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## Congratulations to SIUE summer graduates

KRISTEN REBER  
NEWS EDITOR

The countdown is on.

Several hundred students are preparing to graduate in just over a week at this summer's commencement.

According to Record Officer Xanthe Emerick, the Office of the Registrar currently has a list of more than 800 students, approximately 400 graduate students and 430 undergraduate students, who have applied for graduation.

Of that number, only 115 graduate students and 183 undergraduate students plan to participate in the commencement ceremony.

As opposed to the fall and spring semesters, the summer semester has only one commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 in the Vadalabene Center.

According to Career Development Center Director Jean Paterson, Shelby Steele, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford

University, will give the commencement address. Steele is also the recipient of this semester's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

According to the Hoover Institution's Web site, throughout his career, he has appeared on news programs such as Nightline and 60 Minutes. In 1991, he was recognized with an Emmy Award for his work on the documentary, "Seven Days in Bensonhurst."

Steele earned his Master's of Arts Degree in Sociology from SIUE, according to the Web site.

Sheila Shahpari, who is graduating with a bachelor's degree in music from the College of Arts and Sciences and a bachelor's degree in computer science from the School of Engineering, will deliver a speech as the student speaker for the ceremony.

According to an e-mail sent by Paterson, faculty and staff who are participating in the ceremony should arrive by 9:30 a.m. and line up in the corridor between the Student Fitness Center and the Vadalabene

Center. Deans and others in the platform party should be in the Student Fitness Center's Wellness Center by 9:30 a.m.

Students participating in the graduation ceremony should be at the Student Fitness Center by 9 a.m.

Anyone involved in the ceremony requiring special assistance, or any faculty or staff member interested in presenting a diploma cover to a family member should contact Natasha Bowen at 650-3772 by Monday.

## Ed dean gets to stay

COURTNEY RAKERS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Despite a unanimous vote by the 10 members of the education school committee, Provost Sharon Hahs has announced that School of Education Dean Elliot Lessen will remain in his position for at least two more years.

Illinois Education Association organizer David Vitoff said he has learned the dean's tenure will be extended for two years, but that the dean is on probation and will be evaluated yearly while on probation.

Hahs said the dean would be remaining with the university. She added that the dean was not on probation.

"That's not a term we use," Hahs said. "He has areas of improvement that he will be working on, but he has been fully retained."

According to Vitoff, members of the committee have been instructed to refer all media inquiries to SIUE News Service.

Hahs said it was standard protocol for the university to refer all media calls to the Office of Public Affairs.

Vitoff, however, expressed concern over the orders.

"(The committee members are) equally disturbed by being told they can't share what's going on at a public university with the public," Vitoff said Tuesday. "People are troubled. This is someone who they have been very critical of and now they have to work with him for another two years and that makes them uncomfortable."

Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy said Hahs had taken all parts of the evaluation into consideration.

"(Hahs) took the evaluation into consideration in the formal review process," Conroy said. "The faculty and staff voted to retain the dean but the 10-person committee voted against it. After looking over the School of Education for the last four years, she decided to retain him."

Conroy added that Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift had agreed with Hahs' recommendation.

Vitoff said he believed the decision could cause concern for

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## Solar race car returns home



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**SIUE's Cougar Cruiser races early last week near Dallas, Texas in the North American Solar Challenge. The team was part of the 20 solar cars that raced before cloudy weather caused by the Gulf of Mexico's recent hurricanes brought teams, including SIUE, to a halt. The University of Minnesota led the race Tuesday. The race is from Austin, Texas to Alberta, Canada and continues through Wednesday.**

## Research Center director is confident in ethanol despite study's claims

CORY FREEMAN  
NEWS STRINGER

Despite a recent study that claims converting corn to ethanol is inefficient, Martha Schlicher is confident that the studies were based on inaccurate information.

Schlicher, who is director of the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center in University Park, said the study didn't rely on the most recent and accurate information.

