

# Cougars go down in heartbreaker

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SPORTS STRINGER  
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NEWS EDITOR

The clock struck midnight Wednesday afternoon on the

SIUE men's basketball team's magical postseason run in the Elite Eight.

The Cougars' historic trip came to a halt at the hands of Virginia Union University's Panthers 60-58 in the NCAA

Division II National Quarterfinals in Springfield, Mass.

In a game with 15 lead changes, the Cougars battled with the Panthers for the lead eight times to grab a nine-point lead

entering the final eight minutes of the game. The Panthers then went on a 10-0 run in three minutes before both teams exchanged leads again through free throws, tying the game at 56.

After a two-and-a-half

minute dry spell, VUU forward Brad Byerson sank two points with a minute to spare. SIUE junior forward Mike Hardiek responded with two free throws after getting fouled with 43

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## Campus heating up Chancellor home after Cuba visit

MATTHEW SCHROYER  
NEWS STRINGER

Residence halls may open for the summer and classes may expand, according to Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift.

In his open forum Tuesday at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton, Vandegrift acknowledged the need for more summer options at SIUE. The increase is designed to help students complete course work sooner and improve the graduation rate for the university.

"Only 30 percent of all college students in the nation graduate within four years," he said.

Vandegrift also said that he will work to improve transferability of credits from Lewis and Clark College, Southwestern Illinois College and other two-year colleges. While he said SIUE is shifting its focus from bringing in transfer students to attracting high-profile freshmen, he assured that transfer students will continue to

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**Southern Illinois University Carbondale law professor Cindy Buys views paintings representing educational values with the SIU delegation in an assembly hall at the University of Havana while visiting to discuss a student and professor exchange program.**

AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS REPORTER

A Southern Illinois University delegation, including three SIUE members, returned Sunday from Cuba.

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, senior Spanish major Aleisha Steele and Theater and Dance Department Chair Otis Swezey left March 11 and returned Sunday.

"It was really interesting to learn about the educational system and how we might interact with the faculty there," Vandegrift said.

Vandegrift added that the delegation from SIU visited several schools and government institutions on the trip.

"We visited their medical schools," he said. "They're interested in cancer and the Springfield school is a cancer center."

Among the places visited by the delegation were a school for the blind, a school for the mentally disabled, medical schools, government buildings including the Cuban capital

building, the Center for Genetic Engineering, the Biotech Center for Molecular Immunology and the University of Havana.

Steele added that they met many prominent figures while in Cuba.

"We met with a lot of officials and a lot of the top people from schools and different areas of the government."

She said that the place that stuck out to her the most was the school for the blind.

"They put on a show for us. You wouldn't know by the way they were acting (that) ... they were blind," she added.

She said that the children were very interesting and very good at performing even with their disability.

"Everyone was in tears."

Swezey said that among top officials the delegation met with was Armando Hart, who is second only to Fidel Castro in Cuba.

"(He) made available to SIU all his papers," Swezey said. "It

would be like going to a presidential library."

The availability of Hart's papers gave SIU access to historical and political records for Cuba since the Cuban Revolution, including information on the construction of the Cuban government,

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~Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

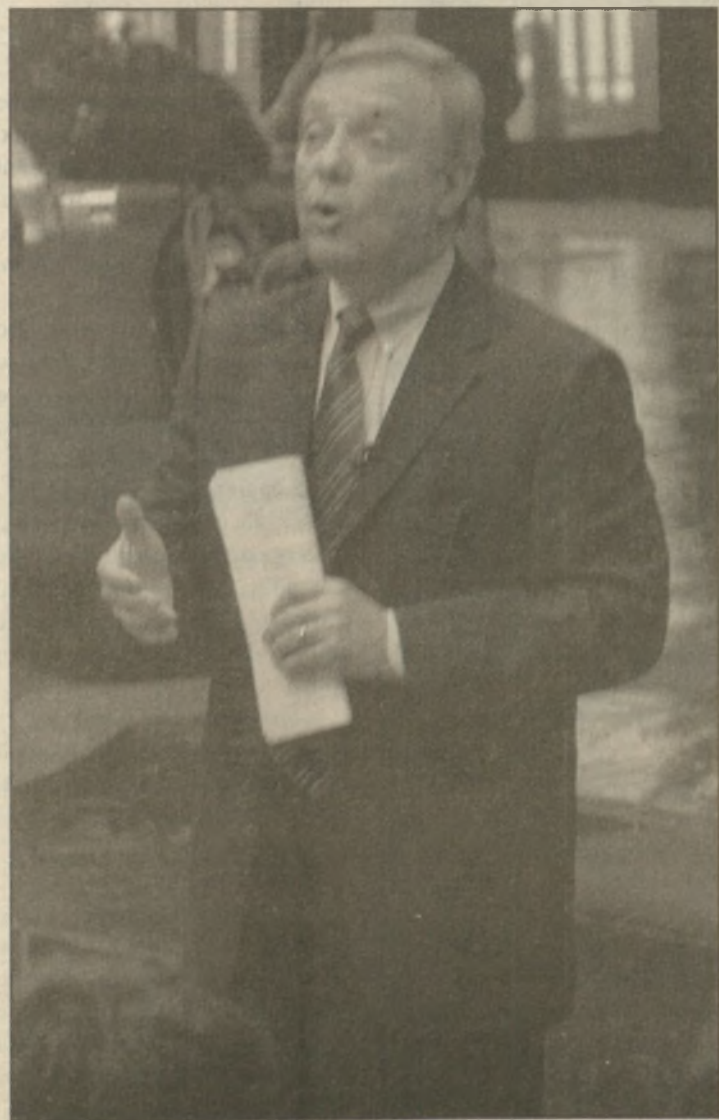
Swezey said.

