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## Campus celebrates Chancellor Vandegrift

BRENT NAYLOR  
NEWS REPORTER

This week the university community will celebrate the installation of Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift.

Each day this week is themed to one of SIUE's core values — citizenship, integrity, openness, wisdom and excellence.

Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Bill Hamrick said SIUE's core values were explicitly established in 2001.

"Every 10 years, the university undergoes a reaccreditation process," Hamrick said. "Before that, the university had done a self-study report, which generated huge volumes of materials that gathered dust on library shelves for years."

The university then decided to try the Academic Quality Improvement Project.

Hamrick describes AQIP as a continuous self-study, in which all the ways the various constituencies in the university interact with each other are examined.

Vandegrift has made

## NTT faculty working toward first contract

CORY FREEMAN  
NEWS STRINGER

The Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association is getting closer to negotiating its first contract.

Members of the union are at work surveying the membership concerning potential bargaining points. There will be two open sessions for individuals to discuss their concerns with the bargaining team.

The first session will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Board Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center. The second session is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the International Room of the MUC.

Committee members will update the audience on their efforts and listen to concerns regarding the future contract.

"I am extremely optimistic and hopeful to negotiate a good contract for full-time instructors and part-time lecturers," NTTFA President Alan Shiller said. "I also appreciate the openness from

frequent mention of SIUE's core values during his public appearances, most notably his October 7 address, titled "First Impressions of a Premier Metropolitan University."

Monday's theme was citizenship.

Tuesday's theme is integrity. Activities for Tuesday include a panel on "Student Civility and Professionalism" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Goshen Lounge, a mass communications symposium on "The Media, Ethics, and a Democratic Society" from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Goshen and a poster session about the university's environmental stewardship from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Goshen.

Wednesday's theme is openness and wisdom. The day's activities will feature a College of Arts and Sciences colloquium on masculinity from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the MUC's Conference Center and an exhibition of student art from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Bluff Hall Multifunction Room.

The chancellor's formal installation ceremony will take place Friday.

the administration, especially (Human Resources Director) A.G. Monaco."

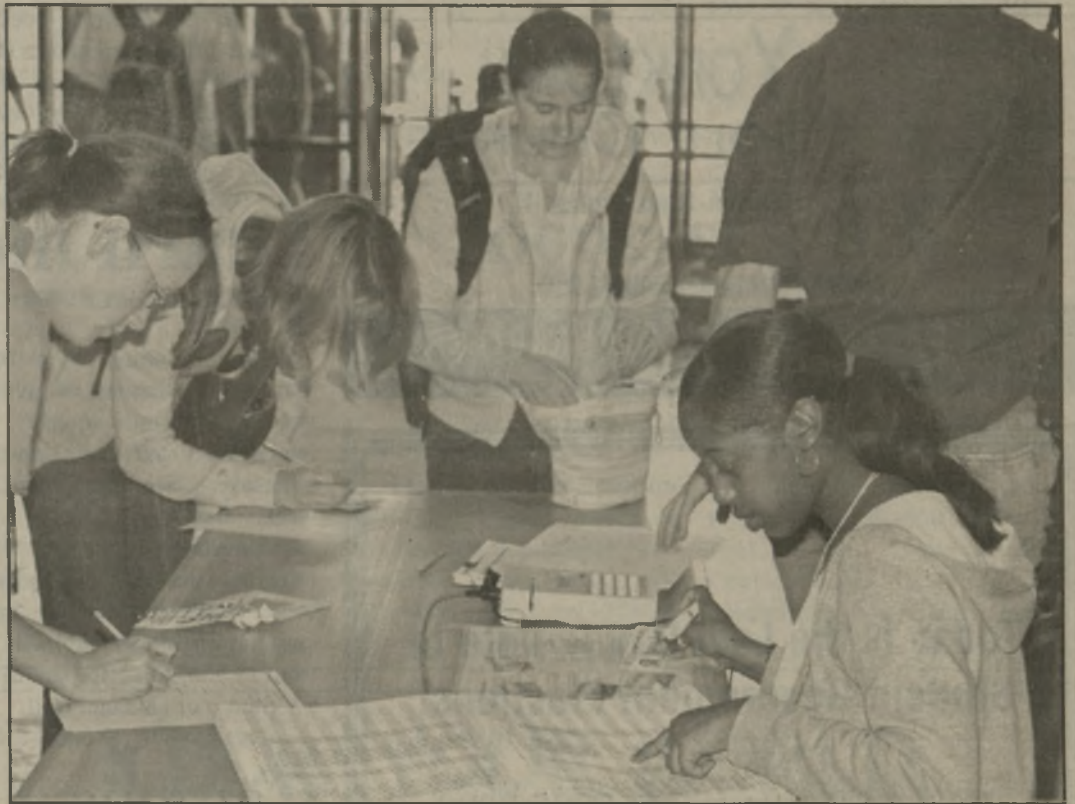
During spring break, eight members of the NTTFA and five representatives of the administration participated in a two-day training session on interest-based bargaining. Illinois Education Association State Training Director Lynn Adler and Commissioner Rich Kirkpatrick of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Office in St. Louis conducted the workshop.

Both sides were trained together in the workshop to help speed up the bargaining process. The Illinois State University Non-Tenured Track Faculty used this model last year to negotiate its first contract successfully.

Individuals who are unable to attend the meetings are encouraged to get in touch with Shiller.

The union is hoping to start the bargaining process before the end of the semester

## Students vote on Student Government



DREW WILKIE/ALESTLE

Students place their votes for the 2005-2006 Student Government officials. Voting continues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in Peck Hall, the Founders Hall Skywalk Cafe and the Morris University Center.

## Student Senate listens to the issues

ZACH GROVES  
SPORTS EDITOR

April Fools' Day did not go unnoticed Friday when the Student Senate convened for the final time before Monday's and Tuesday's election.

Just before the senators adjourned, senator Christina Baines leapt from her seat, supposedly ready to give birth. The senators went into a frenzy before the joke was revealed, with Baines flashing an "April Fools" sign in front of Student Government Director Steve Sperotto as he tried to help.

"We were working on that all week," Student Senate Vice President Cindy Holesko said in reference to the prank.

Meanwhile, senior Deirdre Liddell approached the senate about the lack of staff in the Criminal Justice Department.

Liddell said students with the major cannot declare until their senior year due to the "overflow of students" and only four full-time professors teach in the department. Liddell said she asked Sharon K. Hahs, the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, to consider hiring more professors, but was

denied.

Holesko said she believes there is more behind this situation, other than just a problem in staffing.

"We are on a budget cut," Holesko said. "I don't know how many students there are in the Criminal Justice Department, but I don't really think it should have gone this far."

"There maybe is something else out there," she added. "We just have to talk to the Provost and find out what is really going on."

Senior Tim Warren also see *STUDENT SENATE*, page 3

## Chancellor concludes town hall meetings

CORY FREEMAN  
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift received comments from faculty and students during his town hall meetings to get feedback on the university's strengths and weaknesses.

The meetings were held from November to January at the SIUE campus, the School of Dental Medicine and the East St. Louis Center.