Recent findings by Cornell University and the University of California at Berkeley say it takes

29 percent more energy to turn corn into ethanol than the amount of energy stored in the resulting fuel.

Ethanol is a high-octane fuel made from renewable resources like corn.

"The finding is disappointing because it wastes time," Schlicher said. "It doesn't do anybody any good to put out data that hasn't been peer reviewed."

The findings by Cornell's David Pimentel and U.C. Berkeley's Tad Patzek concluded that "ethanol production in the United States does not benefit the nation's energy security, its

agriculture, the economy or the environment."

Schlicher said the study included energy, which should not have been taken into account.

Schlicher said that corn used for ethanol is typically not irrigated. She also said that solar energy should not be taken into account because it is free and renewable.

Schlicher also pointed out a study released earlier this year by the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago, which works under the U.S. Department of Energy.

The study shows that 0.74 British thermal unit of energy is

needed to make one Btu of ethanol. However, 1.23 Btu of energy is needed to make one Btu of gasoline.

Patzek released a research paper in September 2004 titled "Ethanol From Corn: Clean Renewable Fuel for the Future, or Drain on Our Resources and Pockets."

"It is shown here that 1 burns 1 gallon of gasoline equivalent in fossil fuels to produce one gallon of gasoline equivalent as ethanol from corn," Patzek said in his paper. "Then corn ethanol is burned as a gasoline additive or fuel. Burning the same amount of fuel twice to drive a car once is

equivalent to halving the fuel efficiency of those cars that burn corn ethanol."

Gas stations often have a 10 percent ethanol blend with unleaded gasoline. "Flexible fuel" cars can run up to a 15 percent ethanol blend with unleaded gasoline. The ethanol burns at a hotter temperature that reduces emissions.

The nonprofit center, which opened in 2004, conducts independent research as well as research for companies to make the corn-to-ethanol process more efficient and affordable. The U.S. currently has 87 ethanol plants.



## Volunteer at state fair

SCHALENE HOUSTON  
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE wants you to represent the university at the Illinois State Fair in August.

The Illinois State Fair will be Friday, Aug. 12, through Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Springfield fairgrounds. SIUE and the Carbondale campus will staff an informational booth for fair goers to visit.

Assistant Director of Admissions and Academic Marketing Karen Bollinger said SIUE has been participating at the state fair with a representative booth for several years.

"We've been participating since the late '90s. SIU is one of the longest running exhibitions at the fair," Bollinger said. "Our booth looks like a living-view book. It's a good picture of what SIUE looks like."

The booth gives interested students and alumni a chance to receive information about the

university and its graduates.

"We give information about all academic programs. We have prospective students stop by and their families," Bollinger said. "The alums offer information about the alumni program. A lot of times we have alumni stop by. It's a way for the alums to ... connect with the university."

Volunteer shifts are open for faculty and staff to take part in. Bollinger also said that students are more than welcome to volunteer their time as well.

"If a student would want to volunteer they can ... we'd love to have them," Bollinger added.

Shifts are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 1 to 5 p.m. Parking and admission fees will be covered for volunteers.

Bollinger added, "It's a lot of fun to be part of the fair. It's visited by thousands of people."

For more information on volunteering, contact Bollinger at 650-5815 or kbollin@siue.edu.

## New public affairs director named

MELANIE MEYER  
NEWS STRINGER

As a former journalist, Gregory Conroy knows how to make the most of a story. In his new position as director of Public Affairs, he intends to make the most of SIUE's stories.

Conroy has served as assistant director of Public Affairs under its former director, Keith Nichols. He was made acting director when Nichols left SIUE approximately a year ago. Conroy said little would change in his job description because of his new title.

"When I became acting director, I just kept doing the same job, but I also assumed some of Keith's duties in terms of being spokesperson for the university," Conroy said.

