

Men's basketball advances to Elite 8

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 SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's basketball team made history Tuesday in a spectacular overtime showdown against the No. 17 University of Southern Indiana.

"It feels great," SIUE Head Coach Marty Simmons said. "I'm happy and excited. Our guys have worked hard all year and they deserve it."

SIUE advanced to the Elite 8 for the first time in school history with a 64-60 win against the Screaming Eagles in the Great Lakes Regional championship of the NCAA Division II Tournament in Renselaer, Ind.

"They've been a team with high character all year," Simmons said of his team afterwards. "It makes you really respect their character even more. It took a lot. It just showed their



Fans fill the bus Tuesday to cheer on the Cougars in the Sweet 16 against the Screaming Eagles at Renselaer, Ind. SIUE defeated the the University of Southern Indiana 64-60 in overtime, earning the team a spot in the Elite 8.

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heart and how much they wanted it."

The seventh-seeded Cougars dominated the first half, carrying a 26-11 lead into halftime. SIUE's defense suffocated the Screaming Eagles offense, holding them to just 16 percent shooting and allowing only four field goals in the half.

Second-seeded USI, who came into the contest 27-7, didn't waste time in the second half. They outscored the Cougars 35-20 and took the lead by seven with 3 minutes, 52 seconds left in regulation.

"I knew they wouldn't quit," Simmons said of the Screaming Eagles. "A team with that much prestige and history, we knew they were going to make a run."

The Cougars answered with an 8-1 run to close regulation. Senior forward Justin Ward hit a 3-pointer, tying the game 46-46 with 1:22 left. SIUE

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Board wants your voice on tuition hike proposal

ZACH GROVES
 NEWS EDITOR

The Southern Illinois Board of Trustees is at a crossroads on Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's proposed tuition and fee increases and wants to hear from students.

At its meeting in Carbondale, the board reviewed both SIUE and Southern Illinois University Carbondale's tuition and fee hikes.

However, according to Trustee Keith Sanders, the board wants to weigh the benefits of increases while considering their effect on current and incoming students.

"Nothing has been approved or will be until the next meeting of the board" in May, Sanders said after last week's meeting in Carbondale.

Vandegrift has proposed a 9.4 percent tuition increase and a 37 percent increase in fees for the 2006-07 academic year. The tuition increase would mostly affect incoming freshmen. The fee hike would apply to all students. Those hikes are for new on-campus wireless technology at \$6 per credit hour each semester and \$2.50 per credit hour up to 12 hours a semester for building the Student

Academic Success Center.

According to Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy, fee hikes are also under consideration for University Housing costs, activities, textbook rental, the Morris University Center and the Student Fitness Center.

Sanders said the board wants the campuses to benefit from the increases, but does not want to scare away current and incoming students.

"The dilemma the board is in is that on the one hand the increases are large," Sanders said, "on the other hand, if we don't pass them, the academic quality may be damaged."

Sanders noted that "students represent the immediate source of revenue for the university," but added that the state and federal governments are not pitching in as much these days.

"At the state level, there is enormous competition (for) increases in state funding," Sanders said. "The state has a deficit. Funding for higher education competes with funding for pensions and Medicare. In the last five or six years, higher education has not received very much in increases from the state government."

Sanders said the federal

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Cougar coming home next year

SCHALENE HOUSTON
 NEWS STRINGER

The School Spirit and Pride Committee and Student Government finally accomplished their goal to "Bring the Cougar Home."

Student Body Vice President and committee chairman Nikki Grashoff said they expect to receive the statue in 2007, hopefully during homecoming events.

"We're looking to have it in for the (school's) 50th anniversary ... in the spring or fall of '07," she said. "They're going to try to tie it in with one of the events."

Grashoff added that the cougar will be located in front of the Morris University Center.

Student Body President Cindy Holesko said the committee earned close to \$10,000, including \$400 from an auction.

"We had a Student Government auction ... we auctioned off our members for service," Holesko said.

The remaining money needed for the Cougar was provided through two grants.

Grashoff said the committee decided to have sculptor Dawn Weimer design the statue

because of the reasonable pricing. She said the committee wanted to have a student contest for the design, but the price for molding was unreasonable.



"Our first idea was to have a contest for students to design our cougar, but the cost to do so was far out of reach. To create the mold would've been high-priced," Grashoff said. "We wanted to make sure we chose a feasible price. It was a unanimous consent and it's what they (committee members) envisioned

a mascot to look like."

She added the committee was able to get a price break on the statute because this is a university project. Grashoff said the sculpture originally was \$65,000, but the committee was able to receive a 40 percent discount to bring the price down to around \$39,000.

Although the statute is ordered, Grashoff said the committee is still trying to raise money for the base and to cover other "odds and ends that come along."

Holesko said the base would cost around another \$20,000.

Grashoff added that they have received great feedback and support from students and student organizations. She said many students have helped in raising funds for the statue.

"Many organizations have purchased bricks for the base," Grashoff said. "We sold a lot of wristbands at the beginning of the school year."

This project has been in the works since the spring of 2005, but the initial discussions began in 2004.

"The first discussion was in

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Poshard announces education grant

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

A new education grant awarded to Southern Illinois University will aim at increasing achievement for students in southern Illinois.

SIU was recently awarded \$1.9 million from the Illinois Board of Education to help schools with their curriculum throughout 41 counties in southern Illinois. SIU President Glenn Poshard announced the grant in a press conference Tuesday at the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room.

