bradshaw to rest comfortably after

the surgery. She was in critical condition from Tuesday, March 22, at a hospital in Pompano Beach until her death Saturday.

Also hurt were Linda and David Schermer who were traveling with the Bradshaws. The Schermers were in good condition.

The Mustang flipped, but the driver of the Mustang was not seriously hurt.

David Schermer was driving the Ford Escape and made a U-turn in front of the Mustang at about 5 p.m. March 20 on South Federal Highway, Broward County Sheriff's Department spokesman Hugh Graf said.

The Mustang may have been speeding, but the police investigation is not complete, Graf added.

Barack Obama to present bill in the Goshen Lounge

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

U.S. Sen. Barack Obama will hold a news conference at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center to discuss his first bill as a United States Senator.

The bill is called the Higher Education Opportunity Pell Grant Expansion Act. Through the bill Obama hopes to see an increase in the amount of money available to college students through the Pell Grant.

Obama, a democrat, was sworn into office on Jan. 4, 2005. He spent seven years in the Illinois state Senate.



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Barack Obama

Service employees to rally

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE food services workers will rally from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Stratton Quadrangle. They will voice their complaints about the administration and hand out informational fliers to anyone interested.

The food services workers have received support from

Madison County Federation of Labor and also the SIUE Student Government.

"The purpose of our rally is to show that we are serious in our positions," State Division Director of Service Employees International Union Dale Hillier said. "We want the labor relations department to quit dragging their feet."

The food services workers hope to receive better pay and better treatment

from the university.

The food services workers held a strike vote March 14, which gave SEIU power to hold a strike, if necessary, if management does not bargain in good faith.

"This is a rally that has other unions and the student body joining forces to resolve the labor relations issues on the Edwardsville campus," Hillier said.

Campus airs dirty laundry



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Project Dirty Laundry "airs" out the issues on the Stratton Quadrangle. The project, created by student Sara Carpenter, began Monday and will continue through Friday.

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

The campus should prepare to see dirty laundry aired in public this week.

Project Dirty Laundry creator and coordinator Sara Carpenter said the program is designed to bring to light issues in society that need attention in order to mend.

"Project Dirty Laundry is airing the dirty laundry of society and working together to clean it up," Carpenter said.

A silent auction will take place throughout the week in the middle of the Stratton Quadrangle. All proceeds of the auction will go to the various issues being aired during the project, according to a press release.

A lunch may also be purchased Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday's proceeds will go to overseas hunger projects while Wednesday's donations will benefit local hunger projects.

Throughout the week, a number of events will take place.

The "What Can I Do?" panel discussion will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Illinois Room of the Morris University Center. Also, at 5 p.m. in the Illinois Room, the workshop "34 Million Friends of the Women of the World."

The evening will continue with a disc jockey spinning for change from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Stagger Inn in downtown Edwardsville. This event will benefit the United Way and 34 Million Friends, a grass-roots movement to save women's lives.

Carpenter said this program is to raise awareness in two different ways.

"Our two-part focus is raising awareness of local and global issues and inspiring action toward solutions," Carpenter said.

In addition, Carpenter said she believes this program is important for the SIUE community.

"This project is important because many of us at SIUE are extremely busy with work, school, families and other obligations. Many times we don't have time to do extra research about issues going on in our communities," Carpenter said.

Issues to be discussed include global education, child abuse, self-esteem and sexual orientation discrimination.

There are several organizations sponsoring this event, including United Campus Ministries. Carpenter, a UCM peer minister, said they are all thrilled about the program.

"We have done a tremendous amount of work and are extremely excited about the events going on throughout the week," Carpenter added.

Students can see the dirty laundry in the Quad until noon Friday.

For more information, visit www.geocities.com/projectdirtylaundry/main.html or e-mail Carpenter at scarpen@siue.edu.

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Ms. Kakenya Ntaiya is a member of the Massai Tribe in Western Kenya. As other girls in her tribe, she was engaged at age 5 and was to marry at 14.

Through great personal sacrifice she was able to delay marriage, continue her education, and is now a youth advisor for the United Nations Population Fund. She will offer an engaging look at the roles women play in the Massai and other traditional cultures and the difficulties and opportunities faced by them as land and resources decrease and pressure to adapt to the modern world rises.



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Wildey Theatre lights back up

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

For the first time in 20 years, the Wildey Theatre in downtown Edwardsville will light up the streets.

The city of Edwardsville will hold a Wildey marquee lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The ceremony is due in large part to Rich Walker, chair of the Wildey Development Committee and assistant to the vice chancellor of administration at SIUE.

"It's going to be a significant event in the life of this historic building," Walker said. "The Wildey Theatre will be a jewel in downtown Edwardsville."

Twelve members of the U.S.

Institute of Theatre Technology helped with the demolition and cleanup of the interior of the theater.

"They saved the city of Edwardsville between \$40,000 and \$50,000," Walker said.

Walker has been attempting to restore the Wildey Theatre for the past six years. He worked with the mayor of Edwardsville and former Sen. Evelyn Bowles to secure a state grant to allow the city to buy the building.

"We've worked at putting a new roof on, and the exterior work is just now finished," Walker said. "The next step is working with a developer to open the auditorium for movies and live performances."

The developer would also be

responsible for two new projects to renovate the front part of the building and develop a banquet hall, both of which would be separate from the auditorium.

According to Walker, the city of Edwardsville had two goals in mind when renovating the theater. The first goal was to make it more presentable. The second goal was to make the theater more marketable to potential developers.

"The renovation certainly accomplished both of those goals," Walker said. "We'll demonstrate that (Tuesday) when we turn on the lights."

Anyone interested in learning more about the Wildey Theatre can visit www.wildeytheatre.com.

Work the polls for the elections

JESSICA BALADAD
NEWS STRINGER

Student Government wants you.

