



Housing OKs unmarried couples to live in CV

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

An amendment to a law passed in January offers unmarried and same-sex couples an opportunity to receive housing at SIUE.

The Housing Office for Unmarried Couples will give housing on a case-by-case basis

following review.

"You've got to show some kind of domestic relationship," Housing Director Michael Schultz said.

In January, the Illinois Human Rights Act was changed in Act 093-1078. The change saw an expansion of public housing for couples, including same-sex couples.

"Occupancy was restricted to spouse and/or children or married couples," Schultz said.

However, those seeking joint housing must show they have a relationship. Joint bank accounts, joint mortgages or credit cards will give housing a means to consider the eligibility of housing. Even marriage licenses granted in other states will be

grounds for consideration.

"That would be acceptable also," Schultz added.

Those couples seeking housing will fill out the same form as traditional family housing.

"There's a different form for family housing than there is for single housing," Schultz said.

And like married couples, a

30-day cancellation clause is in place in the event the couple breaks up. One person will be registered for the housing and they will be responsible for the apartment in the event of a break-up.

These couples will also live in the family section of Cougar Village with other families and traditional married couples.

Campus is mump-free

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

The mumps are catching hold of people throughout Illinois, but SIUE students are in

state. That number increased on April 12 when there were a reported 46 confirmed or suspected cases.

According to an e-mail from Health Services Director Riane

cases.

SIUE Head Nurse Sue Grimes said mumps is an infection involving the swelling of the salivary glands. She added it is transmitted through saliva and the respiratory system.

Grimes said in order to prevent mumps people should take proper care of their bodies.

"Hand washing is always a main thing, covering your mouth, throwing away tissues properly and keep your hands away from your face," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site

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Adviser says goodbye



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Toni Liston, left, visits with engineering professor Terry Yan and Engineering Department Chair Keqin Gu at Liston's retirement reception Friday.

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

Friday afternoon in the Morris University Center's Mississippi Room a gathering of friends and colleagues said goodbye to International Student Adviser Antoinette "Toni" Liston.

"In every language, thank you so much," SIUE Provost Sharon Hahs said.

International students said "thank you" to Liston in each of their native languages.

The open podium gave guests the chance to wish her the best. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel expressed the best wishes of the students she advised.

"On behalf of all the students you have met with and advised, we wish you well," he said.

Liston has been an International Student Adviser at SIUE since 1986 and before had been at Northern Illinois University.

She said she came to SIUE because NIU's higher number of international students, more than 1,000, made it difficult for her to

build a program around them. By comparison, SIUE had about 200 international students at the time, and about 350 now.

"It was very difficult to get personal interaction with students and that's been great here," Liston said.

And her personal interaction showed in those she advised.

"She's not just a student adviser," graduate assistant Mathias Akuoko said. "She's a mother to us."

This sentiment came from many others as the little room with a cake in the middle filled up with well-wishers.

Graduate assistant Rueben Adeborna echoed those sentiments.

"[She] wasn't just a traditional adviser to the students, she was more like a mother," he said. "Working with her for a year was a big deal to me."

Liston said she thought the university should be proud of the progress it has made over the years.

"I think the university should be proud at the way it's been internationalized," she said.

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"Ninety-eight percent of the student population has the appropriate vaccination."

~SIUE Head Nurse Sue Grimes

the clear so far.

According to the Chicago Sun Times, there were about a dozen cases of mumps in the

Greenwalt, Southern Illinois University Carbondale recently reported one confirmed case of the mumps and two suspected

Congressman gets bio title



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Congressman John Shimkus, right, speaks to Marketing and Communications Executive Director Barbara O'Malley and University Relations Vice Chancellor Pat Williams Monday at the School of Pharmacy.

ANDY RATHNOW
PHOTO STRINGER

Congressman John Shimkus recognized his acceptance of the Biotechnology Industry Organization 2005-06 Legislator of the Year Award Monday at SIUE's Pharmacy Building.