Conroy is in charge of a variety of things on campus. His

main responsibility is to work closely with the Office of Marketing and Communications to maintain the university's image as "an institution that provides a quality education at an affordable price."

Conroy also sends news releases to journalists, supervises publication of The O, a monthly electronic newsletter, and sets up press conferences and groundbreakings on campus.

Before coming to SIUE 17 years ago, Conroy was a journalist in both print and radio. He said his experiences as a member of the press helped prepare him for working with the media as director of Public Affairs.

"The advantage of coming from a journalism background is that I know how journalists think. I know what they need

and I know what they want, and I try to give that to them whenever I can," Conroy said.

Conroy said the best part of his job is having the opportunity to meet different people and get to know everyone on campus. He said the only thing that disappoints him about the job is that he can't cover all the stories that people suggest to him.

"I can't get to everything. They're all good stories, but I can't tell them all," Conroy said.

Public Affairs Executive Director Barbara O'Malley said that Conroy was the perfect choice for the position because he has a "good, solid working knowledge of the institution."

She added, "Greg has the experience and the expertise to take us where we want to go."

## DEAN

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some faculty members.

"By using the process, they thought he'd be gone and they'd get a breath of fresh air," Vitoff said. "Now they have to work

with him for another two years."

Vitoff added that the dean and the provost are the people who make decision on faculty tenure.

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## Campus Scanner

**Open House:** There will be an Academic Counseling and Advising Retirement Open House for Jackie Burnett and Maryann Skowron from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Academic Counseling and Advising Records Office in Peck Hall, Room 1312.

**Arts in the Park:** Listen to area musicians Thursday as part of the Arts in the Park series. Sponsored by the City of Edwardsville and the Madison County Arts Council, the Edwardsville Municipal Band will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in Edwardsville City Park. For more information, contact the City Parks Department at 692-7638.

**Seminar:** The SIUE International Trade Center and

the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development are co-sponsoring a seminar, "International Payment Methods and Letters of Credit," from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the Willow Room of the Morris University Center. Ric Frantz, head of LR International Inc. of Chicago, will be speaking at the seminar, which is \$75 with advance registration and \$85 at the door. Registration includes a continental breakfast, lunch, parking and seminar materials. For more information on the seminar or to register, call the International Trade Center at 650-2452.

**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. Saturday. For more information, contact 973-3585 or 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

7/20

Police responded to a report regarding the unauthorized use of a handicapped spot in Lot A. The vehicle was towed.

7/22

Police issued a citation to Mary F. Jarvis for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued citations to a juvenile for no valid driver's license and for speeding on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

7/23

Police issued a citation to Micah L. Newby for speeding on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Bryan J. Turner for driving with expired registration on North University Drive.

Police responded to five scofflaw violations between 7/16 and 7/23.

### Other Offenses

7/22

Police responded to a report regarding the theft of a purse near a pay phone in the Morris University Center. Police arrested Beth A. Kretzer for possession of drug paraphernalia when she came to pick up her purse at the police department. She was released with a notice to appear.

### Theft

7/20

Police responded to a report of the theft of a washers game from Cougar Village.

7/21

Police took a report from a track team coach regarding stolen items including a cross country timing clock, a .22-caliber starting pistol, 75 .22-caliber blanks and a megaphone from a track team trailer on campus.



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# OPINIONS & EDITORIAL



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## Graduates lucky to begin new life



First of all, I would just like to say congratulations to all of our graduates. You did it!

Secondly, I would like to say how jealous I am of all of you. I think I speak on behalf of most of the student body when I say that it often seems like my graduation day will never come. College is not like high school. Back then, you were pretty much guaranteed a graduation date from the day you entered the building as a puny little freshman. In college, you have options. You can choose to only take 12 hours a semester. You can drop classes - or fail them. You can take a semester off or can change majors. Basically, you can do whatever you feel like, as long as you keep your grade point average above a 2.0.

