

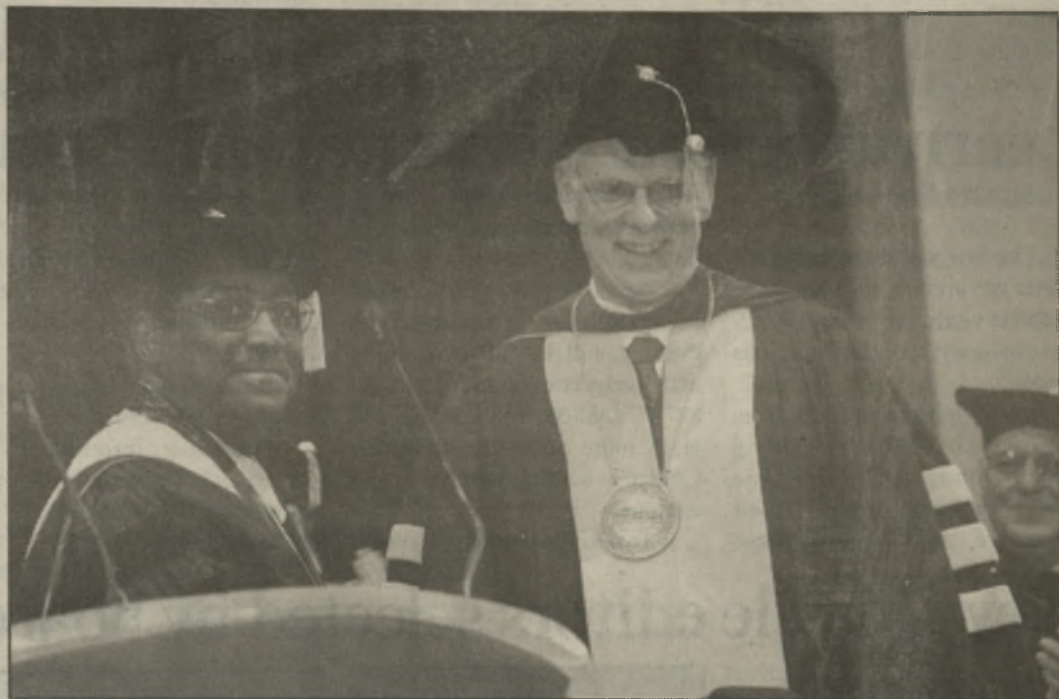
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Chancellor installed with ceremony



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Southern Illinois University President James Walker shakes hands with the newly installed chancellor, Vaughn Vandegrift, at Friday's ceremony.

Campus supports tsunami relief aid

Organizations raise \$6,000 for donation

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Seven groups will present a check to the Red Cross to help the victims of December's tsunami in Asia on Wednesday.

The Indian Student Association, Intercollegiate Athletics, Marketing Association, Master Marketing Research Student Association, Gospel Choir, Cricket Club, Student Government and Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift will come together to present the check at noon in the Stratton Quadrangle.

"This past year, many of the student organizations on campus

thought we could help the tsunami effort together, as opposed to individual organizations sending a check," Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said.

Members of the seven groups raised the money in support of the global relief program for victims of December's tsunami disaster.

"(Student organizations) felt it was more appropriate to send one check and make a presentation," Sperotto said.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Goshen Lounge.

Spring gets extreme with eXtreme SIUE: Springfest Edition

BRENT NAYLOR
NEWS STRINGER

Students should take extreme measures to prepare for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The theme for this year's Springfest is "eXtreme SIUE."

"We decided on the theme because of the popularity of shows like 'Extreme Home

Makeover' and 'Extreme Makeover' as well as the popularity of extreme sports," Acting Assistant Director for Campus Life Michelle King said.

"We decided to tie into some of that popularity with that extreme theme," King added.

Springfest will feature traditional favorites such as the Cougar Karaoke contest from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday

on the Stratton Quadrangle and the giant banana split sale from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday on the Quad. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into the Goshen Lounge.

The traditional student organization fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday on the Quad.

"Basically, (the organization fair) is just an opportunity for

student organizations to fund raise," King said. "They can sell any type of food item or merchandise. It's just a really good opportunity."

Springfest isn't just about campus traditions, though. Every year novelty events are also held.

There will be a NASCAR simulator and outdoor rock wall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Quad. A game

of extreme dodge ball will be played from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday on the west side of the Morris University Center.

While nontraditional events are nothing new to Springfest, Friday will see a new event of "extreme" proportions with the Party in the Park.

The Party in the Park will be from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Friday at
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Science folk get physical

JESSICA BALADAD
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE science clubs are getting athletic to promote a better relationship between the faculty and students.

The science clubs are combining with the science faculty to create a night of athletic events from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday in the Vadalabene Center. This will be the second year for the event.

"We had a lot of success with this event last year and just wanted to get the word out again," Chemistry Club President Brandon Hatfield said.

The goal of these events is to unite all the science-based clubs in friendly and competitive sports and to help foster good teacher-student relationships.

The science clubs came up with this idea because it seemed like something out of the

ordinary for people in the science departments to take part in.

"The last thing you would think of is sporting events when you think of science-based clubs," Hatfield said.

Anyone can take part in the athletic events as long as he or she is either faculty or a student in the science departments or, at least, taking science classes.

The athletic events include basketball, volleyball, pingpong, dodge ball and a teacher four-square tournament.

