

Officials start fire outside Bluff Hall

MATTHEW SCHROYER
NEWS STRINGER

Roads were blocked off and smoke rose from the grounds at 9 a.m. Wednesday outside of Bluff Hall as a result of a prairie burn.

Students were in no immediate danger as the blaze was fully planned and controlled.

The workers ignited the blaze and extinguished it shortly thereafter, leaving the ground charred.

Grounds worker Kenny Porter said the controlled burn takes place every year before the prairie grass has a chance to revive from dormancy.

"This prairie burn will return a lot of nutrients into the soil," Porter said. "This is for wildlife purposes."

Apart from providing an immediately impressive

spectacle of fire and preserving the future of the prairie grass, the burn also provides an easy means of cutting grass.

The controlled burn, which is performed in three locations – Whiteside Road, Bluff Hall, and the Myer Arboretum – is conducted solely by SIUE grounds workers, although local authorities are notified in advance. City administrators were consulted before the project began.

"We have a permit that runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.," Porter said.

According to Porter, the prairie burn is always performed before the weather warms up.

"We want to do it before it gets warm," Porter said.

Temperatures were expected to approach record high of 75, according to the National Weather Service.

Chili with a side of conversation



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Textiles graduate student Kara Fedje, History graduate student Erin Siemer and Textiles graduate student Alicia Pigg relax on the lawn behind the Wagner Potters Association chili sale booth Wednesday on the Stratton Quadrangle.

Nursing prof gets research grant



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

School of Nursing professor Virginia Cruz works in her office. Cruz received a grant from Mallinckrodt, Inc. to research behaviors associated with Alzheimer's disease and how to manage them. Cruz is currently working with the patients involved.

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Four area nursing facilities are helping a School of Nursing professor study Alzheimer's disease.

Virginia Cruz received a \$3,845 grant from Mallinckrodt, Inc., to research how to manage behaviors associated with Alzheimer's disease among patients in four facilities. The four facilities participating are:

Canterbury Manor, Waterloo; St. Clare's Hospital, Alton; Delmar Gardens South, St. Louis; and Delmar Gardens at Meramec Valley, St. Louis.

Cruz said about four million Americans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Of that number, about 211,000 Illinois residents have the disease. Cruz said Alzheimer's disease is irreversible and damages the brain. Deterioration continues until death.

"Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative, irreversible neurologic disorder of the brain that results in progressive impairments in three key domains: cognitive, function, and behavior," Cruz said in an e-mail interview. "As the disease progresses, these domains are affected and deterioration continues over time until the individual's death."

Cruz added the rate of deterioration varies from person-to-person. She said many family members care for those individuals affected by Alzheimer's in the early stages, but decide to place them in a nursing home as they begin to require more "complete care."

Cruz said the goal and

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Women's History Month kicks off with speakers

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

Women's History Month is rolling along as March takes flight.

The English Language and Literature Association presented American Literature Specialist Linda Wagner-Martin Wednesday in a lecture titled "Staying Alive: Plath, Hornbacher, Hemingway, Eggers and Others."

SIUE Associate General Counsel Kim Kern and Educational Leadership professor Linda Morice will next host a panel about women's athletics.

The panel, "Women and Athletics: Historical Perspectives and Current Contexts," will discuss women's sports through history and contemporary issues in women's sports 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday in Science

Building Room 0209.

"Women's History Month will be addressing both history and contemporary issues related to women," professor Anne Valk said.

A reception takes place from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Art Gallery of the Morris University Center to introduce Women's History Month. The reception includes the opening of "Goddess: Cross-Cultural Images of Women Exhibit" at the Morris University Center's Art Gallery.

"(The gallery is about) how women have been represented in art and objects and ideals of women," Valk said.

Items for the art exhibit were borrowed from SIUE's University Museum. The reception is open to the public.

The Alestle will not publish next week due to spring break
We will resume publication Tuesday, March 14



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3/14/06

Module 8, 2:00 p.m.
Human Relations
Billie Turner, Community Liaison
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Module 18, 5:30 p.m.
Motivating Others
Pat Rzewnicki, The "Speech Teach"
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Module 9, 2:00 p.m.
Cross Cultural Awareness
Kate Howell, Volunteer Relations Specialist
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Module 19, 6:30 p.m.
Understanding the Organizational Climate
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April 22 – Share Food, Granite City, IL

For more information and the calendar,
contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the
website at www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP.

Several Alestle copies disappear

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Some people didn't get their copies of the Alestle Tuesday.

A thousand copies of the Alestle newspaper were reported missing from the Morris University Center loading dock at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"The internal delivery person left 10 bundles down there. When the external delivery person arrived, there were no copies to be delivered," SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said.

A review of the security tapes in the MUC revealed nothing.