"This helped realize the university's vision," Vandegrift said. "The meetings helped point out our strong points and challenges."

There were 108 suggestions for improvement, some of which concerned admission, school spirit and the Science Building.

"We need to demonstrate to high school students what we have," Vandegrift said. "We're proud of what we're doing and need to communicate that."

Lack of student support for athletics was a concern in which one person said "former students do come to soccer games, for which the players thank them. Students today are mostly interested in football and basketball. We ... need to advertise student games in the Morris University Center."

"We need to determine the future of athletics here at SIUE," Vandegrift said. "We might have to put together a task force."

Another problem concerned the deterioration of the Science Building. Vandegrift said a new science building is needed in which Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a \$2.8 million startup budget.

The proposal is still being discussed, but the entire project would cost an estimated \$50 million.

A compilation of the town hall remarks can be read on Vandegrift's Web site at [www.siu.edu/CHANCELLOR](http://www.siu.edu/CHANCELLOR).



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## Become aware about HIV at chat

JESSICA BALADAD  
NEWS STRINGER

Raise your awareness about HIV and AIDS while getting a free lunch from the Campus Activities Board from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in the University Restaurant of the Morris University Center.

CAB is hosting a week of events to bring awareness to HIV- and AIDS-related issues from April 18-22. As part of the week's events, CAB will host Food Chats, where students may

discuss HIV and AIDS while eating a free lunch.

"The purpose of the Food Chats series is to educate students about a variety of topics not usually covered in the classroom," CAB graduate adviser Alyssa Bodeux said.

CAB is looking for SIUE faculty with knowledge of HIV and AIDS who would like to lead the Food Chats by providing background on the topic and start conversations with questions and dialogue to help students understand the issue, as well as other people's points of view on

the subject.

"We encourage open debate and discussion as Food Chats are a forum to learn from peers and professors," Bodeux said.

Those interested in other HIV/AIDS awareness events are welcome to attend one of the CAB HIV/AIDS awareness meetings at 11 a.m. Friday in the Kimmel Leadership Center conference room.

For more information, contact Bodeux at 650-5794 or CAB Current Affairs Chair Christine Williams at 954-8336.

## Learn more about Mass Comm

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Mass Comm Week 2005 kicked off Monday. Activities, varying from mock job interviews to an internship fair, will take place throughout the week.

Tuesday, mock job interviews for students planning to enter the mass communications field will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the TV Studio of Dunham Hall.

Tuesday's events will

continue at 1 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center with "Bring 'em On! Media and Power in the Iraq War," presented by Lee Artz of Purdue University.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, mass communications instructor Brian Ledford and professor Ralph Donald will present "Juiced: Hyped Masculinity in Sports," in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of the Morris University Center.

"Masculinity and Family" will be discussed by professors

Elza Ibroscheva and Kim Voss from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in the Oak-Redbud Room of the MUC.

Recent graduates will offer a real-world perspective at noon Wednesday in Dunham Hall, Room 1015. The graduates speaking include Chris Bay, a graduate assistant at SIUE Sports Information, the Madison County Journals' Elizabeth Lehnerer and Brook Heitz, from the Aquinas Institute of Theology.

An internship information see MASS COMM WEEK, page 3

## Campus alarms give a round of sound

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The university is testing the civil defense and fire alarms Tuesday.

The civil defense siren will sound at 10 a.m., and the fire alarm will soon follow.

The civil defense siren is

a long blast, which lasts for one to two minutes, and the fire alarm is a steady ringing sound, which will last from 30 seconds to one minute.

Evacuation is not necessary. The tests are conducted to ensure both systems are working

properly and to familiarize students and staff with the sounds.

If you do not hear the sirens, e-mail Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu with your name and your location at the time of the testing.

## Fools' Fest kicks off April



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Sophomores Denny Robert, left, and Lee Hogendobler ride on motorized toilets at the April Fools' Fest in the lower level of the MUC Friday night. Other activities at the April Fools' Fest included sand art and caricatures.

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## MASS COMM WEEK

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panel will take place from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Dunham Hall, Room 2042. From 2:30 to 4 p.m., an internship fair will fill the foyer of Dunham Hall Theater.

From 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday in Dunham Hall, Room 1015, there will be a viewing of "The World's Greatest Fair" with Doug Hastings, the

film's director of photography.

The week will conclude with an alumni evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at Technisonic Studios in St. Louis.

For more information on the week's activities, call the Mass Communications Department at 650-2230.

## STUDENT SENATE

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spoke with the senate about possible changes in the Student Grievance Code. Warren commented on "fellow students" who were witnesses in something that was said behind a professor's back and the professor has since questioned them. Warren believes these students' grades are in jeopardy because of this.

Holesko said she agrees this is a serious issue and hopes to take action on behalf of the students who worry more about their grades than anything else.

"People are very concerned about their grades," Holesko said. "So we are going to see what we can do to make it easier for the students."

As for the April 13 trip to Springfield to speak in front of the state legislature on cuts in university funding, Holesko hopes for more support in the

coming weeks.

"At the moment we have 15 people going," Holesko said. "We did not expect a whole, whole lot, but anybody that wants to go is more than welcome to e-mail me at choleusk@siue.edu."

"We are encouraging any students that have concerns to write to their legislators," she added as an alternative to the trip. "There are people that work more than two jobs to make ends meet ... those are the kind of stories we need. This is their future."

By the time the next meeting approaches at 2 p.m., Friday, April 15 in the Goshen Lounge, the new senators will have been elected. Holesko encouraged all students to voice their opinion and make their choice.

"Make sure to vote," Holesko said.

## Campus Scanner

**Disney College Program:** The Disney College Program will have two recruitment presentations and interview sessions on Tuesday for students interested in working with the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. The meetings will take place at noon and at 5:30 p.m. in the Abbott Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library. For more information, go to [disneycollegeprogram.com](http://disneycollegeprogram.com)

**Tie-dye Shirts:** Those who find themselves complaining there is never anything to do on campus will have one less reason to complain from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Students are invited to tie-dye their own shirts. The event is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. For more information, contact Entertainment Chair Joe Gibbons at [jgibbon@siue.edu](mailto:jgibbon@siue.edu) or graduate adviser Jennifer Barbour at [jbarbou@siue.edu](mailto:jbarbou@siue.edu).

**Late Night Espresso:**

Starbucks is continuing its Late Night Espresso concert series with Patrick McMellan from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Thursday in Starbucks. Participants will be able to relax, listen to music and receive an extra punch on their frequent buyer cards. For more information, call 650-2305.

**Sunday Night Bible Study:** A study of the creation-evolution debate will be from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Edwardsville. The goal of the study is to help those who attend make valid arguments and receive a good understanding of what people believe regarding the theory of evolution. For more information, contact the Baptist Student Ministries at [mail@siuebsm.com](mailto:mail@siuebsm.com) or visit [www.siuebsm.com](http://www.siuebsm.com).

**French Conversation Hour:** The French section of the Foreign Languages and Literature Department will sponsor an event from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Morris

University Center cafeteria. All French speakers are invited to participate in French conversation in a relaxed environment. There is no need to sign up in advance. For more information, call 650-3548.

