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Watching out for plagiarism

SIUE looks to cut down on plagiarized material with www.turnitin.com



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Freshman Shakila Crenshaw checks her paper before consulting a writing instructor Monday at the Writing Center. Students may have to check their papers more closely before handing them in since faculty will be able to check on www.turnitin.com for any plagiarized material.

CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER

SIUE is stepping up its fight against plagiarism by temporarily subscribing to a Web site that specializes in finding copied material.

From March 15 through May 15, SIUE will use an Internet database, www.turnitin.com, to check students' papers for plagiarism.

While there is not an exact number of plagiarism cases at SIUE, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely said the faculty plagiarism complaints are rising.

"It's not a little bit, it's a lot," Neely said. "(Plagiarism) seems to have increased over time as the Internet has grown and the resources on the Internet have grown."

The database works by entering a phrase or paragraph from a paper that the teacher believes could be plagiarized.

The Web site claims it can instantly identify papers containing unoriginal material.

Only professors and instructors will have access to the Web site's services.

Junior health education major Cheyenne Starbuck believes this can be an advantage for the university.

"I think it's a good idea," Starbuck said. "Students work hard for their papers and it's not fair when students slack off. The disadvantage is it's more time-consuming for the professor."

Junior marketing major Erica Scharringhausen is skeptical on the integrity of the Web site.

"What if they think you're

cheating, but you actually came up with a good idea by yourself?" Scharringhausen said.

Turnitin.com provides access to its database for a fee based on the number of students at a university. With nearly 14,000 registered students, SIUE's fee to use the Web site for one year would be \$8,000.

College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Carl Springer said the cost was too expensive for SIUE.

Springer contacted www.turnitin.com and negotiated the two-month trial period for \$500.

"It will be interesting to see how effective this tool is," Springer said.

According to Neely, a teacher currently deals with a paper that may be plagiarized by

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Student Senate hears tuition plan, fills seats

ELIZABETH SCHMITT
 NEWS STRINGER

Conroy said the chancellor's original plan was "just talking."

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addressed the Student Senate Friday with a plan to enhance university revenue.

"Although I would rather not put forth an increase to students, I feel we can do a lot better with a little more money," Vandegrift said.

The proposal is to institute a fee to aid information technology growth. The chancellor's proposed benefits include increased wireless capacity, including the initiation of Internet II service and access in Cougar Village. A \$6 per credit hour per semester increase would begin in the fall 2006 semester, should the proposal pass.

The chancellor also proposed a 9.4 percent tuition increase for incoming freshmen. The original tuition revenue plan called for a 17 percent increase in the fall, but was re-adjusted.

Public Affairs Director Greg

The proposal is due to go before the board of trustees in March and the board will vote in May.

Student Senator Jesse Phelps backed Vandegrift, addressing anyone who had reservations to consider the budget crunch from the state.

The senate also sits with a full board once again. Cameron Cobb, Holly Glover, Kevin Sweet and Laurie Estilette were appointed to fill previously vacant seats.

Cobb returns to the senate after originally filling the role last semester. According to Student Body President Cindy Holesko, Cobb left because "he was dropped from his classes."

The senate discussed Holesko's veto of a proposal to make polling sites available in various buildings across campus for the spring 2006 student

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Dancing by the mic



JEFF RULE/ALESTLE

Sophomore Wesley Smith dances while co-hosting the Black Heritage Month Open Mic Night Thursday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

Chancellor continues open talks Tuesday

AARON SUDHOLT
 NEWS REPORTER

The next open forum meeting with SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift will be 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Redbud-Hickory-Hackleberry Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

The forum will be primarily for faculty, but will be available

to anyone who wants to attend.

Vandegrift will have updates about the state of the university and take questions concerning how the university is doing.

"He's just got a few updates," Public Affairs Director Gregory Conroy said. "Then he'll open it up to anything they want to talk about."

Refreshments will be available.

This marks the first such open forum meeting for the spring 2006 semester at SIUE. The last open forum meeting was Nov. 11.

Topics at the last meeting included the increase in freshman applications and a university football team. He also encouraged staff and faculty to express their needs to the administration.

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Leaning student shatters window



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A Morris University Center window awaits repair after a student allegedly leaned against it and broke it. MUC Director Mary Robinson said it will be replaced this week.

AARON SUDHOLT
 NEWS REPORTER

Be careful where you lean, you might fall through.

Someone learned that the hard way after leaning against a glass window last week in the Morris University Center's

Center Court dining area and broke it.

MUC Director Mary Robinson said the accident was caused by a student, but declined to give a name as the accident was unintentional.

"I have a confirmation that he was leaning against the

window with his feet against a bicycle rack," Robinson said. "He wasn't hurt, thank God."

Robinson said she wouldn't get an estimate on the cost until someone comes out to look at it.

According to Robinson, the window will be replaced sometime this week.

Police arrest student on alcohol charge

STEVE BRITT
 NEWS REPORTER

There are no laws against buying a girl a drink, unless she's underage.

Freshman Antwan Guthrie, 22, was arrested Feb. 12 for allegedly contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"He picked up a 16-year-old in Cottonwood, near the Glen Carbon area, and brought her back to his place and had given her beer," SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said Monday. "He knew her from a previous party in Edwardsville."

Monday Guthrie said he did not know she was 16 and that he

was having a "bunch of people over." Later, when pressed for further details, he said it was not in fact a party and not a bunch of people.

"Just a couple of people," Guthrie said.

When police arrived at 2:02 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12., police saw Guthrie, a roommate and the minor in the apartment Schmoll said.

Guthrie was charged with a Class A misdemeanor, which can carry up to a one-year jail term, Schmoll said. Fines for the charge are a minimum of \$500 for a first offense.

The minor was also arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol.

"We filed a petition with the State's Attorney to charge her with consumption," Schmoll said.

Petition results will be available in a week to a month, he added.

Guthrie said his court date is Wednesday, March 22, and that he is working on getting an attorney. He added he is not sure how he will plead.

"I have to talk with somebody first," Guthrie said.

Guthrie posted \$100 cash bond and was released from the SIUE Police Department after being processed. The minor was released into the custody of a relative.

Students can get their beads on at Parti Gras

ZACH GROVES
 NEWS EDITOR

Students who don't want to travel to St. Louis for Mardi Gras can stay close and enjoy SIUE's fourth annual Parti Gras.

