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Bronze cougar may be unleashed on campus

MELANIE MEYER
NEWS STRINGER

The campus may soon have a new resident—a large, bronze cougar.

The School Spirit and Pride Committee is working on a plan to install a bronze cougar statue on campus. Nikki Grashoff, the chairperson of the committee, said while a site has not been selected, she has had positive feedback from the students she has talked to.

"We're looking at locations in the Quad, but we're keeping our options open," Grashoff said. "We want it to be accessible to all students."

Bill Brinson, manager of the photo lab, completed a digital illustration of the cougar statue. Brinson said the design he worked with was a cougar climbing on a rock.

He added that the statue looked to be about 10 feet tall and was built into a brick base that appeared to be about 3 feet high.

The project has not yet been approved by the administration, and funds have to be raised quickly if the statue is going to be

up in a year, as the committee and Grashoff hope.

"We're waiting for approval from the Chancellor's Council," Grashoff said, "but we have been given the OK for the first fundraiser."

The first fundraiser will be a Trivia Night hosted by the School Spirit and Pride Committee on Saturday, June 25. The event will be held at the Edwardsville American Legion with doors opening at 6 p.m. and trivia beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$80 per table with a maximum of 10 people per table. There will be a cash prize for the winning table, as well as door prizes and a silent auction.

For more information on Trivia Night, contact Grashoff at 650-3817.

In addition to the Trivia Night, Grashoff said the committee is hoping to have a brick fundraiser where people can buy bricks for the base of the statue and have their names put on them. She also said that the committee is considering selling rubber bracelets to raise the money as well.

Walker announces retirement

The university president's retirement will begin in June 2006

COURTNEY RAKERS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Southern Illinois University President James Walker is stepping down.

"Thirty-four years ago my work in higher education began at Southern Illinois University, and today it is with deep and profound appreciation for all that SIU has contributed to my professional life as an educator and administrator that I inform the Board of my decision to end my professional career at the same extraordinary place it began," Walker said in a press release. "When I accepted the presidency, I told the Board that if all worked out well, I would stay until I was 65-years old.

"Next year, I will complete 35 years in higher education at seven universities—eight of those years at SIU. Next year will represent my 16th consecutive year as a university president, and next year, I will be 65-years old."

Walker has served since 2000. His retirement will take effect June 30, 2006, giving

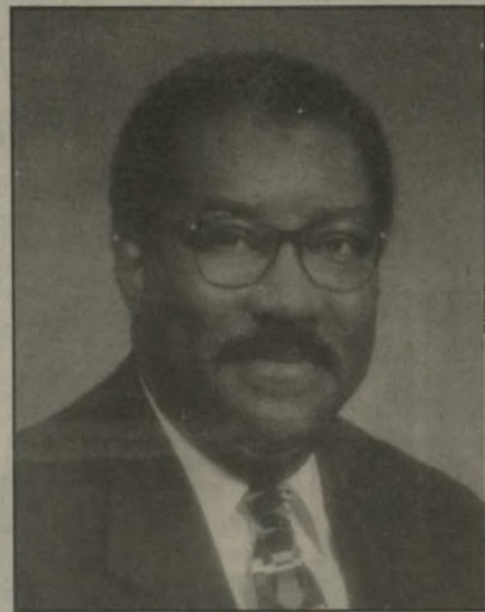
the Board time to find his replacement.

Last year, SIUE chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift was chosen by Walker to run the Edwardsville campus.

"In the short time I have known Jim, he has become someone I often look to for advice and counsel," Vandegrift said. "President Walker has helped me better understand the needs of our Illinois citizens, and his judgment has always been sound. I will miss him both as a mentor and as a friend."

Walker said he and his wife, Gwenn, look forward to retirement as an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends.

"It was a personal decision to do other things while he still has his good health," Executive Assistant for Government Relations David Gross



SIUE PHOTO SERVICES

SIU President James Walker. Walker began his work in higher education at SIU thirty-four years ago. In June 2006, he plans to retire.

said Tuesday.

Walker is the sixth president of SIU. He said he plans to continue serving the university until his retirement by being actively involved with the trustees, faculty and staff during the search for his successor.

Construction halt only temporary

TED MCKINNEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Construction of the Spring Green Lodge and Conference Center in University Park at SIUE has been stopped.