The SIUE Student Government needs students to sign up to work at the election polls for the spring 2005 student government elections.

The job includes giving students the voting ballots, checking identification and making sure voters follow the election guidelines.

"You basically sit at a table

and make sure things are done properly," Election Commissioner Charmaine Baines said.

Any students who signs up will be paid \$6.50 per hour. The positions that need to be filled are from noon to 3 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and the Vadalabene Center and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 5, in the MUC, Peck Hall and the Skywalk Cafe.

Student Government needs volunteers to apply by Wednesday.

"We have 19 workers, but we need several more for Monday and Tuesday," Kimmel Leadership Center Account Technician Suzann Pickerill said.

Student volunteers should apply online at the student job finder, www.stuemp.siu.edu, for job number 1193. After applying, students should go to the Student Government office and fill out information for employment.

For more information, contact Kimmel secretary Bonnie Farrington at 650-3818 or Baines at chbaine@siue.edu.

Learn the differences between the sexes

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Discover the differences between men and women at Sex Signals, a program designed to help males and females understand each other in a humorous way with the help of trained theatrical performers.

Phi Kappa Psi, the Women's Studies Program and Making Waves are sponsoring the event.

Sex Signals is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Conference Room.

"Sex Signals is about differences between men and women, also about how we try to understand each other," Making Waves founder Laylonda Maines said. "It is interesting and

exciting to put on an educational program, and we're using humor."

Phi Kappa Psi President Justin Allen said he became interested in the program because Sex Signals is a new way to teach an old subject.

"There are lots of educational programs brought to campus consistently," Allen said. "This is a new spin on an old topical idea. That's what got me interested in this idea."

Maines said the program is beneficial for the community.

"I think this program will allow us to laugh and be able to learn through laughter," Maines said. "Learning through laughter is going to be a better tool than methods used before."

Allen said he thinks the

program will allow for any unanswered questions about the opposite sex to be addressed.

"I think the SIUE community as a whole will benefit from this program because this is always a relevant topic between men and women, any chances to help answer any questions men and women have," Allen said. "I think students should take the opportunity."

This program also fulfills the fraternity's national theme of great joy of serving others. Maines said the group was nominated for Campus Activities Magazine 2003 Reader's Choice Award for Best Speaker.

For more information, contact Allen at juallen@siue.edu or Maines at lmaines@siue.edu.

Meet the Student Government candidates

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Voters wishing to meet this year's Student Government candidates should attend the open forum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris

University Center.

Elections are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and the Vadalabene Center. The elections will continue from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and the Skywalk Cafe.

Two candidates are running for president and two candidates are running for vice-president. One student is vying for the student trustee position while 27 candidates are hoping to fill the 12 positions available for the Student Senate.

STABBING

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believe stabbed Tommie Taylor, 17.

"We're still interviewing," SIUE Police Chief Gina Hays said. "We've finished with most of the Alton students, and we're now conducting interviews in Carbondale."

The stabbing occurred March 15 in the Vadalabene Center parking lot after a basketball game against Carbondale. The game was a narrow victory for Carbondale, resulting in arguments between fans in and outside the VC.

According to witness

testimonies and video surveillance, the assailant pulled a knife and slashed open Taylor's back, entering near the ribcage and proceeding across the middle of the back.

Taylor was taken to a hospital in St. Louis where he underwent emergency surgery. The assailant fled the scene, with the weapon, toward the woods behind the Metcalf Student Experimental Theater.

Anyone with any information regarding the incident can contact the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324.

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Campus Scanner

APA Citation: Students who have trouble formatting papers in American Psychological Association style are welcome to attend the Writing Center's APA Citation Style for Beginners workshop from 2:05 to 2:55 p.m. Tuesday in Peck Hall, Room 1412. This workshop will discuss reasons for using APA formatting and how to cite several different papers. For more information, contact the Writing Center at 650-2045.

Status of Women in Islam: The Muslim Student Association is sponsoring "Islamic Awareness Week" 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, thru Wednesday in the Lovejoy Library, Abbott Auditorium. For more information, e-mail the MSA at msa_siue@yahoo.com

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Stratton Quadrangle. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to come out and donate blood. All donors will receive a coupon for one free Dairy Queen blizzard. For more information, contact Kimmel Leadership

Center Coordinator John Davenport at 650-2686 or jdavenport@siue.edu.

Just for Laughs: Comedian Amy Anderson will entertain students and faculty alike from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Morris University Center's University Restaurant. Anderson's high energy and unique style of comedy has made her one of the most sought-after, young talents in comedy. For more information, contact Entertainment Chair Chandra Smith at chasmit@siue.edu or graduate adviser Melissa Preusser at mpreuss@siue.edu.

Lunch with a Professor: Students interested in meeting their professors or getting some free food are welcome to come from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday to the Morris University Center's Board Room. Students will be allowed to get to know their professors and have a free lunch. For more information, call MUC Director Mary Robinson at 650-2305.

The Prophets and their Messages: The Muslim Student Association is sponsoring "Islamic Awareness Week." The

week continues with "The Prophets and their Messages," a lecture by Shaykh Ghassan Al-Barqawi, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center. For more information, e-mail the MSA at msa_siue@yahoo.com

Late Night Espresso: Students are invited to come listen to the Late Night Espresso from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Starbucks when the acoustic sounds of Nate Jones will fill the air. Students can listen to music and enjoy a wide variety of coffees and refreshments. For more information, call MUC Director Mary Robinson at 650-2305.

Grand Canyon Trip: Students interested in seeing the Grand Canyon can come from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday to the Student Fitness Center, Room 2305. Those interested are asked to sign up early as spaces are limited. For more information, call Campus recreation assistant Matt Goddard at 650-3235 or visit siue.edu/CREC/outdoorrec.