So, for many people, graduation day can be anywhere from four to six years from when they first enter the university. I know several people who thought they were finally set to graduate only to be told they were missing a general education requirement. And so they stay for another five months. Getting out of here is tricky!

I have big plans for life post-

SIUE. I'm going to get a real job or go to graduate school or maybe even do both, as long as I am out of this area. I see my first year out of college as the time to start something new. I want to move to a new place where I can meet new people and create a new life. Don't get me wrong; it's not that I'm unhappy here. I love my family, my friends and this school, but I really want to see what else is out there.

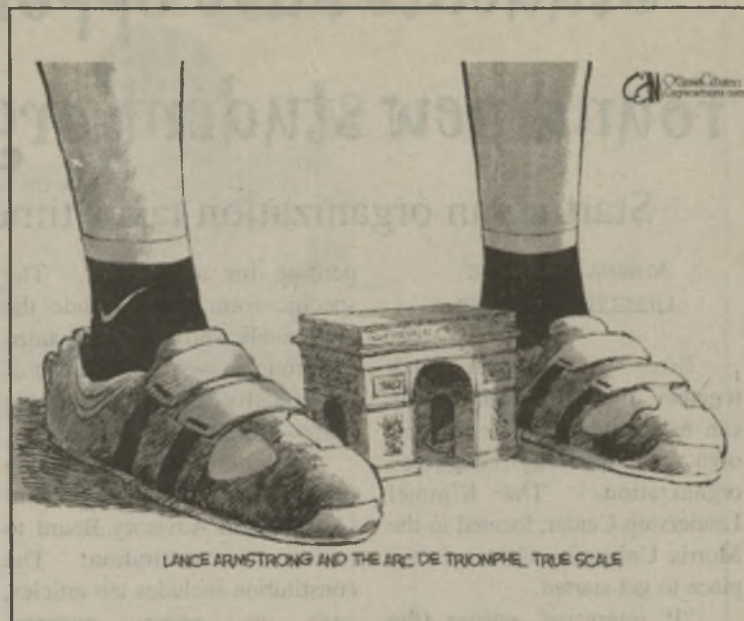
I've started looking at graduate schools already, and even gone so far as to pick out a new apartment next to my new school. It has an indoor and outdoor pool, tennis courts, racquetball, a fitness center, two bathrooms and a fireplace, all for less rent than I pay now. Then, I subscribed to the e-mail edition of the newspaper in my new community. I just wanted to get an idea of for whom I would be working for. I was so excited about my new school, new house and new job that I forgot I still have at least a year to graduate. What a letdown!

Realistically, my plans will change long before I actually finish school. If they do, I sure hope it is for something even bigger and better. But before all this planning can continue, I've got to get out of here.

So, congratulations again to everyone who is moving on. As for the rest of us, enjoy what's left of the summer so you can come back ready to get closer to your own big day.

Courtney Rakers  
Editor in Chief

## Political Cartoon



## Patriot Act strips U.S. citizens of civil liberties

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (U-WIRE) – Unless you were paying extremely close attention in light of recent international events, you might not even be aware that in a 257-171 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives decided to make 14 of 16 provisions in the Patriot Act, that were set to expire next year, permanent.

Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, the House voted to extend two other provisions for 10 years, one of which allows roving wiretaps and another that allows library and medical records to be searched. Go ahead and keep telling yourself that ultimately, the provisions of the Patriot Act won't affect you. It's easier that way, after all.

But, what if you're taking Political Science/Administration of Justice 439 (Terrorism) and you're creating your own terrorist group, right down to who its target will be and when the date of the attack will occur? And what if you suddenly find that your friend of Muslim descent has quietly been detained while attempting to complete the project because of what appears to the U.S. government as "suspicious activities?"

What's funny, or perhaps ironic, is that there doesn't seem to be a great deal of concern from people in a nation that was founded on the ideals of freedom.