"John Shimkus' work on

behalf of the life sciences certainly merits this award," Illinois BIO President David Miller said in a press release. "We here in Illinois appreciate his leadership."

Vandegrift also praised Shimkus' efforts.

"Biologislator of the Year is a high honor and very well

deserved," Vandegrift said. "We are pleased to have his support."

School of Pharmacy Dean Philip Medon discussed a grant by the National Science Foundation at the ceremony. The \$600,000 grant will begin a three-year research study, which will also involve the National

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SIUE honors long-time supporters at May commencement ceremony

CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER

SIUE is honoring two supporters at the May commencement ceremonies for their contributions to the area and university.

One is a founder of the Mississippi River Festival and the other is a longtime advocate through her work with the SIUE Foundation.

Rita Hardy will receive the SIUE Distinguished Service Award for being a member of the Foundation Board since 1994 and a volunteer and fundraiser for several organizations.

The award is given at commencement exercises to honor those who have demonstrated outstanding service to the university, region and state.

"I believe in putting a little something back to the community," Hardy said. "What we do as a normal of life affects so many people."

Peter Pastreich will receive an honorary doctor of humane

letters. He was executive director of the Saint Louis Symphony from 1969 to 1974 and played a pivotal role in the establishment, planning and operation of the MRF.

resistant to traveling east rather than west, and general enrichment of the cultural life of the area.

"They liked the idea, asked me to be the festival's managing

"I believe in putting a little something back to the community. What we do as a normal of life affects so many people."

~Rita Hardy

SIUE Distinguished Service Award recipient

In 1967, Pastreich approached university officials Delyte Morris and John Rendleman to propose starting a summer festival on the SIUE campus.

He hoped that the project would result in summer employment for the Saint Louis Symphony, positive exposure for the new campus to the St. Louis community, who were always

director and supported the enormous expenditure of effort and money it took to put the thing together in less than two years," Pastreich said.

Pastreich also said he was "deeply honored, and a little amazed that anyone at SIUE even remembers who I am, since I have been gone for over 30

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Pharmacy student gets national nod

HOLLY MEYER
 NEWS STRINGER

SIUE pharmacy student Jennifer Lurk is the only first-year pharmacy student to finish in the top 10 at the National Patient Counseling Competition at a brand-new pharmacy school.

"It was exciting to represent my school," Lurk said. "I was up against third- and fourth-year pharmacy students. I was pleasantly surprised to do so well."

The Patient Counseling Competition starts on a local level. Lurk won the SIUE School of Pharmacy competition and then proceeded on to the national competition.

Each school of pharmacy has a representative that competes nationally. Lurk competed against nearly 100 students from different schools.

"Lurk is the very first representative (from SIUE) for the national convention," Tim McPherson, pharmacy professor and one of Lurk's advisers, said. "She set the bar really high."

McPherson said that at the national competition students display their abilities to communicate with patients. Each student is given a prescription and a simulated patient to counsel. The judges observe the student's ability to counsel the patient.

Lurk said her first-year pharmacy course in patient

counseling helped her with the local and national competition. Also, with the help of her husband who is a pharmacist and working with the faculty from the pharmacy school, Lurk was able to be successful at the national competition. She is glad that she is helping to "make a name for ourselves (SIUE School of Pharmacy).

"It was great to be the first representative of the school at the national competition," Lurk said.

McPherson is pleased with how well Lurk did nationally and with her commitment to the field.

"Jennifer's commitment to her chosen profession is paying off already," McPherson said. "A little commitment can go a long way."

Police Incidents

Traffic

4/8
 Police issued Jane E. Higdon a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Julia E. Whitney a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued Daniel S. Sparks a citation for having expired registration on South University Drive.

4/9

Police issued Carly J. Logsdon a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

Police issued Paul Luetkemeyer a citation for

the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Alcohol

4/14

Police arrested Christopher R. Reilly for permitting a minor to become intoxicated in Cougar Village.

Other

4/10

Police arrested Reece A. Graham for possession of a stolen hangtag in Bluff Hall.

