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Saddened by summer

school? See Lifestyles

## Beware of thieves Plenty of elbow room

#### **CORY FREEMAN** NEWS STRINGER

Students, faculty, staff and campus guests should take precautions to ensure they are not the victims of motor vehicle burglary.

During the spring semester, SIUE police responded to several such burglaries on different lots throughout campus.

Burglaries occurred in the main student parking lots, residence hall parking lots and the Vadalabene Center lot. Stereo systems and CDs seem to be targeted in the burglaries.

The following prevention tips may help keep you from becoming a victim of burglar.

- Always lock your car no matter where you park; school, work or home. Make sure to take your keys with you.

- Check your vehicle daily because time is of the essence in these crimes. If you leave your

car in a lot, make sure you check on it to make sure there has been no vandalism or damage.

- Be sure your windows are closed. Professional thieves can unlock a car through a very small opening.

- Take your purse, cellular phone, CDs or anything of value and place them out of sight. When possible, take them with you.

- Never leave important papers or credit cards in your vehicle, not even in the glove compartment.

- Always park your vehicle in well-lit areas.

- Immediately report any suspicious activity or suspicious people that you observe in a parking lot to university police.

If you have any information or see anything suspicious, please contact the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324. If it is an emergency situation, dial 911.



DREW WILKIE/ALESTLE

Senior marketing major Tara Schulze relaxes in the sun on the second day of summer classes next to the Lovejoy Library. The campus was comparatively empty during the first week of summer.

Buckle up or face fines

in seat belt crackdown

## **Mass Communications** receives accreditation

CORY FREEMAN NEWS STRINGER

The Mass Communications Department has finally received accreditation after years of work by the students, faculty and alumni

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications officially accredited the department May 12.

According Mass to **Communications Chair Patrick** Murphy, the department began preparing for accreditation in 1997 with the hiring of professor Ralph Donald.

information that included race. gender and ethnicity, all of which were required to be present within the department.

Also required were strong relationships with alumni, which included alumni association and involvement.

"The alumni were great," Murphy said. "They really went out of the way to meet with the site team."

The accreditation site team, which included media professors and professionals, visited in October to see if the department was consistent with the selfstudy

The site team sat in "(Donald) began preparing classrooms and interviewed students, alumni, professors and administrators. The site team also studied records and the facilities and based its assessment largely on the self-study.

#### ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The SIUE Police Department is joining thousands of law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown on unbelted drivers.

The campaign, known as Click It or Ticket, will begin Wednesday and continue through June 5.

Statistics show that more than half of teens and young

adults who die in crashes are this campaign. For many non-safety completely unrestrained. This age group is dying at a higher rate in crashes because younger people are inexperienced, take risks and and use safety belts less frequently.

SIUE police are taking a "zerotolerance" approach to child passenger safety laws and safety belt violators in an effort to save lives.

Officers will set up safety belt enforcement zones on campus during belt users, especially young people. the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death.



## **Cougar Lake Pool opens for summer**

**SCHALENE HOUSTON** NEWS STRINGER

per hour for up to 25 people the facilities may purchase a affiliated with SIUE.

pass for \$5.

the unit by reconstructing the curriculum and later upgrading the facilities, such as the TV studio, editing lab, getting new cameras and having smaller class sizes," Murphy said. "The quality rises when there is a better student-to-teacher ratio."

initiated Donald the accreditation because he was more familiar with the process, according to Murphy. Donald knew what the ACEJMC would look for.

"The accr- ditation isn't done by one person," Murphy said. "It's done by a unit."

The accreditation required a self-study done by the department, along with diversity

The Mass Communications Department was once accredited but lost that accreditation in 1987 because three areas were out of compliance. The scholarship productivity was low; there was a poor internship program; and the curriculum was not in compliance.

"We started from scratch," Murphy said. "Ralph did a really good job in getting us started. The faculty pulled together, and administration was the supportive."

Begin relaxing and enjoying the fresh air by the Cougar Lake Pool at noon Friday when the pool opens for the season.

Besides swimming, there will be other activities for everyone to enjoy.

Recreation Campus Specialist Keith Becherer said swim lessons and an intramural activity will be available for the summer.

intramural activity The "might be water polo, but we are not sure what we are going to do," Becherer said.

The pool also may be used for private parties for groups of two to 100 people. The fee is \$40

There is an additional fee of \$10 per hour for more than 25 people.

Becherer also said Family Night is from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are welcome to use the pool facility at no charge.