The event takes place from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday at the Student Fitness Center. Sponsored by Campus Recreation, Campus Activities Board and the Kimmel Leadership Center, Parti Gras attendees can enjoy free Cajun food and soda, dream analyses, palm, psychic and tarot card readings and caricatures.

According to the University Housing Web site's Community

News, attendees can also check out the casino area and play free blackjack, Texas Hold'em, craps, roulette and slot machines.

Starting at 11 p.m., students can hit the dance floor at Club Cougar with DJ Phat Mack playing the music until Parti Gras' close.

Campus Recreation workers will give out door prizes all night and beads to all attendees. The first 200 people inside will receive free T-shirts.

Campus Recreation Specialist Keith Becherer said more than 850 students attended last year's event. He added that the number has "pretty much doubled in size each year.

"We would really like to get 1,000 students," Becherer said. "It (has become) one of the largest if not the largest events student-led."

Becherer said the sponsors are not adding anything on to last year's event because of the positive feedback they received. He said simple things like beads keep them coming.

"What the students really enjoy is getting the free beads," Becherer said. "It saves them from going out and buying them for (other events)."

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Career Development to host two fairs

BRIAN BAYLEY
NEWS STRINGER

Students looking for jobs will need to start preparing their resumes.

The Career Development Center is coordinating two job fairs, Career Network '06 and Education Fair '06, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 in the Vadalabene Center.

The career fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the education fair following from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

"Career Network '06 and Education Fair '06 will be the largest spring fairs we have had in several years," Career Development Center Director Jean Paterson said.

More than 150 potential employers and school districts will attend the two fairs. Many prospective employers are recruiting at SIUE for the first time along with several who return every year.

The CDC will take walk-in appointments on Monday and Tuesday of that week to help students prepare their resumes. Students are encouraged to come to the CDC before these two days to ensure a well-prepared resume.

Employers will seek applicants for full-time positions, as well as co-op and internship openings.

According to the CDC, students should be dressed professionally and bring multiple resume copies.

For more information, visit the CDC Web site at careers.siu.edu/.

Professor looks to revive women's group

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

An organization is being formed exclusively for SIUE women faculty and students.

Educational Leadership professor Zsuzsanna Szabo is trying to revive the American Association of University Women. This is a support organization that motivates and encourages members to fulfill their goals.

"It is a powerful network that gives all members the support needed to accomplish their educational, professional and personal goals. The organization helps women worldwide to pursue their goals of education and research through fellowships, grants and legal support," Szabo said in an e-mail interview.

She added that the SIUE branch will allow its members to be recognized more and allow "opportunities for action."

"Personally I think (the SIUE branch of) AAUW will help women's voices be heard on our campus and in our community in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon," Szabo said.

All women who hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university can join as a member. Students can join as student affiliates of the AAUW-SIUE branch.

"I was an AAUW member since I was a graduate student. I strongly believe in education and equity worldwide," she said. "I am a strong supporter of efforts against discrimination."

Szabo said the organization is also beneficial to the students because it allows for various opportunities for the university experience.

"Student affiliates can benefit from working with mentors who are faculty and members of the SIUE branch, gain experience through internships and apply for fellowships awarded by AAUW," she said. "They can take advantage of the influential and supportive network of AAUW, develop leadership skills by initiating and coordinating projects on our campus."

For more information, contact Szabo at 650-2607 or e-mail her at zszaabo@siue.edu.

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NEWS STRINGER

While University Housing in Bluff Hall Secretary II Linda Ellis may prefer to be behind the scenes, her hard work and dedication have brought her into the limelight. Ellis received the Employee Recognition Award on Tuesday.

Ellis has worked in Bluff Hall for more than two years. She was nominated by Bluff Hall Director Matthew Crouse.

Ellis is deserving of the award because her "motivation goes above and beyond," Crouse said. "She took the job to be connected to the students; she makes Bluff homier," Crouse added.

Ellis humbly accepted the recognition.

"Just knowing you're thought enough of to be nominated is reward enough," Ellis said. "I am a behind-the-scenes kind of person ... I just enjoy my job."

However, this is not the first time Ellis has been recognized. She was nominated once before by supervisor Julie Wright, but did not have enough time in to qualify. Ellis received the Students First Award in April 2004 and the Spotlight of the



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE
University Housing in Bluff Hall Secretary II Linda Ellis.

Month Award in February 2005.

According to Crouse, Ellis is genuinely concerned with the well-being of the students and has an "emotional investment" in her job.

In the past, she has worked with Box City, the annual homeless awareness program, as a volunteer and helped with the organization of educational trips. She is currently aiding with a Residence Housing Association trip to Philadelphia.

Crouse described her as an intelligent woman who left a field in accounting to contribute something more.

PLAGIARISM

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doing a search on www.google.com or having a conversation with the student and asking the student for his or her sources.

"We're not trying to be Big Brother," Neely said. "We certainly don't want to be unfair to the students."

Google is a free Internet search engine available to the general public. Springer hopes that the new system will be a more efficient way to

find plagiarized papers.

"It's probably more sophisticated than Google," Springer said. "If it isn't, then it's probably not worth exploring. This trial gives us the chance to experiment with it."

The Web site for turnitin.com claims it has helped reduce the number of plagiarism cases at other universities, including the University of Colorado.

SENATE

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government election. Holesko's response to the veto was that she felt it involved a conflict of interest.

"There are people currently running who are also voting on where the voting booths are to be placed," Holesko said.

Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto backed Holesko's decision.

"I am genuinely concerned about the integrity of the election for spring. I back the student president," Sperotto said.

Senator Christine Williams produced petitions from the students in the engineering and

pharmacy programs requesting polling places in each program's respective buildings.

Senator Jonathan Ritchey proposed giving the students a voice in the next election year.

However, Holesko's veto stood. As a result, there will be no additional polling sites for the spring 2006 election. However, voting booths will be available in the dental, pharmacy and engineering buildings for the fall and spring 2007 elections.

The senate meets again at 2 p.m. Friday, March 3, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

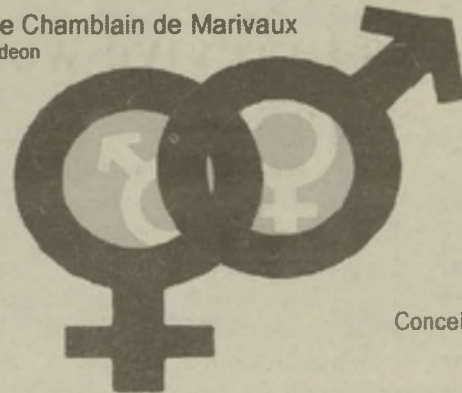
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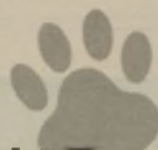
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Extremism problematic in many religions

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. – According to the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., “God Hates Fags.” In order to spread the message of this compassionate God, parishioners of this church have begun to protest at funerals of soldiers killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Their line of reasoning is that God is striking down these soldiers because America tolerates and harbors homosexuals.