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"Meet the Candidates" Open Forum Wednesday, March 30

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This event is a great opportunity to ask questions of the candidates for next year's Student Government and gain information about each candidate. Please come out and support the event so that you may make an informed decision. Also, remember to vote on one of the following dates:

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No real education in sex ed.

I'd like to take a moment to talk about sex. As college students, we have all been exposed to the ins and outs and inner workings of puberty and what makes a man and a woman different. We have been told about all the dangers that come from having sex, as well as the brighter side. Some of us in college have sex; some of us don't. Some of us waited until marriage; others didn't. Who is to say what is right or wrong for another person. What this all leads me to is the disturbance I felt when I read a recent article online at www.thewashingtonpost.com that talked about the increase of sexually transmitted diseases in adolescents. I got another shock when I heard there was legislation in Missouri proposing that sex education classes only teach abstinence, and teachers, doctors and other professionals may have to report any child under the age of 16 who is suspected to be having sex.

What? I don't know about you all, but sex was foreign to me in every grade until middle school when we had to learn about puberty. And, until high school, there was no appeal to even think about it. I've heard that everyday more teenagers are having sex and having children.



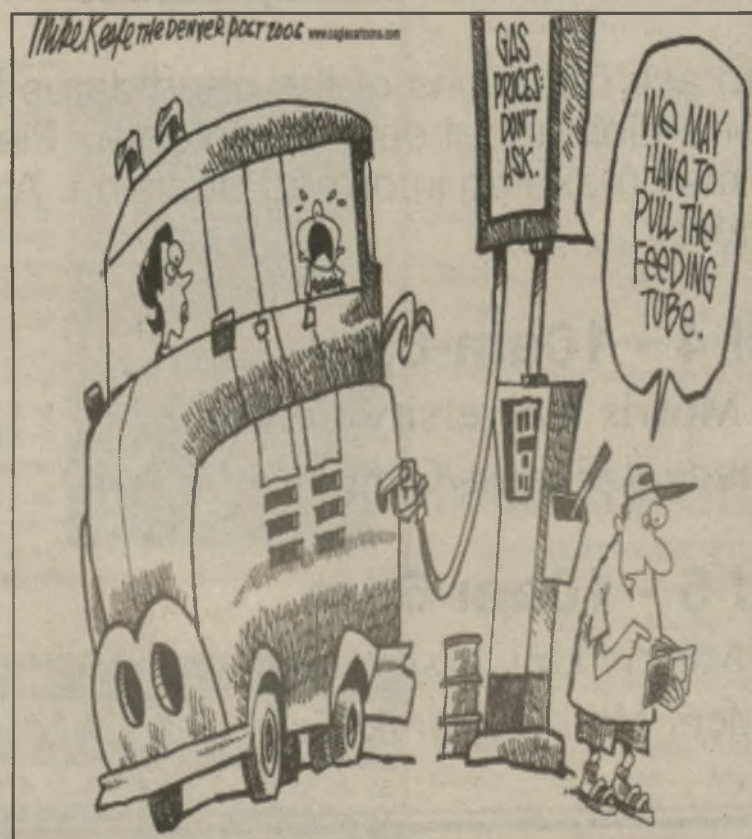
But what are we blaming it on? Sex education? That doesn't make sense to me. Well, that's not entirely true. The article that talked about the increase in sexually transmitted diseases actually said there was no decrease in STDs, even with the occurrence of the "virgin pact" in which adolescents agree to stay virgins until they are married. The article said teenagers seem to think of sex as vaginal and will experiment with anal and oral sex, usually unprotected, which can lead to the increase of STDs.

"Although young people who sign a virginity pledge delay the initiation of sexual activity, marry at younger ages and have fewer sexual partners, they are also less likely to use condoms and more likely to experiment with oral and anal sex," said the researchers from Yale and Columbia universities," according to the article.

The argument for only abstinence being taught seems to stem from the idea that teaching teenagers to have protective sex only encourages them to continue

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Political Cartoon



Political Cartoon



Fire reminds columnist of the important things in life

DEKALB (U-WIRE) — Recently, a fire occurred in one of the apartments in my complex, and it made me stop and wonder about the important questions. Seriously, what the heck happened between Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston? Are they going to patch things up? Will there be a very intimate, touching, public reconciliation? Oh, the suspense! But when I was through gushing over them, I actually did take a real pause. You don't expect to see the bent and broken frame of an apartment window, a window of the exact dimensions as your own, and the telltale mark of black smoke on the brick wall of a building not more than 50 feet away from your identical doorstep.

Everyone knows the results of fires. It's usually on the news, and it's usually Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There's usually a bunch of adorable, displaced towheaded children. There's usually a cat who was either missing for a time or who perished tragically in the fire trying to alert the family of the impending danger.

But seeing it relayed by a talking head is not what an actual fire is like. Last year, I had the distinct displeasure of being woken up at 9 a.m. on a Sunday (I mean, really! How inconvenient for me!) by the voice of my mother on the answering machine.

"It's your mom. We've had a

fire. We're at the hospital, but we're all OK. Come home. Now."

Most likely caused by an electrical short, the fire was in the family room in the back of the house, which was then further ravaged by a group of overeager firefighters. As she was being given first aid at the scene, my mother questioned the necessity of breaking all the windows in the general area with such a sense of gusto. But she was grateful to them as well. In true TV fashion, those excellent men located our own aged cat and administered oxygen to revive her. They also went far beyond the call of duty by cutting a hole in a five-gallon bottle of water to transport my sister's gargantuan goldfish out of the house, an event that really impressed all of us.