There will also be a disc jockey and a meet, greet and eat before the event, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. A mystery event for teachers is planned.

"I don't really want to say what the teacher event will be, but it will be embarrassing for the teachers," Hatfield said.

Last year's event had a turnout of 25 to 30 people, and
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Spaghetti wrestling is part of fest



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Mandi Thornton, junior, wrestles with several Family Housing residents at the spaghetti wrestling portion of Villagefest on Sunday in the 400 block of Cougar Village.



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Adopt a furry friend through service

JESSICA BALADAD
NEWS STRINGER

Students, faculty and staff can adopt a furry friend or watch dogs do tricks at the Paws Up for a Home event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24.

For Our Furry Friends is a group of students who advocate the love and adoption of pets. FOFF was created as a service project for Speech Communication professor Elizabeth Grant's Small Group

Communication class.

The group members are Andrea Noland, Dawn Bell, Andrew Snyder, Trudy Ward and Casey Crivea.

"The goal of the event is to get dogs adopted into good homes," Noland said.

There will be pure bred and mixed-breed dogs for adoption at the Paws Up event.

The event was set to take place at Lower Hoppe Park but will now probably take place on the SIUE campus.

"Because of miscommunications we had with the city of Edwardsville, we're in the process of finalizing a place," Noland said.

The tentative location of the event is behind the Morris University Center, but this location has not yet been approved by SIUE.

Entertainment has been scheduled.

There will be dogs performing agility tricks, like *see ANIMALS, page 3*

Learn about and celebrate world faiths

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Friends of the Religious Center are inviting the campus to celebrate world faiths from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Religious Center.

Local spiritual leaders from a variety of faiths, including Coptic Orthodox Christian, Jain and Sikh, will discuss their respective, faiths with those

who attend the third annual Celebration of World Faiths.

According to a press release, leaders of the group hope the evening will be full of learning and lively conversation, as well as a chance for visitors to learn more about the Religious Center's importance on campus.

Teachings, prayers, music

and scripture of the religions will be shared.

The event's admission and parking are free, but donations will be accepted.

Refreshments with ethnic themes will be served.

For more information on the event, please call the Religious Center at 650-3246.

New Alestle editors selected by board

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Alestle Advisory Board has selected two students to lead the newspaper in the coming year.

Courtney Rakers, a junior in the Mass Communications Department, has been named editor in chief of the Alestle.

"I would like to make the newspaper more appealing to the student body," Rakers said. "I feel that I can guide the paper in providing news and human-interest stories that are of relevance to students while maintaining standards of accuracy and objectivity."

Rakers previously served as a news stringer and as the Lifestyles editor at the paper. She

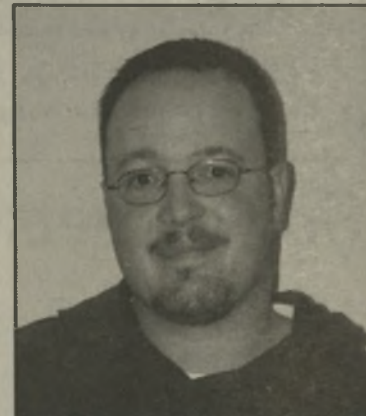


Courtney Rakers

also writes for the Belleville News-Democrat.

Ted McKinney, also a junior in Mass Communications, was named managing editor of the newspaper.

"I think I can bring some of my management background to




Ted McKinney

the Alestle," McKinney said. "From an organizational standpoint, I think my experience will lend leadership to the staff."

McKinney spent 10 years at United Parcel Service, three and *see EDITORS, page 3*

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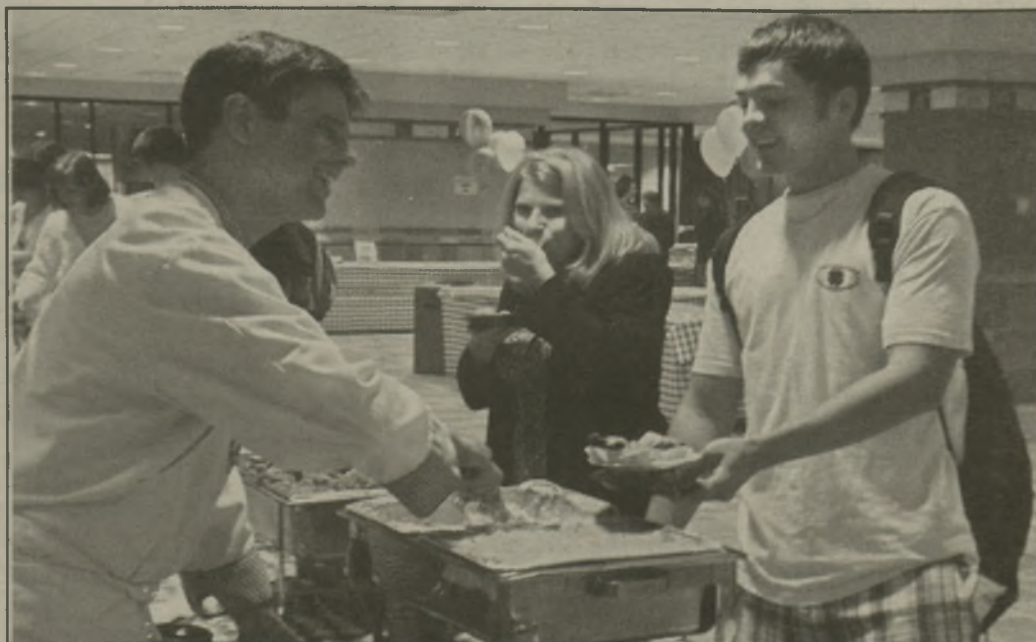
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Students sample food at Dining Services show



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Todd Herr serves student Andrew Blanchard at Thursday's Food Show in the Center Court of the Morris University Center. Dishes from a variety of vendors were showcased and sampled.