Any student enrolled as a full-time student for the summer session may use the facilities for free. Students not enrolled for the summer session will have to pay a fee of \$15.

Becherer said faculty, staff and alumni can purchase membership cards for \$52 for the entire summer.

Any guest wishing to use

ine pool will be open every day from noon to 6 p.m., depending on the weather.

Becherer said going to the pool has other benefits.

"It is a great social opportunity and a way of meeting people," Becherer said.

For more information. contact Becherer at 650-3245.



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#### **ATTENTION STUDENTS:**

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#### Directory Information includes the following:

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- 8. Attempted hours
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- 10. The most recent educational agency or institution attended prior to enrollment at SIUE
- 11. Participation in officially recognized activity or sport
- 12. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- 13. Date of birth

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#### SCHALENE HOUSTON **News Stringer**

Betty Basola, university cashier operations manager at the Bursar's Office, received May's Employee of the Month award.

"I was quite surprised and thought it was quite an honor," Basola said.

Cathy Foland, assistant director of the Bursar's Office, nominated Basola because Foland said Basola exemplifies qualities that should be recognized.

"She really cares about the students, and she excels at customer service," Foland said. Foland added Basola

always tries to help the students whenever needed.

"She works with the

students to make sure they get questions answered and problems resolved," Foland said.

This honor marks the end of Basola's 20 years at SIUE. Basola will retire next month.

"I'm happy and sad. I leave a lot of friends, great bosses and staff .... It was a tough decision," Basola said.

Basola received a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to the Morris University Center Bookstore, a close parking for one month and two complimentary lunch coupons to the University Restaurant.

Basola said she is considering buying some SIUE memorabilia from the



DREW WILKIE/ALESTLE **Betty Basola** bookstore.

"Perhaps, since everyone teases me about not having a sweat shirt, I might get one," Basola said.

Foland added Basola was a team leader for all of the associates in the office.

### Campus Scanner

**Beginning Tap Dance:** The Office of Continuing Education is offering a noncredit activity for SIUE faculty and staff from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays from May 31 to July 26 in the Vadalabene Center Dance Studio. The classes will feature an aerobic workout mixed with rhythmic fun and will teach the basics of tap dance. The cost is \$49 per person. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 650-3210 or visit Rendleman Hall, Room 1330.

Boxing: The SIUE community is invited to learn how to box from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from May 23 to July 27 in the Vadalabene Center Dance Studio. Those interested in the free class should sign up at the Student Fitness Center front desk

Yoga and Pilates: Yoga, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., and Pilates, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays until June 29 in the Student Fitness Center Aerobics Room. Participants must be Student Fitness Center members. There is no registration or fee required.

Cookout: Baptist Student Ministries is sponsoring an opportunity for fun and fellowship at the BSM Fellowship and Prayer Cookout from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information and the location and directions, call 973-3585. e-mail mail@siuebsm.com or visit www.siuebsm.com.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

### Police Incidents =

#### Traffic m 5/17

Police issued a citation to Gerald W. Dodson for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued citations to Victor P. Ewing for speeding and for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Stadium Drive.

speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Nathan R. Lenhardt for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for driving with one headlight on University Drive.

#### 5/21

Police issued a citation to Rose R. Rogers for

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### Always Searching...Questioning...Reporting

Police issued a citation to Kelli N. Bearley for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and written warnings for failure to stop at a stop sign and expired registration on North University Police issued a citation to Donald E. Williams for Drive.

Police issued a citation to Linda L. Wense for Police issued a citation to Deena M. Brown for speeding on New Poag Road.

Police issued a citation to Teresa C. Miller for Police issued a citation to Glenn J. Valin Jr. for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jack A. Enloe for speeding on New Poag Road.

#### 05/18

Police issued a citation to Denise M. Bauer for speeding on Stadium Drive.

#### 05/19

Police issued a citation to Lisa R. Dunn for

speeding on Stadium Drive.

#### 5/22

speeding on Stadium Drive.

speeding on North University Drive.

speeding on Stadium Drive.

Theft . 5/13

Police took a walk-in report regarding a stolen hangtag, which was taken from a vehicle in Lot E.

Police responded to the Religious Center regarding a burglary. The case is under investigation.

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## OPINIONS&EDITORIA WWW.THEALESTLE.COM Summer class not all bad

can't get enough higher education, have no fear.

OK, so going to school in the summer is still not fun, but at least in college, the summer semester is an easy way to knock some classes out of the way in about half the time. Just be prepared. It doesn't take a genius to realize that half the time equals twice the work.