Funds were received from the Office of Special Education Programs in the U.S. Department of Education.

"We will see how kids are doing in core areas, so if students aren't learning as they should

then we can change the curriculum," Special Education and Communication Disorders professor Melissa Bergstrom said.

Students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 will be the focus of the project. Students with at-risk behaviors and disabilities will be taken into special consideration.

"This is a project of which I am most proud," Poshard said. "This allows us to outreach our service throughout southern Illinois."

Poshard said reading and math are areas that are particularly important and this project will serve as prevention work to catch learning problems early.

"This will serve as early intervention," State Superintendent of Education

Randy Dunn said. "We're not waiting for the problem to occur."

The grant calls for the creation of the Southern Illinois Regional Professional Development Center, which will likely be located in SIUE's School of Education.

"The center will support schools in designing a system that provides a true continuum of services between general education and special education," Bergstrom said in a press release.

Design of the project was a collaborative effort among faculty and administrators at SIUE, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, regional offices of education, special education cooperatives, school districts and parent organizations.

\$3 million may go to ethanol plant



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

The National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center will receive \$3 million in funding from the state if the Illinois House of Representatives passes Senate Bill 2236. The bill also provides \$1 million annually for ethanol research development.

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

A proposed bill could mean more money and more research for the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center at SIUE.

The bill, which passed through Illinois Senate 52-3 in February, would provide updates and research money for the center.

"It's still a pending bill," National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center Director Martha Schlicher said. "Its primary purpose is to promote the use of ethanol in the state."

The bill, known as Senate Bill 2236, would provide \$3

million for modifications and upgrades as well as \$1 million annually for ethanol research development for the center.

"That would take some of the burden off (SIUE)," Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard said.

Poshard said the bill would also generate millions more dollars in research for the center.

He has been a strong advocate of the bill, testifying three times to the Senate in its favor.

Poshard believes that expanding the development of ethanol would be beneficial for the U.S.

"It would create less

dependence on foreign oil, it would create a huge domestic market for our corn growers in this country and it's a clean burning fuel so it has positive environmental issues," Poshard said.

Schlicher agrees with Poshard, saying that it would be good for the U.S. economy not to be dependent on foreign oil.

"We use more than we produce," Schlicher said. "Dollars spent on renewable fuels stay in this country. The great thing about renewable fuel is that it's renewable. It can be produced every year in this country."

The bill also proposes that fuel in Illinois become 10 percent ethanol by 2008 and 15 percent by 2012. Most gas stations in the state already sell gasoline that contains some ethanol.

The next step is for the bill to pass through the Illinois House of Representatives. Poshard said he will advocate the bill to the House as he did with the Senate.

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Free food in Center Court

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

SIUE Dining Services is inviting students to sample food items in the Food Vendors Showcase from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday in the Morris University Center's Center Court.

The showcase will feature food items from 14 brokers representing 24 food manufacturers.

Lecture to feature vaccine stories

ZACH GROVES
NEWS EDITOR

The Chemistry Department and the Chemistry Club are giving the 30th Annual William J. Probst Memorial Lecture an international feeling – at least a half-feeling.

University of Montreal Chemistry Department professor Rene Roy headlines the memorial with “Carbohydrates and Biological Recognition: Impact on Development of Vaccines” at 7 p.m. Monday in the Morris University Center’s Meridian Ballroom.

Chemistry professor Eric Voss said the lecture will highlight the importance of vaccinations.

“It’s a development for

applications to vaccines, so it will have a general appeal,” Voss said.

Roy helped create the world’s first low-cost synthetic Haemophilus Influenzae Type B vaccine, also known as HIB. The vaccine battles against the bacteria that causes meningitis and pneumonia in children.

Chemistry professor and memorial coordinator Christina De Meo said study of synthetic antigens professor Vicente Verez-Bencomo of Havana, Roy’s partner in the vaccine’s creation, could not make it because of visa problems.

“I invited him to the lecture because he is a great scientist,” De Meo said. “In November 2005, he was supposed to go to California to receive an award

(for his team’s technological achievements). His visa was denied for the award.”

According to a November article on MSNBC.com, Verez-Bencomo claimed the State Department denied him a visa because it was “detrimental to the interests of the United States.”

The memorial will include two other events preceding the lecture. First is an informative session called “Use of a Synthetic Oligosaccharide for the Development of a Conjugate Vaccine Against Haemophilus Influenzae Type B.” The event takes place at 2 p.m. in the Science Building Room 1105.

In addition, there will be a student research symposium

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SIUE staffer picks up national honors

KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

Director of Instructional Services Karen Patty-Graham recently received two national awards for her services to the university at the 30th annual conference of the National Association for Developmental Education in Philadelphia.

According to a press release, Patty-Graham received the Henry Young Award for outstanding individual contribution to NADE, which recognizes long-term contribution of time and energy to the association. She has been involved with programs at state, regional and national levels and has also been NADE’s conference coordinator, vice president, certification council member and director for the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education.

Patty-Graham was also

named as a Fellow of the American Council of Developmental Education Associations. Selection is based on leadership, scholarship or service to the field of developmental education and learning assistance programs.

“I think that it’s very nice to be recognized by one’s peers, one’s professional colleagues ... and represent SIUE in the way that I do,” Patty-Graham said.