The actions of this group of devout Christians, who practice what they perceive to be a literal teaching of the Bible, have led many states to introduce bills that prohibit protesting at funerals. West Virginia is one such state that introduced a bill shortly after protestors showed up at a memorial for the Sago Mine victims. The protestors carried signs bearing heavenly inspired rhetoric such as “God Hates Your Tears” and “Miners in Hell.” Again, the church proclaimed that the miners were victims of God’s wrath because of America’s tolerance for gays.

The right to grieve in privacy at a funeral, one of the most painful events a person can

experience, outweighs another’s right to free speech. An attorney for the church assured, though, that if any laws barring protests were passed, the church would file a lawsuit against the state. The battle would pit the right to free speech of the Westboro Church on one side and the right to privacy of the families burying their loved ones on the other. Hate speech is protected under the First

Religious zeal leads to conflicts between differing groups.

A literal interpretation of the Bible has led the Westboro Baptist Church to protest at funerals. Islamic fundamentalists bomb and kill innocent people. Religion has become divisive, a reason to hate. The Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, the Crusades and the fighting between Israel and Arabs in the

the name of his or her God.

The people who are part of the Westboro Baptist Church are considered extremists. They do not represent what many consider to be mainstream Christianity. The reasoning should be applied to Muslim extremists. In this country, Muslims have been pigeonholed into an entity that supports terrorism, when in reality it is only a small group.

The Westboro Baptist Church should be a reminder to people of the United States that extremism is within the borders of the U.S. as well as beyond. Islam is not the only religion that falls victim to potentially dangerous interpretations.

Problems arise from the institution of religion, not just Islam. Blind followers exist in every faith. When opposite versions of the supposed truth exist, then conflicts will arise.

Besides, if it’s not religion, then I have faith in God that humans would find some other reason to kill each other.

Gregory Pivarnik
The Daily Campus
University of Connecticut

“There comes a point where we as a species have to ask – do the benefits of practicing religion outweigh the costs?”

Amendment, as is the right to assemble, but the right to privacy trumps these liberties. The Westboro fanatics should not be allowed to win this battle. Free speech was not meant for this type of situation.

This highlights the larger issue, the danger of religion. If practiced correctly, religion can be a source of great spiritual happiness.

Danger arrives when religious values are taken to the extreme.

Middle East for thousands of years, stem from differing religious beliefs.

There comes a point where we as a species have to ask if the benefits of practicing religion outweigh the costs.

Before coming to the conclusion that religion should be eradicated based on its past transgressions and inability for different ideologies to coincide, one must look at who perpetrates acts of hate in

Student offers solution to goose control debate

Recently the topic at hand has been the different solutions to the potential overpopulation of geese at SIUE. We have heard it is inhumane for humans to choose which geese could live and which geese get the “big shake.” We have also heard that if we don’t steady their growth, the geese could easily overpopulate their already fragile environment. What we haven’t heard is the apathetic side of the story.

That’s right, I couldn’t care less if the geese get a hardy handshake or not. What I do care about is my entertainment. I offer no fancy or complex analogies like the rest of my colleagues when it comes to this topic. However, you will have to forgive my bluntness on the topic. I do believe that we have dwelled on it long enough.

To appease both sides of the problem, I offer up this solution: geese boxing.

I know how this sounds; it’s as if I advocate sports such as the not-so-noble cock fighting, on the contrary, that is animal cruelty to the ‘T.’ I’m talking about me and maybe five other geese, in their prime, in a ring. I’d say five rounds would just about do it. I am, after all, not in the best of shape.

It could be a fund-raising event just like all of those

concerts that no one pays attention to in the Morris University Center.

Unlike said concerts, people will actually come to see me smash a couple of fowls in the beak. Five rounds in the ring and we could raise more than \$3,000, with the right publicity, of course. Five rounds and we could assist with the reconstruction of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

If we could actually get sponsorship we could turn the entire bout into a league, it could make it to ESPN 8, “The Ocho.” Weekly geese fights and we could solve all the world’s problems. Think about it, never having to worry about world hunger again, condoms for everyone in Africa and no more AIDS epidemic.

This idea does have one drawback; the geese carcasses that will inevitably line the ground if, or when, this sport catches on. The solution is simple; fried goose burgers for everyone. It’s more leand than many meats but without the loss of flavor. The vegetarians may not like it, but it’s a waste if we just bury the foul fowls. The feathers make excellent pillow stuffing, it’s no NASA-designed bed material, but feather pillows still work for me.

It bothers me that my tuition actually pays for people to run

around campus all day rummaging through the bushes in search of geese eggs so they can get their coddle on. I know a couple of guys from back home that would spend a weekend doing the same thing for a 30-pack.

However, I don’t expect the university to put in for beer. Their money is better spent on signs identifying buildings that the

average freshman can find blindfolded after spending a week on campus. I think we can all agree on one thing, when it’s all said and done, there is nothing like some good goose-face-to-fist action.

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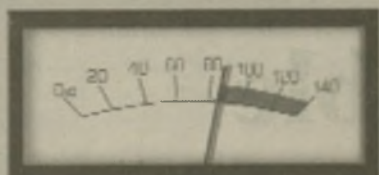
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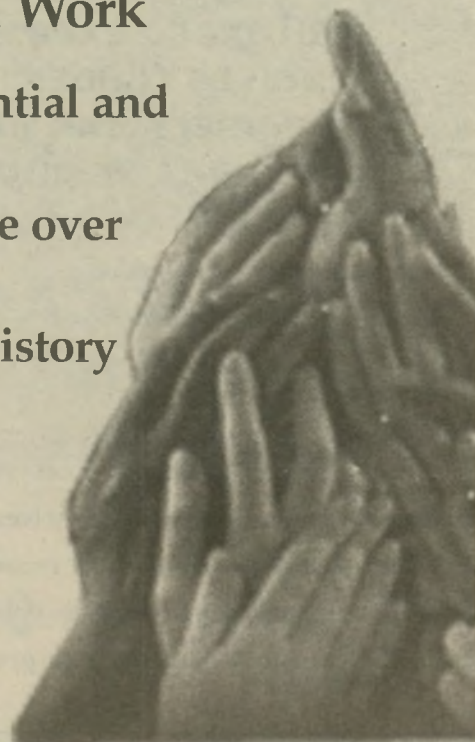
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SIUE grad Chris Well soars to the top

MICHELLE LINCOLN
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

When Chris Well graduated from SIUE in the spring of 1991, he had no idea he would become a successful novelist. In fact, with his degree in mass communications with an emphasis on radio and television, Well never considered writing a novel until his friend, and publisher, suggested he write a comedy.