"We went to administration in the UC to review the cameras

and it was not working at the time," Schmoll said.

The loading clerk reported seeing nothing unusual, Schmoll added.

Copies of the paper go for 25 cents, bringing the total retail value of the pilfered papers to \$250.

The police have no leads.

Six BRIDGE teams present proposals

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

General education may soon go one of three different ways.

The Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education held a meeting Feb. 22 to hear proposals from six of the 11 general education design teams.

"It was encouraging to see the amount of work that's been done." Historical studies professor and BRIDGE Chair Eric Ruckh said.

Two teams proposed modifications to the current general education distribution model.

The model requires students to take classes in different skill areas, such as arts and sciences.

"They want to simplify and refine that model," Ruckh said. "It's good we have people

thinking about reforming what we have. Who knows? That may be all we can do."

Three teams that would require students to go through a learning community proposed moderate reforms.

A learning community connects classes together, such as a speech course being linked to a political science course.

"Studies have shown that these help students learn better," Ruckh said. "It creates a sense of community, which is good. It's important for students to feel they have an intellectual and social community."

The last group was interested in organizing general education around a service-learning component.

"These are courses that put you out into the community," Ruckh said. "It was unclear how to do that, however."

According to Ruckh, the two

teams proposing modifications to the current distribution model received the most feedback from the audience.

"They were asked why they wanted to do what we are already doing," Ruckh said.

The three teams proposing the learning community were asked for more clarification on their model.

"They were asked questions about coordination, such as how many courses and how they plan to link them together," Ruckh said.

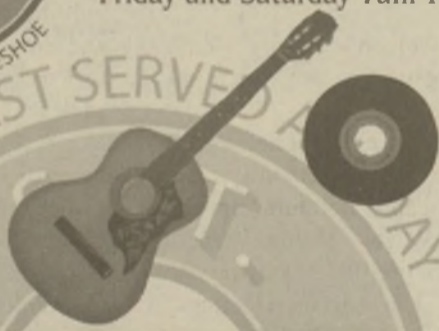
All of the design teams are required to turn in their proposals by Wednesday, March 15, so the BRIDGE committee can make sure the proposals meet the minimal requirements.

Soon after the committee reviews the proposals, they will be available online at siue.edu/UGOV/FACULTY/BRI DGE_CDP.htm.



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ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Chicago musician Dave Tamkin performs Tuesday in the Morris University's Goshen Lounge as part of the Livewire Series. Campus Activities Board sponsors the event.

Former prof dies at 77

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Ik-Ju Kang of Glen Carbon, a professor emeritus of physics, died Friday, Feb. 24, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He is survived by his wife, Hee Yong Kang. He was 77.

Kang came to SIUE in 1969 and became a full professor of science and technology in 1970. Kang had been a faculty member in the Department of Physics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale before coming to the Edwardsville campus. He retired from SIUE in 1998.

Kang, born in Korea, started his career as a meteorologist. He later earned three degrees from Yonsei University and a doctorate in physics from

Northwestern University.

Kang received numerous research grants during his time at SIUE. Even in retirement, Kang continued his research in calculating the direction of hurricanes. He patented his formula in 2004 and hoped to market it to meteorologists.

Kang was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1971 and also served as president of the Illinois Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He served as Physics Department chair from 1979 until 1982.

Memorials may be made to the Kavlico Endowment, which funds the Ik-Ju Kang Student Scholarship. Attn: Marilyn Marso, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1608.

Officials reviewing alerts

KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

Facilities Management is looking into new ways to keep students, faculty and staff better informed during a tornado warning.

According to Facilities Management Director Robert Washburn, the same long, irregular blasts are used to make the initial warning as well as give the all-clear.

"The university is looking at other alternatives to notify people when the tornado warning is reduced back to a tornado watch," Washburn said. "We're aware that the existing policy does not work well."

He said the problem with the policy is when people begin to calm down and the all-clear siren is sounded, some begin to take cover again because they think it is another warning.

In addition, he said the National Weather Service no longer gives an all-clear signal.

"They will simply let the warning expire and let it go back

to a watch," Washburn said.

The most recent case of a tornado warning occurred Feb. 16 when Madison County was issued a tornado warning and Edwardsville sirens sounded.

Washburn ordered sirens on campus as well.

The warning lasted about fifteen minutes, from 4:05 until 4:20 p.m. The all-clear signal was sounded and occupants were able to return to their rooms shortly after.

In the event of a tornado warning, it is university policy to follow certain procedures, according to Washburn.

The procedures include reporting to areas with "Storm Shelter" signs or to an inner hall of a lower floor of a building, seeking shelter under a sturdy table or desk while covering the face, assisting persons with disabilities and taking cover in the nearest ditch if no indoor shelter is available.