Vandegrift said the delegation was impressed with their medical facilities, though it was a little different than the appearance of the residences.

"The interesting thing about Cuba is it has what I would characterize as first-world medical care," he said. "But the

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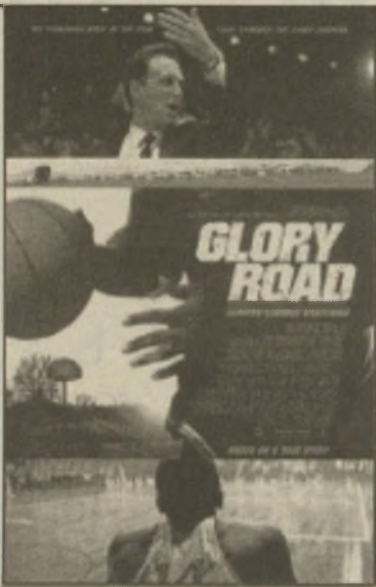
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## Provost interviews resume Monday

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NEWS STRINGER

The second of three possible provosts will come to SIUE Monday and Tuesday.

Kathleen Rountree is currently serving as associate provost for undergraduate education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Rountree was a music professor and dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts at the University of Northern Colorado; assistant music professor, associate music professor and associate dean for graduate studies at Louisiana State University; and music professor at Moorhead State University in Minnesota.

"She's been around a bit," philosophy professor John Danley said.

Rountree has a doctorate of music from Florida State University, a master's degree in music from SIUE and a bachelor's degree in music from East Carolina University.

"We get people from different disciplinary bases," Danley said. "It's not unusual to get people from performing arts as their disciplinary base who move on."

Danley said the Provost Search Committee began with 60 applications and then narrowed the applicants to less than 20.

"Then from that group, we interviewed eight candidates (off-campus) and invited these

candidates," Danley said.

Rountree's first open meeting will be Monday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Hickory-Hackberry Room in the Morris University Center.

Rountree will have three open meetings on Tuesday.

The first meeting will be 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Clinic Building at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton. The second meeting will be from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room in Building D at the East St. Louis campus and the third will be from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the third-floor conference room in Lovejoy Library.

Danley said students are encouraged to attend.

## Homecoming committee needs help

HOLLY MEYER  
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE 2006 Homecoming Planning Committee is hoping more

students will participate in the planning process.

"We really need students' input," student organizer Erika Sanders said.

Sanders said the committee

wants more students to come to the next meeting to give their opinions on which "direction homecoming should go."

This year's homecoming is encouraging "SIUE school pride," Homecoming Planning Committee adviser John Davenport said. The slogan for the event is "A Great Day to be a Cougar."

Another focus for homecoming is to bring alumni back to campus by having more "alumni events," Davenport said.

Although the committee is looking for new events, many of last years, such as the karaoke, the car show and the golf cart parade, will return to homecoming week, Oct. 2 through Oct. 8.

The golf cart parade will be "opened up to offices and departments, not just student organizations," Davenport said. Parade participants will also be "throwing out beads from carts."

Davenport said there are also plans to work with housing to incorporate the homecoming royalty with housing's prince and princess.

More events are expected to appear on game day, such as a student organization challenge that will "get more students to come out," Davenport said. The chili cook-off will also return.

The committee is also trying to plan an intercollegiate football game for Saturday with the SIUE football team so that "there is football with homecoming," Davenport said.

Davenport said the committee is hoping for the size of the event to increase for the 2006 year so that the 2007 homecoming is "more substantial for the 50th Anniversary" of SIUE.

The next committee meeting is from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 in the Kimmel Leadership Center Conference Room.

## All tie-dyed up



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Freshman pre-pharmacy major Jessica Buzan tie-dyes her T-shirt as part of Cougar Craze Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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# Speaker looks at Christian roots



**The Rev. Michael Giesler speaks to philosophy professor Greg Fields' Christian Thought class about the origins of Christianity.**

**SCHALENE HOUSTON**  
**NEWS STRINGER**

A recent religious discussion examined the history of Christianity and the revolution made in ancient pagan societies. Philosophy professor Greg Fields' Christian Thought class learned from the Rev. Michael Giesler how early Christians overcame the pagan societies.

Giesler opened his lecture by reciting Bible verse Matthew 5:13, saying the verse describes Christians of all centuries. He also said the early Christians had a remarkable belief in Christ.

"They had an astounding faith in Christ," Giesler said. "They brought something exciting and unique to the world."

Fields said he believes both early and modern Christians show loyalty to their faith.

"I think that in both ancient and contemporary times there is evidence of passionate dedication to the Christian

message," Fields said in an e-mail interview. "There was a simplicity and a spirit of fellowship that we see reflected in ancient documents, and many see evidence of a rebirth of this spirit in contemporary Christian communities."

Giesler said Christians believe in one god, unlike pagan religions. He added there are two main elements of the Christian faith: God actually becoming a man with true human nature and a real moral code.

Christians were able to overtake the Roman Empire and other pagan religions because of their moral values and reproduction, Giesler said.

"Over two or three years, Christians took over the Roman Empire because they had more kids, their moral value and they didn't believe in premarital sex, so they didn't die of disease," Giesler added.

"The DaVinci Code," written by Dan Brown, was briefly mentioned in relation to

how the novel bridges some Christian events. Fields said the book is entertaining, but those interested in Christianity should look for other resources.

"The book is a work of fiction and should be regarded as such," Fields said. "It provokes thought, which is a good thing, but interested readers should take the opportunity to learn more about the history of Christianity."