While it never seems so at the time, or the near future, the people over in that building were lucky, just as my family was incredibly lucky. No one was killed. All the assorted animals made it out OK. All we lost were possessions, most of which are replaceable. But I know that if I got close enough to that apartment to get a whiff of that same choking smoke, the terror I felt at getting that phone call and the fear I felt after seeing what the house actually looked like, it would all come back. You can buy new possessions, but it's really hard to shake bad

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having sex. The final argument is that a teacher who suspects a child under 16 of having sex can report that child, and then the child can get counseling.

I see where the argument is coming from, but these arguments are still missing something. What about improving what we teach children, not removing it. It is a fact of nature that people will have sex. Heaven help us if they stop. It is also safe to assume adolescents don't really understand the finer details of sexual reproduction or their body changes unless properly explained to them. Sure, they get the whispers in the cafeteria, but

we can all remember what good that did us. Others might think sex education is something better left to the parents. So, what do we do for those children whose parents are too shy to talk about it or don't understand it themselves or just can't explain it? That is why we have sex education in the first place. Children don't know about sex, and if they are having it, we want them to be as protected as possible. Sheltering our children and keeping them from the truth isn't going to do them any good in the long run.

Tyler Bennett
Editor in Chief

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memories. What's the overall message here? Pick up the phone. Call your family members and tell them you love them. Do that first. Then, watch the most recent

coverage of the Michael Jackson case.

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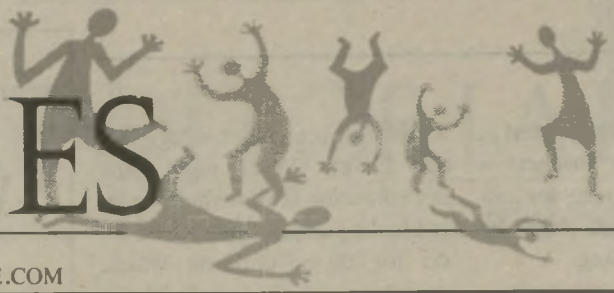
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Columnist wants your ears

Disney College Program veteran Kurt Thomas discusses the ins and outs of working for 'The Mouse'.

In the past few months, people often have asked me, "What's it like working for the Mouse?" Well, the only answer I can think to give them is this: I now know why it's so hard for people to step back into the academic arena after shelving the books for so long. It's like the Harry Potter books. Harry Potter knows only one life — that of a tortured, subservient nephew of his authoritarian aunt and uncle — until he discovers he'll spend nine months of the year studying magic. He then dreads every summer when he returns to the lifestyle from which he is desperately ready to escape permanently.

While coming back to school may not be the agonizing experience Potter suffers, it has been tough for me to readjust to the old nose-in-book regiminen after spending the better part of a year in sunny Florida as a cast member of Walt Disney World.

So again, "What's it like working for the Mouse?" Well, to

quote a certain song, it's "a whole new world." Yeah, quoting a Disney song may be just about the cheesiest answer, but it's nonetheless true. In my seven-month tenure as a Disney cast member, I got to do things I never thought I would: brave

line of Disney cast members, creating the magic and earning the experience of a lifetime.

Side note: the name "Disney" on a resume isn't too shabby.

In spring 2004, I interviewed for the college program and was accepted as a merchandise sales host for Downtown Disney, specifically the Pleasure Island and West Side areas. Downtown Disney is close to the be-all and end-all of Disney shopping, with stores upon stores across 120 acres. My main locations were Mickey's Groove, the name

says it all; Candy Cauldron, the best sweet shop in Disneydom; and Disney Quest, five floors of interactive and virtual reality attractions.

I can't even begin to describe how unbelievable this experience was. There is not a single thing I would change, except maybe the time frame. I made so many friends with whom I still keep in contact, not only other CPs — Disneyese for college program students — but also full-timers, managers and guests. In fact, the people I met and the amazing times I had with them are the

"Imagine wading through an endless sea of a half-million people on New Year's Eve with people from all directions trying to get your attention."

~Kurt Thomas
Senior

hurricanes, not once or twice, but three times; ride around on Segway HTs; and get chosen to train future cast members of a Fortune 100 company.

First, I guess a word or two about the Disney College Program would help. Every spring and fall, the Walt Disney World Resort accepts college students from around the world to come to Florida to experience what it's like working for a Fortune 100 company. Whether it is in merchandise or attractions, as a greeter or a lifeguard, those selected students join the front



KURT THOMAS/ALESTLE

Kurt Thomas straightening one of the displays in the Disney Quest Emporium.

main reasons I'm journeying back south after I graduate in May. Two of my best friends, whom I met on the program, and I are going to try for advanced internships in June.

I hope you don't mind if I drop some names. I had the excellent opportunity to network with some of the big wigs of Disney, namely Downtown Disney Vice President Ed Baklor and Executive Vice President of Walt Disney World Operations Lee Cockerell.

Anyway, moving on. There are so many memories that spring to mind that I'll only touch on the highlights. First, it would serve you well to know that Disney World is open 365/366 days a year. Disappointed in the packages St. Nick brought? Come celebrate Christmas in the happiest place on Earth. However, there were three occasions when Disney closed its doors — when Charley, Frances and Jean came to town with their 100-mph winds.

I've never been in an earthquake, a tsunami, a fire or any other natural disaster, but I can now say I have been in the middle of three hurricanes in about a month's time. Charley hit first. My roommates and I didn't know what to expect, so, as

Charley threw his tantrum, we just played video games and watched television, occasionally looking out the rain-pelted window to see if any stray cattle flew by. Apparently Orlando's cow-free, but Charley was nice enough to uproot a tree and relocate it to the tops of five cars.