For more information on SIUE emergency procedures, visit siue.edu/SAFETY/

Institute closes lots over break

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

To make way for the Madison County Teachers Institute on Friday, March 10, lots B, E and F will be reserved for attendees.

"We will have our big portable signs saying, 'Madison County Teachers Institute parking,' and directing them to the lots," Assistant to the Director of Administrative Services Tony Langendorf said.

According to a press release

from Parking Services, traffic is expected to be heavy that morning since the event may bring as many as 4,000 people to the campus.

"There should be enough room to handle the people coming," Langendorf said.

March 10 is the Friday during SIUE's spring break.

The Teachers Institute will last from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will take place in the Morris University Center and the Vadalabene Center.

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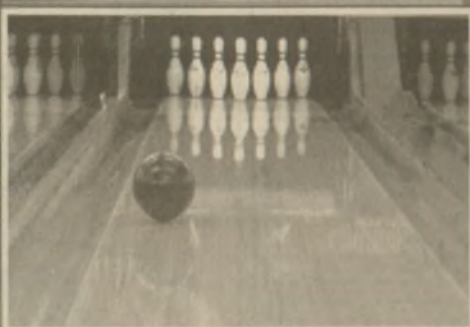


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CRUZ

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purpose of this study is to help improve the nursing staff's knowledge, to implement a training program and much more.

"The goal of the study was to assess over time the effectiveness of the Progressively Lowered Stress Threshold Model, a psycho-educational training program, to improve the nursing staff's knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and to manage behavior problems of the resident with AD on an Alzheimer's care unit in a long-term care facility," she said.

She added the primary goal is to have one-hour sessions of the educational training program in order to evaluate the staff's knowledge before the program, over time and in intervals after completing the program; to evaluate residents in intervals; and to compare the use of medication.

Causes for the disease are unknown, Cruz said, but some of the risk factors include heredity, Down syndrome and vascular pathology. Those who are 65 years old and over are at a 10 percent risk, while those who are 80 years old and over are at a 50 percent risk.

"There is no cure for the disease. There is new medication available in the early stages of the disease for symptom relief," she said. "Behavioral symptom management without medication is recommended because of the risk of worsening the dementia symptoms."

Cruz is currently collecting data for the three-month evaluation. The six-month evaluation will be in May. Her results will be submitted for publication and will be shared with Mallinckrodt, Inc.

Campus Scanner

Culture: Join Campus Activities Board as they present the Taste of Culture from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Students can learn about world cultures through dance, food, music and trivia. For more information, contact Alyssa Bodeux at abodeux@siue.edu.

Travel Study: Workshops for faculty-led travel study opportunities have been planned by the International Programs. A workshop is set for 3 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Kim Kim and Paul Pitts will be on hand to comment on any legal situations. This workshop will be good for faculty who are new to travel study and have not attended a workshop. For more information, contact Julie Beall-Marshall at 650-2419 or Ron Schaefer at 650-5264.

Coffee Hour: Get some advice from SIUE faculty members and the Career Development Center while taking a coffee break from classes. These sessions allow students to get a chance to know faculty members better and to ask various questions pertaining to the field of study. Kinesiology and health professor James LeCheminant will be the guest at the next Career Coffee Hour.

This event will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in the Cougar Village Commons Building. For more information, contact Kara Shustrin at ksnyder@siue.edu.

Food Chat: CAB brings "Ending the War in Iraq" as a part of its Food Chat series. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice professor John Farley will discuss the current state of the war, the possibility of a successful outcome and much more. The event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the MUC's Conference Room. For more information, contact Alyssa Bodeux at abodeux@siue.edu.

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.

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Spring break begins with a sigh of relief



My time is up. Spring break is here.

Not that I have anything to worry about. For the last four weeks, I have been slaving away at the gym every day for hours upon end. I've deprived myself of my favorite foods. Basically, I've

McDonald's won't make a difference anyway. I celebrated Super Bowl Sunday, Mardi Gras and every other conceivable excuse for a good time and with the best of them.

And so now, I am leaving Sunday in exactly the same physical and financial shape as I was four weeks ago. You know, tanned fat really does look better. But just to be safe, maybe I should impose a four-shot minimum on my hotel roommates before they can see me in a swimsuit. Booze equals beauty, right?

At any rate, I'm still pretty excited about my trip to South Padre Island, Texas. It is a vacation after all, and I am definitely ready for a week away from the grind. My concentration

"I haven't seen my friends in more than a month because I've been sitting at home every night in an attempt to save more money for break."

worked my butt off to get my body into itty-bitty bikini shape.

I've also become a social recluse. I haven't seen my friends in more than a month because I've been sitting at home every night in an attempt to save more money for break. They come see me once in a while, just to make sure I'm still alive. It's worth it though, because every dollar counts.