**Intramural Softball:** Intramural Sports will hold a softball-hitting contest from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday in the Rex Plex. Players will be awarded points based on how far they can hit the ball. The event is free to everyone, and there is no need to register in advance. For more information, call 650-3245 or call the Student Fitness Center at 650-2348.

**Drivers' Education:** Anyone wishing to learn how to drive will have the opportunity to do so this summer, June 20 through July 28, in conjunction with the Drivers' Education Program offered at SIUE. For more information or to sign up, call 650-3252 or visit the Vadalabene Center, Room 1034 for an application. The class costs \$110.

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# OPINIONS & EDITORIAL

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## Loss of the Pope is a milestone

Unless you've been living under a rock all weekend, you have probably heard of the loss of an icon, Pope John Paul II.

It would almost seem the Final Four playoff games were overshadowed by the news. Catholics and non-Catholics alike have been mourning the loss of this man all weekend, and will probably continue to do so for some time to come. The TV stations are alive with stories about his kind acts and his popularity among people all over the world.

The amazing thing will be seeing how finding his replacement plays out over the next few days. After the mourning period is over, the process for choosing a new pope will begin, a process that hasn't happened for approximately 26 years. This will be something I, and many in my generation, know nothing about.

We have also never experienced a time without a pope or time when we had a pope who might have different ideals from many of the mainstream Catholics. I'm not a particularly



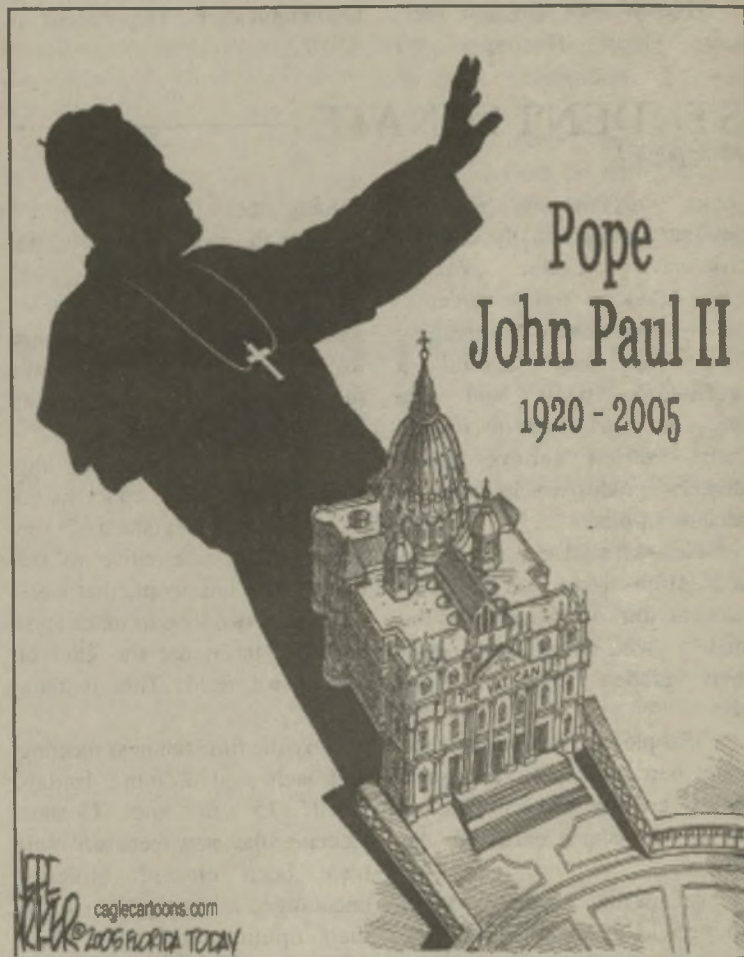
religious person, and I'm certainly not Catholic, but I'm interested in the process nonetheless. The pope is the head of the entire Catholic church, and personally I'm amazed anyone would want that responsibility. Not to mention that the last pope will be a tough act to follow.

It will take about 120 cardinals under the age of 80 to elect a new pope, some of who are conservative and others who are progressive. It would appear the bickering has started already, according to [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk), an online newspaper in the United Kingdom. The two sides will vie back and forth when they begin the election process.

The election process for the new pope is no easy task, especially considering that, to many Catholics, the pope is Jesus Christ's representative. The cardinals come from all over the world and gather in the Sistine Chapel approximately 15 to 20

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## Political Cartoon



## Single parents need support, not criticism

all have assisted rather than shunned me for the choice I made to raise my children in a single-parent home.

Sure, some studies show children from single-parent homes have higher rates of this or higher rates of that, but honestly, I believe the burden on American heritage stems from individuals such as the man who wrote the letter rather than the single parents.

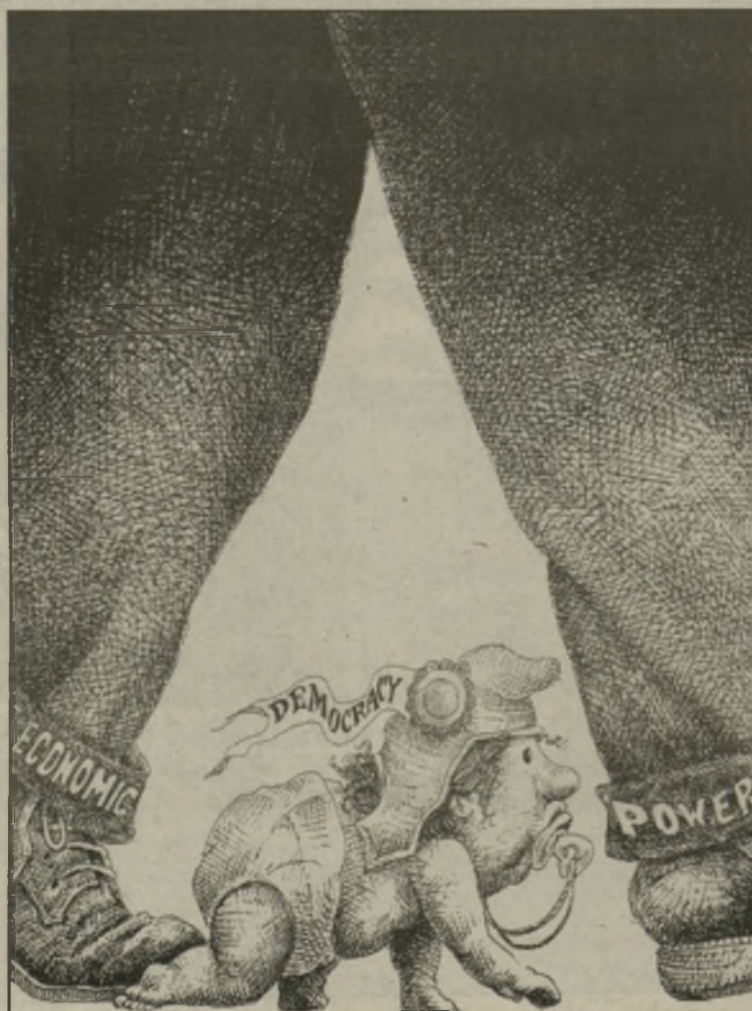
As single parents, we need a support system rather than sterilization. I would like to remind this man that not all single parents are popping out babies just to get more money from the government.