Patty-Graham has been at SIUE for almost 30 years and said through the years, Instructional Services has become more mainstream and more comprehensive in the sorts of academic support they offer.

“We’ve had an increase in the number of students who use the services, particularly the Writing Center,” Patty-Graham said. “We’ve also seen a decline in academic development courses.”

Additionally, Instructional Services has received various awards from the Midwest Regional Association for Developmental Education.

“I think what’s happened is we’re not really educators working toward one goal, but we function as a school family,” writing professor Julie Full-Lopez said.

She added that Patty-Graham is not like the typical boss.

“She allows us freedom to explore in our academic fields and bring the best to our students and she exemplifies it,” Full-Lopez said. “She models what we can all aspire to be as educators.”

Coordinator of Supplemental Instructional Program Martha Leese also praised Patty-Graham’s dedication to the program.

“She is the driving force and

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Campus Scanner

Dance: Come watch an Indian classical dance performance from the Asha Prem Group. The Indian Student Association sponsored event is free and will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center’s Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact Mandar Paradkar at mparadk@siue.edu.

Women’s History Month Lecture: Join in on this educational lecture about women moving from welfare to work. The lecture will be presented by Lisa Welch from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center’s University Club. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact the Women’s Studies Office at 650-5060, larsey@siue.edu or visit siue.edu/WS/historymonth/default.htm.

Antique Show: The Friends of

Lovejoy Library will have the 36th Annual SIUE Antique Show and Sale. Over 65 quality dealers will participate. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Vadalabene Center Gymnasium. Admission is \$6 per person and covers both days; children under 13 are free. For more information, contact David Cassens at 650-2730.

Nutrition: Check out Cougar Kids Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Morris University Center’s Goshen Lounge. This event will teach children the importance of fruit, vegetables, physical activity, the food pyramid and much more. The event is being presented by the Edwardsville Children’s Museum. Admission is \$2 for a SIUE Student Family Pack and \$5 for a SIUE Employee Family Pack. For more information,

contact Lise Suliman at lsuliman@siue.edu.

Trivia: Show your knowledge at the SIUE Marketing Association Trivia Night and Silent Auction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, at the Edwardsville VFW Post 1229. The cost for a full table of eight players is \$100, individual cost is \$15. For more information, visit siue.edu/~ehersh/AMA/trivia.html or call 650-2750.

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government went from giving grants to students for financial aid to subsidized aid to attend college. He added that competition is also increasing at the federal level.

"There is enormous competition for federal dollars, including the war in Iraq," Sanders said.

Sanders said he likes the idea of improving SIUE's wireless technology and building the Student Academic Success Center, but added the board wants to be sure the campuses serve as many students as possible.

"Regardless of what we do in May, we have to cushion the blow of tuition and fee increases to middle- or lower-income families," Sanders said. "I propose that 25 percent of all new dollars raised should be used ... for financial aid for students. Other opportunities for students to work on campus is one way; (to) access all financial aid that is available is another way."

Sanders said Board Chairman Roger Tedrick wanted to give SIUE students an opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposals at the board's next meeting on campus. He

added that the Thursday, May 11, meeting has been set for 9 a.m. for the committees to meet. The board will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Meridian Ballroom so students can comment.

"(The board is) very open to the students," Sanders said. "We understand that students have a legitimate point of view of cost versus quality."

There are also mixed feelings among Edwardsville students.

Mechanical engineering sophomore Ankur Patel said the approved fees would help the campus significantly, especially the Student Academic Success Center.

"I will support the SASC because it is something the campus needs and the students want," Patel said.

However, undeclared sophomore Blake Austiff feel the fees are unnecessary.

He said the success center is supposed to have a 24-hour computer lab but that is unnecessary "because (the university has) computer labs in the residence halls. No person should have to stay up that late to work," he said.

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spring 2004, but we really didn't begin until recently," Grashoff said.

Grashoff said the purchasing of this statue is a way to honor Kyna and Chimega. The two live cougars who stayed on campus between 1968 and 1987.

She also added the statue

would be a great way to show school pride and a place for everyone to remember their years at SIUE.

"It would be the prime location to have pep rallies, it's a good photo opportunity and it is a good way to bring good school spirit to campus," she said.

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from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the MUC's Meridian Ballroom.

"It is a chance for people to walk around and interact with each other and share science in a more formal (way)," Voss said.

Voss said all the lectures are free and open to the public, but the informative session on the vaccine's development against HIB is aimed mostly toward chemistry and engineering majors.

According to a March 2005 article in the university's online magazine, the O, the Probst

Lecture was created in honor of the late chemistry professor William Probst. Probst taught organic chemistry at the university for nearly 20 years before he died in 1975.

Voss said that several other organizations are sponsoring the sessions, including the Sigma-Aldrich Corp., the College of Arts and Sciences, Pearson Prentice Hall, the School of Graduate Studies and Research and the Office of the Provost.

For more information, contact the Chemistry Department at 650-2042.

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a bundle of energy," Leese said.

Patty-Graham said the thing she enjoys most about her job is the growth of the people around her.

"I enjoy watching and

facilitating growth in students and in the people with whom I work," she said. "I think a leader leads by example, encouragement and facilitating opportunities for other people to be successful."