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jumping through hoops. Also the St. Louis Disc Dogs will do dog exhibitions with Frisbees. The dogs doing agility tricks and the Disc Dogs will alternate every half hour. The radio

station, WAOX 105.3-FM, will also broadcast live from the event.

For more information, contact Noland at 420-4479 or anoland@siue.edu.

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Hatfield said he is expecting at least the same turnout this year.

"Last year, we had six chemistry professors, but only one physics professor and no biology professors," Hatfield said. "We are hoping for more professors from all the departments this year."

Anyone wishing to

participate should go to the Chemistry Club office in the lab wing of the Science Building. There are sign-up sheets on the board outside of the office.

For more information, contact physics professor Rebecca Lindell at 650-2934 or rlindel@siue.edu or contact Hatfield at 345-9033 or chemtamaram@yahoo.com.

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Edwardsville City Park. It will feature, among other attractions, live music and student organization booths.

"It's going to be an event much like the block party in the fall," King said.

King said Springfest is one of SIUE's longest-running traditions.

"We usually have a really good turnout for all of our noontime events held out on the quad," King said.

Students interested in more information about Springfest, or a full schedule of Springfest activities, should contact Campus Activities Board at 650-2000.

Campus Scanner

Cardinals: For those who love baseball, the SIUE Campus Activities Board will sponsor a night at the ballpark from 7:10 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at Busch Stadium when the Cardinals take on the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets are \$9 for students and \$12 for the public and may be picked up at the Information Center in the Morris University Center. For more information, contact CAB graduate adviser Tony Marshall at anmarch@siue.edu, or Recreation Chair Wesley Copper at wcopper@siue.edu.

Intramural Disc Golf Registration: Those interested in participating in the Intramural Disc Golf Tournament must register by Tuesday. Disc golf is similar to

regular golf, only using discs instead of balls. The registration fee is \$5. For more information, call the Student Fitness Center front desk at 650-2348.

Plagiarism: If you or someone you know could use some assistance citing papers properly, join a workshop the Writing Center will host titled "Plagiarism: What It Is and How to Avoid It" from 11 to 11:55 a.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 1412. Participants will learn how to avoid plagiarism and the need to credit the original author. For more information, contact the Writing Center at 650-2045.

Lunch with a Professor Series: Students interested in

meeting and getting to know faculty better, while enjoying a free lunch, may stop by the Morris University Center from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Board Room on the second floor. For more information, call MUC Director Mary Robinson at 650-2305.

Celebrating Abilities: The fourth annual 5-kilometer roll/run/walk event will be from 7:55 to 11 a.m. Sunday at the Madison County Transit Center in downtown Edwardsville. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public if purchased by Thursday. Tickets purchased after Thursday will be \$10 for students and \$15 for the public. All proceeds will benefit New Horizons and the SIUE track and cross country teams.

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a half of them in management positions.

The students were selected by the Alestle board on Thursday. The board consists of professionals from area newspapers, a Student Senate representative, Mass Communications faculty members and university

administrators.

"The board members felt that the two students will help the Alestle serve its readership well," Alestle adviser Mike Montgomery said. "I'm sure Courtney's dedication to serving the readership and Ted's management experience will make for an outstanding paper in

the coming year."

Rakers and McKinney will begin their jobs on May 24 when summer classes begin.

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Shyness not always bad thing

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (U-WIRE) — I've decided to dedicate this week's column to an indelible personality trait of mine that is looked down upon by society: shyness. Outgoing people claim they would never want to be shy, while quiet people wish they were less shy. But why? There's a plethora of positives about being shy that the world does not recognize, and I will use this column to point them out.

Before I do that, however, some of you may be wondering how I claim to be shy when I express my opinions every week in the paper. You may even think I am completely bluffing if you have read my political columns. This is because I am perfectly comfortable expressing myself through paper, e-mail or any other written form. When it comes to talking in person, I am one of the quietest people you'll meet until you really get to know me.

I'm the girl who is more comfortable going to the professor's office than asking questions in class. I'm the girl who never sings on karaoke night because I can't handle performing in front of even the smallest crowd. I'm the girl who brings solitude

to her group of friends who are clearly outgoing and wacky.

I'm not going to give you a run down of ways we shy people can overcome it. We have all heard that before, and frankly, I do not think shy people necessarily need to overcome it.

Look at it this way. At least we'll never have to worry about annoying the crap out of anyone from talking too much. I have run into some people who seem to talk just for the sake of talking. They are so outgoing they're unhappy keeping quiet, and the more they talk, the less interested people become.

On the other hand, when shy people talk, it is more likely to be important. We are not normally aggressive when we speak, and we are less likely to make enemies than people more lenient on dishing out every thought.

We likely will not have to worry about being that one person in class who incessantly asks the most ridiculous questions just to suck up and draw the professor off topic.