The delay is temporary, and it is the result of The Bank of Edwardsville unexpectedly withdrawing financing, according to a press release issued Monday by Bill Shaw the project's developer.

Tom Holloway, president of The Bank of Edwardsville, was unavailable for comment.

In the release Shaw said, "Originally, The Bank of Edwardsville under the administration of Albert Cassens, chairman, and Robert Wetzels, president, had given us letters of commitment to lend \$6 million for construction of the hotel at a 5.25 percent interest rate."

After the initial agreement, Robert L. Plummer became the new chairman of the bank's board.



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An architect's rendering of the Spring Green Lodge. Ground was broken for the project Aug. 19.

Shaw said the low interest rate of the loan, in a time when rates are rapidly rising, may have played a role in funding being pulled.

"I had fully expected these funds to be available for the project's first phase of 54 lodging units and the conference center building, but, for some unexplained reasons beyond the requested additional information

for the loan, the bank chose to withdraw total financial support in February of this year," Shaw said.

The original commitment from The Bank was used to secure an additional \$2 million loan, according to the release. That money was used in "the initial phases of the Spring Green Lodge project for the hotel

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Faculty ombuds working to keep campus together

MELANIE MEYER
NEWS STRINGER

Conflict often seems to be part of any workplace. It can be hard to determine what to do when difficult situations arise. Fortunately for faculty at SIUE, there are people who can help.

The Faculty Ombuds Service provides a neutral sounding board for conflicts, as well as a resource to help determine options in difficult situations. According to the Faculty Ombuds Web site, their main goal is to ensure that "when conflict arises, all parties, regardless of position, have an avenue for dealing with conflict."

Debbie Mann, a professor in the Foreign Language Department and one of the faculty ombuds, said that one of the best things about the service is that it helps people to think through their problems.

"When people talk through things, it helps them clarify in their own mind what some of the

issues are and what their priorities are," Mann said.

Mann also said that the ombuds are able to ensure neutrality and confidentiality because they are essentially independent from the university.

Jeff Skoblow, a member of the English Department and another faculty ombud, expressed the need for the service because, he said, it creates a dialogue between the parties that can possibly lead to a solution.

"It's not so much that all problems are resolvable, this may be more a faith of mine than an actual fact," Skoblow said, "... Rather in most cases, if people can find a way to talk to one another, then talking will help."

In addition to assistance in conflict resolution, the ombuds also offer information on university policies and procedures. Faculty members with questions can contact the ombuds, who will then seek out

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foundation, site preparation, architectural fees, underground services, such as sewer, plumbing, water, etc. which has been completed."

According to Shaw, "Requirements never before demanded in decades of doing business with The Bank of Edwardsville under the

Wetzel administration were imposed." Shaw's release did not elaborate on the requirements.

Shaw said he is currently looking for financial backing elsewhere.

The first phase of the \$7 million project was scheduled to open this summer. According

to the Web site at www.springgreenlodge.com, "We plan to open the first phase in Winter/Spring 2006."

Once completed, the facility is scheduled to have a museum, gallery and library dedicated to Frank Lloyd Wright and American architecture.

FACULTY OMBUDS

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an answer and then clarify that answer.

"If they need further information and would rather not ...be the one to seek it, the Ombuds can ask that question neutrally so that no one knows who wanted to know and why," Mann said.

Mann will have office hours from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays

and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through June 24. Skoblow will have office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday and

at 11 a.m. through noon on Tuesdays from June 27 to July 29.

The Faculty Ombuds can be reached at 650-3238. Their office is in Rendlemann Hall, Room 2225, directly across from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Campus Scanner

Boxing: The SIUE community is invited to learn how to box from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through 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 Mondays and Wednesdays through 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 on the location and for directions, call 973-3585, or contact 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

6/8

Police issued a citation to Charles R. Browning for expired registration on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Angela C. Hammel for driving with an expired registration on Cougar Lake Drive at North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Karen A. Jackson for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for improper lane usage on South University Drive.

Police issued citations to Mari A. Byrd for speeding and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

6/10

Police responded to a report of a possible hit-and-run vehicle accident in Lot 6.

6/11

Police issued a citation to Karen K. Roney for speeding on Stadium Drive at New Poag Road.

Theft

6/9

Police arrested Kiona S. Fisher for domestic battery. She posted bond and was released from Madison County Jail.