Is this because the media has done a lackluster job of covering the goings-on of our elected representatives? Are we simply distracted with bombings in London and elsewhere? Are we concerned that it's not a matter of

if, but when terrorists will attack American soil next, thus a more permanent act is one of the ways in which we can fight back most effectively?

Surely, the Patriot Act is the panacea of all our ills. By slowly eliminating the rights of Americans one by one, terrorists will no longer be able to successfully strike, regardless of an insatiable desire on their part to complete their deeds and to garner international infamy.

It's easy to suppose that the majority of Americans don't really care that our rights are being stripped away. It's safe to assume that Susie from Centre County in Pennsylvania won't be detained for 24 hours at an airport. She's not of Greek-Lebanese descent and doesn't remotely resemble someone who might practice the Muslim religion.

And it's easy to suppose that somebody who drives a sport utility vehicle in suburbia, USA will feel more secure that the government is doing its best to protect its citizens.

But what is this act, and are its provisions really doing anything positive for the American people?

The implications of the Patriot Act stand to directly affect every single U.S. citizen in terms of basic civil liberties, yet nothing is being done to stop it and few seem to be concerned.

What's wrong with this picture?

Staff Editorial  
Daily Collegian (Penn State)





## Students have opportunity to found new student organizations

Starting an organization takes time and dedication

ATHENA CABALLERO  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Birds of a feather flock together, and the Student Senate can help students flock to their own university-recognized organization. The Kimmel Leadership Center, located in the Morris University Center, is the place to get started.

"If interested, ensure (the organization) is one we don't currently have," Assistant Director of Student Organization Development Cheryl Heard said.

The entire process takes a maximum of two months. Interested students must first

petition for recognition. The specific form must include the individuals who plan to organize the group as well as the name of the faculty adviser and the purpose of the organization.

Next, the petitioning group must meet with the Student Organization Advisory Board to review its constitution. The constitution includes ten articles, such as name, purpose, qualifications for officers, advisers and amendments.

The SOAB then decides if the organization will meet the needs of the university community. It also reviews the organization's projected

constitution. A letter of recognition and copy of the constitution will be forwarded to the president and adviser if the Student Senate approves the organization.

When starting a sorority or fraternity, other steps are required. The social fraternity or sorority must first be accepted for membership in the Greek Council as colony status. If approved, they can then begin the process to become a recognized student organization.

For more information visit the Kimmel Leadership Center in the MUC, Office 1065, or call 650-2686.

## Cell phone companies improve phone tracking capabilities

GPS technology favored to ground-based triangulation

TERRY MAXON  
ESVIEW & FLORIDA FLAMBEAU

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (U-WIRE) – For a growing number of cell phone users, it's not just a question of "Can you hear me now?" It's also "Can you find me now?"

Increasingly, cell phones are gaining technology that allows customers to track a cell phone user's location, helping them figure out where they are and where they're going, or where their employees or loved ones are roaming.

"For individuals, it's 'I want to locate my child,'" ABI Research analyst Kenneth Hyers said. "I'd like to find where they are after 10 p.m. Same thing for employers. They want to know who's the closest technician to a location to help out. You have services like this that are really catching the imagination."

Hyers predicted that a lot of location-based services will come out in the next few years.

"We've moved quickly from a walking pace to a run," Hyers said.

Until recently, only Nextel Communications, Inc. focused on cell phones that gave users the ability to track where the cell phones — and the people using them — were located.

But other cellular companies are jumping in, hoping to cash in on the desire of businesses and individuals to know the location of cell phone users.

So far, it's largely been business and government users, such as transportation companies, couriers, garbage haulers or service companies such as plumbers or air-conditioning repairers.

Nextel has led the way by offering a variety of products, Hyers said. But Sprint Corporation recently joined the game with its "411" service that allows cell phone users to ask for directions, and he expects Verizon Wireless and Cingular Wireless to begin offering their own services by the end of the year. Among the top five cell phone service providers, only T-Mobile USA has no location-based products in the works.