Fields recommends any interested students or members of the campus to attend the College of Arts and Sciences colloquium, "Thinking about Religion"

He said the "wall of separation between church and state" does not mean the public universities cannot address religion.

The colloquium began Wednesday at the Religious Center with a museum exhibit. The exhibit is titled "Divine Design: Sacred Arts of Africa and Asia."

The presentations and panel

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## Campus Scanner

**Women's History:** As Women's History Month continues, be sure to check out "Chisholm '72: Unbought and Unbossed," the film about the first black woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm. The film will be shown from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Monday in Dunham Hall Room 2039. For more information, contact Lorian Carsey at [lcarsey@siue.edu](mailto:lcarsey@siue.edu).

**Debate:** Campus Activities Board is hosting a debate about marijuana beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information, contact Alyssa Bodeux at [abodeux@siue.edu](mailto:abodeux@siue.edu).

**Exhibition:** Art exhibition, "Observation and Fabrication" is an exhibition of landscape

paintings. The exhibition includes some paintings from faculty members Jane Barrow and John Denhouter and is curated by professor Brigham Dimick. The exhibit will be shown beginning Wednesday through Friday, April 21, in the Morris University Center's gallery. For more information or gallery times, call 650-2996 or 650-3071.

**Movie:** If you are looking for something fun and affordable, check out the dive-in movie at 7 p.m. Friday in the Vadalabene Center. The movie being shown is "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe." You can get in the pool and float or sit on the bleachers to enjoy the movie. This event is free and open to all

SIUE students, faculty, staff and family members. For more information, visit [siue.edu/CREC/aquatics/index.html](http://siue.edu/CREC/aquatics/index.html).

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rest of the country isn't as advanced in terms of resources as the U.S."

Vandegrift said there was the possibility of a faculty and student exchange with Cuba.

Sweezy added that he hoped to arrange exchanges of artists with Cuba and bring them to SIUE.

"I was the only one there representing the arts," he said. "I talked about ... the possibility of bringing guests artists from Cuba."

He said he spoke with SIU President Glen Poshard about any possible exchanges.

"I personally went through several theaters," Sweezy said.

Even though the delegation was in Cuba for more than a week, Sweezy said that they were too busy to go to too many sites that weren't already scheduled.

"Some (members of the delegation) who circled a few museums they wanted to see ... couldn't see them," Sweezy said.

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transfer students will continue to be accepted.

The chancellor also took the opportunity to congratulate the School of Dental Medicine for their recent American Dental Association accreditation, saying that he was pleased with the school.

"The university is really proud of your accomplishments," he said. "People are starting to recognize the excellence of the dental school."

Nearly 20 faculty members were in attendance and had the chance to express their concerns.

Funding was a subject that came up frequently in the discussion.

"We have been approved for

a 1.1 percent increase in funding from the state," Vandegrift said. "It's modest, but it's a step in the right direction."

While any budget increases beyond this year are unknown, Vandegrift hopes to have a capital bill before the state sometime after spring.

The chancellor also spoke on the recent growth of the campus, stating that the Engineering Building is near full capacity for classes.

With the new residence hall, he said SIUE is near the point where 50 percent of students live on campus.

"We will be known more as a residential university," he said. "We are becoming a hot school."

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discussions are set for Thursday, March 30, and Friday, March 31, in the Morris University Center.

Topics discussed will include poetry, music and art as religious expression; yoga, meditation and health; and ethics and morality.

Thursday's presentations take place between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. A plenary session, "Is It Good for the Jews?" by Florida International University College of Law professor and literary theorist Stanley Fish will take place at 7 p.m.

Fish is known in the literary world as an analyst of the English poet John Milton. Fish has written two books, "Surprised By Sin: The Reader in Paradise Lost" and "How Milton Works."

The presentations and

discussions continue between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday in the MUC and Religious Center.

"Celebration of World Faiths: Science and Religion" concludes the events at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Religious Center. Sponsored by World Religions, Knowledge and Science Group in Edwardsville, the event will have free admission and parking.

For more information on the Celebration of World Faiths, contact the Religious Center at 650-3246.

For more information on Thursday's session with Fish, contact the College of Arts and Sciences at 650-5044.

For more information about the colloquium and a full list of the events, visit [siue.edu/CAS/COLLOQUIA](http://siue.edu/CAS/COLLOQUIA).

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## Students using comedians as primary news source

TOLEDO, Ohio (U-WIRE) — The “mistrusted name in news” is becoming the source students trust most for the day’s current events — Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

With little or no time to read the newspaper or watch CNN during the day, many students tune in to shows such as “The Daily Show,” “The Colbert Report” or “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” after the rush of the day subsides.

However, recent polls question whether students have fallen into a dangerous trend of using such humorous shows as their primary source of news.

In a poll of 46 University of Toledo students, 17.39 percent said they use such TV shows as their primary source of news. Nearly half — 41.3 percent — of students polled said they consider these shows legitimate news sources.

Although students think they get their primary news from these shows, they may not realize how much information they get from other sources.

“We’re not sure that people really understand that they’re getting information from osmosis from all over” because there are so many vehicles of news distribution today, Vice President of Corporate Communications at Comedy Central Steve Albani said. “Our take on it is people don’t realize how much news and information they’re absorbing before they get to ‘The Daily Show’ or ‘The Colbert Report’ or ‘Weekend Update’ on ‘Saturday Night Live.’”

A June 2004 report released by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press showed young people ages 18 to 24 are more likely than those in other age groups to be disengaged from hard news, with 25 percent polled saying they do not follow hard news, international affairs, politics and events in Washington, local government and business and finance.