I've had those people in my classes, and I've heard my friends talk about having them in class. Trust me, shy students should be thankful for not having

to worry about being that one person.

Friends of shy people are obviously true and like them for who they are. It might be hard to get to know us, but we are less likely to put up a farce to gain people's friendship. Instead of having a million acquaintances, we are more likely to have a group of close friends.

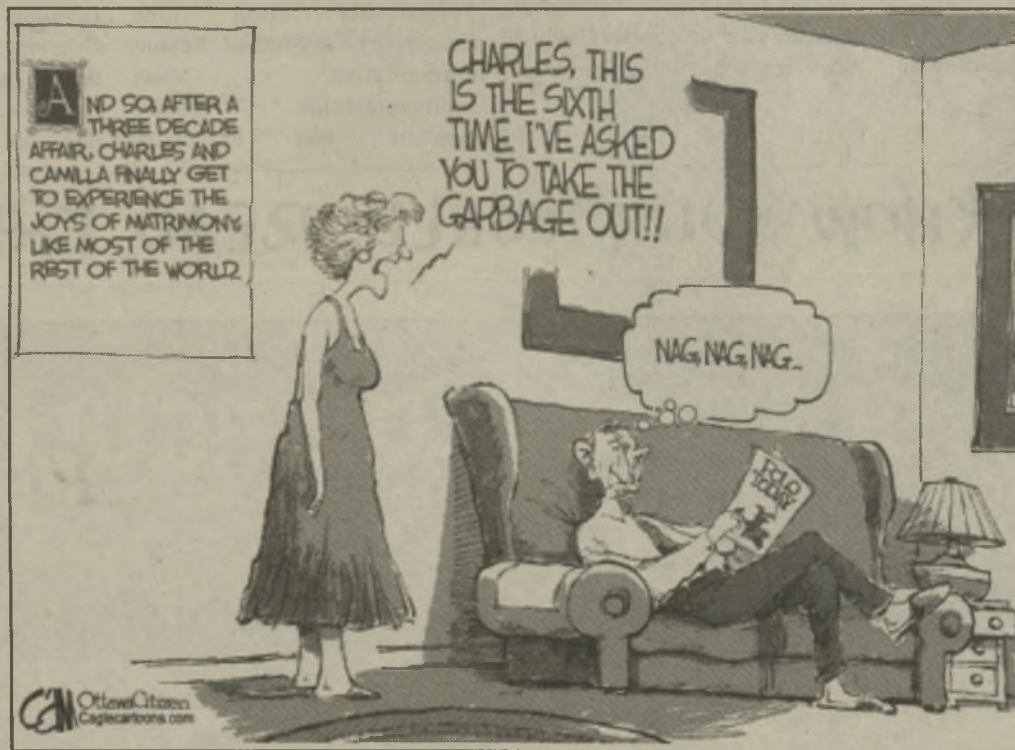
People might be less likely to get upset with us for interrupting. When someone else is talking, I try to keep quiet until they are finished to comprehend their statement and then inject my thoughts.

I'm quiet mainly because I do more thinking than talking. I think about the situation at hand and consider how to make my statement before I talk. There have been many times when talkative people have said things to me, and it was clearly obvious they did not know what they were talking about or did not think about how to say it.

I've also realized that despite the fact shy people can be mistaken for snobby or aloof,

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Political Cartoon



Time may be our worst enemy

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — I write this in haste with the knowledge these words may be among my last. I should have spoken them long ago, and I regret my delay to an almost unbearable degree.

My life is no longer my own. It has fallen under the control of a sinister alien force conspiring to enslave the whole human race.

It began when I was in junior high school. I remember that day well. I was sleeping, a peaceful and well-earned respite from my difficult routine, when in that darkest hour before dawn, my slumber was immediately and unequivocally ended.

I awoke, and there it was — a robot standing over my head, dousing me with that strange green light and commanding me

to rise.

They have had control of my days ever since.

In time, I discovered the name of the robots. They call themselves clocks.

For years, I kept my secret to myself so as not to cause widespread alarm. I am driven to write now, as several recent incidents have led me to believe that not only I, but the whole human race — or at the very least, all the inhabitants of this part of the world — are under the sway of the clocks.

The first incident occurred last week as I was eating lunch with my girlfriend. Our conversation was pleasant enough. But as we ate, I noticed she began to pay less and less attention to me. She grew

agitated and kept glancing over my right shoulder. I tried to ignore it, but the problem only became worse until I finally asked her what was the matter.

She abruptly got up from the table, eyes fixed at that something behind me.

"I'm late," she said and ran out of the room.

After she had gone, I looked to see what was seemingly far more important to her than our conversation.

There on the wall sat a small, unassuming clock.

The second incident was still more dreadful.

I have a job at a local restaurant. Yesterday I came into work, casting about my usual polite greetings and friendly bits of conversation, when I noticed

all of my colleagues seemed to be in an unusually bad temper. The head chef approached. I asked him what was the matter, wondering if perhaps there had been a particularly busy lunch period.

He told me no. They were angry with me for having ignored the time.

I told him I did not understand.

He drew me to a wall where a paper was posted. On it was printed my name, followed by a series of characters in the unmistakable script of the clocks.

Now, it seems to me the clocks themselves are mere pawns, or acolytes, in service of this terrible alien force, the time.