"And I did, but with more gunplay than he probably expected," Well said. "Several readers have compared my style to the comic crime fiction of Elmore Leonard...and Carl Hiaasen..., a lot of odd characters getting into unusual situations. I had never read any Hiaasen, but Elmore Leonard, man, if I could ever write at that level, I'd be cooking."

"Forgiving Solomon Long," Well's first novel, was released early last year and has been the topic of great reviews.

The novel has been submitted for several awards including the Edgar Award, the Thriller Award and the Christy Award.

"One note of distinction is that Booklist (the official

publication of the American Library Association) picked 'Forgiving Solomon Long' as one of the top 10 Christian novels of 2005," Well said. "That's a big deal."

Well has a contract to work on the remaining four books in the five-book series until 2009. He said it works out to be about one book being released per year. His next book, "Deliver Us from Adam," is due out next month.

"When the publisher started talking about five books altogether, I started thinking about a thread that could carry all the way to the end," Well said. "It is, literally, a single moment in the first book that, as I keep thinking back to it, is blossoming into something that becomes more significant with each passing book."

Although the books run in a series, Well said they are intended to stand alone. He said about 70 percent of the material in the second book was not even mentioned in the first.

"It is as easy to pick up as watching an episode of 'Law & Order,'" Well said. "If you missed the episode or season before, it's no big deal. You will still be able to grasp what is

going on."

Well earned an associate of applied science in radio and broadcasting from Lewis and Clark College before attending SIUE. After graduating from SIUE, he taught radio for three years at Lewis and Clark while simultaneously working at Camelot Music in Jamestown Mall.

In 1994, Well moved to Nashville, Tenn., and became the editor of a Christian rock magazine called Syndicate. He has worked off and on at different magazines as editor over the past 12 years, including a bridal magazine and a pop magazine.

Well attributes his great attitude and ambitions to some advice he once received from an SIUE professor. He said this quote stuck with him like glue: "When you cut the good stuff, it leaves you with the great stuff."

Well said he worked for the Alestle during most of his college career and sought every chance to gain experience.

"Any opportunity is useful, even if it doesn't apply directly to your intended field," Well said. "Don't look for shortcuts. Do whatever is at arms reach."

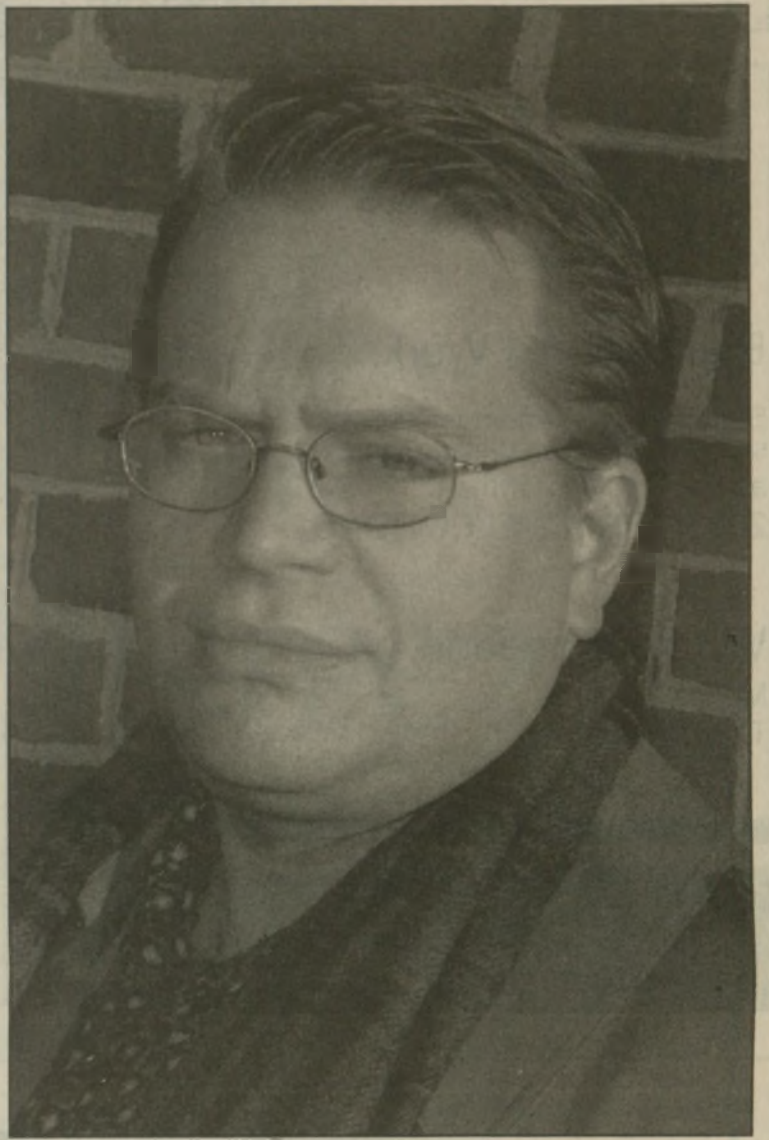


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SIUE alumnus Chris Well

LOOKING FOR A NEW ACTIVITY?

New Horizons helps SIUE students with disabilities

JESSICA MILLER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Adjusting to college seems to be difficult enough for most students. But for those with disabilities, it may be just a bit harder.

Amanda Watson is student president of New Horizons, a group that helps students with all types of disabilities.

"Our main goal is to make the broad campus community and outside community aware of the issues related to people with disabilities and encouraging acceptance through a lot of outreach events," she said.

Currently, the group has approximately 13 members, "but we do work with the Disability Support Services people with a couple hundred students," she said.

13 members have some type of disability.

"It's strictly people with disabilities, but anyone can join," she said. "It's open to anyone in general in the community, especially on campus."

Watson, member of New

Horizons for four years and president for one, has a physical disability called spina bifida, which she said "basically means I was born with a hole in my spine that didn't fuse all the way and I'm paralyzed from the waist down."