Just kidding.

Instead, I have told myself each week that I would begin my new diet and exercise regimen after the weekend. I justified my indulgences with the comforting thought that one more beer/cookie/late night trip to

level in class is directly proportional to the number of days left until we leave. The closer we get, the harder it is to focus. My mind wanders off and I find myself daydreaming about long days on the beach. I'm really ready to go.

On a more serious note, I'd like to wish everyone a great break. No matter what your plans, remember to be safe and have a good time. We want to see everyone here when we get back, rested and ready to finish up the year. Have a great time!

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Italian club offers students opportunities in food, sports

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE students have the opportunity to join a new club and learn about a foreign culture.

Il Risplendore, which means "the illuminated" in Italian, is the name of the new SIUE Italian Club.

"We want to go and be able to speak and have Italian conversations," SIUE junior club member Meredith Burkart said. "...Translate literature, things like that. (The club wants to) do all kinds of Italian-oriented things.

"We're also really into culture and understanding that kind of thing," she added. "So understanding the government of Italy and all kinds of things."

Burkart said in Italian 201, Intermediate Italian I, students began developing the club, which is a part of the SIUE Foreign Language Department, in the fall 2005 semester. The Student Senate approved the club's constitution Feb. 3.

"Really, we're trying right now to get the basics," Burkart said. "A Web site. Things up in the language lab. All that kind of stuff. But we're also...trying to find a place to hang out on campus, things like that just so we have an informal place to hang out."

The club has already generated a bit of interest in the Foreign Language Department during its short existence, according to Burkart.

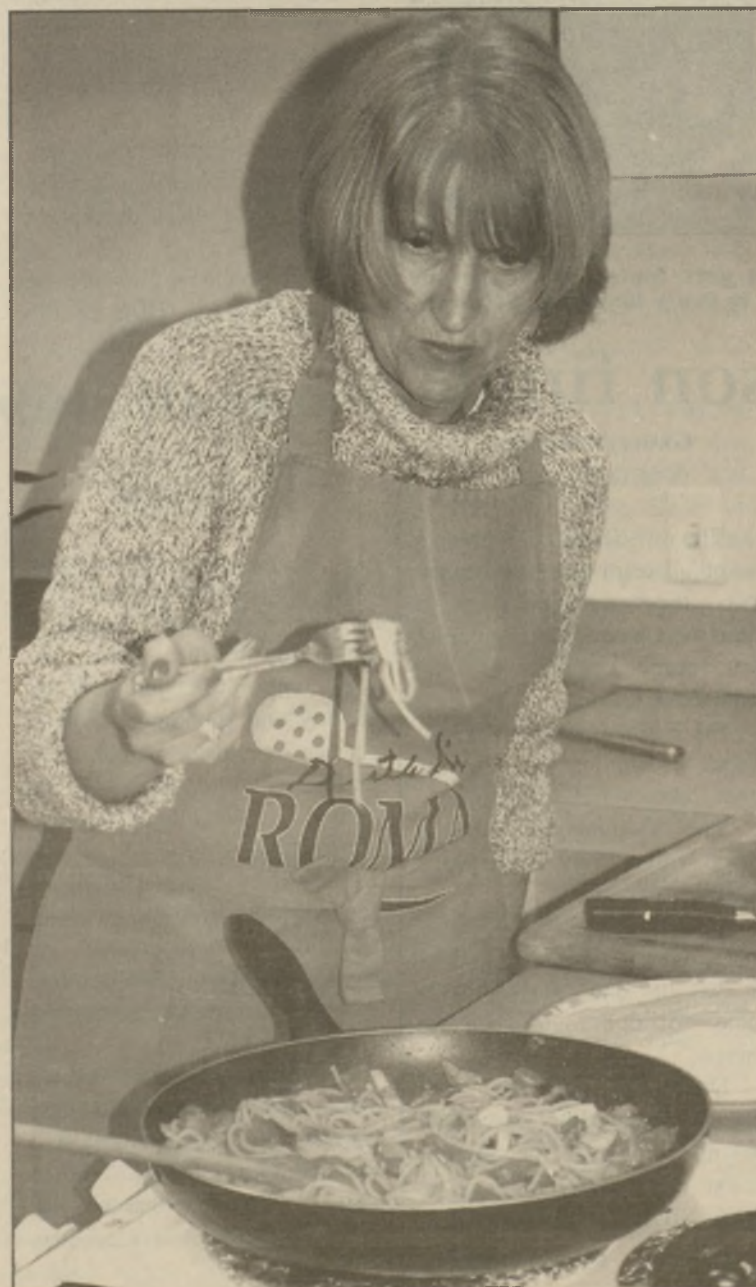
The St. Louis Italian Club sponsored a trip to The Hill - St. Louis' historic neighborhood, known for its Italian restaurants - for the SIUE, Washington University and St. Louis University Italian Clubs.