However, longer classes are good for one thing - free air conditioning. Many college students are poor, so students living on their own may turn off the AC to save money for necessities like food or beer. Class gives you a chance to nap -I mean learn – in a cool environment. Just bring a sweater if your class is in Peck

American flag on the island of

Another benefit is reduced driving time to class. Campus is less crowded in the summer, so you can park two miles away from the buildings instead of the usual five. Double bonus: fewer parking tickets when you're running late because you can still find that close spot.

Hall.

Columnist will tell America's story

The smaller student body is also nice when you're getting your Starbucks fix for the day. During the other semesters, you can sometimes finish a week's worth of reading while waiting for your Frappuccino. Now you can get your caffeine buzz without being late for class.

Also, private colleges often tout smaller student-to-teacher ratios as an excuse to charge

students triple the tuition. Here at SIUE, you can get that ratio at a reduced rate with your summer classes. You may find yourself in a classroom with only 14 other students and the professor. Just watch out, because with fewer students to pay attention to, the professor may notice your tardiness, hangover, snoring and/or general lack of attendance all the sooner.

So sleep a little later, get a close spot, grab your coffee and enjoy the free AC without making a generous donation to Parking Services. Welcome to summer session 2005.

**Courtney Rakers** Editor in Chief



Believe it or not, there are advantages to summer classes. If you think you'd rather see your car towed or take a dip in Cougar Lake, keep reading.

Whether you're trying to bump up your graduation date, using class as an excuse to avoid living with your parents, or just

> Iwo Jima during World War II. I will teach them how their greatgreat uncle helped liberate Nazi concentration camps in Europe and how he brought freedom to them all. Yes, I will tell them a great story, and in my eyes, they will see the pride I have for my country. But, I will not limit my

stories just to my family but rather share all the stories about this great nation they call home. I will tell them about how their country came together after September 11, 2001, and united to fight terrorism and declared in one voice "that they will never take our freedom away from us!" I will teach them about a nation that holds freedom so dearly that it helps other nations who yearn for freedom. I will share with them the stories of the men and women who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they will know their fight was not in vain. I will show them the names on the wall of all who gave their lives fighting in a far away land, and they will never forget their sacrifices. When we travel to Washington, D.C, they will see the great monuments that honor the memories of great patriots, and their eyes will enlarge at these tributes. From George Washington to Abraham Lincoln, their history will be rich and vibrant. After I have told the stories to my children, I will teach them songs about freedom, slavery and love. I will show them America is a country where any man, woman or child can be free. My children

will know everyone is created equal, regardless of race, color and creed. I will not force them to pick a religion because they will know of the pilgrims who left England because of religious oppression, and they will be free to choose.

I will also teach them about America's darkest moments and tell them about the slaughter of thousands of American Indians who lived peacefully on the plains. I will show them how America drove them off their lands because the greed of a few outweighed the right to live for so many. Like the Americans Indians, I will teach them about slavery and how many men, women and children were forced to work the land because their skin was a different color. But, then I will show them how a war set them free to be people of this great nation. In their hearts, they will know slavery was wrong and

The symbol of our freedom is found in each and every one of us. It is not found in a flag, but rather in the stories of those who fought to keep that flag flying high and free. If we are to keep our country free, then we must tell future generations of our struggle to protect this gift. We must tell them that, no matter what happens, nobody can take their pride and allegiance away from them.

Frank Sinatra once sang a song titled "What is America to Me," and in this song he names a few reasons why he is proud to live under the stars and stripes of our flag. I invite you to take a minute and look around this Memorial Day. Take a quick look at the flag flying high above the buildings. Remember, never forget what was sacrificed for those stars and stripes. We must never forget.

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#### U-WIRE

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#### the stories and look for more?

Most importantly, what story will we tell our children? I want to share with you the story I will tell my children and how they will always be proud of that great flag that flies above them.