Watson explained some of the problems students have been facing.

"We have discussed over the years as far as professors of how to make them aware and better serve students with disabilities and the different stereotypes people have and how to get rid of those," Watson said. "The biggest things I've heard people say and talk about is how people perceive us as being incapable."

New Horizons, along with Disability Support Services, has helped students.

Watson describes DSS as a "very welcoming atmosphere."

"A lot of us use it as a way to hang out with people that can relate," Watson said. "You can talk to people, but you still feel a little awkward."

New Horizons will hold events and fundraisers in the

spring.

The biggest events are Disability Awareness Day in April and the Walk, Run and Roll 5K race. A wheelchair basketball game is also held between one of the SIUE basketball teams and the wheelchair basketball team in the area.

Jewelry sales and bake sales are also held and the group recently held a benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina relief. All of the main spring events typically take place between the months of March and April.

New Horizons hold meetings at 4:30 p.m. every other Wednesday in Disability Support Services in Rendleman Hall, Room 1218.

"My grades are phenomenal, way better than in high school," she said. "It can be attributed to the Disability Support Services office, enhanced by the existence of New Horizons."

For more information, visit the New Horizons Web site at siue.edu/STACTV/NEWHORIZONS/ or the Disability Support Services Web site at siue.edu/DSS/.

Travel study in Quebec

JUSTIN GIBSON
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

Friday.

"The students on this trip can expect around eighteen hours a week of classes," Mann said. "There are plenty of options available for entertainment outside of the classes."

During free time students can find plenty of choices to keep themselves busy. Quebec City boasts many restaurants, clubs, music lounges, shopping malls, movie theaters and outdoor festivals.

"There is plenty for students to do with their free time in Quebec City," Mann said. "The hospitality that people show is very friendly. It's truly a lovely place to be."

Students attending the trip to Quebec City will be staying with families who have agreed to let them into their homes.

"The families are French-speaking, however they do know English. They know that you are on a trip to learn the French language though, so they will often speak it to you," Mann said.

For more information, contact Dr. Debbie Mann in Peck Hall Room 2326 or by e-mail at jmann@siue.edu. The deadline to register is Feb. 21.

A travel study program partially funded by the SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education grant is sending students to Quebec City, Canada to earn 6 hours of credit in French during the summer of 2006.

Debbie Mann, a foreign language professor at SIUE, is sponsoring the trip. Upon arrival in Quebec City, students will depart to Laval University and meet other foreign students from areas such as Asia and South America that are also taking French courses there.

Courses are offered in the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Students will take a placement test to determine the level they are suited for.

"This trip is really for anybody who is interested in learning the French language or culture. Even if there are students who have never taken a foreign language class, they can be accommodated," Mann said.

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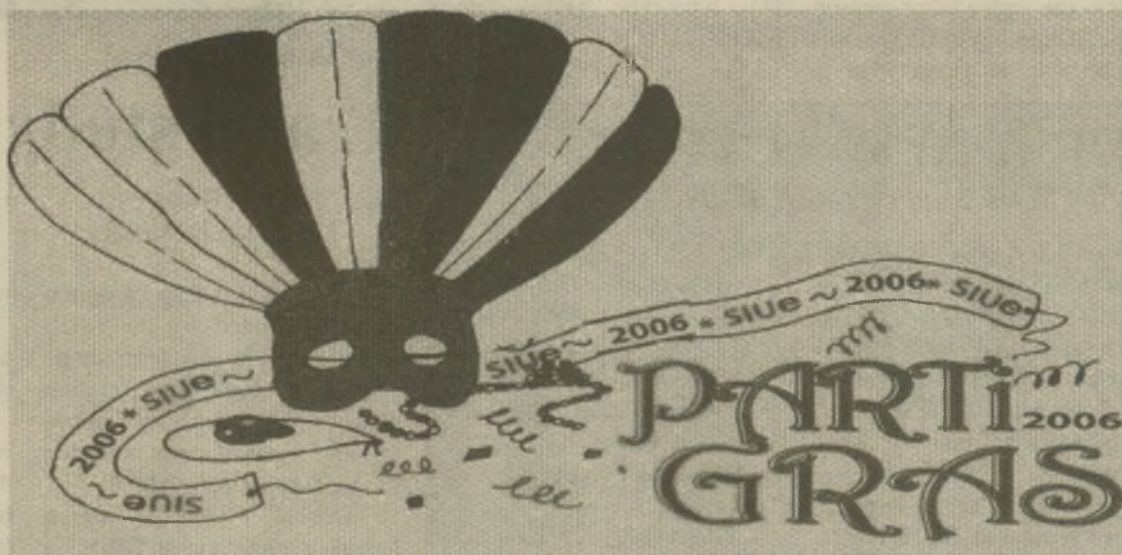
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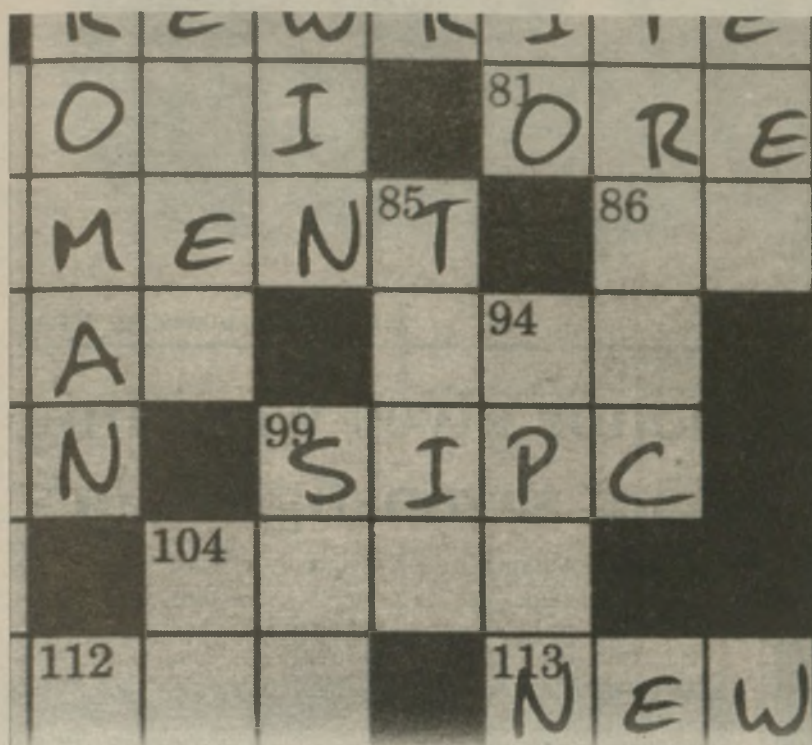
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SIUE stands alone at top

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's basketball team gave the University of Southern Indiana plenty to scream about on its bus ride home. The Cougars knocked the No. 10 Division II national ranking that the two teams were sharing right out of the Screaming Eagles' hands in conference play at the Vadalabene Center on Saturday.