I, like many other parents on this campus, need public assistance as a steppingstone to get through college in order to provide a better life for my children.

Yes, someone looking at my family demographics may judge me as a burden because I have two children out of wedlock, I am living at or below poverty level and I need food stamps, cash assistance and rental assistance to survive.

However, I am grateful for  
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## Political Cartoon





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days after the death of the previous pope. They must vote until a two-thirds majority has been reached.

If no successor has been chosen after 12 to 13 days, the cardinals can then elect a pope by simple majority, or 50 percent plus one. The ballots are then burned. White smoke means a decision has been made, and black means no majority has been reached. Most popes have been Italian, but a pope may be

selected from any of the possible representatives. As many know, Pope John Paul II was Polish.

The process should prove to be as interesting as our own presidential elections, with rumors of who will be the new pope and what policies he will make. I look forward to the excitement and the chance to witness another turn in history.

Tyler Bennett  
Editor in Chief

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the taxes residents pay into the state, otherwise I would not have such support to get me through school. So, in a sense, maybe it really does take a village to raise a child. I mean, really, isn't that what Roosevelt initiated welfare for – as a steppingstone for individuals to get back on their feet?

On the other hand, if one actually looks at the inside structure of my family, the struggle I make every day has resulted in two bright, healthy and happy boys.

I know it was my choice to become a single parent, but it was also my choice to finish college, continue on to a higher degree and provide for my children physically, mentally and spiritually.

Yes, it's hard to go to school, to work and to raise children alone, but in the end, it will be worth it – all through the grace of God. I know it is God who forgave me of whatever sins I have committed, and I also know it is God who has given me the strength to be an

awesome single mother.

And, you know what else? My children are not being raised in a family full of physical abuse, violence, alcoholism and substance abuse or depression. Like many other single parents on this campus, I am raising my children to understand the importance of education, perseverance, professionalism and happiness.

Maybe single parents wouldn't be such a burden to American heritage if we really received support from all of our neighbors rather than support only from each other.

With that said, however, I would like to applaud all single parents, and any parents for that matter, who are struggling to get through college while raising another human being. Stay on target and keep your children happy.

Congratulations for choosing a better life for your family, and may God be with you.

Sara West  
Chief Copy Editor

**Quote of the Day**

*“There are more pleasant things to do than beat up people.”*

*~ Muhammad Ali*

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## You can run but you can't hide ... from the IRS

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The federal and state deadline is quickly approaching, with under a month left to file.

However, the deadline to check in with Uncle Sam and the Internal Revenue Service is not registering with Terry, a senior at SIUE who declined to give his last name. Terry isn't filing a return this year, keeping up with his tradition of not doing so for the past four years.

"I really never saw a point in filing a tax return anyway," Terry said. "I make under \$10,000 a year anyway. I'm a college student. They wouldn't waste time coming after me when there are people who don't pay taxes making

hundreds of thousands of dollars per year."

That's where Terry and other students are mistaken. In fact, according to accountant Debra Jilsen-Steele, college students are one of the biggest groups who avoid paying taxes due to misinformation on who should pay and who should not.

"You have to make sure to pay your taxes every year, no matter if you don't think you've earned enough during the year," Jilsen-Steele said. "It's very important and can have an effect on things that are important

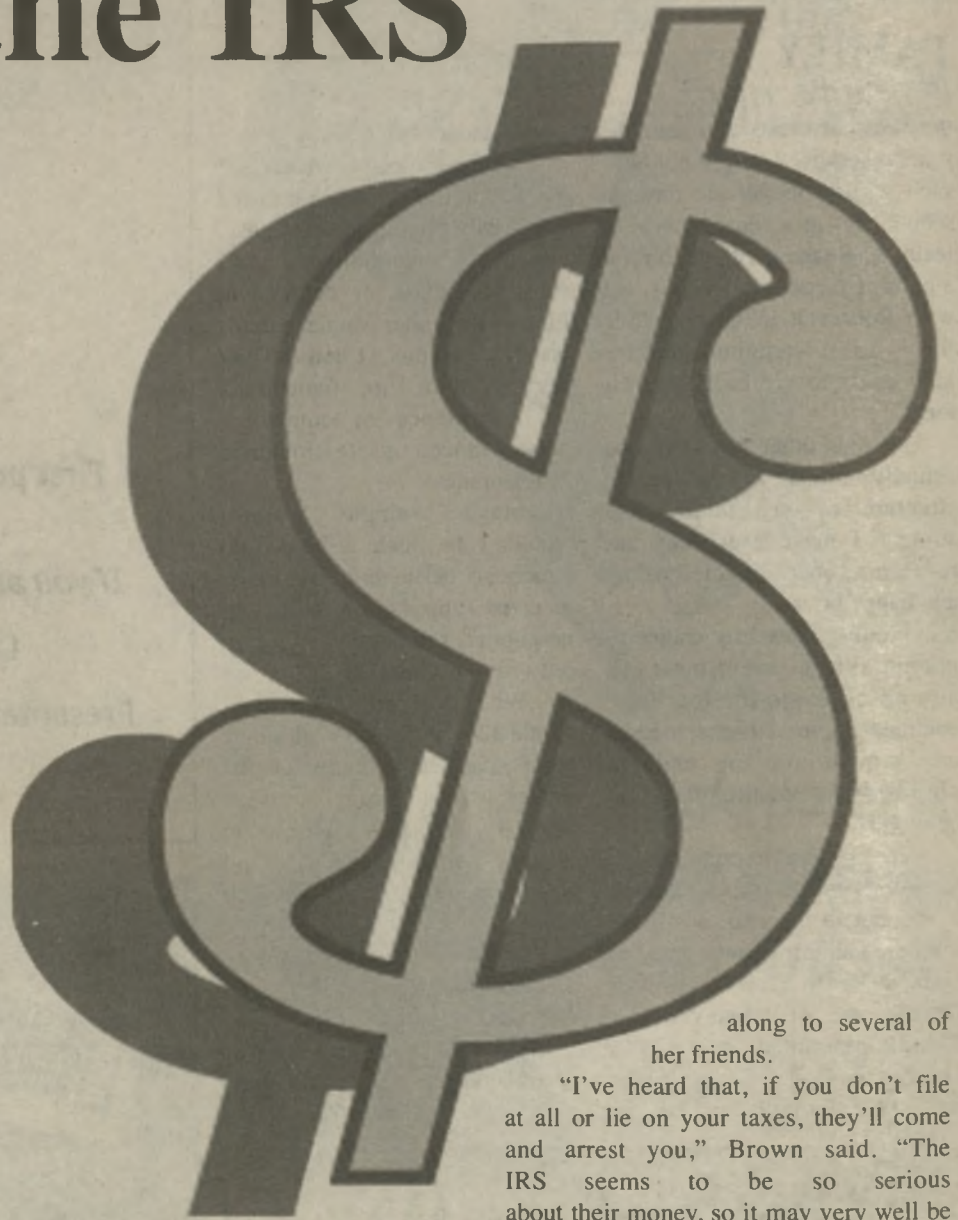
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*~Terry,  
SIUE senior*

are to students, especially."