The Global Positioning System and its system of geostationary satellites have prompted uses far beyond the original military purposes. However, a federal mandate, requiring cell phones to automatically tell 911 centers where the caller is located, has

speeded adoption.

That can be accomplished through ground-based triangulation, in which the phone's location is determined by figuring its relative distance from various cell stations. But most large cellular companies appear to be embracing the GPS method.

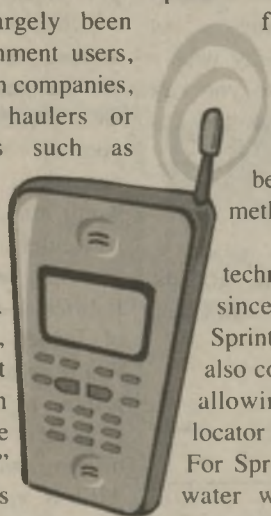
Nextel has had GPS technology in every phone since November 2002. Sprint and Verizon phones also contain GPS technology, allowing them to provide locator services if they desire. For Sprint, the first toe in the water was Roadside Rescue, which includes the ability to call 411 to get directions or emergency help.

"It's on an option basis," Sprint spokeswoman Genevieve Billy said. "But it's something that we think customers want."

While Verizon Wireless does not offer any location-based products as yet, "we're working on it, and it is coming in the future," spokesman Jimmy Duvall said.

Cingular has an extensive list of customers who use its location-based technology, but the equipment is attached to the

see CELL PHONES, page 5



## Hokey Holidays

July 27

Take Your Houseplant for a Walk Day  
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July 28

National Drive-Thru Day

July 31

All-American Soap Box Derby Day

August 1

Girlfriends' Day  
Respect for Parents Day

August 2

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August 1 - 7

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National Immunization Awareness Month  
National Inventor's Month  
National Win With Civility Month

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## CELL PHONES

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snowplow, garbage truck, 18-wheeler truck or other equipment rather than being cell phone-based.

For some business users, the GPS systems help protect them from consumer complaints. San Diego, which has equipped its garbage trucks with locator technology from Cingular, can check the validity of a customer's claim that the garbage collectors skipped their house.

One initial concern for many employees is the idea of having the company always looking over their shoulders.

Mary Foltz, director of location solutions for Nextel, said she was "surprised and delighted" to hear of many cases where employees — initially concerned about having the system checking their location — found that the technology protected them.

The owner of a New Orleans limo company told her recently about a situation in which the driver delivered members of a

wedding party very late to the church. The passengers claimed that the driver got lost; however, a review of the GPS records showed it was the bars and bathroom stops the group had demanded along the way.

"The father of the bride did have to pay the bill," Foltz said.

Nextel has expanded beyond businesses, now offering products that let consumers find their location and get turn-by-turn driving or walking directions, including a product that can help backpackers in wilderness areas.

"We were very surprised to see how popular these services have become with individual users," Foltz said.

Hyers said he expects location-based services to become much more popular in the coming years.

"I believe that LBS-enabled applications will be as ubiquitous in the mobile environment a decade from now as the Internet is for many of us today," he said.

## Public Service Announcement

Beginning Friday SIUE's water tank, located between the H&R Plant and the Early Childhood Center, will be taken out of service and water will be supplied to campus by way of a new interconnection with the City of Edwardsville located at Poag Road. During this project, water pressure to buildings on campus will be lower than normal.

Because of this, second and third floor restrooms will be closed. The water tank rehabilitation is scheduled for completion by the start of the fall semester.

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~Major leaguer Gen Hermanski



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# Rah Rah Sis Boom Bah

*Spirit squad prepares for upcoming season with a new coach and hopes for more fans*

**MATTHEW BRUCE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

When the school year begins in August and the Cougar teams

take their respective fields for the fall, they won't be alone.

Camped out along the sidelines, ready to motivate, encourage and push the Cougars to victory, will be the SIUE Spirit Squad.