The story of America has

been passed down from

generation to generation and is

found in books. DVDs and other

formats. We learn about our

country in classrooms and from

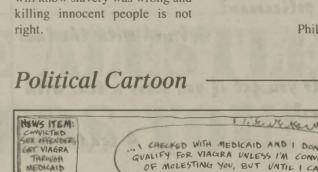
our elders. But, how often do we,

as Americans, take a deep look at

who we are and where we came

from? How often do we listen to

First, I am and will always be an American, and my pride will be passed on to my children and their children. I will share the stories about how their ancestors fought in wars to keep America free from those who would challenge her freedom. I will speak of their fight in the Civil War and how brothers fought brothers because they believed their idea of a nation was better. I will talk about how their greatgrandfather helped raise the



**Phillip Holcomb** Columnist



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## Put a smile on your face Join the Great American Grump Out

#### **ALESTLE STAFF** REPORT

With the start of summer classes, students may be feeling less than thrilled. The fourth annual Great American Grump Out invites smilechallenged students to grump-proof their day Wednesday by spending 24 hours without being grumpy or cranky.

> Similar to the national Smoke Out, stress management and humor expert Janice Hathy created the holiday in 2002 to promote stress management.

According to www.smilemania.com, "The Great American Grump Out is about bringing together former strangers and creating new communities. Positive memories are

made and lots of fun and laughter are created." The environmentally safe. health-related

risks of stress

make the

Grump Out

more than just an unusual holiday.

According to a 2000 Gallup poll, 70 percent to 90 percent of all visits to primary care physicians are stress related. Stress is also said to be responsible

for more than half of the 550,000 workdays lost each year to absenteeism.

the physical, emotional, social, intellectual and

academic well-being of students. High

stress levels can interfere with a student's

motivation, attention, perception and

memory, thus jeopardizing the entire

Stress does not only affect adults. It is

estimated Smiling is fat free, cholesterol that six million to free, sugar free, carb free and 10 million children per year suffer

~www.smilemania.com from schoolrelated stress. It can affect

Say What?

learning process.

The benefits of relieving stress and may include irritability improved circulation, less tension in the central nervous system, a strengthened immune system and relaxation.

By participating in the Great American Grump Out, students will not only improve their health but their attitudes well

And, as the Web site reminds, "Smiling is fat free, cholesterol free, sugar free, carb free and environmentally safe."

## Grump Out Groaners

What do you call a bee that is always complaining?

A grumble bee!

What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a cranky person?

A Grumposaurus Rex!

What do you call someone who draws funny pictures of motor vehicles? A car-toonist!

What do you set if you cross an artist with a policeman?

What made you decide to take summer classes?



"I'm working on "Oklahoma," from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on campus, and I figured it'd be easier to take classes and live on campus instead of commuting."

-Marissa Grandone, junior,

A brush with the law!

What do you set if you cross a bear with a freezer?

A teddy bron!

What do you get if you cross a cow with a stass cutter?

A lawn mover!

Jokes courtesy of www.smilemania.com



theater and dance

"Because I'm a nerd." -Josef Gabriel, senior, mechanical engineering

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## SAY WHAT?



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"I had to stay on track with graduation requirements. And the class I took as my first requirement is only offered in the summertime. And I wanted to raise mygrade point average." -Veronica Radford, sophomore, biological

science

"I wanted to complete the course as soon as possible. Also, I could work if I take a summer class." -Sahithya Balmuri, graduate student, computer science

"I want to get out of here." -Tolun Ozarslan, graduate student, MBA

"I wanted to get ahead." -Lakisha Williams, sophomore, sociology

Photos by Katie Groth

### Study shows spirituality important among college freshmen

Annie Reynolds The Daily Universe

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — A study released by the University of California-Los Angeles last month reported college students are showing a high amount of interest in religion and spirituality.

The study was conducted to compare students' levels of spirituality with their political and social attitudes, psychological and physical well-being, and religious preferences.

Though this is the first year the study has been conducted, researchers said they were not surprised by the results.

"I think that young adults are in a reflective frame of mind, especially as they start college," said Alyssa Bryant, the project's postdoctoral fellow. "They are evaluating their beliefs system and the way they were raised."

The study, surveying 112,232 freshmen, was conducted at 236 colleges and universities around the United States.

"We selected a wide variety of all types of colleges and universities," Bryant said. "We were able to weigh the data to represent national the scene (of schools)." Although

Although the study has been released, it is not c o m p l e t e . Researchers will continue to survey the freshmen who participated this year throughout their college careers.

"We will be following these students to assess changes in their spiritual development over time," said Bryant.

Along with measuring student's spiritual development, researchers also hope to give colleges

a better idea of what students look for in a university or college.

Half of the students surveyed responded that they consider it "essential" or "very important" that their college encourages their personal expression of spirituality.

"College students appear to put a premium on their spiritual

development," said Alexander Astin

co -

principal investigator for the study. "They are clearly very interested in these larger questions in life, and many of them

> hope that the college experience will support them in their spiritual quest."