In the same vein, 71.7 percent of the polled Toledo students felt they and their peers are somewhat informed about political and current events.

Where does the problem of student apathy toward the news begin?

John McManus, director of the San Francisco Bay-area media commentary Web site [Gradethenews.com](http://Gradethenews.com), said it starts with educators and the attitude of the current media.

“I think there’s been a

failure of education in high schools to emphasize the importance of keeping up with the news,” McManus said in a phone interview.

In a 2005 commentary, McManus said that turning away from “real” news makes no sense — not even for people who want more entertaining news presentations.

“In those programs, you may learn something about news events at the national level ... but it certainly wouldn’t be as

because they’re studying it,” UT political science professor James Lindeen said.

Lindeen said having an understanding about current events in the world surrounding students creates an informed electorate necessary for democracies.

“To be able to negotiate our way through our ever-complicated world, it’s in our best interest to follow what’s going on,” he said.

Starting in about 1963, more

communication professor Edson Whipple said.

Whipple agreed with McManus that the line between noncommercial and commercial presentations of news is blurring — the danger is that a lot of things in the world are getting more complicated, and you have to take some time to understand it.

“I think it’s probably not good to a democratic society to have everything reduced to a sound byte or even half a page in a newspaper,” he said. “But how to get people to pay attention to any more than that is probably the challenge.”

Jay Thurston, a UT senior majoring in environmental studies, said he thinks news is separated into two types of programming — the parody shows geared toward students and less humorous shows geared toward older adults.

However, these shows don’t claim to educate any demographic on news.

“The bottom line is they’re looking to make people laugh,” Albani said. “They’re not a news show; they’re a fake news show.”

Albani said both “The Colbert Report” and “The Daily Show” have 22 minutes each night to fit in all aspects of the show.

“They don’t have time to educate their audience before they get to the jokes, so they assume a level of understanding from their audience,” he said.

Kristin Reichardt  
The Independent Collegian  
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**“To claim that watching (‘The Daily Show’ or the Colbert Report’) will keep you informed is astonishingly naive.”**

comprehensive as any national news report, and it ignores state and local news” because the show’s purpose is to make fun of the news and politicians, rather than act as a substitute for the news, McManus said.

“To claim that watching (‘The Daily Show’ or ‘The Colbert Report’) will keep you informed is astonishingly naive,” he said.

A large part of the problem is that both educators and the media have to take news more seriously, he said.

“Educators have just dropped the ball, and the news media have abdicated their professional responsibility to give the public what it needs in favor of its commercial interests in giving it what it wants,” McManus said.

“(Students in my classes) are more likely to follow politics

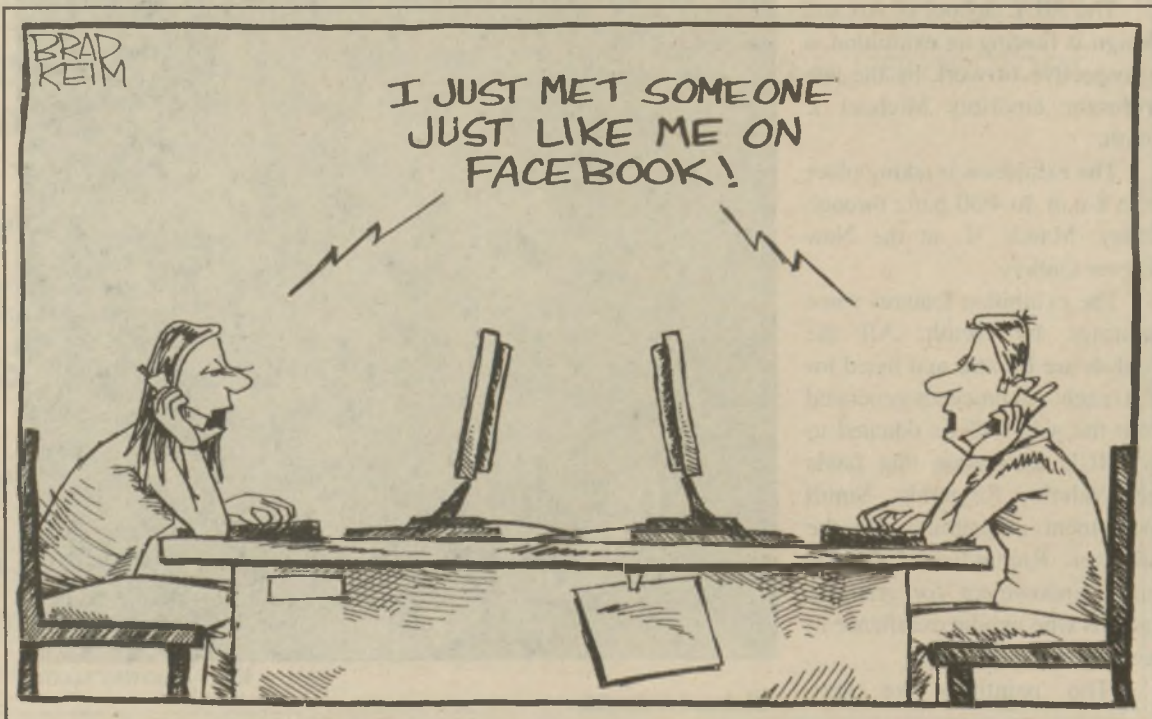
Americans get their news from TV than newspapers; studies have also shown that people who get their information from TV are the least knowledgeable by a long shot, said Lindeen, who is “convinced” print journalism is better at informing the public than emotive and emotional TV news.