Issues like financial aid, a necessity for many college students, can be affected by the decision to file or not to file tax returns with the government.

"The (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application requires students to show proof of income and often asks if



along to several of her friends.

"I've heard that, if you don't file at all or lie on your taxes, they'll come and arrest you," Brown said. "The IRS seems to be so serious about their money, so it may very well be true."

Jilsen-Steele tackled the topic of tax evasion and penalties.

"The fear of jail time is a common one," Jilsen-Steele said. "It's just not as likely for those who commit errors on their tax returns unintentionally or who just don't file on time. The IRS has been working diligently to repair their image, which used to be more of an agency obsessed with money."

According to the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), Jilsen-Steele's assessment is pretty much right on point.

"The IRS helps to get people back into the system as part of its long-term plan to improve voluntary tax compliance," according to the Web site. "The IRS wants to get people back into the system, not prosecute ordinary people who made a mistake. However, flagrant cases involving criminal violations of tax laws will continue to be investigated."

So what should students like Terry do to avoid fines or the possibility of jail time?

"I'd recommend he and students who may be in the same situation go consult with an IRS agent and find out what steps they may need to take to get back on

students have filed tax returns," Jilsen-Steele said. "Usually, the more specific (students) may be about their earnings and can supplement the information by providing valid proof by showing a W-2 form, the more likely it is that their financial aid application will be processed in a more timely manner. It saves both the student and the FAFSA people a lot of time and trouble."

Another common fear can be found in the urban legend that those who don't file taxes and get caught will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law by the IRS.

Jeannette Brown, a sophomore, heard the story in a high school classroom and passed it

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# Campus ministry brings Bible discussion, fellowship

EMILY TAUL  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

A Cross Between Campus Ministry is sponsoring a weekly Bible discussion, along with games, food and good company for all fellow students.

"We basically are a group of students of a broad background who sit and discuss Bible verses, what we have learned from them and how we personally perceive the message," freshman Brad Hemker said.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Morris

University Center. Another Bible study meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays off campus at 240 Lake Hillcrest Dr., Glen Carbon and 674 Chapman St., Edwardsville.

"The leader of the discussion ... prepares questions about verses, then the students are welcome to add their input," Hemker said. "After the lesson, we have social time for games and food."

The discussions are for individuals of all denominations and also for those with little familiarity of the Bible.

"We are looking for all students to come in and acquire knowledge, views, opinions and a relationship with the Bible," Hemker said. "We are not only a Bible study group, but we hold events like float trips, ski trips, root beer keggers and hopefully more fun-filled events in the future."

"Most invitations are from friends and by word-of-mouth, but everybody and anybody is welcome to join, and we highly encourage it," Hemker added.

For more information, contact Hemker at 650-1590.

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track," Jilsen-Steele said.

Other advice available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) includes consulting former employers to obtain old W-2 forms and other documents and keeping track of these documents for at least three years after every return.

For those who experience frustration at the mere thought of a tax form, volunteers are available at the IRS to complete tax returns free of charge while tax specialists, such as Jackson Hewitt and H&R

Block, will complete tax returns for a fee.

Help centers are available at public locations, such as the Edwardsville Public Library and local shopping centers, as well.

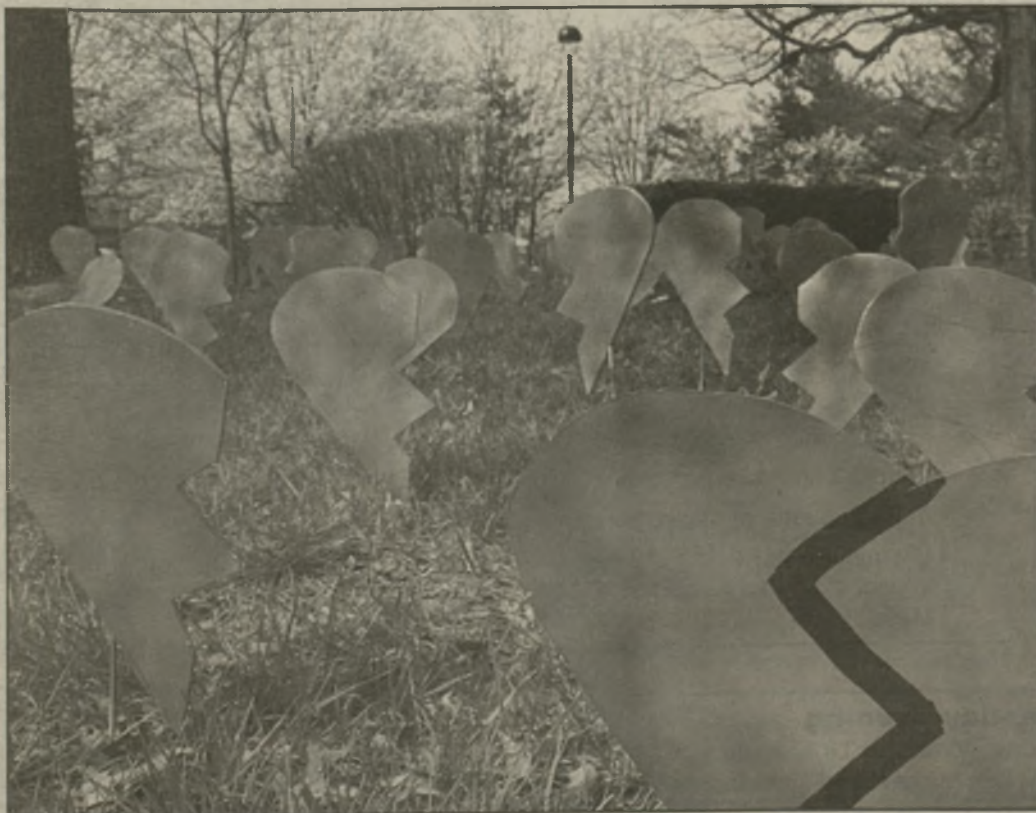
Overall, students like Brown are taking no chances this year with taxes.

"I'm just going to file and move on with it," Brown said. "Why take the chance?"

For more information on federal and state taxes and filing procedures, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



## Broken hearts fill quad



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

The Political Science Association is sponsoring an exhibit in the quad, covering one of the hills with broken hearts and stuffed animals to represent the 837 child victims of violence in Madison County in 2004.

## ~ Health Wise ~ Oral cancer, a silent but deadly disease.

SARA WEST  
LIFESTYLES REPORTER



Nearly 41,000 American citizens will be diagnosed with oral cancer, including cancer of the larynx, this year, according to the Oral Cancer Foundation.

The foundation also reported more than 8,000 of those suffering from the disease will die, one person per hour, 24 hours per day, this year.

The heightened death rate related to oral cancer is due to the fact the cancer is typically found in its later stages of development, most likely when the disease has already begun to spread to lymph nodes in the neck.