According to the study's report, the spiritual quest 75 percent of these students are on is "a search for meaning or purpose in life."

The study also examined how religious beliefs were associated with political and social views. Those students surveyed who were deemed highly religious and spiritual were also more likely to abstain from alcohol and cigarettes and reported better physical

The same highly religious students were also more likely to have conservative political views and outnumbered highly religious liberal students by three to one.

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#### **Sports Quote of the Day**

"If you went to the moon you'd find a bunch of Cub fans.

~SIUC graduate Bill Holden on the number of Chicago Cubs fans he's met

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## SIU alum continues on 2,100-mile journey

### Die-hard Chicago Cubs fan walks from Arizona to Wrigley Field to raise awareness for juvenile diabetes

**MATTHEW BRUCE** SPORTS EDITOR

Bill Holden trudged into the First Western Hotel in Granite City as if someone had stuffed anvils in his socks.

He wore a look of weariness and disbelief on his face as he slowly lumbered toward his room. With his eyes dead set on the floor in deep concentration, he took each small step Friday as if it were a monumental undertaking. Sprinkled between his deep grunts and heavy gasps, Holden mustered up a few jokes to lighten the mood.

"Is that a spa in there?" he roared happily as he passed the steam room. "That's going to be my new best friend tonight."

It was apparent that despite the physical toll of a crosscountry journey, Holden's spirit was strong.

"Wild" Bill entered the final stretch of his 2,100-mile walk for juvenile diabetes during the weekend as he crossed into

Illinois and passed through Edwardsville.

Holden, a 56-year-old Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduate, embarked on his trek Jan. 11 from Camp Verde, Ariz., and has been walking ever since.

"It's been like a dream where it's been choreographed," Holden said in his hotel room. "I've seen the best side of the American people."

A native of Elgin, Ill., and 2002 to teach physical education their eyesight. on an American Indian reservation 30 miles south of Cub" as a Christmas gift from his Phoenix.

While on the reservation, Holden got an up-close look at juvenile diabetes. Children he taught began to miss classes because of the disease.

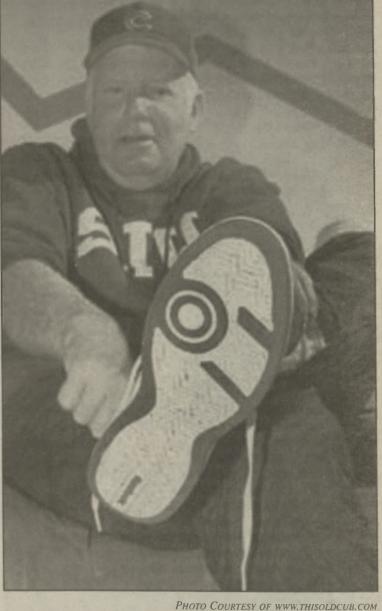
"Every once in a while I'd say, 'Where's Derrick?' or 'Where's Susan?' And they'd say he's sick. And I'd say, 'Well he's been sick for the past four or five days," Holden recalled.

Holden mentioned students

"It's been like a dream.... I've seen the best side of the American people."

having black outs in the classroom, and others who had to lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, wear thick glasses because Holden moved to Arizona in diabetes had just about stolen

Holden received "This Old son last year. The DVD documented legendary Cub thirdbaseman Ron Santo's lifelong battle with Type 1 juvenile



SIUC alumnus Bill Holden laces up to hit the pavement. see WILD BILL, page 7 Holden says he walks an average of 10-12 miles every day.





MATTHEW BRUCE SPORTS EDITOR

The month of May has been a spring breeze so far for the and four women to perform at the meets Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"It's very difficult for schools to beat us right now,'

PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.SIUE.EDU

Eleven Cougars, including freshman Christine Butler (above right), will compete at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Champioships at the Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene, Texas.

SIUE men's and women's track and field teams.

Both squads met little resistance in capturing Great Lakes Valley Conference crowns at the GLVC Outdoor Championships a few weeks ago in Romeoville. They followed up with strong outings one week later at Missouri Southern State University, Emporia State University and Lindenwood University.

The Cougars hope to keep the string of good fortune alive this week at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships at the Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene, Texas.

SIUE will send seven men

SIUE track coach Ben Beyers said. "We're performing on all cylinders all across the board."

SIUE sophomore Jonathan Bannister will lead the way for the Cougar men, competing in three events. The GLVC Male Athlete of the Year will see action in the 400-meter dash, the 400meter hurdles, and the 4 X 400meter relay.