The victory leaves SIUE with sole reign of the tenth spot.

It was the first time the Cougars took the court since having their 16-game winning streak snapped by Quincy University on Tuesday. Southern Indiana directly follows the second-placed Cougars in the Great Lakes Region rankings.

SIUE started off slow, shooting just 33 percent from the field in the first half in front of a 1,663-person crowd.

With nine minutes left in the first half, the Screaming Eagles led 19-6. USI had complete control in the first 20 minutes.

Led by sophomore guard J.B. Jones, SIUE turned up the heat in the last three minutes of the first half. Jones initiated a run by scoring a jumper with three minutes, 14 seconds left on the clock. Before the buzzer sounded, Jones put away four baskets from the charity stripe.

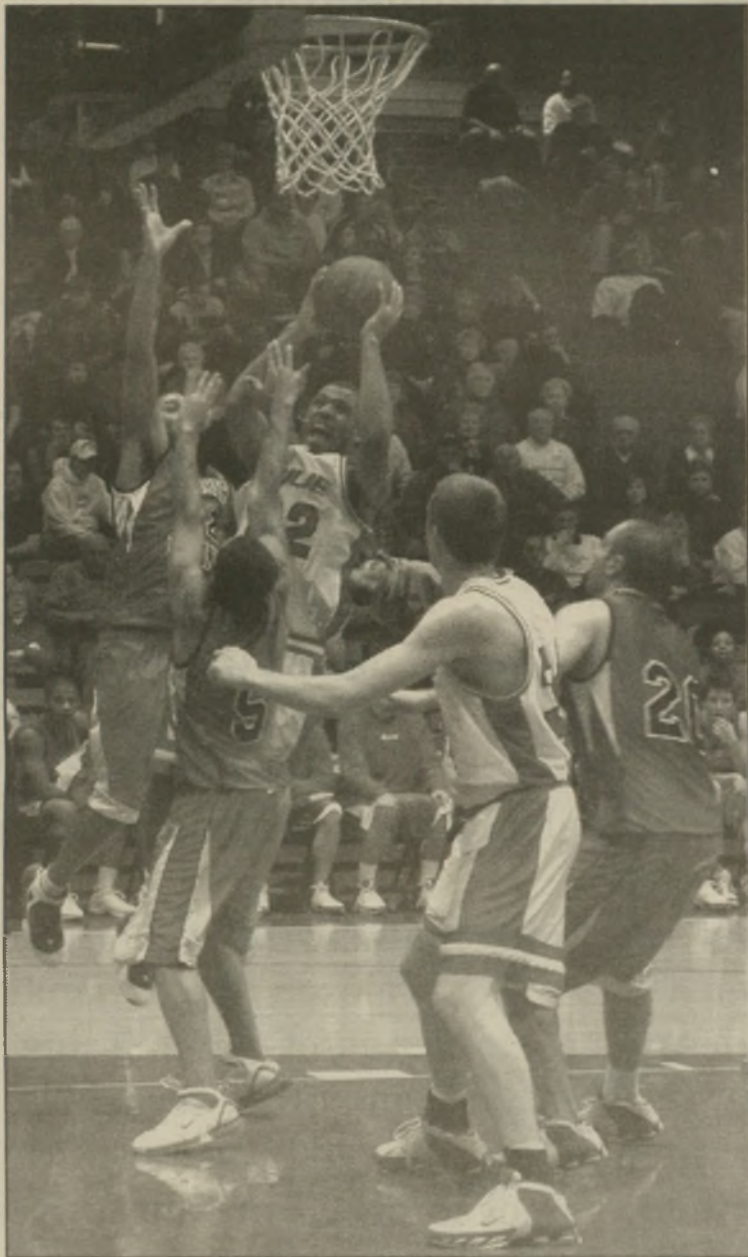
SIUE freshman forward Nick Arth added a pair of jumpers and junior guard Ty Johnson sunk one more. The Screaming Eagles had seven turnovers in the last five minutes of the half.

Southern Indiana was leading by one point, 29-30, as both teams retreated to the locker rooms.

The Cougars came out looking like their old selves in the second half, upping their shooting percentage to 50 percent. It was a back and forth battle. SIUE never got more than nine points ahead of Southern Indiana.

With 1:10 left in the game, two free throws by USI's Chris Thompson tied the game at 61-61. Nineteen seconds later, SIUE junior forward Mike Hardiek sunk a shot that gave the Cougars the lead for good.

Teammate Ryan Belcher, a senior guard, put the nails in the coffin with three free throws in the final 30 seconds and a jumper



KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE

SIUE sophomore guard J.B. Jones barrels his way to the bucket for two of his game-high 21 points during the Cougars' 67-63 victory over the University of Southern Indiana Saturday.

with five seconds left in the game.

Jones led SIUE with 21 points, which included eight points from the free throw line. Senior forward Justin Ward contributed 12 points. Ward went 4-4 from the field, 2-2 from behind the arch and 4-4 from the charity stripe, notching a perfect performance. Johnson went three-for-six in his 3-pointer attempts, netting 11 points. Belcher added eight crucial points and four assists, four steals and seven rebounds.

SIUE shot 40 percent for the game, and 50 percent of its 3-point shots.

Southern Indiana shot 48 percent from the field, but just 28.6 percent of its long shots. Arth and Hardiek held Southern Indiana's star shooter, Thompson, to just four points in the game. Keith Christmas sunk 12 points for the Screaming Eagles, leading

his team. USI out-rebounded the Cougars 38-23.

The Cougars won both of its match-ups against the Screaming Eagles this year. SIUE handed them a 78-77 loss in overtime on Jan. 14. This marks the first time that SIUE has ever swept the season series against USI.

The 67-63 victory moves SIUE's record to 21-4 overall and 14-3 in the conference. Southern Indiana is 23-5 overall and 12-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Cougars are currently the top team in the GLVC West Division. Drury University is one game behind and Southern Indiana and Quincy are each two games behind.