And its reach is further than I

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there is really no reason not to like us. Since we spend most of our time listening instead of talking, we are less likely to say nasty things or offend someone.

So, we really have a lot more going for us than we probably realize. When I was little, people used to think it was cute that I was shy; however, once I started growing older, most people tell me I need to get over my shyness.

What is it with getting over shyness?

I've never heard anyone point to examples similar to the ones I mentioned and tell

talkative people to get over it.

Personally, I don't think I need to get over it because I'm doing great as I am. I'm about to graduate college and go into the journalism field, and I have lots of family and friends who love me. I could never move back home, and I wince at the thought of depending on anyone to help me with problems.

Getting over it? That would be backtracking for me.

Nicole Delisio
The BG News
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could ever have imagined. For this act of disobedience, they have taken my job away. They will drive me to financial ruin for defying the time.

The worst, I fear, is still to come.

This very afternoon, my girlfriend called on the telephone. I told her I had lost my job.

There was anger in her reply. According to her, I must start paying attention to the time.

She will be here soon. She is not coming alone.

With her is a watch - a diminutive breed of clock with tentacles like a squid, capable of suctioning itself to the human arm.

They seek to hide themselves behind the woman I love. In all these dark years, I never

imagined they would stoop to such a move. I comfort myself only with the thought that she may not be a willing servant.

If her service is involuntary, I shall avenge her.

I do not know what their final plan is for me. Perhaps they plan to re-engineer my mind in order to make me a more willing slave. Who knows what foul technology they may have at their disposal?

I will not allow that to happen.


Even as I write this, I hear her knocking at the door. My palms are sweating. I hear the doorknob turning. She is here.

The time has come.

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Campus resources help prep for finals

EMILY TAUL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

When crunch time begins for papers, presentations and finals, students can find help and ease their worries with a variety of Instructional Services on campus.

Instructional Services branches from the College of Arts and Sciences, and supports the students, faculty and staff of SIUE.

Testing Administrator Lori Franke-Hopkins said all the people at Instructional Services take pride in their motto, "helping the under-prepared prepare, the prepare advance, and the advanced excel."

"We consider this motto our tradition for help," she added.

"Our services are here to help students carry through with their studies, begin to study in advance, use their resources at hand, take advantage of those willing to tutor and seek any help needed to excel," Franke-Hopkins said.

Finals approach earlier than most expect, and "prioritizing, planning in advance and organizing are the keys to keeping sane at crunch time," she added.

The staff approaches each student by recognizing his or her strengths and weaknesses with an encouraging and proficient method.

Two of the primary resource areas are the Writing and Math centers, which welcome students in need of assistance. No appointment is necessary.

Brian Rife, a senior Applied Mathematics major and tutor, said, "We most importantly help students who need to satisfy their Gen Eds (general education requirements), and also the many that dislike the subject."

The Math Center tutors are available for assistance from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

"Most students come in with their books, homework and questions, but also a positive attitude (can) help," Rife said. "One of the students we tutor started the semester off with a 55 percent for his first test, a 76 percent for his second, and on his last test he received a 91 percent, so we do have a great success rate."

"My advice for the end of the term is to start early, and if students would like to seek help, please come in anytime, but if it's for finals, come in as soon as possible, because by finals week, we will be swamped," Rife said.

If students are seeking more personal attention with the same instructor each session, finding a personal



tutor would be best.

"First the student has to be accepted into Special Services, and then tutors can be found by fliers or recommendations from professors," Brittany Rutherford, a junior Physics major and personal tutor, said.

"I usually go through assignments problem by problem, and then discuss general information on the subject," Rutherford said. "Tutors become busier closer to finals, so make appointments as soon as possible."

Rutherford said she approaches each student she tutors with two goals, "one, helping the student by being able to talk about the subject with some understanding and two, gaining knowledge myself from the student."

"Students always improve, and I advise (getting) a tutor ahead of time, because they too have finals," Rutherford added.

Another program for those students who are looking to catch up or get

that those students involved in the program excel at a greater rate than those who begin on the right track."

Jeremy Lynch, a sophomore Electrical

"Statistics from end-of-term grades have proven that those students involved in the program excel at a greater rate than those who begin on the right track."