4-14

Police arrested Ashley M. Pratt for battery in Prairie Hall.

Kimmel gives kudos

LAUREL WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

A few students who contributed to the SIUE community are getting their due rewards.

The Kimmel Leadership Center will host its 17th annual Recognition Program on Wednesday, recognizing the recipients of the Kimmel Community Service Awards and others including its scholarship.

The Kimmel Community Service Awards recognize citizens for outstanding dedication and contributions to the community through service.

According to a press release, requirements include being a resident of Missouri or Illinois for at least two years, being at least 16 years old and having volunteered for at least one agency, organization or business for at least two or more continuous years.

The awards are constructed into five categories: education, environmental and civic betterment, regional leadership, agency-organizational concerns and special populations.

This year's five recipients include: Kurt Schroeder of Belleville for education, Antigone "Andy" Simpson of Alton for environmental and civic betterment, Bruce Holland of Shiloh for regional leadership, Kevin Pesko of Belleville for agency-organizational concerns and Sharon Hendricks of East St. Louis for special populations.

The Kimmel Scholarship,

open solely to SIUE students, awards one student annually for his or her academic achievement, outstanding leadership and volunteer service contributions.

The scholarship provides tuition for one academic term at the Illinois in-state rate for full-time study.

This year's scholarship winner is senior psychology major Anna Heavner of Valmeyer.

"I wasn't expecting it at all," Heavner said. "It was a huge honor."

For students interested in applying for the scholarship in the future, Heavner said they should "get involved."

"It's just a matter of going out and doing things that interest you," Heavner said.

KLC Director Steve Sperotto could not be immediately reached for comment.

The Kimmel Community Service Awards and Scholarship is named for Carol Kimmel, a former member of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees known for her volunteerism.

SIUE and the Belleville News-Democrat sponsor the Kimmel Leadership Center.

The awards ceremony takes place at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the KLC at 650-2686 or visit siue.edu/KIMMEL.

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Since she began her career helping international students, Liston said she has seen many worldwide events affect her work. The Iranian Hostage Crisis of the late 1970s and the events in Tiananmen Square in 1989 made things difficult. But what affected how she worked the most, she said, was Sept. 11.

Instead of there being many flexible paths the students could take before the attacks, international students have a much more limited means of getting what they need and want.

"Now everything is computerized," Liston said. "(It's) a much more rigid path for students to follow."

Despite that and other problems, she said she had many enjoyable parts of her job.

"When you find a way to help a student who thought there was no way out," she said. "Maybe the absolute best part is when the students have kids and they bring in their babies."

But the worst moments are when there isn't a way to fix a problem.

"That would be when there was no way I could help them legally," Liston said. "It's never fun to say 'No.'"

When she leaves, some have expressed concern about if her successor will be as skilled and personable as she was.

"We don't know how loving, how caring, how interactive that person is going to be," Akuoko said. "I see it as a big hole."

Liston will have her position split between International Student Advisers Ali Soltanshahi and Debbie Bayne.

Over the years, Liston said she's seen a lot of growth in the ISA office - so much growth they had to move to the Morris University Center. "I've seen us go from a little inky-dinky cubbyhole in Peck to this office."


With her retirement coming at the end of this semester, Liston said she'll take the summer off and then do some work in politics.


"I'll be working with a group called Downstate Democrats for Change supporting democratic candidates," Liston said.

She added she thought it'd be an adjustment.

"It's a whole different stage of life," Liston said. "Hopefully it'll leave me the time to do the things I didn't have the time to do."

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Successful grads give tips

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students looking to get a head start on their careers are invited to a panel discussion Tuesday.

Student Opportunities for Academic Results and Females of African Descent Modeling Excellence are sponsoring the event to help students learn about networking and how their majors can apply in the real world.

The event takes place at 6

p.m. in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. There is no charge and the event is open to the public.

The panel features more than 20 women who, according to SOAR Director Earleen Patterson, have been successful in their fields. Patterson said students can learn how to "link their majors with occupations they may have not considered."