A couple weeks later, Frances decided to visit the Sunshine State. This time I was chosen to be part of the Downtown Disney hurricane ride-out crew. Several cast members from all parts of Downtown were camped out inside the Motion nightclub, what we came to call "Hotel Motion." When Frances' fury was deemed calm enough to begin recovery efforts, we put on our slickers and stepped out into the storm, removing sandbags, clearing debris and alerting maintenance to any damage. Actually, let me backtrack. Before we even laced up the boots, a newscast came on the big-screen television. Hurricane Ivan was on his way. We weren't even in the eye of Frances, and already Ivan was just a week away.

So hurricane two was over, and luckily Ivan swung north at the last second. But Hurricane Jean wasn't easily distracted. She

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KURT THOMAS/ALESTLE

Back row from left to right: Chris Hill, Danielle Drabek, Minnie Mouse, Tymmeria Bracey, Mickey Mouse, Lakeisha Jones, Kurt Thomas. In front, left to right: Amanda Berman, Meghan O'Donnell, Sasha Lardie pose at the Disney College Program graduation.

Poona the F**kdog tells tales for the child-like adult

AMBER ERNST
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The Student Experimental Theater Organization will be performing the Jeff Goode comedy "Poona the F**kdog and other plays for children" March 29 through April 2 for its annual fundraiser. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. in the Metcalf Theater. Tickets are \$5. Children will not be admitted. "Poona the F**kdog" is directed by Brock Hill and entirely student produced and performed.

"This play is like a fairytale for adults and is unique because it brings a sense of child-like innocence back to adulthood," Assistant Director and Stage Manager Becky Sass said. "There are many innuendos that only an adult would pick up on."

This production has become quite controversial, especially amongst some professors. "We are even having a hard time keeping our flyers from being torn down," Sass said.

For more information on the SIUE Theater Department's upcoming performances, visit www.siu.edu/THEATER/season.html.

For information concerning ticket sales for "Poona the F**kdog" contact the box office at 2774 or toll free at 1-888-328-5168 ext. 2774.



MELISSA RICHARDSON/ALESTLE
Natalie Dicristofano, Poona, and Alex Moore, Handsome Prince, pose in the Metcalf Theater during rehearsals.

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hit Orlando head on but broke up rapidly without too much of a fight. I had never – ever – been in a natural disaster, but in five weeks, I was in three.

After the ride-out crew, I was also one of four Pleasure Island/West Side CPs selected to receive training on the Segway HTs, those standup scooter-like vehicles that move forward and backward with the slightest lean and can turn on a dime. Pleasure Island/West Side was going to start having a Segway trek through Downtown Disney at night, selling glow and light-up merchandise.

Pleasure Island/West Side management chose four CPs to be in charge of this task. Those little vehicles are sweet. However, they can draw the attention of people. Imagine wading through an endless sea of a half-million people on New Year's Eve with people from all directions trying to get your attention and ask you about the Segway and the products simultaneously – not the easiest trek through Downtown.

Danger and technology aside, though, the highest honor I received while working for the Mouse was being selected as a trainer for the new CPs coming at the end of summer. Normally, Disney has a group of core trainers who train the new cast members on the company's policies and procedures. They had never had CPs train other CPs, but management was impressed with our group and decided to handpick four CPs to take on this responsibility. Apparently, I was doing something right.

My long-winded point is this: with the Disney College Program, I think I found my niche; I found what I want to do and where I should be to

do it. The ride-out crew, Segway, trainer ... I was hand selected for all of those. That tells me management people saw something in me they liked, something that impressed them. And that makes me feel important and noticed. After graduation I plan to return to Disney for an advanced internship in communications/marketing. I think I've found my future.

The college program provided me with an opportunity to get my foot in the door of a Fortune 100 company. I took that opportunity, and now I plan to use it as a steppingstone to my career. That's why I wanted to write this: to get the message out so that other students, who may have never considered Disney, could at least have another option to explore – another avenue they might want to walk down.

When a former Disney campus representative, SIUE alumna Laura Zeeb, told me about the program, it changed my life. And I would be ashamed if I didn't at least inform people about this opportunity.

The Disney recruitment team will be on campus for a presentation at 12:30 p.m. and another at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, to provide more in-depth information about the college program.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at austin1240@hotmail.com or visit the Web site at www.disneycollegeprogram.com.

Kurt Thomas
Senior

Mass Communications
Disney Campus Representative

Dancer honored at festival

EMILY TAUL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

SIUE's Dance Department returned home from the annual American College Dance Festival with advice, encouragement and inspiration.

Recently, dance students traveled to Ames, Ohio to take classes, perform and attend concerts with fellow colleges all across the country at ACDF.

"The National Organization holds these festivals across the country throughout the year, and because SIUE has a membership, we come together with all colleges with dance departments," dance professor Michael Thomas said.

Classes and lectures are given throughout the week, focusing on all forms of dance, from modern to salsa to Irish-step dancing.

"I believe the importance of attending the festival is the chance our students receive to experience the wide world of dance," Thomas said. "It legitimates what they are doing at school, and they see their potential to do more in the future."

"Another benefit is the huge variety of dancers they meet, including additional male dancers, dancers of different ethnicities, graduate students, and attending classes from and with professionals," Thomas added.

One privileged student from SIUE is awarded the opportunity to take his or her piece, which was choreographed for the previous year's OPUS and

said. "At first, I was too nervous to attend, but my feedback was great, and it made me feel like I was doing something right in the field."

The dancers in her piece were seniors Erin Corley, Amanda Kueper, Tessa Reed and Britney Rutherford, junior Amy Ahrens, and sophomore Tyler Smith.

"The best part about the trip was definitely seeing my piece on stage somewhere besides SIUE," Manzo added.

The students attended concerts each evening to see pieces from other college choreographers, and on the last night a Gala was performed featuring the top pieces selected from the concerts.

"The students get the chance to see how and what the other colleges are performing, which they equally enjoy with the various classes offered," Thomas said.