“Print is more rational and more precise,” he said. “Newspaper circulation everywhere is declining, and that’s worrisome.”

The top three resources Toledo students cited as their primary sources of news were, from most popular: Internet news, TV news stations and newspapers.

“There are a lot more information outlets than there were years ago (and) it follows, there’s more competition for the audience’ time,” retired UT

## Please Try Again — Brad Keim







## SIUE grad writes history

MICHELLE LINCOLN  
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

When Bill Nunes earned his degree from Southern Illinois University in the 1960s, he attended classes in East St. Louis and Alton, paid only \$180 tuition per year and received his diploma in an empty field.

He had no idea that one day his own books would be for sale in the SIUE bookstore.

"I never thought I would be an author because I have no training in writing," Nunes said. "I was just an average student in high school, and when I went to college, it was nothing. Today, these poor kids have a lot more to do."

Nunes is the self-published author of 11 books about Illinois; the 12th is set for publication on Oct. 1. The Illinois State Library said he is currently "the most prolific living author in Illinois history."

Nunes said that when he first mentioned writing a book, a friend of his said, "Bill, you're dull, you're boring and do you really think people will buy your book?"

Apparently his friend underestimated his ability to succeed. Nunes' first book, "Coming of Age in 1940s and 1950s in East St. Louis," was so popular that his first printing of

the book completely sold out. After a second printing, the book sold 4,200 copies total.

The book tells Nunes' life story about growing up in East St. Louis. He said he wrote the book because his children would always talk about East St. Louis as if it were a terrible place.

"I grew up in East St. Louis and my kids never heard anything good about it," Nunes said. "Hey, I had a great life. It was a great town to grow up in."

Nunes lived in East St. Louis

was held in an open field, where today's central SIUE campus is located.

"They owned the land, but none of the buildings were there yet," Nunes said.

Nunes received his bachelor's and master's degrees in history. When the SIUE campus opened in its current location, Nunes went back to earn his specialist degree in school administration. He said a specialist degree is the equivalent to a doctorate, but at that time

SIUE was not certified to distribute doctorates.

After graduation, Nunes went on to teach social studies in Collinsville from 1964 to 1970. He then

taught at Edwardsville High School from 1970 to 1993, during which he served as an assistant principal for four years.

"Teaching is the best job," Nunes said. "You may have to wear a bulletproof vest these days, but the job is great."

Nunes is also the author of two full-length novels titled "Illinoistown" and "Mike Kriegan and the Capone Wars." He said his novels always end happily and leave no room for foul language or sex.

"I grew up in church and didn't want any bad language or sex scenes," Nunes said. "My

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~Author and SIUE alumnus Bill Nunes

and attended college in the same building he went to high school in. Just as he graduated from high school, a new high school was being built and the old one became the home of SIUE students.

Nunes also took some classes at the Alton campus, which is now the SIU School of Dental Medicine.

"I would hop on the bus in East St. Louis after my morning classes and ride to the Alton campus for afternoon classes," Nunes said. "It was kind of a pain."

His graduation ceremony



**Reporter Steve Britt tastes noodles and bread while reviewing the Pasta House.**

STEVE BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER

This week's adventure about town takes place in a more mild setting garnished with ivy leaves and Italian murals. While gentle sounds of Sinatra slipped through the air and chefs stirred up garlic and tomato scents from the kitchen, Pasta House seemed like an easy choice for a decent dinner. Armed with a 20, I was a tad nervous about keeping the budget within my range.

The evening started simply enough as the restaurant was peppered with more employees than customers. I counted only four tables occupied around 7 p.m. Tuesday. I ordered water, the girlfriend ordered lemonade. Ouch. Scratch two bucks off my plan. The waitress was friendly and the place looked clean. From here, however, it was nearly all downhill.

No bread rolls were served before dinner, and I clearly saw four other tables get them. My water went empty until she came back to the table with our food. The waitress did apologize for



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE  
**The Pasta House**

the time on the entrees and said the order would be right up. In fact, the order was right up behind her, sitting on the counter, which was clearly visible through the open kitchen. Shortly after, the food was out and bland as ever. My date's pasta was soupy with tomato sauce and the top layer of noodles was dried out from sitting. My toasted raviolis weren't cooked long enough and

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## SIUE's School of Art and Design hosts showcase

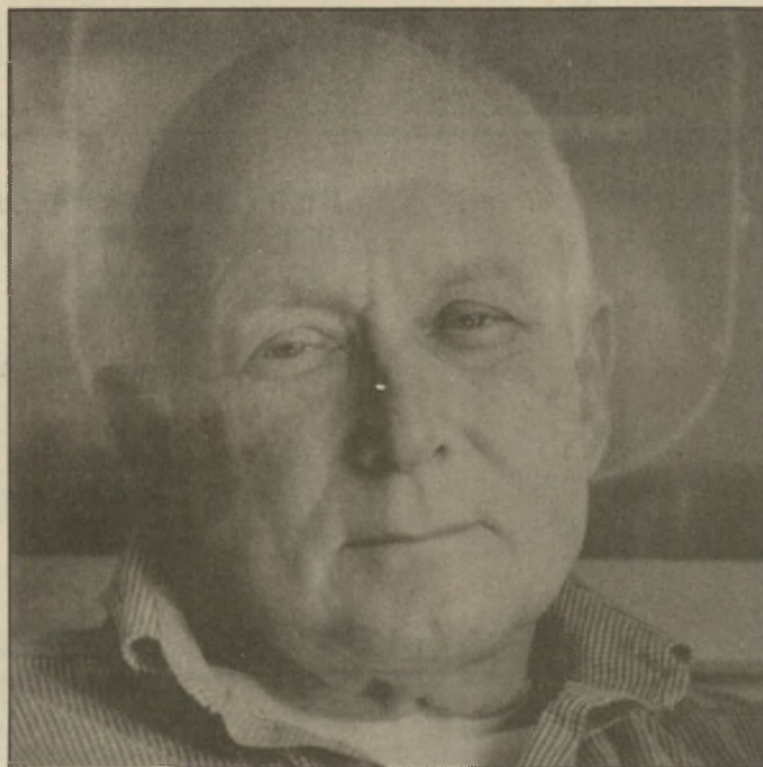
DEEPTHI SURAVARAM  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE School of Art and Design is hosting an exhibition, a retrospective of work by the late professor emeritus Michael J. Smith.