~Lori Franke-Hopkins, Testing Administrator

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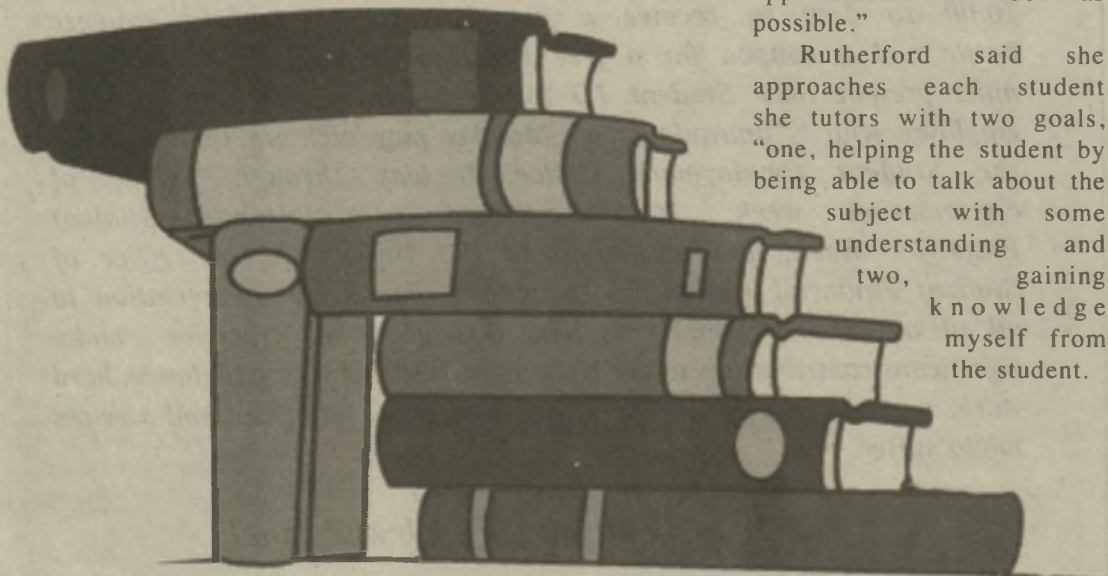
"We have a staff of instructors with backgrounds for helping those students in need of further classroom time, which offers our academic development classes to those entering school in the fall to give them an opportunity to prepare and hone their skills better," Franke-Hopkins said. "Statistics from end-of-term grades have proven

Engineering major and math tutor added, "The services provide study aids, as well as moral support."

Finals begin the first full week of May, starting at 8 a.m. on Monday.

When it comes down to the best advice for all who plan on successfully passing their finals, "start soon" were the two words spoken by most tutors

For more information on Instructional Services, visit www.siu.edu/IS or call 650-3717.



Students are at high risk for identity theft

SHAINA JONES
D.C. BUREAU

Washington (U-Wire)—Applying for a loan online; buying textbooks at the campus bookstore; checking your grades on the Internet. What may seem like everyday tasks for a typical college student could also provide easy access for someone to steal your identity.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America, with 900,000 new victims each year. Thieves obtain information such as a name, social security number, credit card number or other identifying information, usually off of the Internet to make purchases, and pretend to be you. Some imposters may rack up credit card debt and even criminal charges in your name.

Recognizing the need for more security to protect private information, the federal government has stepped in. The U.S. Senate is expected to debate legislation that would force data brokers to disclose to residents when their personal information has been stolen.

The need for tougher safeguards was noticed after Choicepoint, an Atlanta-based company that compiles personal information and court records from millions of Americans, was breached last year. Crooks were able to steal personal information from nearly 145 thousand people. The "Choicepoint amendment" would also require stricter procedures to detect and prevent identity fraud.

Colleges around the country are facing a similar issue. According to the U.S. Department of Education, "as a student, you may even be more vulnerable to identity theft because of the availability of personal data and the way many students handle this data."

Many schools use social security numbers as a primary means of identifying students. This information is often placed on the Internet, where computer hackers could easily obtain personal information about students, faculty and staff. According to the financial data surveyor Bankrate.com, 48 percent of students have had their grades posted by social security number.

"Many times it is the only identification a person has and if it's available on some paper, of course the nastier elements of society could use them for criminal activity," George Washington University student Sai Pradhan said. "The only thing that consoles me is that they'll probably get a thousand other people before me."

But colleges are taking measures to protect students and faculty from having their personal information fall into the wrong hands.

George Washington University is preparing to reduce the use of social security numbers as student identification. Last fall, the university created a committee to explore new ways to identify students and staff that would lessen the risk of identity theft. Currently, most students use their social security numbers for such regular activities as checking grades, researching articles online or registering for class.

The transition comes after pressure from both students and faculty to find alternatives.

"I think it's a good idea to use other identification means rather than social security numbers to avoid misuse of information," George Washington University student Chuck Davis said. "Otherwise it could easily fall into the wrong hands."

Some universities have already implemented such change. Howard University is one of the growing number of schools that does not use social security numbers as student identification. Instead, the school provides students with randomly generated numbers.

"We are very conscious of (the) possibility that [identity theft] could happen, but we are very vigilant in protecting students and faculty," Howard University Interim Vice Provost Dr. Charles Moore said. "We are being proactive and monitoring it as closely as we can to see if someone is even attempting to compromise the integrity of our database."

Although the school does not use Social Security numbers as student identification, the information is used for tax related paperwork, and when students apply for federal financial aid such as grants and loans. To protect the information, Moore said the university has installed two firewall systems and conducts routine audits to make sure the database is still secure.

And while completely eliminating the use of social security numbers on college campuses is virtually impossible, there are ways students can protect themselves from identity theft. The U.S. Department of Education recommends keeping close tabs on your personal information, monitoring your credit accounts carefully and if your social security number is used as your student ID, making sure you know where it is at all times.

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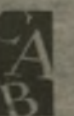
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ELLA to host poet for speaker series

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The English Language and Literature Association (ELLA) will host poet Jeanne Murray Walker at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14 in the Conference Center of Morris University Center.

Walker, an author of six poetry books, has had poems published in several anthologies and periodicals. Currently a professor of English at the University of Delaware, her poetry has garnered acclaim from colleagues and admirers of her work.

"I personally am going not just because we get extra credit, but because I've been following her work for as long as I can remember," Rebecca Murphy, a student at Saint Louis

University said. "I think getting to meet her would be worth the drive."

"Her poetry speaks to readers on a different level," senior Alicia Weathes said. "She has a gift for taking her thoughts and showing them to other people."