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Change needed to protect youth from violence

For some, spring break served as an opportunity to get away from the books and enjoy some rest and relaxation. Others ventured to New Orleans to aid hurricane relief efforts.

And, of course, some remained on campus or returned home to spend time with family and friends.

Unfortunately, it is becoming a challenge for some of us to return to the places that we call home, not for fear of terrorist attacks or natural disasters, but for fear of being killed by stray bullets or misunderstandings that escalate out of control. The list of casualties lately bears the names of young African-Americans who have been taken from us before realizing their full potential.

10-year-old Siretha White was killed by a stray bullet this past Saturday while celebrating her birthday. She would have turned 11 on Sunday.

14-year-old Starkesia Reed was preparing for school March 3 in her Englewood home when a stray bullet tore through her window and killed her.

17-year-old Maurice Hill was stabbed to death in Chicago March 7. A 15-year-old boy has

been charged as an adult in his murder, which allegedly stemmed from an argument over a video game.

And let us not forget that last year during this time, family and friends of SIUE student Oladapo "D.P." Fawowe mourned upon returning from spring break to learn of his untimely death.

And at some point, the

yourself and others, as well as the type of people you surround yourself with.

Educate those who don't know. If someone is unaware of the problem, a solution cannot be reached. Tell them what your community is like. Awareness is the key to rebuilding our communities.

Bring the problems to the

message across. Find the root of the problem before it happens and manifests itself in the form of another senseless slaying.

Come together with a goal in mind. I challenge those who base their personal or organizational purpose in social service. Saving your communities should be the first priority for all of us. Individually, we can create the environment for change. Collectively, we can make it a reality. Start unifying over a common cause instead of focusing on separation. Unification is the key point here.

Start now. This is possibly the simplest goal in mind: if you wish to change, start today. If you wish to save the lives of others and possibly yourself, start at this moment. This letter should not be the end of your movement, but rather, the beginning. Go into your communities – St. Louis, Chicago, East St. Louis – and be that change that you wish to see in the world. Too many have died waiting for a change.

So let us begin here.

Thomas C. Phillips III
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History

“If you wish to save the lives of others and possibly yourself, start at this moment.”

mourning stops. That is, until the next person.

What's missing from this picture is the action that will deter these violent acts from destroying our communities, and the young lives in it. What can we, as a people, do to stop this?

Take personal responsibility. As Gandhi once said,

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” You may have never held a gun, let alone fired one, but condoning the act is nearly as bad as committing the crime. Take responsibility for what you allow to happen to

forefront. Unfortunately, these types of problems receive instant media attention due to their shocking nature. However, putting a spotlight on the problems that create a potentially violent atmosphere might serve us better than highlighting the death of yet another young person.

Keep on the backs of your media outlets to promote the positive things that are going on in your community. Remember, if they don't promote the positive as well as the negative, it may be time to find another form of media that will get a fair and balanced

Gay and lesbian classes would encourage acceptance

I am writing today so that I can hopefully propose to the SIUE faculty and students an idea for the addition of a new minor or at least some courses offered in gay and lesbian studies, also referred to as “Queer Theory.”

Many other universities in the U.S. and also around the world offer courses such as these and I feel they would be a wonderful addition to the school to bring both acceptance and diversity.

We have courses in black studies, women's studies and liberal studies, and I feel that we should now move to the next level and include gay and lesbian studies. These courses could be cross-listed the same way the other minority studies are in areas such as philosophy, sociology, psychology and history.

Philosophy could be used to look into a theory that could closely examine the metaphysical problem of identity, specifically linked to homosexuality, bisexuality and transgendered individuals. Sociology could examine multiple issues such as gay and lesbian lifestyle and culture, acceptance of society, family structure and love and relationships. Psychology would

be useful in addressing issues such as low-self esteem, and how the environment can affect the individuals' views of themselves. We could also examine the negative views of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons and have discussions with people of all different viewpoints so that the lines of communication would be open and more people could truly understand each other.

Addressing issues such as this is the way to reduce discrimination and learn to live in a diverse world. No one is the same. We are all different and we must all learn to live together.