The Cougars complete regular season play when they host Rockhurst University at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center and Drury University at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Donor gives wrestling team seven-figure gift

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE wrestling team may have a new site for its home matches in the near future.

An Edwardsville couple has donated \$2 million to SIUE to help build a 56,000-square-foot state-of-the-art complex for the Cougar wrestling team. It is the largest cash donation in SIUE history.

Mark Mestemacher, a partner in Fairmont City's Ceres Consulting LLC, and his wife Carol are long-time supporters of youth wrestling in the Edwardsville area and have been instrumental in SIUE wrestling staying in existence recently.

Mestemacher said he

originally planned for a private off-campus facility when the idea came to him about a year and a half ago. But during talks with SIUE in the last six months, he decided to make the site on-campus.

The Olympic-caliber complex would be one of the few facilities in the country to feature a 10-mat competition area. It would also include locker rooms, training areas, practice space for the SIUE volleyball team and seating for 3,000 fans.

"We want to create a top-notch center for wrestling at the university level and at the community level," Mestemacher said in a press release. "We also want the complex to include

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Men's soccer signs seven

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's soccer team added seven players to its roster for the upcoming 2006 season. Five of the seven players are freshmen, while there is also a sophomore and a junior joining the 18 returning players.

The Cougars are ranked fourth in the nation and went to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season.

"The recruits have the potential to help out immediately," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said about the signees.

The freshmen include Scott Bringuet from Lutheran High

School in Springfield and Mychel Jones from Fort Zumwalt South in St. Charles, Mo. Three of them come from Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis: Randy Roy, Timothy Lindsay and Kevin Bielicki.

The transfers are Patrick Brazill and Dustin Attarian, both from St. Louis Community College at Meramec. Brazill also played at East Carolina University.

Bringuet made the LHS First Team All-American in 2005 and finished his career with 55 goals and 23 assists. Jones was named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro Second Team with his 31 goals and 14 assists his senior

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Women's soccer signs three

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

Coming off of its strongest season in school history, the SIUE women's soccer team made moves to keep the success rolling into the 2006 season over the weekend.

The Cougars have added Jessica Brentana of Fort Zumwalt South High School in St. Charles, Mo., Kelley Humphrey from Edwardsville High School and Correen Roark out of Hazelwood

West High School in Hazelwood, Mo., to their 2006 team.

The Cougars finished this past season 17-6, setting a school record for the number of wins.

Brentana was second on her team with 15 goals and tied for the team lead with seven assists in 2005. She also made the All-Conference team twice during her high school career.

"She should add a lot of tenacity to our attack," SIUE

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facilities that provide a high-tech learning environment for SIUE student-athletes to help them succeed academically."

A graduate of Collinsville High School and a former wrestler at Illinois State University, Mestemacher said he has been involved in the SIUE wrestling program since it was nearly shut down three years ago.

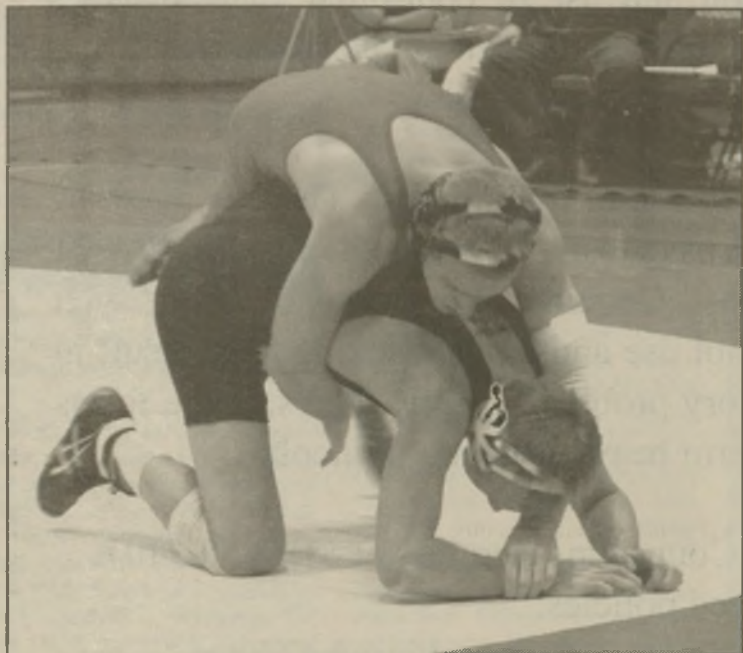
"That's still the beginning. We still have a lot of money to raise," he said. "It'll definitely help to bring recruits in. It'll be a benefit for not only the wrestling team, but the volleyball team as well."

Mestemacher is one of the founders of the SIUE Friends of

Wrestling and, in 2005, donated money for the Danny McGinnis Memorial Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to an SIUE wrestler each year.

For the last 14 years, Mestemacher has been active in the area as a coach for the Edwardsville wrestling club. During his stint, Mestemacher has guided the club to three state championships and 32 state place winners.

"I think it's a great opportunity to further SIUE's goals and what the university wants academically and for its student-athletes," Mestemacher said. "This partnership should help to further that plan."



KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE

SIUE junior John Ficht holds down an opponent during a recent match at the Cougars' current facility in the Vadalabene Center.

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year.

"We have a nice CBC pipeline, they're one of the best programs in the country," Huneke said. "Winning is habit-forming and winning gets championships."

All the CBC signees made the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro team.

Bielicki made the First Team with his team-leading 16 goals and 11 assists this past season.

Roy was also First Team as CBC's team Most Valuable Player his senior year, to go along with his eight goals and four assists. Lindsay was an honorable mention.

While at SLCC, Brazill was the team captain and made First Team All-Region and All-Conference. Attarian was All-Conference honorable mention.

"It's nice being able to out-recruit some Division I schools," Huneke said.

WOMEN'S SIGNINGS

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Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "She really commits herself to get into attack and score."

Humphrey had one goal and four assists last season as the team's defensive Most Valuable Player. She also was a member of the Belleville News-Democrat All-Area team.

Bowers said she planned to have Humphrey play behind more experienced seniors this season and learn the ropes before taking over the position in the future.

"I'm really happy to have her because she's a local girl,"

Bowers said. "She's got a more defensive mind."

Roark made the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro Second Team with 27 goals and 20 assists.

"She's going to come in and play a center-midfield position," Bowers said. "We lost two center-midfielders last season. She's got really good size ... she's very fast, and has a great attack mind. So she should help our attack."