The three schools competed in bocce ball, ate Italian food and enjoyed the atmosphere on The Hill.

"Basically, bocce is the Italian sport," Burkart said. "They call baseball the American pastime. If you had to say any sport for Italy (in) that way, it would be bocce ball. And really, it's just natural that we would play bocce ball."

The club is scheduled to take a three-week study abroad trip across Italy in May.

"That's exciting for us," Burkart said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to play bocce ball while we're there."



Reporter Steve Britt checks out Laurie's Place in his weekly quest for a fun time on \$20

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

This week's destination for festivation was Laurie's Place on Main Street in downtown Edwardsville. It was recommended to me by several people through my e-mail, and several more by word-of-mouth. Remember, you too can suggest a place to be reviewed by e-mailing me at steverreviews@yahoo.com.

Laurie's Place is a quaint, albeit noisy establishment with painted-on-brick walls and uncomfortable chairs. The drink specials vary according to the day, and Monday it was well drinks for \$1.25. I stuck with bottled beer, as a rail whiskey tends to have



food quality or value. If it's a basic bar and grill you're looking for, in terms of a meal, I'd stick with Shenanigans or Applebee's. The atmosphere was a basic bar scene with blinking lights, alcohol advertisements and far-too-loud music. I didn't see too many college students in

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counter-productive effects on me.

My date ordered chicken strips, and I a cheeseburger. Two beers later, the food was out, and piping hot. So hot in fact, that the chicken strips were beyond crispy.

"They're burnt, but at least they're hot," she said.

My burger finished, the fries cold, and my second, nearly empty beer crying out for a backup bottle, I was ready to split. Twenty minutes later, I had the check and after another 10 I had my credit card back.

Laurie's gets a thumbs down for service and no thumbs for

Laurie's, mostly middle-aged couples or groups sharing pitchers of beer.

In defense of the bar, I will say that the place was exceptionally busy. There were only a couple empty tables available throughout the night and patrons seemed to be having a great time. So great a time in fact, that one woman decided to show a large crowd of revelers her new tattoo. By the time she had removed her bloody gauze and displayed her new "artwork," I wasn't hungry any more.

All in all, the night was well spent. I walked away with two bucks and a satiated stomach. In defense of the food, my dog loved the leftovers.

KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE

Top: Larry Carli of Edwardsville whips up a tronchetto di natale, chocolate Christmas log.

Bottom: Vicki Primrose of Edwardsville tries her dish spaghetti con salsa al pesce spada, spaghetti in swordfish sauce, during her cooking class Tuesday evening at Edwardsville High School.

Sports Quote of the Day

"The fewer rules a coach has, the fewer rules there are for players to break."

~John Madden



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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

Cougars fall from grace SIUE drops two and falls to third in GLVC

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's basketball team has not been yielding the kind of performances that a championship team needs before post-season play begins. The Cougars have not been able to bounce back since Quincy University broke their hearts on Valentine's Day. Although they fought their way to a nail-biting victory over the University of Southern Indiana last Saturday, the Cougars bowed down to both Rockhurst and Drury this past week.

The Cougars hope to have gotten the disappointing shooting percentages and bad luck out of their systems by tomorrow, when they take on Northern Kentucky in the first game of the GLVC Tournament.

The team headed into the last weekend of regular season play with a one-game advantage over Drury, which was riding a 10-game winning streak. While the Cougars expected the Panthers to bring the heat, Rockhurst blindsided them.

The win over the Cougars improved Rockhurst's record to



MATTHEW BRUCE/ALESTLE

SIUE sophomore guard J.B. Jones gets fouled at the basket during SIUE's nail-biting home loss to Drury University Saturday.

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Women routed in season finale

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's basketball team ended its season over the weekend on a bittersweet note, dropping one of two home games at the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE finished with a 13-14 overall record and 7-12 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars ended the season with a 75-49 loss to No. 3 Drury University.

"Disappointing," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said of the way her team played in the finale. "We didn't end where we wanted."

Drury came into town with only one loss on the season and looking to finish the regular season with a perfect mark in the GLVC. SIUE was all that stood in

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KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

SIUE freshman forward Deidra Dace tries to dribble past a defender during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center.

Men and women track teams sweep conference tourney

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cougars were a red blur as they ran their conference competitors silly over the weekend in Crawfordsville, Ind.

The No. 4 SIUE men and the No. 10 women's track and field teams marched into Wabash College's Knowling Fieldhouse Sunday and both breezed to first place finishes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

It was SIUE's second GLVC crown in three seasons for the men. The Cougars raked up 199.5 points, while their closest competitor, the University of Missouri-Rolla, finished in second place with just 166.