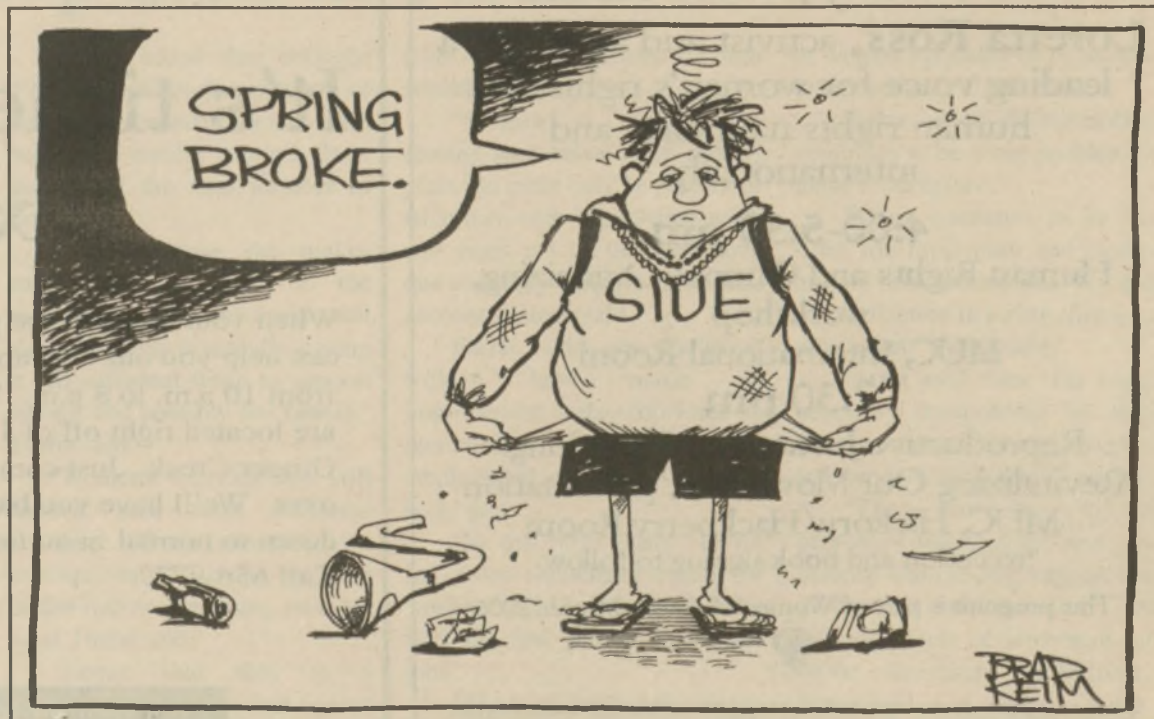
I really believe that there are a lot of students that would be interested in taking courses in gay and lesbian studies and I ask for a poll to be taken of students who think that this would be a great

addition to SIUE.

If anyone reading this thinks that the addition of a minor or some courses in this field would be beneficiary to SIUE and its students, please write in or contact me through e-mail at livinlife7883@yahoo.com.

Melina Burns
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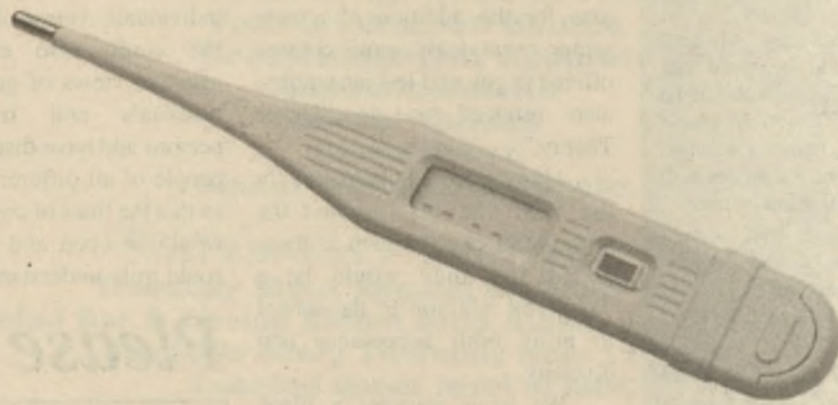
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SIUE hosts antiques show this weekend

JUSTIN GIBSON
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The Friends of Lovejoy Library will host their 36th annual Antiques Show and Sale this weekend at the Vadalabene Center Gymnasium.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and

for the Lovejoy Library.

"The show has been raising money for the library for a long time," Bell said. "The show is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Friends of Lovejoy Library."

Interest in the show is always very high and it always ends up having a large turnout.

"Vendors come from as far away as Arkansas, Indiana, and Texas."

~Coordinator Maxine Bell

Sunday. Admission is \$6 per person, which is valid for both days with ticket shown.

The show boasts over 65 quality dealers.

According to Maxine Bell, a coordinator who is helping the Friends of Lovejoy Library plan the event, vendors come from all over the country to put their items up for sale and show.

"Vendors come from as far away as Arkansas, Indiana and Texas," Bell said. "Most of our vendors come from Illinois and Missouri though."

The Friends of Lovejoy Library are doing everything they can to try and make the event reach its full potential.

"A few years ago the size of the show was increased to accommodate 69 booths, and we always end up having a full house," Bell said.

Aside from being a chance for the community to look at and purchase quality antique items, the show also raises high profits

"The gate count is usually around 4,000 people for the two days of the show," Bell said. "Vendors always report good sales."

It's not just the surrounding community that comes to visit the show. Many SIUE students take the opportunity to see if any items are of interest to them.

Sophomore marketing major Kimberly Doerr is excited about the show this year.

"I will definitely make my way out to the Antiques Show this Sunday," Doerr said. "I am pretty sure that some of my friends will be going with me."

In the end, the show will strongly help SIUE students who take advantage of the library's resources.

"The show benefits the surrounding community by the purchase of more books and equipment," Bell said. "It directly supports the university's mission of teaching, learning and research."



STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

With the return from spring break and a liver still recovering, I decided to punish a different body organ, my stomach. Greasy burritos, splashed with spicy salsa and cheese, is the perfect way to really toughen up the innards. I headed to La Fonda's for dinner Tuesday evening. Armed with \$20, I had every intention of eating myself into nausea.

LaFonda's has been undergoing some renovations, it appears. Mural-painted walls are in every direction, but it looks as though they are adding some sort of inside awning to the place. New, unpainted drywall hangs blank on several half-walls and isn't the least bit attractive or appetizing.