Police reported there was a burglary of a vehicle in Lot F. The case is under investigation.

Police took a report regarding a mailbox and mail being tampered with in Cougar Village. The case is under investigation.

6/10

Police took a report of theft of a wallet that took place at the Student Fitness Center on June 8.

Other

6/8

Police responded to an active fire alarm in the Science Building. The alarm activated because of moisture in the smoke detector.

Police responded to a dispatch receiving a 911 hang up. Police arrested Corey L. McClure for domestic battery. He was taken to Madison County Jail. McClure was released from jail on June 9.

Police responded to a second active fire alarm in the Science Building. The alarm was reset and the building engineer disabled the fire alarms.

6/10

Police responded to a domestic disturbance in Cougar Village. Police arrested Terran M. Jones for domestic battery and unlawful interference with reporting a domestic battery. He was taken to Madison County Jail.

6/11

Police arrested Larry M. Brown on an active SIUE warrant. He was taken to the SIUE Police Department where he posted bail.

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Getting in shape is not always as easy as it sounds. The equation is simple enough: burn more calories than you consume and you will lose weight. However, I personally find that any exercise regimen I begin is forgotten within a week or two, and I can always find an excuse to cheat on my diet. Being in shape takes effort, physically and mentally. Overcoming laziness can be a challenge.

Typical college students are at an age where we should be at our peak physical fitness. My father is 47 years old and is in far better shape than most of the people I know. He has a second-degree black belt in Hapkedo and is taking lessons in Escrima, a form of Filipino stick fighting (don't ask). He

My will needs more power

does not drink alcoholic beverages at all, rarely drinks soda and actually reads the nutrition labels on food.

At my cousin's graduation party recently, I joked that I'd like to shrink a few inches. As a 6-foot female, I obviously meant height-wise, but my dad offered to buy me a membership to the YMCA. So, with such motivation from my father, I knew I needed to take action.

Beth, my best friend and co-worker, and I decided we would begin a diet and exercise plan. Neither of us is really overweight, but we felt that at 21 we could look a lot better.

For our diet, we chose to go carb-free with Atkins because of its touted fast results and the fact that you can still eat cheese. Of course, we splurged the night before the diet with a cookout. Bratwursts, pasta salad, potato salad, green bean casserole and three kinds of dessert taste pretty good

when you know you can't even look at bread or sugar for three weeks.

Tuesday was day three and we haven't cheated yet. The no-carb part isn't really that hard unless your friends are consuming McDonald's fries in front of you. I have high

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expectations for my ability to exercise will power. The tricky thing for me is still the actual exercise.

I have great respect for those students who regularly visit the gym. If nothing else, they are at least taking advantage of the Vadalabene Center and their student fee dollars. When I lived in the dorms, I didn't go to the gym because it was too far to walk. Driving wasn't a solution either; between walking to the parking lot, into

the gym and back, I felt I would burn too many calories. Of course, when I did go to the gym, I would get all pumped up, but I'd still spend 20 minutes searching for a good parking spot at Wal-Mart later in the afternoon.

Americans pay for exercise videos, gym memberships, diet pills and expensive "health food" but won't walk an extra 100 feet in a parking lot. It's easy to see the effects of laziness on campus as well – the meter lots are almost always full. Many of us pay for a parking tag, only to drop another \$50 in meter money over the course of the semester.

So, for now the exercise portion of my fitness plan consists of walking the extra 5 miles from the red lots, taking the stairs and walking a couple of blocks at night. Maybe next week I can begin using my gym membership.

Courtney Rakers

Student wants seat belt laws changed

Seat belts save lives and are very helpful to Americans, but seat belt laws are harmful and useless. Seat belt laws restrict Americans' freedom of choice. They are also expensive. A local criminal defense lawyer said, "Most people call it a money grab. It really is about the money. Wearing seat belts doesn't prevent accidents."

The seat belt policy which we as Americans follow today resembles that of a dictatorship. A new policy should be instituted that will allow Americans the choice to wear a seat belt. There should still be a penalty for failing to wear a seat belt to encourage seat belt usage, but in a different form than a ticket.