The exhibition is taking place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Friday, March 31, at the New Wagner Gallery.

The exhibition features some paintings by Smith. All the exhibits are for sale and listed for \$500 each. All proceeds generated from the sale will be donated to the SIUE foundation that funds the Valerie Reynolds Smith endowment in painting and the Hampton Richardson Coleman Smith Endowment for graduate students who exhibit excellence in painting and art history.

"The paintings are very



Michael J. Smith

KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

interesting," Art and Design professor Paul Dresang said.

He added that the paintings are layered with meanings and tell the observer a lot about Smith's artistic process.

Some of his paintings are in his wife's name. His paintings "showed his love toward his wife," Dresang said.

The paintings he did for his wife contained the letter "V" in them. Smith's wife Valerie used to review his work.

"Michael Smith was very committed and always wanted to do something for the arts department," Art and Design professor Matt Wilt said, adding that Smith used money from his paintings to help the department.

"I love the collage work," Wilt said.

Smith joined the university in 1965 and retired in 1996. He was

dedicated to art and the students, and would discuss art with anyone and everyone. Smith also enjoyed listening to and playing music.

Most of Smith's paintings in the '70s were oil on paper work. In the '80s, much of his work was collage and mixed media, as well as "hexagram" art. Smith used to work on 50 to 60 paintings at a time, swinging from one painting to another in his studio.

"Michael is a very gregarious man," Dresang said. "He was a man who would meet you for (the) very first time and invite you to dinner that night."

Smith was more than an artist. He cared about his students as well.

"(He) left a profound impact on his students," Wilt added.

For more information, call the Department of Art and Design at 650-3071.



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tasted doughy.

The joyful event of the dinner was the fact that the waitress did give us two rolls of bread. Sweet. Unfortunately they were cold and tasted stale. Not so sweet. Never mind that though, butter could have fixed everything. Frozen butter, however, was difficult to spread, making it even more difficult to enjoy a darned bread roll.

We both ate our fill of the blasé food and I walked out with none of the cash. In fact, I spent \$10 bucks over my budget, so I wasn't a happy camper. All in all, I would give Pasta House one thumb down for the food and no thumbs for the ambience. The music was decent, but the artwork's words were in Italian, so I couldn't read it, let alone make conversation about it. The value was awful considering I could have gotten the same taste from the Morris University Center cafeteria for \$20 less.

If you've got an offer I can't refuse, send me an e-mail to [steverreviews@yahoo.com](mailto:steverreviews@yahoo.com). I love comments and suggestions for reviews.

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## NUNES

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books are just like classic 1950s films."

For about the past eight weeks, Nunes has been hosting trivia at Applebee's in Glen Carbon every Monday night from 8:30 to 10 p.m. He said it is completely free to participate and each winner of the three rounds receives a prize.

Nunes has tested for Jeopardy three times and passed twice. He has never been called to play, though.

"I've always been interested in trivia, even before Trivial Pursuit came out," Nunes said.



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**April 3 - 10am-6pm**

Peck Hall, Morris University Center,  
and Student Fitness Center

**April 4 - 10am-6pm**

Peck Hall, Morris University Center,  
and Founders Hall Skywalk Cafe'



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~Phil Jackson*



# Pitching keys Cougars

STEPHEN BUDNICKI  
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE baseball team's pitching staff was on fire this weekend, powering the Cougars to wins in three of four games against top-ranked Saint Joseph's College.

SIUE knocked the Pumas out of first place in the Great Lake Valley Conference with the weekend battering.