SIUE did not stop at the conference title, however. The Cougars put the finishing touches on their indoor season with a near clean sweep of the awards. SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas was named the GLVC Coach of the Year, while newcomer Chris Littleton earned Freshman of the Year.

Littleton finished the day with a second-place finish in the 55-meter dash and a third-place run in the 200.

SIUE sophomore Kyle Rose led the way for SIUE in the

sprints. Rose finished second in the 200 with a time of 22.20 seconds, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA national tournament. He garnered gold in the 400, zipping to the finish line in 49.70 seconds.

SIUE junior Jonathan Bannister came in soon after Rose in the 400, finishing third with a time of 50.03 seconds. Bannister also helped his team in the 400-meter hurdle run with a fourth-place finish.

Sophomore Erik Steffens paced the Cougars in the distance events, finishing with gold and silver medals. Steffens ran the 3,000 in 8 minutes, 48.44 seconds to finish second. In the 5,000, he took first with a mark of 15:32.65.

SIUE senior Ben Willard earned first place in the shot put with a throw of 51 feet, five inches. He followed that performance up by taking second in the weight throw with a toss of 55-9.25.

SIUE junior Anthony Weber broke the Knowling Fieldhouse-record, finishing the pole-vault in first place with a mark of 16-0.50 feet.

The Cougars finished off the day taking first in the 4 x 400-meter relay with a time of

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Football club finds coach

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The search is over for the SIUE club football team. The captains of the club's inaugural season reached a decision last week, appointing junior Zane Whitley and sophomore Robbie Harling as head coach and defensive coordinator for the team's second season, respectively.

Senior Jon Shumaker stepped down from the coaching position to concentrate on playing the game. Whitley and Harling are now taking over the reins.

"I could not be more excited. When the captains said they wanted me to be head coach, I was just blown away," Whitley said. "It showed me that the guys have confidence in me, even

though I could not play last year. They trust me. It's nice that the team wants me involved, even though I am unable to play."

Harling will help relieve some coaching duties and help with administration.

Forced off the playing field after suffering eight concussions within the last three years, Harling, the former defensive back, wanted to stay involved in the football program.

"I think that Zane and Robbie are going to fit well into the coaching staff. Both guys bring a lot of experience to the table," Shumaker said. "They will provide two pairs of eyes on the sidelines to help us make adjustments on the fly."

Many challenges await the new coaches as they begin to

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Cougars defend championship for third year



COURTESY OF MID-AMERICA COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
The SIUE hockey club poses on the ice after winning its fourth consecutive Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association Gold Division Championship. The Cougars beat Lindenwood University 8-2 Sunday at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville.

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On the women's side, freshman Deserea Brown led the charge for the Cougars. Brown, who was named Freshman of the Year, finished first in the 400-meter dash, shattering the Fieldhouse record with a time of 56.56. She came in second in the triple jump, and rounded out her day finishing third in the 200-meter hurdles.

"We knew that Deserea was a special athlete when we recruited her," SIUE Women's Head Coach Ben Beyers said. "I had an idea of what kind of athlete she is, but I didn't know how good of a person she was."

Beyers earned Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season. It was SIUE's third consecutive GLVC crown.

"Coach of the Year is one of those things where the winning coach gets it," Beyers said. "I don't coach to get Coach of the Year awards. But if I'm getting them, that means we're winning."

SIUE junior Tairisha Sawyer took home two first-place finishes on the day. She broke the tape in the 55-meter dash with a mark of 7.22 to provisionally qualify for the NCAA meet. Then Sawyer provisionally qualified in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.23.

"What can you say about Tai," Beyers said. "It's the second year in a row that she's gone to the indoor championships and won four events."

In the 400-meter dash, six of the top seven finishers were from SIUE. It was the first time in GLVC history that one school scored on six performers in one event.

"We've kind of come to be known as a 400 school," Beyers said.

SIUE sophomore Christine Butler had a big day. She set a new GLVC record in the triple jump, finishing in first place with a mark of 39-0.50. Butler also finished first in the long jump, soaring 18-8.50 feet.

"I honestly believe this is the best meet she's ever had," Beyers said. "She's really truly made some big improvements."

SIUE junior Valerie Simmons ran to a first-place finish as she provisionally qualified in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.36. She also had success in the 200-meter hurdles, finishing second at the 28.27-mark.

SIUE took home gold in both the 200 and 400-meter four-man relay races. The Cougars finished the 4x200 in 1:41.18, while crossing the line in the 4x400 at the 3:58.30-mark.

SIUE has time off before its next meet. The Cougars are back in action Friday, March 10, in Boston for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

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the way.