As usual, the restaurant was at about 75 percent capacity. The smell of simmering meat and the chatter of customers can nearly overwhelm the initial experience. Seating was done quickly and salsa and chips were brought out immediately. Drinks were filled shortly thereafter and our order was taken.

Dinner was served in less than 10 minutes and included a

chicken quesadilla, two bean burritos and cheese dip. I don't know what their white cheese is called, but they might have added crack cocaine to it. The cheese is ridiculously addictive. I already want to go back simply for that dip. Everything was hot and freshly prepared, although they did add onions to my girlfriend's quesadilla, much to her disapproval.

I have to give them two thumbs up for service. Employees I met were exceptionally friendly and fast.

The value was great. Two diners left La Fonda's stuffed and happy for 14 bucks. All in all, I give La Fonda's two thumbs up for value. Only one thumb up for the ambience, as murals and blaring music isn't enough for a great experience. However, if construction were complete, I am sure it would be two thumbs. I recommend that anyone



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

La Fonda's in Edwardsville

with a fancy for Mexican food check out this joint.

On a final note, I didn't get sick that evening either. While I might have clogged my arteries more or gained some weight, La Fonda's is not your typical gut-busting Mexican restaurant.

Got a place you want reviewed? Send me your idea or comment to steverreviews@yahoo.com.

Study shows women top men in certain lines of work

NEDDA POURAHMADY
DAILY KENT STATER

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE)-Women controlled half of all management and professional occupations in 2004, according to information published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Study director for the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Vicky Lovelle, said women make more money than men in occupations such as receptionists and information clerks, computer operators, mail clerks and mail-machine operators.

In jobs deemed traditional for women, such as nursing, men actually make more than women,

Lovell said.

A recent article by Jeanne Sahadi on CNNMoney.com listed 39 jobs in which women make more than men. The top jobs included sales engineers, statisticians, legislators and speech-language pathologists.

Associate director of National Programs and Policy of Wider Opportunities for Women, Kate C. Farrar, said these occupational figures do not take into account how many women are actually in these categories.

"Many of these jobs are 'non-traditional' for women, meaning they are jobs in which they, as women, make up less than 25 percent of the total number of workers," Farrar said.

Farrar added that between 1988 and 2004 the number of women in non-traditional jobs remained stable, around three percent of the total number of employees.

"Just because she makes more than a man in the occupation does not mean that the occupation is actually paying a self-sufficient wage to support herself and possibly her family," Farrar said.

Women's salaries are still behind men with full-time working women receiving, on average, only 77 cents for each dollar full-time working men are paid, Farrar said.

Farrar said this is a conservative estimate that doesn't

take all factors into consideration.

"Women in their prime earning ages between 26 and 59 years old make only 38 percent of what men earn if part-time work and years out of the workforce due to family care are taken into account," Farrar said.

Farrar said she believes women have made an improvement in the workforce by increasing education and employment and narrowing the wage gap.

On the other hand, Farrar said many challenges remain for women, such as balancing work with life and getting high-wage jobs.

"These all impact the reality

of women's equality of economic independence," Farrar said.

Farrar added discrimination continues to be a big problem in today's workplace.

"There continues to be the need for awareness and action around discrimination, be that discrimination in hiring, firing or promotion," Farrar said.

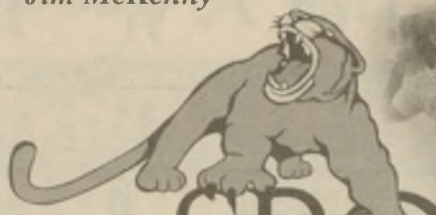
Farrar said there are many necessary components in order for a woman to be economically independent and thrive in society.

"There must not only be personal opportunity, but the policies and funding support and investment in education, job training, career advancement and work flexibility initiatives," Farrar said.

Sports Quote of the Day

"Half the game is mental; the other half is being mental."

~Jim McKenny



SPORTS

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

SIUE rides 16-game winning streak

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

While thousands of other college co-eds donned bathing suits and hit the beach for spring break, the women of the No. 6 SIUE softball team threw on their uniforms and hit away.

SIUE traveled to Kissimmee, Fla., for a weeklong tournament that started on Saturday, March 4. The team returned with a 16-game winning streak.

The Cougars are now ranked second in the Great Lakes Region. They posted a perfect weekend going 10-0.

The pitching staff has been conducting the seemingly unstoppable train of wins that the Cougars have been riding. For the second week in a row, junior hurler Sabra McCune was named Pitcher of the Week by the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Cougars' pitchers have had a collective nine shutouts during the streak.

"[McCune] is throwing really well right now. She's throwing with a lot of confidence and that makes a lot of difference in our team. I'm really happy with where everybody is at," SIUE Head Coach Sandy



SIUE senior third baseman Amy Rogers catches a throw from across the field during a recent game at Cougar Field.

KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE

Montgomery said.

SIUE started the week with an 8-4 victory over St. Cloud State University. St. Cloud held a one-run lead going into the sixth inning, but SIUE scored on a 3-

run homerun by junior Emily Lenart. The Cougars added two more insurance runs in the final inning. Senior outfielder Shanna Waldo singled, and then advanced to second when

Neuerburg grounded out to the shortstop. Waldo scored when senior pinch-hitter Casey Wantland singled. Libby Lenart then brought Wantland home with another single.