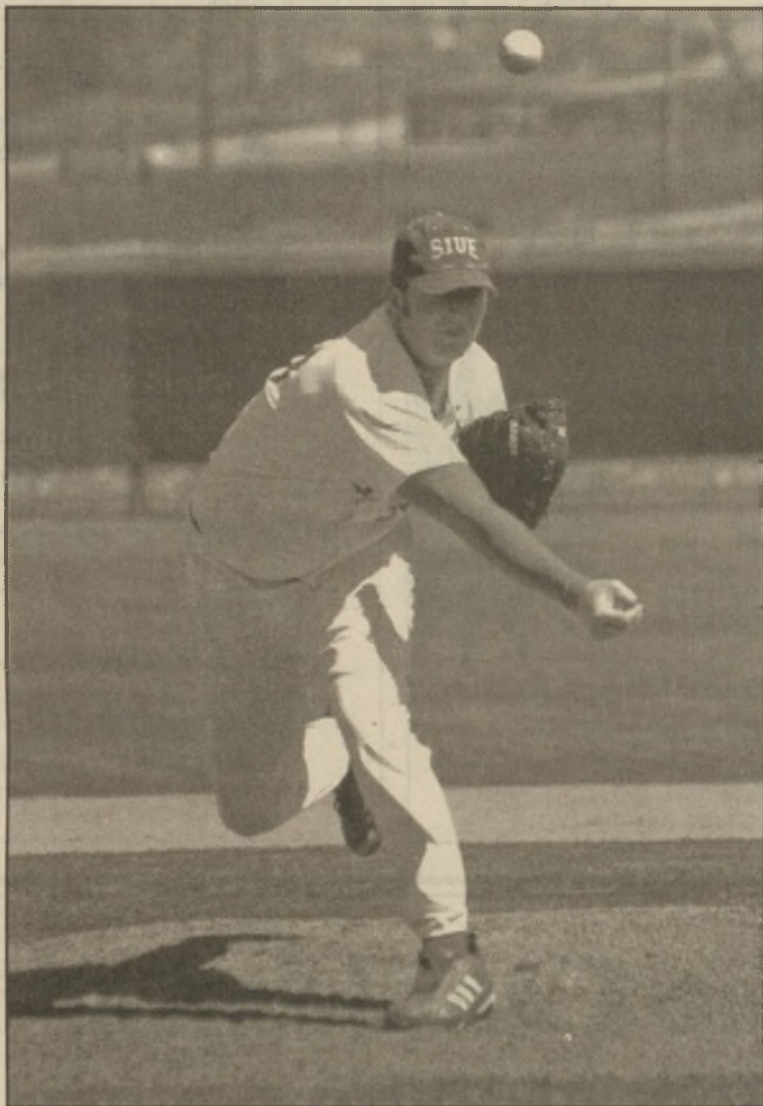
Not even a blizzard could cool down the SIUE pitching staff, leaving SJC at a standstill. The Cougars were stellar, only allowing one run in 32 innings, with the one run coming unearned. SIUE outscored Saint Joseph's over the weekend 5-1.

Teamwork has been the key to success for the Cougars' pitching staff, which is holding opponents to a flimsy .187 batting average, and leads the GLVC in pitching at a 1.39 earned run average.

"The pitching staff has matured since last year," SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins said. "(They're) over the hump."

SIUE senior pitcher Kyle Jones, the ace of the staff, shut out the Pumas in game one of Saturday's doubled header with eight strikeouts, three walks and three hits in seven innings. Jones has pitched 27 straight scoreless innings this season with 23 strikeouts, improving his record to 4-0.

SIUE sophomore shortstop Cory Bunner, who advanced to

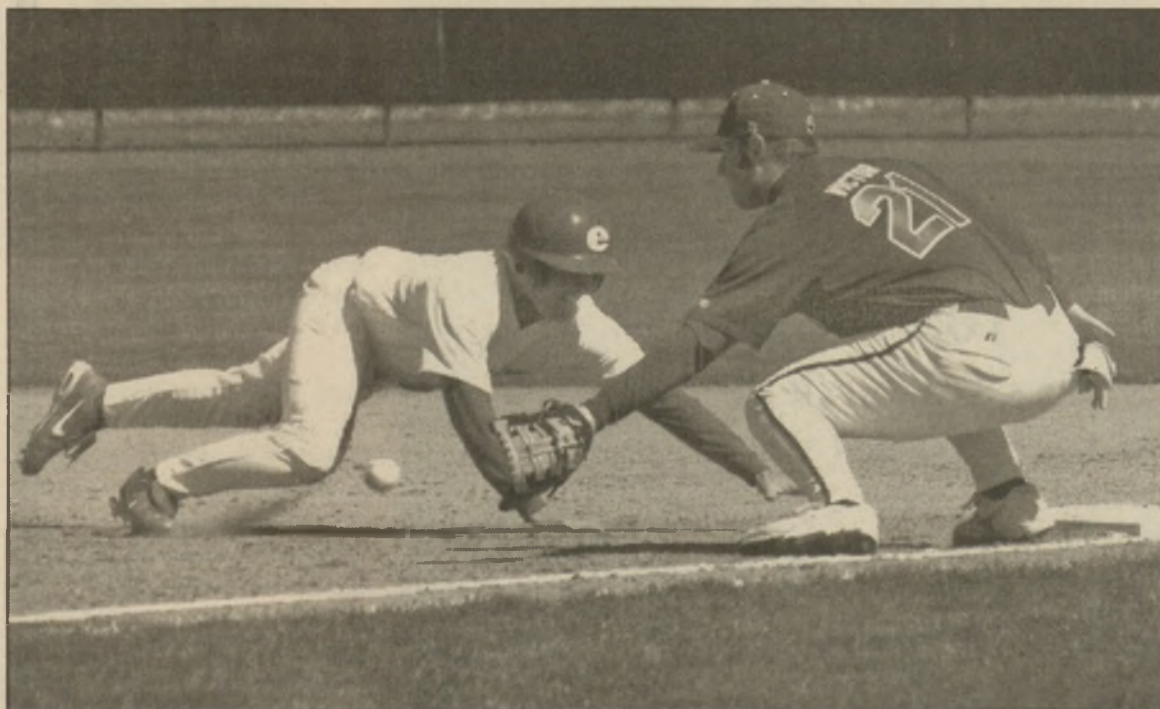


KATIE GROTH/ ALESTLE  
**SIUE senior hurler Kyle Jones delivers a pitch to home plate during the Cougars homestand against St. Joseph's College.**

second base on a wild pitch, scored the only run of the first game in the first inning off an RBI single from senior right fielder Jeff Darnall. Darnall leads

the Cougars with 13 RBIs this season.