The Panthers were also riding a 17-game win streak.

Both teams started out the game cold. The Cougars made one of their first seven shots while Drury made three out of nine.

Drury would make five of their next seven and jump out to a five-point lead.

Once DU got hot, there was no stopping the team. The Panthers finished the first half shooting 47 percent from the field. The Cougars went into the half down 36-26.

The key to the half was turnovers. The Cougars had 10 of them and Drury capitalized with 12 points.

The second half didn't start well for SIUE, making only two shots in the first five minutes of play. The Cougars found

themselves down by 17 points. It was all the breathing room the Panthers would need.

The Cougars shot only 30 percent from the floor and made only three of 16 shots from beyond the arc.

SIUE had only 10 points of turnovers, while Drury scored 22 off the Cougars' miscues.

Freshman forward Deidra Dace had a strong ending to her year. She led SIUE in points with 11 and was tied for the lead in boards with five.

"I'd like to see her improve her outside game," Hedberg said. "She's a great rebounder and has a quick first step. As a freshman she did an outstanding job."

SIUE sophomore guard Amy Austin was right behind her with 10 points.

The Cougars kicked off the weekend adding a win against

Rockhurst University. The Hawks came into the game searching for a win, as they were on a 15-game losing streak.

SIUE added one more to Rockhurst's list of defeats, downing the Hawks 75-63.

The Cougars started the game with an 11-0 run in the first 5 minutes, 29 seconds of the game and never lost the lead.

During that run, the Cougars were five for seven and caused three turnovers. Later in the half, the Cougars went on an 8-2 run and had a 25-10 lead with 4:41 left. SIUE ended the half up 32-19.

The second half was all offense. Both teams came alive and fired back and forth with Rockhurst outscoring SIUE 44-43. The Cougars' halftime lead was too much for the Hawks to come back from, however.

not be returning.

The coaches are hoping for up to 20 new recruits.

"If you come in, pay your dues, and show you have got heart, you are on the team. It is a club sport, so everybody will see playing time," Whitley said. "How much playing time will vary according to skill level and drive."

This season's focus will be on gaining experience and learning discipline.

Next up on the agenda is a team-sponsored community

Senior center Alisa Carrillo had a double-double and lead the Cougars with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman guard Allison Fogle also added 14 points.

Dace was close to a double-double with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Saturday marked the end of the line for three SIUE seniors.

Carrillo finished the season first in the GLVC in field goal percentage with 59 percent. It was the highest percentage at SIUE since the 1996-1997 season.

Guard Amber Wisdom finished her career ninth on the all-time list with 271 assists. Center Tanya Guell finished 11th all-time with 28 career blocks.

"They were all big parts of program," Hedberg said. "Obviously we will miss them and wish them the best."

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prepare for the fall's season. Currently, the team is awaiting approval to join a semi-professional league, which includes some of last season's opponents.

Admittance to the league would pit SIUE in an eight-week regular season, two play-off games, a divisional playoff and a championship game. The first game would take place on Saturday Aug. 26, which is the first Saturday of the 2006-07 SIUE academic year. The Cougars would also host home

games at SIUE.

Currently, the team possesses bleachers and goal posts. The team is looking for local sponsorship to help fund a scoreboard.

"It is really important to us not to let the football program fall through. We need to keep up the enthusiasm and support in our second year," Whitley said.

The coaches will be hosting an informational meeting for prospective players on Wednesday March 15. Only five members of the 2005 team will