Later that afternoon, the Cougars took down Long Island University - C.W. Post in what would be the closest game of the tournament. SIUE scored one run in the third, adding five in the fifth. Freshman Nicole Beecher junior, Libby Lenart, Neuerburg, junior Jodie Ohlau and Rousey each had an RBI in the Cougar's most productive offensive inning. C.W. Post scored all five of their runs off of eight hits in the sixth. SIUE held onto the lead, ending the game 6-5.

"It was our first day. We got out to a 6-0 lead over Post and then kind of lost our focus," Montgomery said. "We held on, though, and came back. That was a really good win for us."

Monday morning the Cougars took the field for a match-up against the University of Findlay. The offense secured McCune's one-hit shutout by scoring three runs. DeShasier brought in Waldo to get the RBI in the first. Ohlau scored off of a wild pitch in the second, and Waldo singled to bring in Emily Lenart in the fourth.

Immediately after the win, the Cougars retook the field against Dowling College. The

see **SOFTBALL**, page 10

Cougars run to eight All-American honors

Men bring home two while women earn six All-Americans

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 6 SIUE men's and No. 12 women's track and field teams finished their respective 2006 indoor seasons over the weekend in Boston. The two squads competed at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships and came home with eight All-Americans between them.

"Overall, we were really happy with the performances," SIUE Head Coach Ben Beyers said. "It's a matter of competing against the best in the country."

SIUE junior Callie Glover led the way for an SIUE women's team that finished the tournament

17th out of 44 schools. The women brought back six All-Americans.

Glover walked away from the weight throw as an All-American after taking fourth place with a 56 foot, 8.75 inch-toss on her second attempt.

SIUE junior Lindsey DeFevers edged out Southern Bemidji State's Sheena Devine by two inches to become an All-American, finishing eighth in the shot put at 46-02.5.

The SIUE women's 4 x 400 relay team, consisting of senior Kimetha Williams, junior Valerie Simmons, first-year speedster Angel Royston and Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, motored across the finish line in 3 minutes, 45.9

seconds to finish fourth and claim its All-American stake for the second season in a row.

"The 4 x 4 team did great. They were phenomenal," Beyers said. "It was a super-tough field, so for them to get fourth was great. They could have run a great race and finished ninth. That's how good the field was."

SIUE sophomore competed in both the triple jump and the long jump, and narrowly missed becoming an All-American in the latter. Butler finished ninth in the long jump with a mark of 18-01.75.

Two Cougars garnered All-American honors on the men's side. SIUE juniors Cody Ellermeyer and Anthony Weber both finished their events in the

top eight for the accolade. Weber nabbed his prize with a 15-6.25-performance to finish fourth in the pole vault. Ellermeyer placed sixth in the 800-meter run, with a 1:53.54 mark.

Both the men and women struggled in the sprinting events, which they usually dominate. SIUE junior Tairisha Sawyer finished 14th out of 16 in the 200 preliminaries, failing to qualify for the final heat.

Brown suffered a disqualification in the preliminary of the 400 after being knocked down at the onset of the race. SIUE sophomore sensation Kyle Rose failed to finish his run in the preliminary of the 400. Rose tweaked his hamstring during the race, Beyers said.

"We kind of had bad luck there," Beyers said. "(Rose) had a tremendous indoor season and I know he had big goals for the Nationals."

The Cougar men and women begin their outdoor seasons Saturday, Apr. 1, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., at the Southeastern Missouri Gatorade Classic. Beyers has high hopes for the second half of the season, and said his goals were for both teams to defend their GLVC crowns and to do better at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championship.

"I think we have the pieces in place," Beyers said. "We just have to stay healthy and we should have a lot more to talk about come Nationals."

Cougars bounce back from losses with sweep

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

Over the weekend, the Cougars split a four-game set against the University of Indianapolis in Savannah, Ga.

The first of two games on Friday were a pitchers' duel, with the Cougars winning 1-0. The Cougars had Kyle Jones on the mound, and he was looking to improve on his two wins. The first was shaky for Jones when he walked the lead-off batter and hit another, but he was able to get out of the jam.

Both teams were held in check until the fourth when both teams had their chances. Indy started theirs with a lead off double. The next batter struck out and Jones struck out the next man to get two outs. The next hitter got on base by an error that allowed the runner from second to advance to third. Jones was able to get out of it though, with a pop fly to the second baseman.

The Cougars started off their half of the fourth with a single by Ryan Czyz that broke up the no hitter. The next two batters flied out, but Jeff Darnell came through in the clutch to get an RBI double. That run turned out to be the only one the Cougars needed.

Indy threatened again in the sixth, but that ended quickly with

a double play. Jones was remarkable this game, pitching a complete game shutout and only allowing four hits. This was Jones' third complete game of the season and second shut out; he has yet to allow a run this season.

The second game on Friday

Czyz scored unearned on an error by the shortstop. The Cougars added one more in the seventh on a Bryan Newby sacrifice fly.

Clay Zavada received the win, but James Hertel helped him complete the four-hit shut out. Zavada only allowed one hit and

but the Cougars were unable to score another run and suffered a 4-3 loss. Cameron Cheek started and only allowed one earned run on five hits in five and two-thirds innings. Adam Schneider received the loss giving up two runs in two and a third.