In order to understand the new penalty that should be used, you must understand the system that we follow today, which is that a driver or passenger in a vehicle that has insurance is covered by that insurance company when an accident occurs, whether a seat belt is worn or not. This affects all Americans because the money insurance companies have to pay for injuries and property damage comes directly from the consumers when the insurance

companies raise monthly premiums. This is one reason why seat belt laws are weak, they don't punish those who fail to wear seat belts in an accident, and these are individuals who are a drain on the economy.

In order to fix the problem, we should abolish seat belt laws and adopt a new policy that states that all Americans who are in an

automobile wreck and fail to wear a seat belt are not covered by their insurance. To me it seems more logical; I am not hurting anyone while driving to the store without a seat belt on, but I am hurting everyone by failing to wear a seat belt while in a wreck. With this new policy I feel that more Americans will wear seat belts because they have

the choice to and the consequences are more extreme. If more seat belts are being worn less injuries and fatalities will occur and all Americans will see their insurance premiums lowered.

Adam Berry
Freshman

Political Cartoon





Cell phones distract drivers by slowing reaction time

ANGELA FISCHER
THE DAILY UNIVERSE

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) - Julie Edgin drives to Salt Lake City three to four times a week for an internship. The 24-year-old Brigham Young University student said that on her drive she nearly always picks up her cell phone, scrolls down the contact list and speed dials her mom, dad, sister, roommates or friends.

The conversation helps pass the 35-minute drive, she said.

"While talking on my cell phone, I can't remember how I got from Point A to Point B because I wasn't really

"While talking on my cell phone, I can't remember how I got from Point A to Point B because I wasn't really coherent."

*~Julie Edgin,
Brigham Young University*

coherent," Edgin said. "When other people talk on cell phones, I notice they slow down and when I get annoyed and pass them, I see them chatting away on their cell."

With an increase in the proliferation and use of cell phones, many drivers may be in danger of accidents caused by distraction. Although countries around the world have banned the use of cell phones while driving, the United States has not passed any legislation.

Three states have passed bills banning hand-held cell phone use while driving. In Utah, bills have been proposed, but none has passed.

Cell phone use in the United States increased to 5 percent in 2004, compared to 3 percent in 2000, according to a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. During any typical daylight moment in 2004, 800,000 drivers on the road were holding cell phones to their ears.

Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association estimated that there were almost 170 million U.S. cell phone subscribers in 2004.

Globally, countries that have banned cell phone use while driving include Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, Finland, Ireland, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden

and the United Kingdom.

Bob Kelley, Verizon Wireless media manager, said there is a higher volume of traffic on cellular networks during drive times when people are in transit from home to work and work to home - from 7 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

"The penetration of cell phones in this country is phenomenal," Kelley said. "Both the average of minutes of use per month plus the number of wireless devices is growing dramatically."

He said Verizon Wireless supports the use of hands-free devices while driving.

distractions in vehicles and pay more attention to driving, the crash rate would reduce.

"When you're driving and the cell phone rings," he said, "let it go to voice mail."

In Utah, two bills have been proposed to limit the use of cell phones while driving; one limited cell-phone use to hand-held devices and the other limited cell phone use by beginning drivers. The legislature has not voted for these bills because cell phones are considered one of many distractions that cannot be specifically regulated.

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss, D-Salt Lake, proposed a bill to limit cell phone use that was not adopted as a law or even heard on the floor.

"My bill to limit cell phone use did not make it out of committee because of the philosophy of

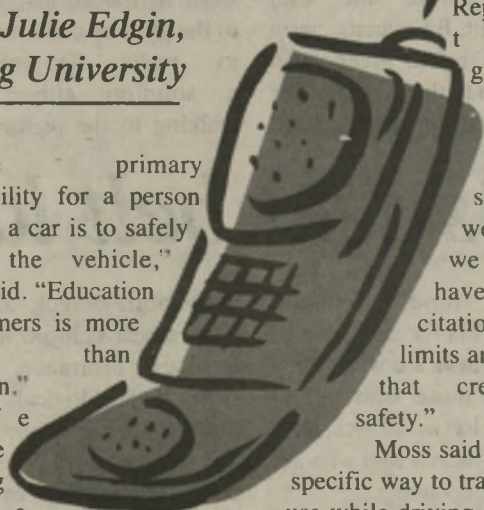
conservative Republicans who think government should not tell us what to do," Moss said. "If that were the case, we wouldn't have DUI citations, speed limits and many laws that create public safety."