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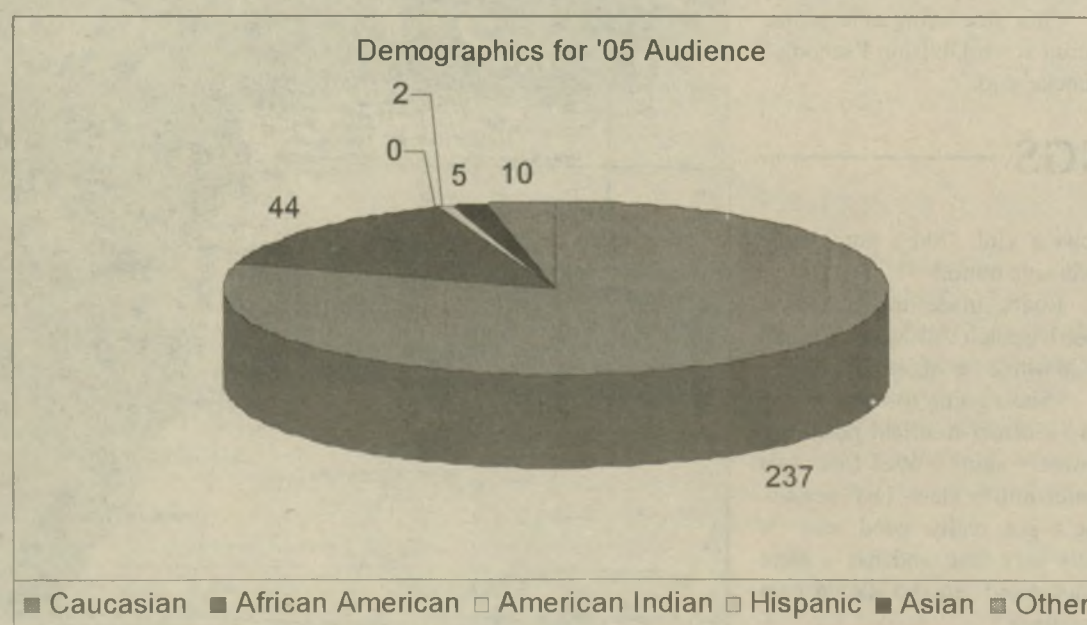
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Great resume builder and experience. Illinois Campaign for Responsible Sex Ed Lobby Day, Springfield, IL, February 28th. Talk with your senator about protecting the youth. Interested? E-mail Shannon at shhamme@siue.edu
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Secretary needed. Less than 20 hours per week. \$500/month. Call 692-1111.
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Busy Optometric Office in Edwardsville looking for part-time receptionist. Please send resume to: www.eigenbrodvision@cbnstl.com 3/2/06

Poll workers needed for upcoming SIUE Student Government elections. Applications accepted ONLY online at www.stuemp.siue.edu, job# 1193. Questions? Phone Bonnie at 3818.2/28/06

Pt. person needed for local house cleaning service, flexible hours to fit schedule. Need 3 hrs. time block, work days. Must have car and phone, \$6.75/hr. 618-656-0005.
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SIUE art student, female 21 with two cats looking for roommate. Own bedroom and full bathroom, cable and broadband, utilities included for \$250 a month, call 309-253-5699 for more details. 2/28/06

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4BR, 2BA house for rent, 5th Avenue, Edwardsville. All appliances incl., washer/dryer. \$895/month includes w/s/t and lawn care. No pets, no smoking. Available March 1, 656-4027.
3/2/06

FOR SALE

'04 Jeep Liberty, 4wd, loaded, warranty, asking \$17,500. 288-9007
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1995 Volvo 850 average condition, automatic, \$2,400 or best. 618-655-9925
2/21/06

Gas dryer, Kenmore. Like new, large capacity, \$199, obo. 618-581-3061
2/21/06

'92 Gran Prix, dk red, 4-- dr, 194,000-- good for around town. \$500. Call: 618-514-0589.
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Used books at bargain prices. Good Buy Bookshop, Lovejoy Library Room 0012, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Lovejoy Library.
4/27/06

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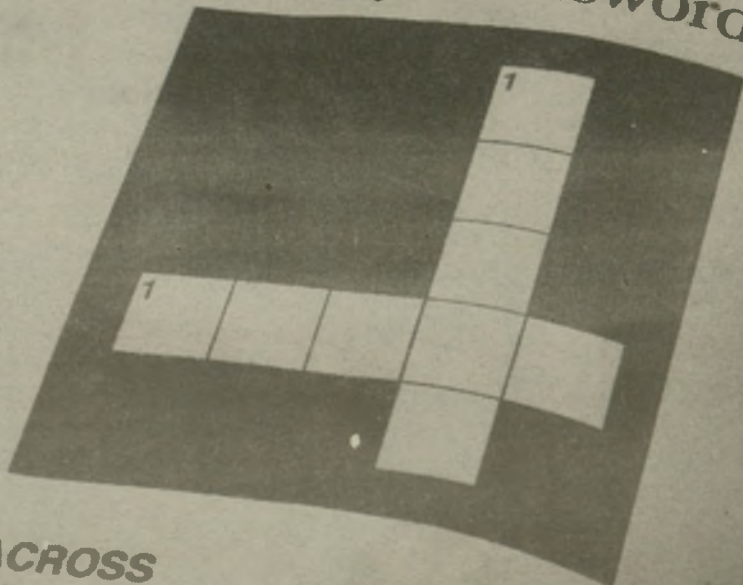
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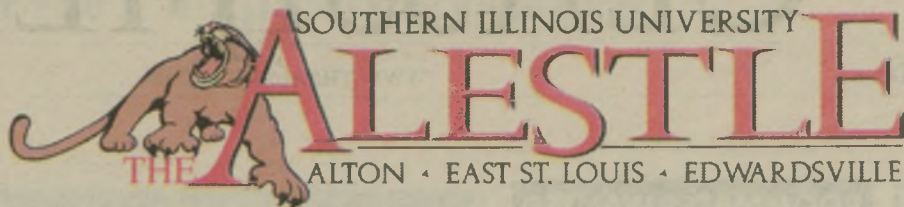
Physical activity is a great way for kids to build strength and stay healthy. Unfortunately, it can sometimes lead to injury. Broken bones require immediate attention, but what about sore shoulders or swollen knees? If not taken seriously, many youth injuries can become chronic later in life. So before your child gets hurt, visit aaos.org or nata.org. Practice prevention and give all injuries proper attention.

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