SIUE senior Clay Zavada took the mound in game two. Zavada, who is 2-1 on the season,



KATIE GROTH/ ALESTLE  
**SIUE junior Michael DalPozzo hustles back to the base to beat out a tag from the opposing first-baseman during a recent home game.**

# SIUE pool player looks to make collegiate history

STEPHEN BUDNICKI  
SPORTS STRINGER

This summer 20-year-old junior pre-pharmacy major Lars Vardaman will be competing for his third consecutive National College's Men's 9-Ball Championship at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

In February, Vardaman won his third consecutive Men's Regional 9-Ball Championship game at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Thirty men from different colleges competed for a chance to play in the championship. Winning this event gave Vardaman the chance to make history by winning the National 9-Ball Championship for the third time in a row.

"It has never been done at the collegiate level of billiards' history," Cougar Lanes Manager Steve Siegel said. "Lars is very close to pro caliber, but that is not his goal." Siegel said. School is his first priority, and you can find him normally studying in the cafeteria."

Vardaman is an honor student.

"Lars is well-rounded in all corners," Siegel said. "He took second place in an open pool tournament at the Break Billiards' in Cahokia this past month."

The tournament consisted of 64 contestants. Lars was the youngest competitor there.

Considered one of the best pool players around in the Metro-East area, he can be found on Sunday nights playing at Brendan's Billiard Center in Fairview Heights in a pool league.

***"Lars is very close to pro caliber, but that is not his goal."***

~Steve Siegel

Winning is nothing new to Vardaman, he has won numerous awards, including the Association of College Unions International Men's 9-Ball Championship Region 9 from universities in Illinois and Indiana and the BCI National 8-Ball Championship for Scotch Doubles in Las Vegas.

suffered a tough loss, as the Pumas prevailed over SIUE 1-0. SJC scored on an unearned run in the seventh inning Saturday.

Zavada was impressive, striking out nine while walking just two. The Cougars' bats were cold, however, only capable of summoning up two hits against Saint Joseph's pitcher Matt Enderle.

SIUE senior Cameron Cheek won for the first time this season with a two-hit shutout in the first game of the doubleheader Sunday.

"Cheek is an outstanding pitcher who went 8-2 last year," Collins said. "I plan to play him the rest of the year."

Another stellar performance by Bunner propelled the Cougars. Bunner started the game off with a single in the first inning leading to a chain reaction for SIUE.

The Cougars soon had the bases loaded and the pressure on Puma pitcher Zach Hennings was

too much, as he walked in the only run of the game, giving the Cougars a 1-0 lead and win.

Junior pitcher Adam Tallman increased his stock with a win over the Pumas to cap off the weekend. He has 16 strikeouts in 22 innings and a 1.23 ERA.

The Cougars' bats finally came alive in the last of the four games against Saint Joseph's, scoring three runs. SIUE junior center fielder Ryan Czyz, who leads the Cougars with a .316 batting average, knocked in the game-winning run with a double in the third inning to score junior outfielder Kyle Amerson from third base. SIUE added a pair of insurance runs and went on to capture a 3-0 victory.

The Cougars now stand at 13-6-1 overall and 8-5-1 in the GLVC. They look forward to a four-game series against Rockhurst University beginning at noon Saturday at Roy E. Lee Field.



# Go Cougars, go!



Fans cheer for the SIUE men's basketball team at the pep rally in Birger Hall Sunday. Fans gave the Cougars encouragement before the team departed to Springfield, Mass. to take on Virginia Union University Wednesday in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

MATTHEW BRUCE/ALESTLE

## BASKETBALL

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seconds.

Panthers guard Buster Perkins rebounded a missed shot on possession and shot a layup to give them a two-point lead with 7.5 seconds to play.

The Cougars ran out of time after junior guard Ty Johnson missed a jumper with one second left and the Panthers received control of the ball.

The Cougars also had trouble holding off the Panthers entering the half, going into the locker room up 33-32 after freshman forward Nick Arth nailed a 3-pointer with three seconds to play. It was the only basket they scored in the last four minutes, answering a Panthers 11-3 run.

Free throws drove the Panthers' comeback surges in

both halves. VUU hit six of its 10 points from the charity stripe during the 10-0 run late in the second half to tie the game.

Johnson finished the game with 16 points while Arth scored 13. Hardiek scored 12, all of which were in the second half.

Senior forward Ryan Belcher netted nine points and collected his 100th steal of the season.

Prior to the playoff loss, SIUE was 22-1 after leading at halftime, while VUU was 3-3 when down at the half.

SIUE's Elite Eight trip was the first in team history and its second-straight playoff appearance for its first back-to-back postseason bids since 1986-87.

## Are you a Sports fan?

The Alestle is looking for sports writers to cover and report on the Cougars.

E-mail Matthew Bruce at [alestlesports@gmail.com](mailto:alestlesports@gmail.com)



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Student Leadership Development Program & Volunteer Services

### Modules

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Module 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Values & Ethics  
Ann Knief, Editor  
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Module 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Analyzing Public Perception  
Erin Conroy, PR Specialist  
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Module 22, 2:00 p.m.  
Professional Etiquette  
Scott Queener, Career Counselor  
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Module 21, 5:00 p.m.  
Leadership Challenges for Men & Women  
Dave Ezell, School Based Probation Officer  
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For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at [www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP](http://www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP)

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Date: APRIL 11

### DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Date: Wed, April 12  
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Date: APRIL 12

### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Player's Meeting: At Event  
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The successful candidate must have leadership, a sense of community, journalistic ability and knowledge of newspaper layout and design, including proficiency in QuarkXpress.

The job requires 20 hours per week with the heaviest workloads on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. The new editor will begin work with the summer semester, May 24.

Complete information on applying for the job is available from the receptionist at the Alestle, Room 2022 in the Morris University Center.

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The Alestle board anticipates making the hiring decision sometime in April after interviews with top candidates.