Moss said there is not a specific way to track cell phone use while driving - unless there is a witness - so she doesn't have any hard statistics to back up the danger.

"It will take some horrific accident where a friend or family member of a nonbeliever is injured or killed and where a cell phone is considered the direct cause," she said. "Sadly it takes something this drastic to make change happen."

Some legislators argue there are too many distractions in a car to legislate, but Moss said cell phones are universal and everyone has one, whereas not everyone is always putting on makeup, eating a sandwich or changing a CD in the car.

A study shows even using a hands-free cell phone doesn't alleviate distraction. A University of Utah Department of Psychology study showed the distractions caused by talking on a hand-held phone or using a



EDWARDSVILLE GETS ITS KICKS

Route 66 Festival revs City Park Friday and Saturday

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students, faculty, staff and community members only need to look as far as Edwardsville to "get their kicks."

The Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the ninth annual Route 66 Festival Friday and Saturday in Edwardsville City Park as part of the Arts in the Park series. The festivities will take place from 3 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and most of the day Saturday.

The Route 66 Festival will feature food and beer stands from local eateries, a car show, historical displays and a variety of other activities.

The festival will also feature several bands: Farshid etniKo, Shrinking Violets, Mr. Wizard, the Edwardsville Municipal Band, the Bonneville, Cumberland Gap and the Facts of Life.

According to www.farshidnetniko.com, area-based Farshid etniKo plays original music with Latin jazz and world music influences as well as jazz standards and songs

with a Latin flavor and Persian touch. Farshid etniKo will be performing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Shrinking Violets will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

St. Louis-based Mr. Wizard plays Top 40-style hits as well as original music described by www.mrwizardband.com as a mixture of rock and R&B. Mr. Wizard will be performing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Friday.

The Edwardsville Municipal Band will play show tunes, patriotic numbers and orchestral arrangements from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Bonneville will cover an assortment of '50s and '60s rock'n'roll, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

According to www.cumberlandgapband.com, area-based Cumberland Gap performs acoustic renditions of classic American music, as well as original bluegrass and folk-style songs.

St. Louis-based pub band the Facts of Life will be performing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hokey Holidays

- June 16 - Recess at Work Day
- June 18 - National Splurge Day
- World Juggling Day
- June 19 - World Sauntering Day

Wacky Weeks

- Families in Business Week - June 13 - 17
- National Hermit Week - June 13 - 20
- Dick Tracy Days - June 15 - 19

Madcap Months

- June is ...
- Turkey Lovers' Month - Sponsored by the National Turkey Federation

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hands-free kit both present a far greater risk than any other distraction in a car, based on brain activity.

"It's completely different from talking to a friend or listening to the radio," Moss said. "I don't find the radio distracting but when I'm talking on the phone - I'm an offender."

Rod Ashby, director of administration for Utah Safety Council, has conducted studies but cannot find congruencies, so said he cannot draw one single conclusion about the effects of talking on a cell phone while driving.

"Studies that I have done hit

both ends," Ashby said. "Some indicate that cell phone use takes drivers' minds off of driving more than other activities, so laws should be passed. But other studies indicate that talking on a cell phone while driving takes drivers' minds off driving, but not more than putting a CD in or makeup on.

"If you need to use a cell phone while driving, unless an extreme emergency, pull over to side of the road to use it, focus attention on the call and then get back on the road," Ashby said. "The two or three minutes off the road are not worth sacrificing a much greater safety factor."



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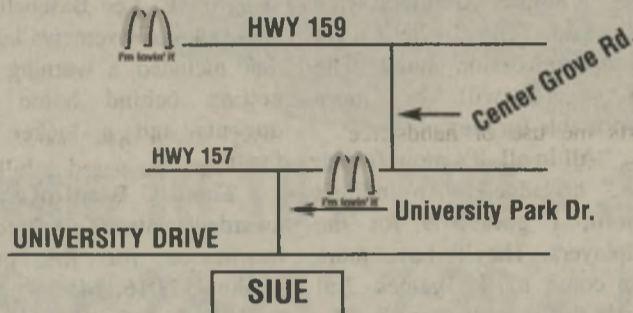
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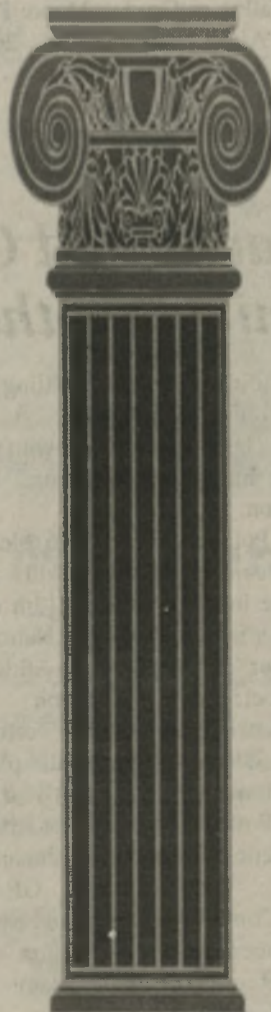
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Sports Quote of the Day