On Tuesday, the Cougars were able to get back to their winning ways in both games defeating Missouri-Rolla. In the first game, the Cougars were down 2-0 heading into the seventh. The first two batters went down quickly but a Miners error gave the Cougars life. Danny Fletcher was able to score on an error and Czyz single in a run, tying up the game. Michael DalPozzo ended the drama with a double that scored two, giving the Cougars a 4-2 win. Cody Litteken got the win pitching five innings and giving up two runs, one earned, on three hits.

In the second game, the Cougars' offense came to play scoring five in the first and giving the team the early lead. With the bases loaded and no one out, Darnell tripled down the right field line and drove in all three runners. Jake Smith was able to drive in Darnell with a single and Jim Grant singled in Smith.

The Cougars added three more runs in the third on an Amerson double and in the fourth on a Darnell single. In the sixth, Czyz scored on an error. The Miners tried making a comeback scoring four runs, but it wasn't enough. Jameson Sheley received the win allowing one run on two hits in two and one-third innings.



SIUE junior first baseman Jim Grant swings away during a recent game at Roy E. Lee Field.

was a little more lopsided, with a 5-0 victory for SIUE. The Cougars allowed for four runs in the fourth, then they regained their pitching on Indy once again. The Cougars scored all four runs with two outs and a little help from a wild pitch and an error. Seth Hall singled in two of the runs and Czyz tripled in another.

struck out seven in six and one-third innings.

On Saturday, Indy got their revenge winning both of the games. The first game was tied at two going into the eighth. Indy was up to bat first; with the bases loaded and two outs, Indy hit a single and scored two. Hall led the inning off with a homerun,

In the second game, the Cougars couldn't buy a hit and their defense didn't help any. SIUE lost 5-0 and was only able to grab four hits and had three errors. Adam Tallman was the starter for the Cougars, giving up five runs, only three earned, and seven hits in five and one-third innings.

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SOFTBALL

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Golden Lions surrendered in four and a half innings. The Cougars' bats exploded with a nine-run rally on nine hits early in the game.

SIUE took on Ashland University Wednesday after a day of rest. McCune allowed just three hits, earning herself another shutout. The Cougars scored in the second. Libby Lenart drew a walk, advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt executed by McCune. Freshman Amanda Pucel, who ran for Lenart, scored off of a Rousey single. Rousey also scored her own run, unearned off an error by the right fielder, in the fifth inning.

The Cougars trounced on Stonehill College later that afternoon, short-gaming them by 12 runs after four and a half innings. SIUE notched 13 hits in the game.

In their seventh game of the tournament, SIUE beat the College of St. Rose. The Cougars took a lead in the first, holding on tight the rest of the game. The Golden Knights scored their lone run in the sixth.

SIUE got two runs off of five hits in their contest against Wayne State College of Nebraska. Ohlau doubled and then stole third. Neuerburg singled, allowing the run to score. Ohlau scored again in the fifth on a DeShasier single. Wayne State was unable to answer.

The Cougars 6-1 defeated the University of South Dakota Saturday. Although the Coyotes scored first, they could only bring in the one run.

DeShasier and Neuerburg both notched an RBI in the third. Wantland and Ohlau scored in the fourth, while Ohlau and Biggs scored in the sixth.

"The Wayne State (Michigan) game was the most we have been challenged. We were losing. The Lenarts and Neuerburg gave us some key performances. They really stepped it up," Montgomery said.

Wayne State University of Michigan scored three in its pursuit against SIUE, but it was not enough to hold off the Cougars. The Warriors took the lead in the fourth after scoring two runs off three hits. The Cougars answered back with six more runs late in the game, ending their perfect week with a 7-3 win.

"We are on a good roll here, and we certainly want to keep that going. It is never easy playing on the road in the GLVC, so we need to be ready for our upcoming games," Montgomery said.

The Cougars hope to extend their winning streak when conference play commences this weekend. The Cougars' first GLVC game is noon Saturday against Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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sophomore guard J.B. Jones had a chance for a game-winning shot, but it fell short at the buzzer.

SIUE dominated in overtime, scoring 10 of the first 12 points to take a 56-48 lead with just over two minutes remaining.

Junior forward Mike Hardiek scored eight of the team's points in overtime, while Ryan Belcher contributed four points. Hardiek was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team.

USI shortened the lead by two points a few times, but SIUE junior Ty Johnson was clutch,

hitting six of seven free throws in the period. Johnson had ice in his veins, making four of four from the charity stripe in the last 12 seconds to seal the Cougars' victory. Johnson finished with 14 points and five rebounds, and was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Cougars take on the defending champions No. 3 Virginia Union University at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the MassMutual Arena in Springfield, Mass.

"We just know that they're the defending champs and that they've got a proud tradition," Simmons said.

BASEBALL

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Darnell ended the game 2-5 with four RBI's and a run scored.

The Cougars have two Great Lakes Valley Conference honorees this week. Jones is the Pitcher of the Week for his performance against Indianapolis. Czyz is Player of the Week after

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PERSONALS

Sigma Pi Burro this week: Cody for no DUI.

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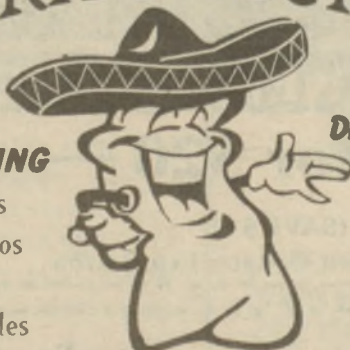
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