The cancer, which is part of a group of cancers called head and neck cancers, is quite dangerous because it may produce second, primary tumors.

"This means that patients who survive a first encounter with the disease have up to a 20 times higher risk of developing a second cancer," the foundation reported. "This heightened risk factor can last for five to 10 years after the first occurrence."

The American Dental Association suggested avoiding behaviors strongly associated with developing oral cancer, such as using any kind of tobacco product, overusing alcohol and overexposure of the sun on the lips.

Other risk factors include genetics, liver function and having a diet low in fresh fruits and vegetables, and the association advised people to screen for oral cancer regularly.

"Regular visits to your dentist are important in protecting yourself from the effects of oral cancer," the ADA said. "Detecting and

treating cancerous tissues as early as possible is critical in helping you beat a potentially deadly disease."

Further, the Oral Cancer Foundation reported the demographics of citizens who acquire the cancer have remained consistent for decades.

The ratio that has changed, however, has been the gender perspective, which studies reported the ratio used to be six men per one woman developed oral cancer, and is now two men per every woman.

Studies also showed oral cancer occurs twice as often in the black population than in the white population, and the survival rates were also much poorer in black citizens than in white citizens.

The foundation said published statistics did not consider socio-economic factors or tobacco and alcohol use across ethnic populations, but it did report the cancer in the younger age group is most possibly viral based since the amount of time these people are exposed to the cancer-causing agents, like smokeless tobacco, is rather short.

"There are some possible links to young men who use smokeless, chewing or spit tobacco," the foundation said. "Promoted as a safer

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Cancer of the mouth.



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alternative to smoking, it has, in actuality, not proven to be any safer to those who use it."

Though regular visits to a dentist may help screen for oral cancer, the foundation stated people should also be aware of signs and symptoms of the disease.

The earliest stages of the cancer consist of tissue changes, which may resemble a common cancer sore, said the foundation. Further, any sore or discolored area of the lip, mouth, tongue or throat should be looked at by a professional, especially if it does not heal within two weeks.

The ADA added other signs to look for, which include lumps in the oral cavity or neck, difficulty in chewing, swallowing, speaking or moving the tongue and pain, tenderness or

numbness anywhere in the mouth or on the lips.

The foundation also said oral cancers caught in their earliest stages of development are least likely to have post-treatment disfigurement like those cancers that are treated later.

In order to keep a healthy oral cavity, screen it regularly, eat a diet with the proper amount of fruits and vegetable levels and quit using tobacco products, said the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the American Lung Association.

"Think about why you want to quit, pick a stress-free time to quit and get plenty of rest," the AAO and ALA jointly said in a recent report. "Start doing some exercise or activity each day to relieve stress and improve your health."

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## Sports Quote of the Day

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# Cougars maul Miners and Knights

## SIUE softball pumps out four wins against UM-Rolla and Bellarmine

MATTHEW BRUCE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 16-ranked SIUE softball team powered its way to four victories last week to propel its season record to 22-8.

The Cougars trounced the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners Wednesday at Cougar Field, sweeping a two-game set in commanding fashion with 9-3 and 8-0 wins.

The Miners, who will join the Great Lakes Valley Conference next season, came into the contests with 21 team home runs on the year.

But SIUE junior pitcher Alicia DeShasier slowed down the Mines' high-powered offense in the first game, holding them to just one earned run and two hits in seven strong innings of work.

"The wind was blowing out, so you would have thought they'd have scored more," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "But we just smoked them. They didn't have a chance."

SIUE broke the game open with a five-run outburst in the third inning to go up 6-0, and



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

**The Cougar softball team clobbers the ball at home against the UM-Rolla Miners Wednesday to sweep the doubleheader 9-3 and 8-0.**

they never looked back. The Cougars tabbed home runs from DeShasier and freshman catcher Ashley Price.

In the nightcap, freshman pitcher Lindsey Laas stopped

Rolla dead in its tracks. She allowed five hits and carried a shutout through the top of the fifth inning before SIUE took an 8-0 lead in the bottom half of the frame. The game was stopped

short due to the eight-run mercy rule.

The Cougars got another five-run explosion in the third inning, this time capped off by a bases-loaded triple from senior

outfielder Samantha Easterley, who drove in three runs.

SIUE went into Louisville, Ky., flying high for its first taste of GLVC action against the Bellarmine University Knights Saturday, but rain forced the teams to push the doubleheader back to Sunday afternoon.

The Cougars had a gut check in the opening game as Bellarmine took a 5-0 lead into the fifth inning.

The Knights roughed up DeShasier early for four runs on seven hits, topped off by a three-run jack from Bellarmine's Jorie Ann Doll in the bottom of the third.

"We did not bring our A game," Montgomery said. "We're a much better team than they are. We did not adjust to their pitching. It was a slow drop ball pitcher."

SIUE came roaring back to score seven runs in the last three innings, including three runs in the final frame.

Junior third baseman Amy Rogers clutched an RBI in the seventh inning to score.

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## Cougar baseball fails to silence USI Screaming Eagles in weekend action

JANELLE DOBSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

With doubleheaders both Saturday and Sunday, the SIUE baseball team started strong with a win in the first game Saturday, but fell to the University of Southern Indiana Eagles in the next three games.

Junior Kyle Jones picked up the win in the first game as the Cougars pounced the Eagles 9-2. Jones was relieved by senior Ryan Spurgeon in the seventh inning, and Jones now has a perfect record for five games.

"Jones pitched well for us again," head coach Gary Collins said.

The first inning proved powerful for the Cougars' offense as SIUE scored four runs. During a first chance at the plate, junior second baseman Jeremy Bond, senior first baseman Craig Ohlau,

junior catcher Jake Smith and junior outfielder Jeff Darnall all put runs on the board.

Smith added to SIUE's offensive game, collecting three RBIs, and Ohlau followed closely with two. Junior shortstop Bryan Newby was perfect at the plate, hitting 4-4.

Meanwhile, the Cougars' defense held the Eagles to four hits and two runs.

Collins was pleased with game one. "We played great," he said.

The momentum quickly turned to the Screaming Eagles in the next contests.

"After winning the first game I thought we would be a little more upbeat but we weren't," Collins said. "We kind of quit playing after the first game."

The Cougars lost Saturday's second game 9-6 in 10 innings.

SIUE's starting pitcher junior Cameron Cheek was relieved by junior Derek Stratman in the sixth inning.

Senior Jared Rettberg relieved Stratman in extra innings, pitching through the 10th inning when relieved by sophomore Chip Durland. Rettberg picked up the loss.

"We just did not pitch well," Collins said.

Despite playing into extra innings, the Cougars' offense could not clip the Eagles' wings.

SIUE matched its competition with 12 total hits on the game for each team, but the Cougars could not break the tie.

"We get as many hits as the other team but we don't put them together," Collins said. Junior outfielder Joe Wargo and Darnell led the offense batting 3-4, and

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**The Cougar infield stops a grounder en route to home victories Wednesday against the Miners. SIUE also swept Bellarmine University on the road.**



# Injuries keep winning out of reach for men's tennis

ZACH GROVES  
SPORTS EDITOR

The tides have turned for SIUE men's tennis.