In her most recent book, "A Deed to the Light," Walker tackles the issue of the relationship between loss, grief and faith. She will read poems from this book, as well as others she has written.

In recent months, ELLA has received a positive response from the campus community with speakers such as Sonia Sanchez and Brad Land.

For more information about Walker or other ELLA events, e-mail jmoy@siue.edu.

Greeks prepare to showcase stepping abilities in Marchdown

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Signs of spring are all over campus, from blossoming plants to more abundant wildlife.

The final sign of spring, however, comes in the form of the National Pan-Hellenic Council's annual Marchdown at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Vadalabene Center.

The event gives NPHC Greek organizations a chance to showcase their ability in the art of stepping, a synchronized form of physical percussion and movement.

NPHC Marchdown Chair Remy Mitchell said this year's Marchdown should be one of the biggest in years, due to the hype surrounding it.

"It should be a huge turnout for what is always a very exciting event," Mitchell said. "This is one of the biggest events that SIUE has to offer."

For those unfamiliar with Marchdown, the key is always to expect the unexpected. Organizations have always gone all out in the name of showmanship, and Mitchell said this year's show should be no different.

"There are always going to be surprises, whether it be an entrance, a difficult step of some sort or something," Mitchell said. "We even have a couple surprise guests performing during the time the judges are tallying up the final scores."

Judges representing each NPHC organization will

determine a winner.

The organization in the men's and women's first place category will receive \$1,500, while the organization in second place will receive \$750.

Last year's Marchdown champions were Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Tickets are on sale at the Morris University Center Information Desk for \$12. Tickets at the door are \$15.

There will be a party at the Holiday Inn Select in downtown St. Louis after Marchdown.

For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686 or contact Mitchell at 650-4076.

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Tsunami Relief Efforts

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, we acknowledge and salute the efforts of all those who joined the international community in raising funds for those affected by last December's tsunami disaster. Your genuine caring, love of humanity, and civic engagement reflects the SIUE values of openness and citizenship. Thank you!

Join students and Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift for the presentation of a check to the American Red Cross - Tsunami Relief Effort on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 12:00 noon on the Stratton Quadrangle.

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Men's tennis swap scores in weekend split at home

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's tennis team split a doubleheader at home Saturday, beating the Bellarmine University Knights 5-0 before the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles handed them a bruising 5-0 defeat.

SIUE saw early morning glory as they began the day by trampling Bellarmine University.

"Bellarmine's not a bad team," SIUE head coach Bill Logan said. "We beat them 5-0, but I respect their team."

The Cougars swept the doubles matches, which included a gutsy 9-8 (5) win by sophomore Andrew Reznack and freshman Dan Glon in the No. 2 spot.

SIUE took a sizeable 3-0 lead into the singles, needing only two more wins to claim victory.

Reznack struck again in the No. 3 spot, winning his match easily 6-1, 6-0 in straight sets over Bellarmine's Jack Wolf. Senior Chris Rigdon clinched it for the Cougars as he handily disposed of David Royer 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 6 spot.

"When you go up 3-0, you need players that are able to win their matches in the singles," Logan said. "That's the key in doubles because sometimes you might have players who struggle, and you need someone to step up and win ... to finish their matches
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AUBREY WILLIAMS /ALESTLE
Powerful backhands give the SIUE men's tennis team a split at home Saturday.

Close, but not close enough



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANDI THORNTON

The Cougar baseball team looks to regain its focus after losing three hard-to-swallow games by at least one run over the weekend. SIUE is currently 14-13 this season.

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The Cougar baseball team went 1-3 last weekend against University of Wisconsin-Parkside, losing by one run in all three losses.

"It's very frustrating to lose by one run," head baseball coach Gary Collins said.

The team began its weekend in Kenosha, Wis. losing to the Rangers 6-5. Parkside's offense scored three runs in the first inning against junior right-hander Kyle Jones, but that didn't scare the Cougars. They answered in the following inning with three runs as well.

The Cougars were unable to hang on though, and by the end of the fifth inning, SIUE was losing 3-6. The Cougars came charging in the sixth inning and scored two runs, closing the gap on the scoreboard to 6-5. Neither team scored after the Cougars' sixth

inning rally, giving SIUE their first loss of the weekend. During the game, center fielder freshman Cory Bunner went 2-3 at the plate with four RBIs. Junior second baseman Jeremy Bond also went

2-3 at bat and had one RBI. Jones picked up the loss, who is now 5-1.

Things began to look up for the Cougars in game two that day. SIUE beat Parkside in an 8-4 victory. Junior right-hander Cameron Cheek picked up the win, only allowing four runs on four hits from the Rangers. Cheek pitched nearly the entire game until he was relieved late in the ninth inning by junior right-hander Derek Stratman. The Cougars turned around their

offense and pounded out fourteen hits during the game.

"I could have used some of those hits in the other games," Collins said.

Sophomore designated hitter Adam Tallman led the offense, batting four for five with three RBIs. Bond also had a good showing at the plate, batting 3-4.

The Cougars' winning ways were short-lived when they lost 2-1 the next day. Although SIUE out hit Parkside 7-6, they were unable to beat the Rangers.

Sophomore first baseman Craig Ohlau hit .500 at the plate along with junior right fielder Jeff Darnall. Junior Clay Zavada pitched all six innings in the loss, his third loss of the season.