"I'm so fast I could hit you before God gets the news."

~Muhammad Ali



Renovations to SimmonsCooper Complex move closer to completion

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The SimmonsCooper Baseball Complex, site of SIUE's Roy E. Lee Baseball Field, continues to undergo renovations in preparation for next season.

Construction crews have completed the concession stand and restroom enclosures, and have begun pouring concrete. Crews will soon install a red metal roof on the new building to match the dugout roofs.

Piers at the front entrance

"We've put in a nice entry gate," Campus Architect Rick Klein said. "There'll be a nicer indoor concession stand. The new seats will be more comfortable for the fans."

"All in all, it's more for the fans," he added. "An indirect benefit, I guess, is for the ballplayers. They'll have more fans come to the games. But mostly this is for the fans."

Improvements to the facility also include concrete pavement in the seating area, new field lighting, new aluminum seats in the grandstand and an enclosed press box.

A \$1 million donation from SIUE alumnus John Simmons and his law partner, John Cooper, in 2004 provided much of the funding for the renovations.

The SIU Board of Trustees, in turn, voted to rename the expanded baseball complex after the two attorneys' East Alton law

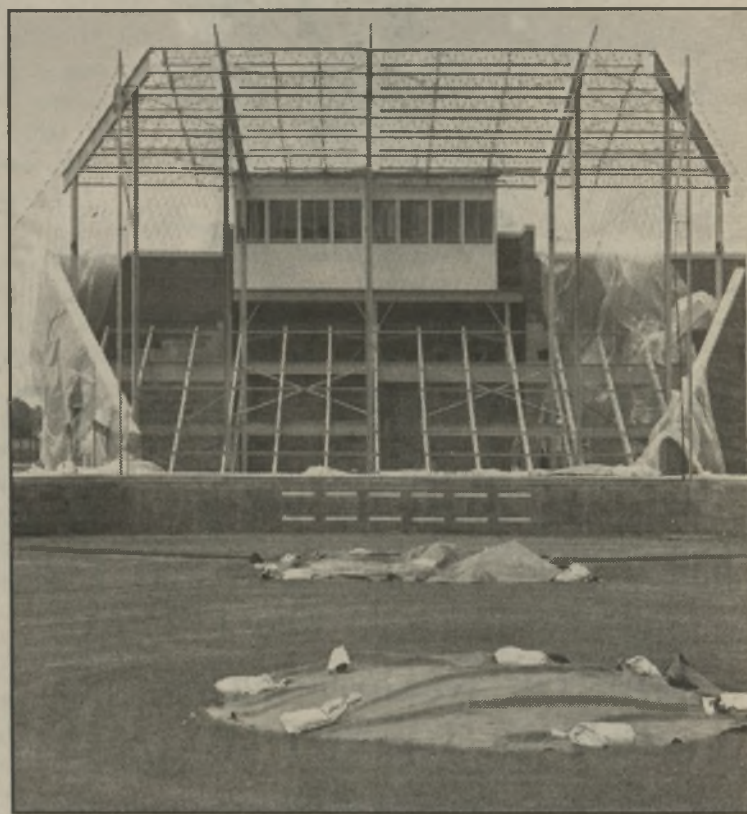
firm.

Roy E. Lee Baseball Field also saw improvements last year that included a warning track, netting behind home plate, dugouts and a locker room facility.

The SIU Board of Trustees awarded contracts to three local businesses for the project, totaling \$1,016,114.