Entering Tuesday's match against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, SIUE rode a four-game winning streak.

However, the Cougars have stumbled into a three-game losing streak after falling 0-5 to the Northern Kentucky University Norse Saturday and 3-6 to the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds Friday in road matches.

The team again traveled

without junior Matt Kuban, who is out with a shoulder injury.

"It is a shame," head coach Bill Logan said. "It just looks like we have a pretty good team, and we are just going through this phase with injuries."

The Norse had the Cougars' number in the doubles circuit,

sweeping all three matches. Oliver Marinkovic and Marek Pawalec of NKU held sophomores Justin Free and Andrew Reznack 8-5. NKU's Nick Herzog and Adam Moler shut out senior Andrew Renner and freshman Dan Glon 8-0, and Billy Hopkins and Jonathan Hart beat Cougars senior Chris Rigdon and junior Daniel Lipe 8-6.

NKU picked up the remainder of the shutout in the only two singles matches to finish. Hopkins downed Renner 6-2, 6-2, and Moler beat Rigdon 6-3, 6-1.

"The weather was terrible this weekend," Logan said. "And when you go inside our (Great Lakes Valley Conference), you

Indianapolis' Dustin Guthrie and Felipe Rojas, 8-6.

In the singles circuit, Reznack and Rigdon were the only ones to come out victorious. Reznack battled Stastny 6-3, 3-6 and 13-11 for the match point, and Rigdon beat Burgdorfer 7-5, 6-4.

Warner, Free, Glon and Renner all dropped their matches.

"Reznack had a significant win against Stansty. He is one of the top-ranked freshmen in our region," Logan said. "I was pleased with that."

Once the road trip wraps up Tuesday at Quincy University, Logan said he hopes to reverse the Cougars' fortune. However, the Cougars may have to do it without Warner, who injured his

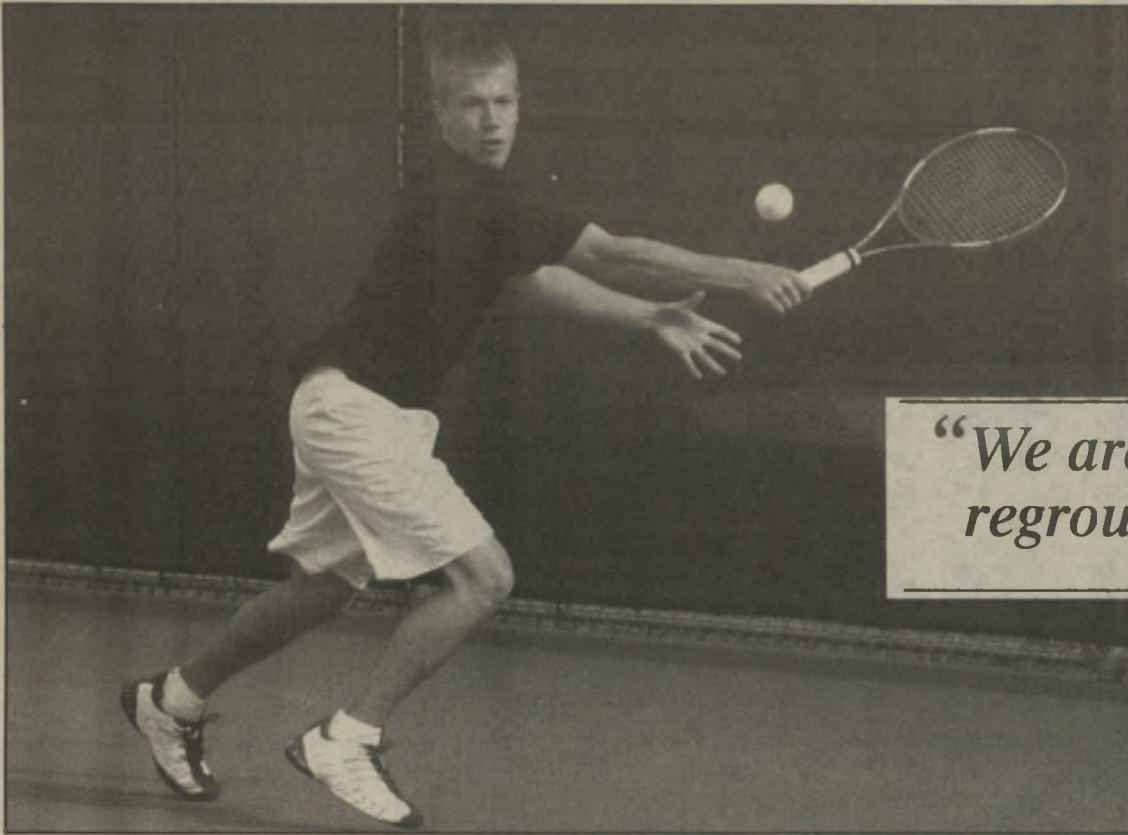
knee in his match against Indianapolis' Johnson.

"Matt Warner was really playing well," Logan said. "He was up 4-3 when he

suffered a knee injury, and we do not know how bad it is.

"He tried to play but could not move," Logan added. "We are just trying to regroup and we have to do well. It is a little tough."

SIUE, who is 2-3 in the GLVC, takes on Quincy at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Quincy.



*"We are just trying to regroup..."*

~ Bill Logan, Head coach

**After winning four straight, the Cougar men's tennis team has fallen into a three-game slump. The team travels to take on Quincy Tuesday without juniors Matthew Kuban and Matthew Warner.**

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## PAID ADVERTISEMENT

For those who do not believe in fate, it is there waiting. With two hours left till Chemistry I headed for my usual spot to study, but it was already occupied. I had to find another place and as I flung one heavy backpack to the desk. I then noticed a recent issue of the Alestle sitting folded on the desk. At the bottom were some familiar words, or at least to me, 'Safe Zone educates faculty.' Safe Zone! I heard of that. I wondered if it was the same group I heard of while I attending a different university. (Silly me, first time I heard of it I thought it was some place for students to go). I read on. To my amazement it was the same group. However, the article said very little and it seemed the group was only to educate faculty and staff. OK, I had to go! One major problem the meeting overlapped my biology lab. But this was an important issue to me and I decided to attend at any cost.

At this point you probably have asked yourself what is the Safe Zone and if it about educating the faculty, what concern is it of mine?

Well if you have ever had a friend, a family member or just an acquaintance who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered (GLBT) it might be well worth your time to find out. Even if you don't know someone and just care about people it could be worth your time to inquire. I feel this is an issue of importance so I spent a couple hundred dollars of my savings set aside for surgery to have this printed in the Alestle because they could not run this if it was in the first person (just the facts ma'm). And how do you make a personal issue personal with out the person?

It is also quite possible you know someone and do not even know

they are GLBT. It is not an easy thing to tell someone, even your closest friends, if you do not know what their reaction will be. What would you do if you relative or friend told you they were gay, lesbian, or transgender? Worse yet, what if their last note they ever wrote disclosed they were? It would have been nice to have been able to help them, wouldn't it? It is hard to believe life was so unbearable and they didn't even ask for help? Speaking for myself, I often feel quite invisible and wonder if I am the only transgendered person here. So, no, it is not hard to imagine from where I view and experience the world. Some days I am so overwhelmed with dealing with life I do not know if I can survive getting an education, I don't even know who to talk to.