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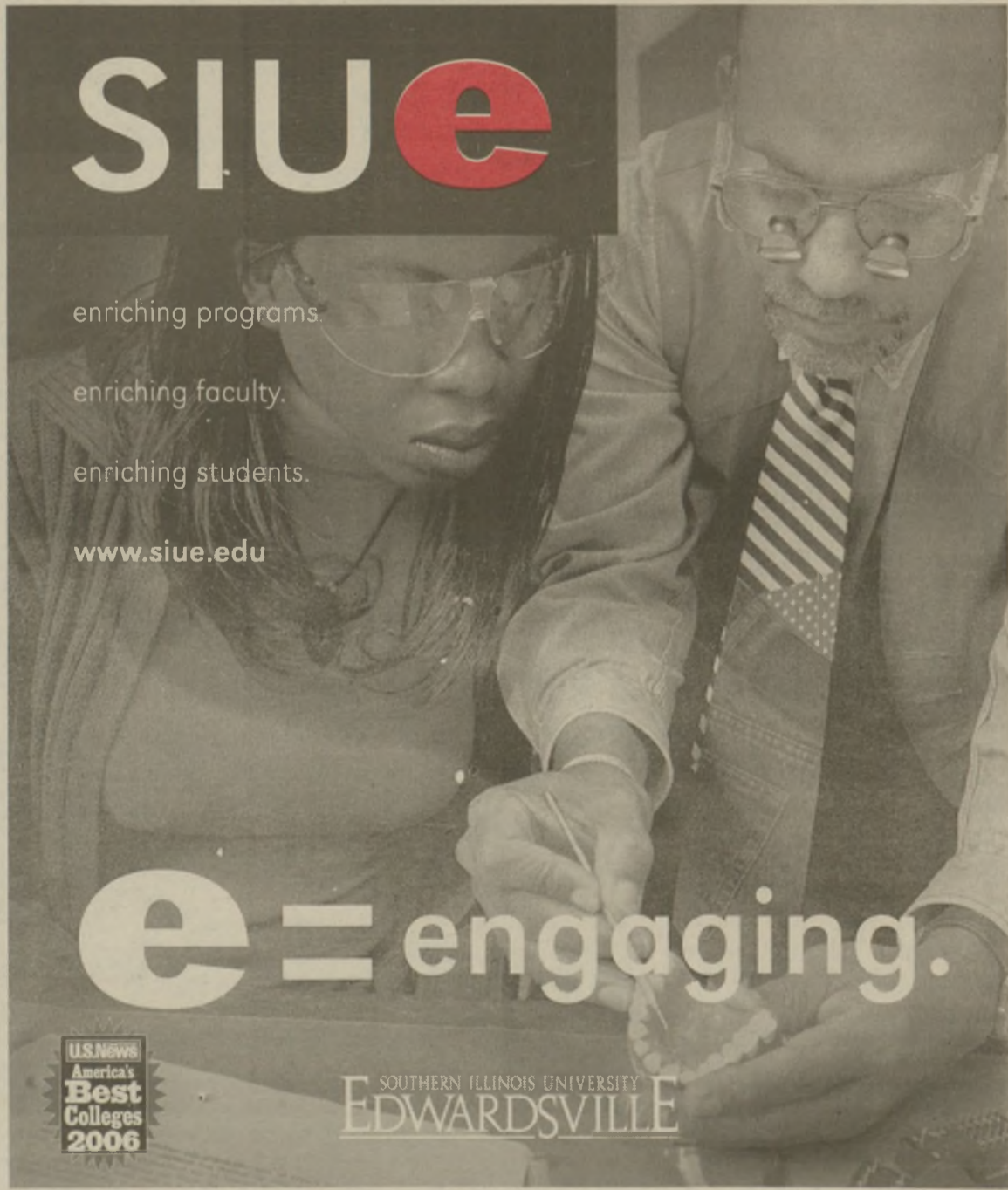
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12-14 overall and 8-10 in the GLVC, which should not have held a candle to the 21-4 and 14-3 record that SIUE held before the loss.

The Hawks took advantage of the Cougars' 34 percent shooting from the field, hitting SIUE with its biggest loss of the season. Rockhurst walked away from the Vadalabene Center with a 71-49 victory.

SIUE only made three out of its nine free-throw attempts in the first twenty minutes. Rockhurst grabbed the lead with five minutes left in the first half and never let go. Rockhurst also scored 18 points off of turnovers. Sophomore guard Anthony Jones's 11 points made him the only SIUE player to score in double-digits. The Hawks had five players with over ten points, led by Kevin Martin with 17.

The Drury Panthers fought off the Cougars 58-56 at the Vadalabene Center on Saturday, ripping the Conference crown from the Cougar's hands in an all-out cat fight. SIUE came out more focused than it did against Rockhurst, gaining an early eight-point lead. That lead disintegrated at the buzzer, and the Cougars retreated to the locker room, down by two points.

SIUE shot just 37 percent for the game, compared to Drury's 50 percent, but showed heart by fighting its way to a 56-55 lead. The Cougars were down as many as 10 points in the second half, but a steal and layup-combo by senior Justin Ward with 4 minutes, 28 seconds left to play put them back on top. SIUE was unable to seal the deal, however, missing four shots and two free throws in the final four minutes. Drury netted a pair of free throws with a little over two minutes left to go to gain the lead.

Members of the crowd held their breath during the final seconds. SIUE sophomore guard J.B. Jones rebounded his own missed shot, passing to Ward with twelve seconds left. Ward attempted a three-pointer at the buzzer, which was blocked by Drury's Lorenzo Lasley. Senior guard Ryan Belcher led the Cougars in scoring with 12 points.

After all regular season play was completed, Quincy, Drury, SIUE, and Southern Indiana all finished with a 14-5 GLVC record. By the tiebreaker system, Quincy was crowned first, followed by Drury. The Cougars are now seeded third in the West Division.

SIUE returns to action as it takes on Northern Kentucky University, 17-10 overall, at noon on Friday at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind., to kick off post-season play.

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