"I personally enjoyed having the chance to sit in conferences with other professionals about courses, especially a lecture on publishing written dance work," Thomas said. "To see other

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"It made me feel like I was doing something right in the field."

~Ashley Manzo
Senior

selected for Dance in Concert the following fall, to the festival for a concert and judging.

Ashley Manzo, a senior dance major, was given the opportunity to take her piece, "Whisper to a Scream," to the festival to be performed.

"We got to go to a feedback session after the concert, where three judges discussed the choreography, what they liked, what they didn't like and other constructive criticisms," Manzo



KURT THOMAS/ALESTLE

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SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Heath Ridder, Justin Montgomery and Curt Brewer from Alpha Kappa Lambda hid easter eggs filled with candy for about 130 kids at the day care center last Thursday.

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instructors and what their doing, allows me to gauge and compare our department, and brush up on what I think we could do even better."

"I believe the trip was extremely successful, and our

students came away with great constructive feedback from the outside world, and the experience of diverse dance backgrounds," Thomas added.

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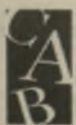
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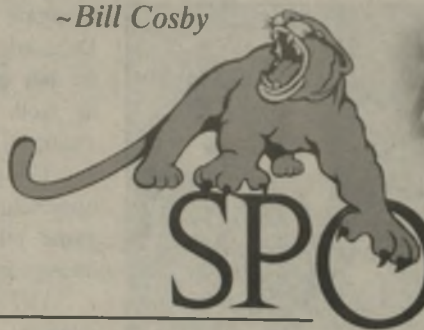
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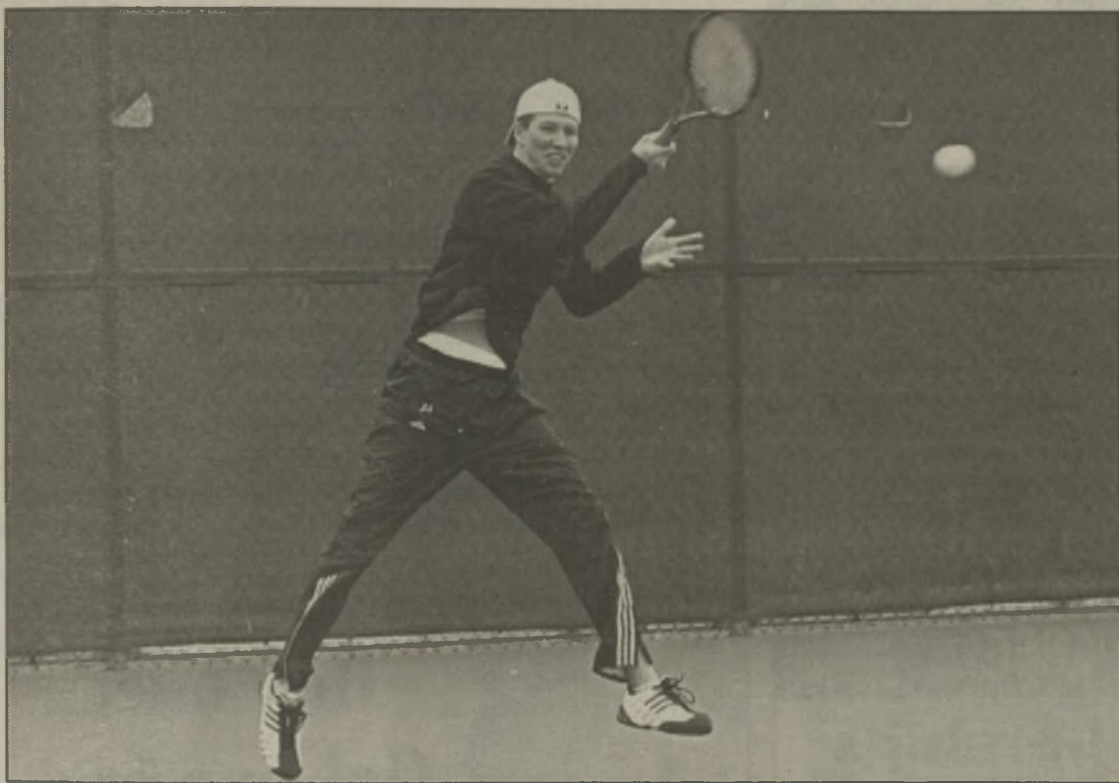
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Rocket Men

Men's Tennis lifts off to four straight wins after pounding St. Joseph's and Lewis in weekend matches



AUBREY WILLIAMS / ALESTLE

The tennis team looks to continue its Great Lakes Valley Conference dominance against University of Missouri-St. Louis at home Tuesday after pounding St. Joseph's College 8-1 and Lewis University 5-0 on the road.

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

Lewis University just could not catch a break this weekend.

Not only were the Flyers shut down by the Cougar baseball team, but also appeared to have no chance from the beginning against the tennis team the same day, falling flat 5-0 in Romeoville.

to take a different approach in team participation.

"With all the players on the team, we just have a lot of depth," head coach Bill Logan said. "Some players do not get to play, so this was an opportunity for everyone to play."

The depth and the doubles matches were SIUE's strength as a result of the sweep. Junior Matthew Warner and sophomore

Schumacher 6-0, 6-1 and Reznack manhandled Doherty 6-0, 6-1. The other four matches never concluded.

Logan noted that Lewis University did not have an indoor tennis court, resulting in the matches ending at five points.

"We were playing the first to five with Lewis," Logan said. "(The matches) were cancelled due to bad weather. Lewis had to rent the space, so we just played the first to five."

Friday SIUE took on the Pumas, squeezing out two of three doubles victories and taking five of six wins in the singles circuit.

Warner and Free battled to earn their match point against SJC's Dru Kitchell and Andy Dowell, edging the duo 9-8. Renner and Reznack also had their hands full with Kyle Marburger and Walter Mannino, but came out the victors 8-6.