With a fresh new face at the helm, and the majority of the cheerleading corps returning from last year's group, the season looks pretty good for the team.

The Spirit Squad held its training camp over the weekend, and new coach Breanne Sikma worked with her troupe on techniques and physical conditioning.

Sikma comes to SIUE from Trenton, where

she coached the cheerleaders at West Glen High School. One of her early areas of concern is the lack of muscle on the Spirit Squad. The team sports ten women and five men for the upcoming season.

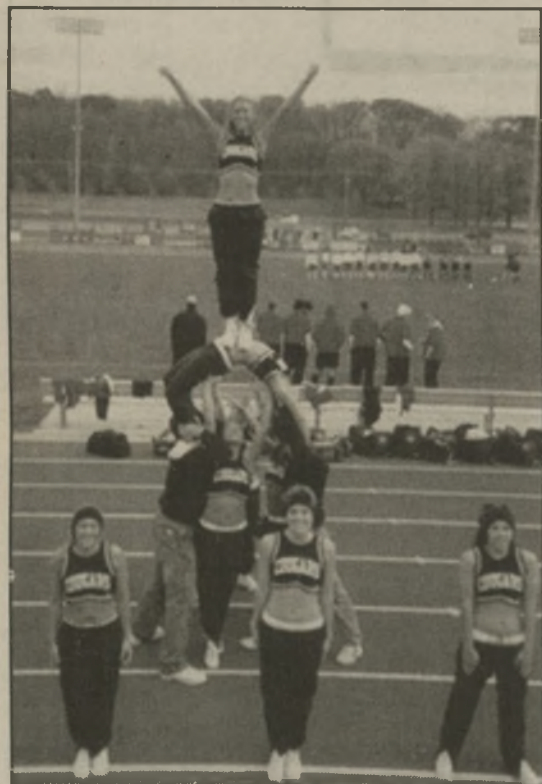
"Guys definitely help out a cheerleading team, that's for sure," she said. "So we're looking to get more guys for next year."

The Spirit Squad cheers at men's and women's basketball games, volleyball and soccer contests. The squad hopes to see an increase in school spirit from the students.

"We want more students to come to the games," sophomore Whitney Hubbard said. "We want to have more active recruiting for the games."

Hubbard, who enters her second season with the team, also said the Spirit Squad wants scholarships for its members.

"Other schools have scholarships for their cheerleaders," she said. "So we think we should get scholarships, especially for the boys."



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**The Spirit Squad roots the soccer team on during a game last season.**

## Golf Tournament a benefit to SIUE baseball program

**MATTHEW BRUCE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Many of the SIUE baseball team's former players will be swinging for long drives and shots up the alley this weekend. However, the weapon of choice won't be a bat, but a golf club. Fairways and greens will be replacing the friendly confines of Roy E. Lee Baseball Field.

The Cougars will hold their 17th annual SIUE Baseball Benefit Golf Tournament Friday

prizes and food. The proceeds go to the SIUE baseball program.

"It's a fun thing," Collins said. "The scores are very low. It's just a bunch of guys that love to play golf and like to have fun."

Collins expects former players from all across the country to invade the area, and says this year's group is traveling from as far away as Boston.

"We usually give something to the guy that comes the farthest," he said. "I've had them come from Texas, Florida, Boston."

The four-man scramble is a team event where each player has a chance to drive the ball, and the team continues the hole with each member putting.

The entry fee is \$110 and includes

an electric cart, prizes and refreshments.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The awards reception, complete with a buffet dinner, kicks off at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Collins at 650-2871.

**"It's mostly friends of the baseball program, and a lot of baseball players. It's kind of like their homecoming."**

~Coach Gary Collins

afternoon at the Woodlands Golf Club in Alton.

"It's mostly friends of the baseball program and a lot of baseball players," said SIUE Baseball Head Coach Gary Collins. "It's kind of like their homecoming."