Senior Jeff Fearday will join Bannister in the 400-meter dash and the 1600-meter relay. The Cougar 4 X 400-meter relay team is currently ranked sixth in the nation.

"So many people stepped up and performed for us this year," see TRACK, page 7

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#### WILD BILLfrom page 6

diabetes, which caused him to have both legs amputated. Holden watched his childhood hero struggle with the same disease that plagues his students.

"I bet I watched it about seven or eight times all night long," Holden said. "I didn't eat. I didn't go to sleep. Just over and over."

Holden decided he would do something. He got in touch with Santo and Tim Comstock, the producer of the movie, and devised a plan to raise awareness about juvenile diabetes.

The three set up a map and with that Holden set out for Chicago with the goal of raising \$250,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

He's been through Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Missouri. So far Holden is a few days ahead of schedule.

"I'm thankful I've gotten this far," he said. "It just hits me every now and then. I've got an ESPN guy with me now. Nobody's been rude to me or rousted me. Nobody's tried to mug me."

He's slated to reach Wrigley

Field, the Cubs home field, July 1 and throw out the first pitch. Holden is also on tap to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with Santo, who is a broadcaster for the Cubs.

"I think what makes this unique is I'm not doing it for the money or to get my name in the paper," he said. "And there's no support vehicle. No guy riding with me with bells. It's just something I believe in, and something that I wanted to do."

Holden has walked through snowstorms in New Mexico and rain showers in Missouri. Along the way, he's met some interesting people, and has a lot of stories to tell.

"Stuff happens to me e very day," he said. "A lady in Dallas, Texas, breaks down in tears and gives me a hug. People offering me water. Maids in New Mexico drop everything to carry my bags to my room."

So far, Holden has raised nearly \$70,000 for the foundation. To find out more about his trip, make a donation or purchase a copy of "This Old Cub," visit www.thisoldcub.com.

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Beyers said. "That's one thing I think that separates track from all other sports. Every point really does matter. Even if it's just six points, you finish in eighth place. We can use those points."

The Cougars will have senior Lee Weeden competing in the shot put and sophomore Anthony Weber in the pole vault.

Both have been consistent all season for SIUE. Weeden is ranked eighth in the shot put, and Weber heads to the nationals ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in his event.

Freshman Christine Butler, ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the triple jump and leads the way for the Cougar women. Sophomore hammer thrower Callie Glover will attempt to keep up her recent strong performances.

Junior Kimetha Williams represents the only upperclassmen traveling to Texas to perform on the women's team. She will run in the 400-meter dash. Freshman Asaki Carr will sprint in the 100-meter hurdles.

The Cougars will rely on a late-season surge to propel them over the top this weekend.

"Where other schools' athletes are kind of fading out, we train our athletes so their hitting their stride now," Beyers said. "A lot of them have personal goals and they hope to achieve them."

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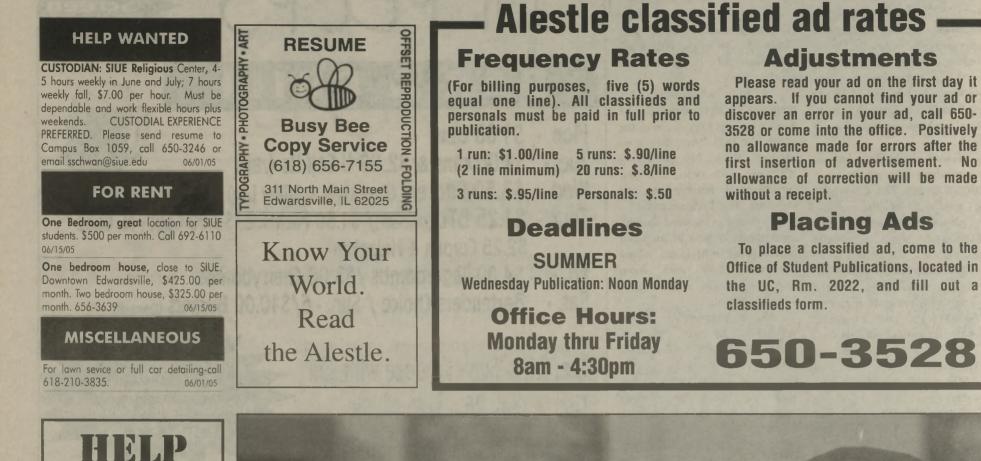
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