Rigdon and Lipe, however, appeared to have it easier when they faced Ryan Hendrickson and Albert Santa Cruz. They beat the SJC tandem 8-2.

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"This was an opportunity for everyone to play"

~ head coach Bill Logan

The Cougars, finishing the weekend 2-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, dominated the Flyers Saturday after pounding the Pumas of St. Joseph's College 8-1 the day before in Rensselaer, Ind.

The team traveled without junior Matt Kuban and freshman Dan Glon, who usually carry the team in the top singles spots. Head coach Bill Logan wanted

Justin Free beat Lewis' John O'Neil and Joe Lascon 8-1, senior Andy Renner and sophomore Andrew Reznack hammered Brett Schumacher and Josh Doherty 8-0 and senior Chris Rigdon and junior Daniel Lipe pummeled Adam Switwin and Joe Kozlowski 8-0.

Fortunately for the Cougar team, Free and Reznack picked up the only singles matches finished in the event. Free beat

Flip-Flop offense leads Baseball to weekend split

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

SIUE's Baseball team had a tough weekend offensively, causing it to split the four-game series with the Lewis University Flyers in Romeoville.

"We didn't have a whole lot of offense," head Coach Gary Collins said. "We are struggling to score runs."

Even though the Cougars could not get their bats rattling, the SIUE pitchers helped the team by keeping the opposition from scoring as well.

Junior pitcher Kyle Jones picked up a win for the first game on Saturday. He had 13 strikeouts and gave up only four hits in the seven-inning shutout.

Junior outfielder Joe Wargo also stood out in the game, hitting three for three at the plate.

SIUE won the first game 1-0. The game's lone run was scored in the first inning by senior first baseman Craig Ohlau. Ohlau hit a double, and junior outfielder Jeff Darnall singled up the middle, bringing in Ohlau.

Junior pitcher Cameron Cheek improved his record to 3-1, picking up his third win during the second game against Lewis

University that afternoon.

The Cougars' struggles with hitting seemed to be behind them when they collected 14 hits during the 5-1 win. Junior infielder Bryan Newby hit a homerun to right field in the second inning, and Ohlau pounded out four hits in the game.

The Cougars kept the Flyer bats quiet, only allowing four hits and one run from the team.

"We fielded the ball really well," Coach Collins said.

Saturday added two more wins to the Cougars record, but unfortunately, Sunday brought them two losses.

Both teams had troubles on the offensive end. During the first game, the Cougars had three hits, and the Flyers had two hits.

The game was scoreless until Lewis second baseman Kevin Tyrrell stole home in the fifth inning. This was the only run scored the entire game.

Sophomore pitcher Adam Tallman dropped his record to 1-2 despite a valiant six-inning effort, allowing one run on two hits.

The Cougars tried to bounce back from the loss, but were u

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MANDI THORNTON

Sophomore utility infielder Michael DalPozzo tries to keep the offense rolling in a recent game. The Cougars split the weekend series against Lewis University.

Home runs and stolen bases propel softball to no. 16

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE softball team received 74 points in last week's National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Top 25 poll and moved into the rankings for the first time this season at No. 16.

The Cougars, 18-8 on the season, are 2-1 at Cougar Field and 16-7 away from home.

They also enjoy one of the most explosive offenses in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

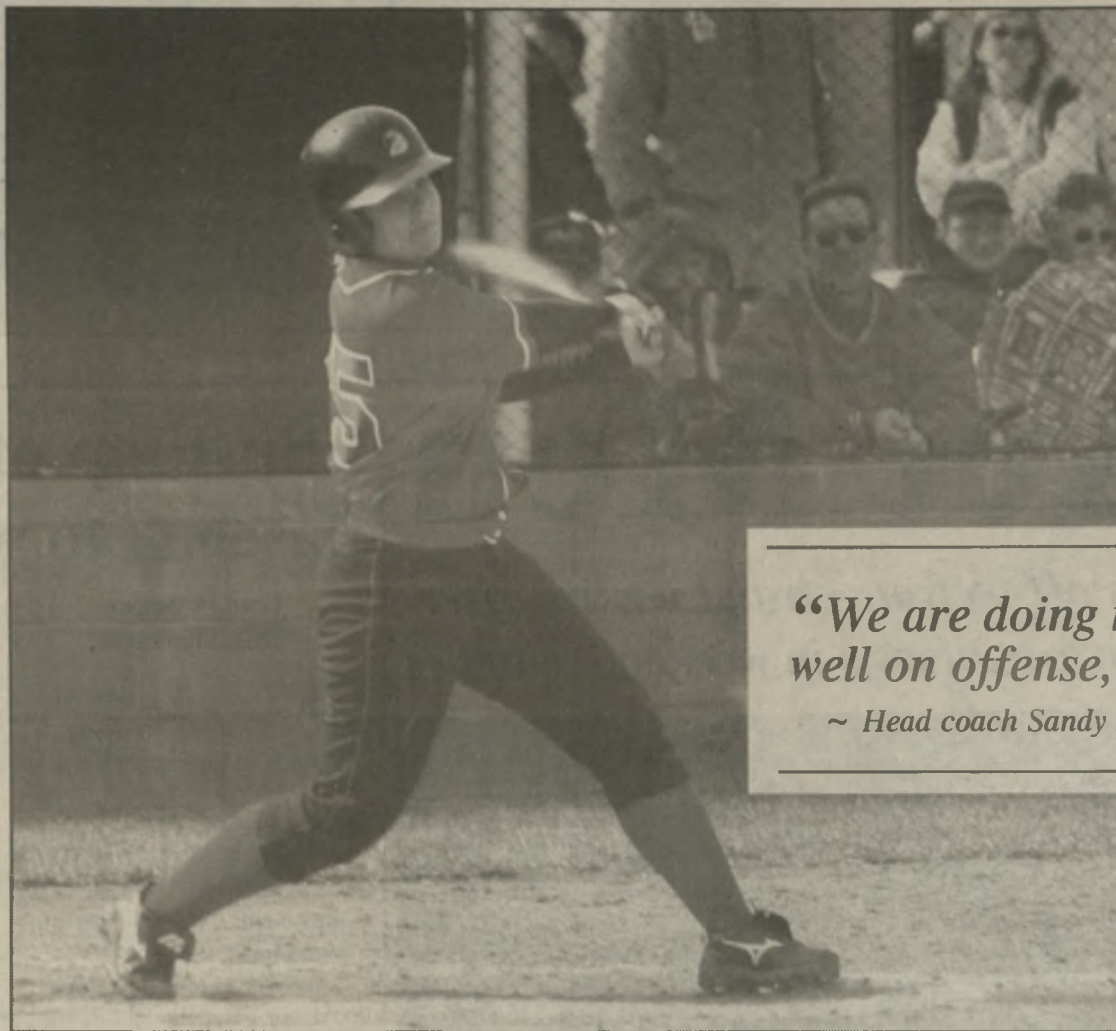
"We are doing really well on offense," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We are hitting .310 as a team."