Well these are a few of the issues the Safe Zone Committee seeks to help educate others about. And thanks to the generosity of my professor I managed to attend a different lab and make it to the Safe Zone's meeting. Being a student I was not sure if I would be allowed to attend but upon arrival and inquiring I was told I was quite welcome by Kevin Cannon, Faculty Chair of the Safe Zone Committee. Introductions were made and I introduced myself to them and now to you. My name is Jamie Marie and I am a transgendered person. I was quite moved by the genuine interest the group had in GLBT issues. The Safe Zone provides training to faculty and staff at SIUE on issues of GLBT. They also provide information and help make available community resources to deal issues in an educational and informative manner and promote an atmosphere of respect. Those who have gone already gone through training display the colorful logo (which I wish I could have

displayed here) of a circle sitting behind a triangle with the words SAFE ZONE.

But something was missing. While they seek to educate the faculty through unique training sessions I wondered and asked, "what about the students. It is nice to train the faculty to deal with these issues, but there are students out there that need help." There are students out there that probably feel quite alone...lost...wondering where to find help.

I mentioned that as a person who is transgender I am hesitant, very hesitant to tell anyone and because of that I find it quite difficult sometimes, (if not impossible) to engage in social relations with fellow students or get involved in study groups with others. Kenneth Neher, Vice Chancellor for Administration, who was attending the Safe Zone meeting turned to me and said "you are really shorting yourself on your educational experience." I must agree he is absolutely correct. I am shorting myself, but it is out of a sense of self preservation that is probably quite incorrect. But how do I combine who I am with the social norms? Maybe I am on my way there now. As fate placed a copy of the Alestle in a place I never sit and to a group I was familiar with while attending another university I now sit here eating lemon mirange pie (yes it is quite delicious) and writing this article in the hope that fate will deliver it to print and to the eyes of someone who may be in need of help or just curious to learn more about their fellow students. Cathy Santanello who has been extremely helpful also told me about a group that meets bi weekly here on campus called SOTA (Sexual Orientation and Transgender Alliance) which she and Roger Speidel are co-faculty mentors of

the group. SOTA does have a web site for additional information and help in regards to many issues and offers a wide range of activities for those interested. Their site is [www.sota-siue.org](http://www.sota-siue.org) and can be reached also through their e-mail: [sota@sota-siue.org](mailto:sota@sota-siue.org). So while their primary function has been in the education of faculty and staff the idea to reach out to the students was thought to be a good idea. A sub-committee was formed to work on the issue of reaching out to the students involving Kevin Cannon, and Ann Wendle who is Residence Director and a very dynamic person who in a short time at SIUE has already made an impact on issue of equality for all. I too was glad to offer my time to this group in the hopes of helping this wonderful group get its message out to students that the university is concerned about it students.

Hopefully the students of SIUE, and groups like the Safe Zone and SOTA, as well as the many other groups on campus that are available to assist and help the student population and will add to the openness and ability for such diverse student populations that are present here to enhance and not shortchange what should and can be a rewarding educational experience.

Jamie Marie Nelson



**SOFTBALL**

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Sophomore catcher Emily Lenart proved to be the game winner as the Cougars pulled out an emotional 7-6 victory.

"Every time you come back from behind, it's good. But we did not play well," Montgomery said.

Laas came out of the bullpen to pick up the win, giving up one run on three hits in a little more than three innings.

DeShasier, Lenart and senior shortstop Veronica Schmidt all drove in two runs for the Cougars.

Great pitching took the spotlight in game two as junior Casey Wantland bested Bellarmine's Ashley Eppich in a 1-0 pitcher's duel.

Both hurlers tossed complete games. Eppich gave up one run and six hits while striking out five.

"It was just too slow,"

Montgomery said of Bellarmine's pitching. "Might as well been playing slow ball. That's something we have to work on - hitting bad pitching."

Wantland, however, got the win with a five-hit shutout to drive her record to 6-1.

DeShasier provided the only offense for either team with a two-out double in the third to drive in junior outfielder Shanna Waldo.

"She had quite a day," Montgomery said of DeShasier. "She went 6-9 for the day."

The win puts SIUE at 22-8 on the year, with a perfect 2-0 GLVC record.

SIUE faces the University of Illinois at Springfield in a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Cougar Field.

**BASEBALL**

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Darnall also had 2 RBIs.

Hopes of a second victory over the Eagles faded in Sunday's doubleheader.

The Eagles shut down SIUE in the first game, destroying the Cougars 7-0.

"We didn't field very well and we pitched really, really poorly," Collins said.

Southern Indiana scored all seven of its runs in the fifth inning though the Cougars switched pitchers three times.

Sophomore starting pitcher Adam Tallman was relieved by junior David Biesacher in the fifth inning. Biesacher only took the mound briefly and was soon relieved by Durland as the runs kept on coming. Durland's time on the mound was brief as well, and junior Jameson Sheley replaced him during the fifth inning. Sheley finished the game while Tallman picked up the loss.

"It was very disappointing to watch the way we pitched," Collins said. "For the most part, our pitching has been good this season. The second game

on Saturday started the bad pitching."

The Cougars finally escaped the dreadful inning, but were unable to recover and get any hits in the sixth and seventh innings. The non-existent Cougars offense held only two hits on the game.

SIUE's offensive troubles followed the team into the final game of the weekend causing them to lose 6-2.

Ohlau, Tallman, and freshman outfielder Cory Bunner each had two hits. Ohlau also hit in the only two runs of the game for the Cougars.

Junior Clay Zavada started and pitched until he was relieved in the eighth inning by freshman lefty Cody Littiken. Zavada picked up the loss.

The Cougars are sitting at .500 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, with record of 7-7. SIUE's overall record stands at 12-9 as the team heads to Quincy University to take on the Eagles at 1 p.m. Wednesday in a doubleheader.

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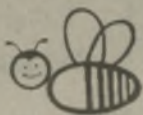
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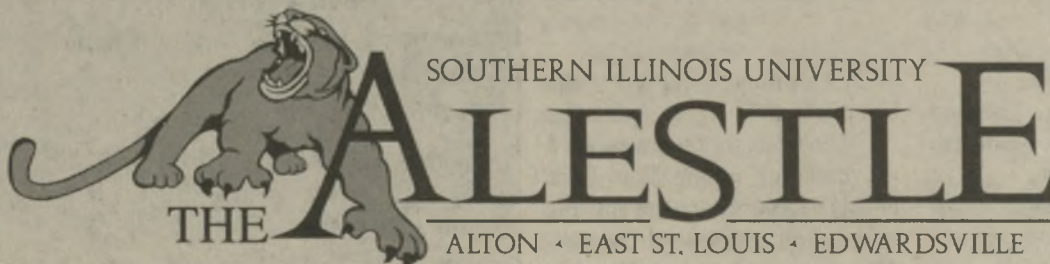
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