The event will include a four-man scramble, awards,

# Climbers learn the ropes in basic training course

**MATTHEW BRUCE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Students who have passed by the Vadalabene Center's climbing gym may have been reminded of the old television show "American Gladiators," where contestants competed against muscle-bound opponents in a series of contests.

One such event, known simply as "The Wall," forced athletes to scour a huge rock-climbing wall as the likes of Ice and Nitro chased them down and tried to rip them loose.

SIUE students looking to experience the thrill of rock-climbing, without the threat of a linebacker-shaped Gladiator stalking them from behind, can learn the basics in the Primary Safety/Orientation Course.

The two-hour class,

designed for beginning climbers with little or no experience, teaches safety policies and gym procedures, rope methods and the art of climbing.

"It's a lot of fun and a good workout," SIUE junior David Richey, one of the instructors for the course, said about rock climbing.

"It's different from your regular workout," SIUE junior Shaun Southwick, a gym instructor, added.

The class includes a short lecture at the onset, after which students will receive direct training while



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

**SIUE junior Russell Errett helps staff member Dave Richey down from the top of the wall.**

climbing the wall.

Those who complete the

course earn their Primary Card, which is good for one year and entitles them to free use of the climbing gym during open hours. Registration for the course is \$10 for students, \$25 for SFC members and \$35 SIUE employees and their immediate family.

"\$10 for a whole year of climbing is really cheap," Richey said. "Upper Limits, the climbing gym in St

Louis, for a year probably charges about \$400."

The fee for Primary Card renewals is \$5 and climbers must display their skills through the Quick Check Program to recertify. Participants must be at least 14 years old to take part in the course.

The entire climbing gym staff will be present during the class, with Richey and SIUE junior Michael Wade serving as course instructors.

Climbers will have the opportunity to earn their Primary Card during the school year, with three safety courses offered in September, three sessions in October, two in November and one in December.

The event starts at 4 p.m. Thursday in the climbing gym. For more information, call 650-3235 or visit [siue.edu/CREC/climbinggym](http://siue.edu/CREC/climbinggym).



## Teams flock to volleyball camps in record numbers

JANELLE DOBSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE volleyball team has been busy this summer helping hundreds of kids improve their game. The volleyball team holds individual and team camps every summer, but this year's turnout was the largest in its history.



MATTHEW BRUCE/ALESTLE  
**An East St. Louis High School student serves up the action during an affair Friday afternoon.**

"This has been our most successful year so far," Volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober said. "We had 24 teams each time."

Gober said 24 teams are about as many as they are able to fit in the camp.

The two-day, team-tournament-style event took place last week in the Vadalabene Center, with another session scheduled for this weekend.

Almost all of the teams are at

high school varsity level, making the camp very competitive.

Gober said he had about 200 players at his individual camps in June, which is normal for the program. Both of the team camps that are held in July saw an increase in interest.

Last year, one team camp brought in 19 squads, while the second session included 20 teams.

"It's starting to self-market itself," Gober said. "It's the ultimate compliment when the coaches start spreading the word."

Gober also believes much of the camps success is due to his players' involvement.

Every returning member of the SIUE volleyball team attends the camp and helps. They referee, work the concession stand and assist the coaches by answering campers' questions.

"I hear compliments all the time saying what professional ladies we have," Gober said.

The camps are used as a fundraiser for the team, and all of the profits go toward travel, new equipment and new uniforms, if necessary.

The individual camps cost \$75 and the team camps cost

**"It's starting to self-market itself. It's the ultimate compliment when the coaches start spreading the word"**

~Coach Todd Gober

\$250.

The last camp of the summer is a team camp. It will be held Friday and Saturday in the VC.



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**Mt. Pulaski high school student Jeri Kaye sets up for a dig during a game against East St. Louis High School.**

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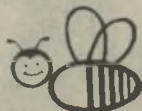
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