Plocher Construction Co. Inc. in Highland was awarded the largest bid for general contracting. Edwardsville business J.F. Electric Inc. received a bid for electrical work. Bel-O Sales and Service Inc. located in Belleville took the bids for plumbing and ventilation. The renovations are currently scheduled for completion by Sept. 1.

Due to the construction, the SIUE baseball team played six of its 12 home games at either T.R. Hughes Park in O'Fallon or Gordon Moore Park in Alton during the 2005 season.



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The grandstand behind home plate at Roy E. Lee Baseball field will be renovated with new aluminum seating.

"All in all, it's more for the fans."

~Campus Architect Rick Klein

are being replaced and the new design will complement the concession stand and new walls.

SIUE volleyball team adds firepower to arsenal

Cougar head coach Todd Gober has high hopes for next season after signing another recruit to a letter of intent



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Kim Potthast was a middle hitter for SWIC in 2003.

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE volleyball team has added another player to the

2005 roster with the signing of Kim Potthast.

Potthast is the sixth recruit of the summer for a Cougar squad that finished last season with a 25-7 record.

"She really complements our current team," SIUE head coach Todd Gober said Tuesday. "I'm projecting Kim as an impact player. She can make our whole team better."

A 6-foot-1-inch transfer student from Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Potthast represents the fourth outside hitter to sign on with SIUE this summer.

"Kim just further addresses the main need we had which was at the outside hitting position," Gober said. "We've really

solidified our outside hitting for the future."

The Cougars return with just one outside hitter from last season.

Potthast tallied 1.76 blocks per contest and 3.85 kills per game in 2003, ranking 13th and 18th respectively in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I categories. Potthast's efforts helped SWIC to a ninth place finish in the NJCAA that year.

Potthast earned Great Rivers Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year and GRAC All-Conference honors and was a member of the Region 24 All-Regional first team in 2003.

"I think she really gives us

depth," Gober said.

In 2004, Potthast underwent surgery on both knees and competed as a medical redshirt. She has three more years of athletic eligibility at SIUE.

"We really didn't expect her to leave SWIC this year. We were looking at her for 2006," Gober said. "But that's the lucky break we got."

A graduate of Breese Central High School in St. Rose, Potthast won the High School offensive award in 2000, 2001 and 2002. She earned All State Special Mention in 2001 and 2002, and was named to the Cahokia Conference First Team for three years.

Potthast joins earlier Cougar

recruits Mallory Clements, Emily Rahn, Jenny Gilman, Emily Goebel and Kate Hoefeldt. SIUE also returns with seven seniors from last year's team.

"I think expectations are very high from our team," Gober said. "We've got great leadership, good depth, a good work ethic, the girls are working hard. I'm really happy with our focus as a team."

The SIUE volleyball team begins its 2005 campaign Aug. 26 in Omaha, Neb., against Hillsdale College.

"It's going to be fun as a coach to have this many options," Gober said. "I believe it's going to be an exciting and fun team to watch."

Kids kick up their heels at summer soccer camps

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE women's soccer team is helping area soccer players improve their skills with three camps at SIUE.

Last week, the team held its first youth camp for children ages 5 to 12.

"We had about 20 kids," SIUE women's soccer head coach Lynda Bowers said.

Bowers said the parents' response to the camp was great. "They said their kids were constantly entertained," she said.

The campers spent two hours each night with 10 SIUE soccer players and were able to have fun while improving their skills on the field.

"Mostly with the younger kids you want to develop interest in the game," Bowers said. "When you're having a good time you learn a whole lot more and just love what you're doing."

According to Bowers, the camp was very successful last year.

The SIUE women's soccer

team will also be helping out with the 2005 PROpowered high school soccer camps. The camps are for boys ages 8 to 16, and girls ages 8 to 18.

Twelve men and women from the SIUE soccer teams will help with the camp.

There will be two different weeks of camp. The first will be Sunday through Friday, June 24. The second will be Sunday, July 10 though Friday, July 15.

The camp is held by SIUE men's assistant soccer coaches Kevin Kalish and Terry Hurley.

Bowers said that this is the first year the camp will be offered to high school girls.

"Every night we're going to have a different college coach come," Bowers said. "They will present material and help area kids get more exposure."

Bowers said the camp is residential, so the campers will be staying in Bluff Hall for the week.

For more information about the PROpowered camps, call (314) 388-0044, or visit www.siue.edu/ATHLETICS.

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