The Cougars have also hit 19 home runs as a team so far this season, which is tops in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. No. 2 Northern Kentucky University is second in the conference with five.

SIUE is on pace to break their own single-season team record of 38 home runs, which was set in 2001.

Junior power hitter Alicia DeShasier is a major reason for SIUE's onslaught as she leads the team in most major offensive categories. She has four home runs, 35 hits, and 23 runs batted in, with a whopping .389 batting average.

Junior Holly Neuerburg is



"We are doing really well on offense,"

~ Head coach Sandy Montgomery

DREW WILKE / ALESTLE

As the Cougars continue to swing for the fences, they also climb in the polls. SIUE softball is ranked no. 16 in the nation in the NFCA/Division II National poll.

right behind her, hitting .367 with three home runs, 29 hits, and 23 RBIs.

SIUE is also an aggressive

running team. They have stolen 70 bases in 79 attempts, twice as many as any GLVC opponent.

"We are using the hit and run

a lot," Montgomery said.

Junior speedster outfielder Shanna Waldo is a blur on the base paths, leading the

Cougars with 21 steals. DeShasier, not one just to rely on her bat, is menace on base as well with 15 steals of her own.

Cougar pitching has held opponents to 2.81 earned runs a game, allowing 93 runs in 172.0 innings pitched.

DeShasier, 8-4 on the year, is leading the team with 53 strikeouts and a 2.15 ERA in 75.0 innings of work.

"She is leading the team in several categories and has been instrumental to our

success,"

Montgomery said of DeShasier.

Rain has kept the Cougars inactive since March 20. Poor weather

conditions were to blame for the cancellation of last week's games.

SIUE is set to get back in the spring of things as they take on University of Missouri-Rolla in a doubleheader 3 p.m. Wednesday at Cougar Field.

"Our plan of attack is always the same," Montgomery said. "We will try to keep them from scoring on us, and we try to put runs on the board."

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Women's golf takes sixth in rainy NKU Invitational

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Women's golf took sixth place in the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational this past weekend.

The Cougars finished sixth out of 11 after shortened play due to a rain delay. The team finished the tournament shooting a 336 for the weekend.

Sophomore Kallie Harrison tied for first with Enid Gage from Grand Valley State. Both shot a 72.

Junior Brittany Hood finished the round with an 83 and tied for 30th, freshman Natalie Connaway finished with an 89 to tie for 41st, freshman Kelly Morris shot a 92 to tie for 47th and freshman Ashley Hamm ended the tournament with a 94 and tied for 51st.

The Cougars swing their way into action again at the University of Illinois to play in the Illini Spring Classic Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 in Urbana.

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The singles matches played out to be just as challenging, as one took Warner three sets to beat Kitchell, 6-2, 2-6 and 6-3. Free edged Marburger 7-5, 6-4; Reznack barely dropped the match to Mannino 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Renner beat Dowell 6-0, 6-2; Rigdon downed Santa Cruz 6-4 and 5-7, and tied in regular play in the third set before winning 10-6. Lipe closed out singles play after serving a 6-2, 6-1 win over SJC's Nate Burton.

"I was pleased with

the team," Logan said.

As the tennis team returns home for only the second time this season, Logan expects a competitive match against the Rivermen of the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed," Logan said. "This is a featured match for the university."

SIUE, now 7-4 and on a four-game winning streak, hosts UMSL at 3 p.m. Tuesday on the tennis courts outside the Vadalabene Center.

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able to do so in the second game on Sunday, finishing 4-3. Junior right-hander Clay Zavada started the game, only to finish with five innings, two runs on four hits and seven strikeouts. Junior David Briesacher relieved him during the sixth inning.

Briesacher pitched only until the seventh inning when junior Derek Stratman took over.

Newby led the way for the Cougars offense with three hits, one run and one RBI.

Ohlau also contributed with three hits and one run. Junior Jeremy Bond also scored one run. Wargo and Darnell each had one RBI.

"I thought our pitching was good the whole weekend," Collins said.

The Cougars' record overall is 9-6. Their record for the Great Lakes Valley Conference is 4-4. The team has a double-header Tuesday against Kentucky Wesleyan College. They will be playing in O'Fallon, Mo. at the T.R. Hughes ballpark.



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Junior right-hander Cameron Cheek throws off the mound in a recent road game. Cheek is 3-1 with a 1.03 ERA in 26 1/3 innings pitched this season.

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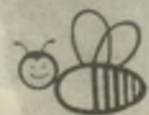
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