During the final game of weekend, the Cougars were unable to bounce back from the

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Women's golf ties for 10th in Illini Classic

RYAN PEEBLES
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's golf team suffered some turbulence in more ways than one this weekend.

The Cougars finished 10th in the Illini Spring Classic after shooting a combined two-day total of 680.

"We were playing in a Division I tournament, which means bigger schools, better competition. I felt we competed really well," head coach Mark Marcuzzo said.

"The first day it was windy. We probably had between 30- and 40-mph winds blowing," Marcuzzo said. "That was definitely a key obstacle to this weekend's match."

The wind definitely had an impact on the team. Junior Brittany Hood led the team, shooting 83 and 82. Sophomore Kallie Harrison finished both days with 83. Freshman Natalie Connaway ended with 90 and 81, and freshman Kelly Morris finished with 92 and 86. Freshman Ashley Hamm closed out the match, knocking in 107 and 104.

"Brittany played good; she really turned it on," Marcuzzo said. "We're working hard, and I can tell we're improving."

The Cougars beat

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AUBREY WILLIAMS /ALESTLE
Junior Brittany Hood and the women's golf team putt to 10th in the Illini Classic.

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Check out wheelchair basketball Wednesday

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball season is not over yet.

This week marks Celebrating Abilities at SIUE, hosted by Disability Support Services. The events feature the fourth annual wheelchair basketball game between the SIUE men's and women's basketball teams and the Confluence Center Coast wheelchair basketball team at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center.

The game is free for everyone to attend.

Speech communication senior Stacey Howard and three of her classmates are organizing this event.

"We are doing this as a senior project in our public relations campaign," Howard said. "One group of students already works for (DSS). It is our first time, but the students that were involved before were intrigued with the project and thought we could do a good job with it."

Howard said she believes the intention is worthwhile and encourages all students to come and check out a potentially good game.

"(It) is totally to raise awareness about those living with disabilities and to showcase their athletic abilities," Howard said.

If the game itself is not enough, there will be free items offered at the game.

"We hope for everyone to come out to the game," Howard said. "We have some awesome door prizes to give away, and there will be free soda and popcorn."

Also coming up is the Celebrating Abilities five-kilometer roll/run/walk race, which will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday in downtown Edwardsville. Registration ends at 7:30 a.m.

"People can download the registration application," Howard said. The application is available at www.siu.edu/DSS/upevents.html.

For more information about the events, contact Howard at either 972-0551 or sthovar@siue.edu.

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Campus Activities Board

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quickly. That day it was Reznack and Rigdon."

The sun set on SIUE in the afternoon match against Southern Indiana.

The Screaming Eagles are the top team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and they came into Saturday's contest undefeated in the GLVC with a 7-0 record.

"They're a pretty tough team. They have the No. 2 ranked player in the nation," Logan said, referring to USI standout Joe Epkey.

USI took all three of the doubles and the Cougars quickly found themselves on the other side, going into the singles matches down 3-0.

The Screaming Eagles got straight-set wins from Epkey's younger brother Jarrod, in the No. 2 spot, and Ryan Hughes, in the No. 4 spot, to seize the 5-0

victory. Despite the lopsided score, Logan affirms that his team was competitive in the four matches that went unfinished.

"We gave them a run for their money," he said. "We just played a very good team ... but we tried."

SIUE finishes the regular season with a 9-8 record and a 4-4 mark in the GLVC. The Cougars stand at fifth-place in the conference, one game ahead of Bellarmine.

SIUE next preps for the 2005 GLVC Men's Tennis Championship Friday at the Purdue University Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Ind. Saturday's victory over the Knights assured SIUE of the five seed position. The Cougars will play the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen in the first round. UMSL defeated SIUE 8-1 March 29 at home.

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loss despite having 15 hits. Tallman pitched the first four innings for SIUE, until he was replaced by Ryan Spurgeon, who was quickly relieved by Stratman after one inning. Senior right-hander Jarad Rettberg took the mound in the final inning.

The 15 hits by the Cougars during the game were evenly dispersed among the team. Bond, Bunner and Darnall each had two hits to lead the Cougars. Once again the Cougars out hit the Rangers, but failed to overcome them.

"We left a lot of people in

scoring positions," Collins said. "I'm not pleased with the offense because we don't hit in the clutch. We don't have enough RBIs."

SIUE lost 9-8 in the final game of the weekend.

"We could have won both of the games with a little better effort and better at-bats," Collins said. "A couple of defensive breakdowns cost us too."

The Cougars, who stand at 14-13, will travel to St. Louis on Tuesday to face the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen.

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Indianapolis University, who finished two strokes behind it. With this lead, the Cougars currently hold the fifth playoff spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"The top six teams go to the regional tournament, and

if we win next week, we will have our position locked," Marcuzzo said.

SIUE will defend its course in the Cougar Invitational Sunday and Monday at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

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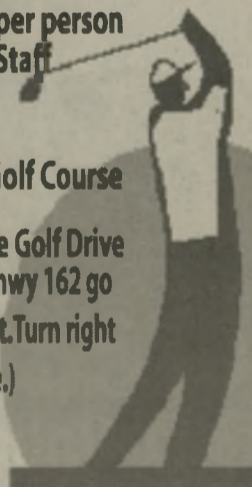
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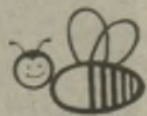
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