For more information, contact Patterson at 650-3790.

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said the incubation period for mumps can range from 12 to 25 days.

Grimes said keeping hydrated and taking medicine such as Tylenol or Advil for the fever and body aches can treat mumps. The symptoms for mumps include fever, headache, muscle ache and swelling of the glands.

She said there are other complications but they are usually rare.

"There are several other complications, which include deafness, inflammation of the testicles, ovaries and breasts; it can cause inflammation of the pancreas and it can even cause meningitis," Grimes said. "But those are rare."

Grimes added there has never been a case at SIUE and

normally students are treated properly.

"We've never had a case. Ninety-eight percent of the student population has the appropriate vaccination," she said.

She also said for students not to worry about the infection but to come in for a checkup if symptoms develop.

"Don't panic. If these symptoms last two to three days, then come in and we don't mind checking," Grimes said.

For more information, visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/mumps/default.htm or visit the Health Service Web site at www.siu.edu/HEALTH/.

Students can contact Health Services at 650-2842 to make an appointment.

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Corn-To-Ethanol Research Center.

The study aims to detect microbial competition during biomanufacturing, primarily in ethanol.

Detection and control of this competition should help increase the efficiency of these processes.

"Sensitive and specific detection of microbial competition during processing has significant economic potential," School of Pharmacy professor Ron Worthington, the project's principal investigator, said in a press release. "Careful

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years."

Nowadays, Pastreich continues to serve as a consultant in the training of orchestra managers, strategic planning and conflict resolution.

Hardy, a long-time volunteer and supporter of many organizations in the St. Louis area, is active with the SIUE Meridian Society, the women's philanthropy group that is part of the SIUE Foundation.

She also established the Bob

monitoring should improve efficiency in the bioprocessing industries and lower costs, while increasing yields."

Vandegrift praised the research the grant will allow.

"The NSF grant has a lot of potential to improve the ethanol by decreasing the use of antibiotics," Vandegrift said.

"Renewable fuels are a major way to reduce foreign oil dependence," Shimkus said. "We use energy to produce products that makes us have a high GDP and standard of living."

Hardy Scholarship in Broadcast Journalism at SIUE in memory of her late husband, a renowned KMOX news anchor, commentator and broadcaster.

Hardy also established the American Heart Walk in memory of her husband and continues to be an advocate for education, awareness and prevention of heart disease.

"I had a great teacher that taught me to give to others, and that was my husband," Hardy said.

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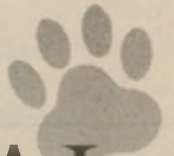
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Letter to the editor Student says geese will get revenge on their foes

My time as the leader in our struggle against avian oppression via the "Haters of SIUE Geese" Facebook club may be ending. I recently learned of the "poultry" that these Internet-savvy birds apparently have with me. I have spent three years working hard for peace with the geese, but my work has gone in vain.

Today, I became a victim of goosing. Yes my friends, today, a day that will live in infamy, I became the target of goose hostility.

wasn't an option; he wanted blood ... and blood he would get. I couldn't have foreseen the unbridled force that this attacker unleashed when I fell, spirit broken, to the ground. With knees, wrists and arms skinned from my departure from normal walking position to one of submission on the pavement, I became terrified. Fearing for my life, arms flailing, I attempted to use my book bag as my shield against the onslaught of beak fury, all the while making sure I

The moral of the story is that you shouldn't say anything bad about the goose problem, no less start a Facebook club about it. The real question is where on campus are geese obtaining access to the Internet? And how do they type? We don't know how these geese get their information, but somebody must be leaking it. Their assassination

attempt failed this time, but next time I may not be so lucky. I offer you my peace, and hope that you have many years of polluting the sidewalks of SIUE ... after I'm gone.

Viva La Resistance.

Brendan Graham
Senior
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"The moral of the story is that you shouldn't say anything bad about the goose problem, no less start a Facebook club about it."

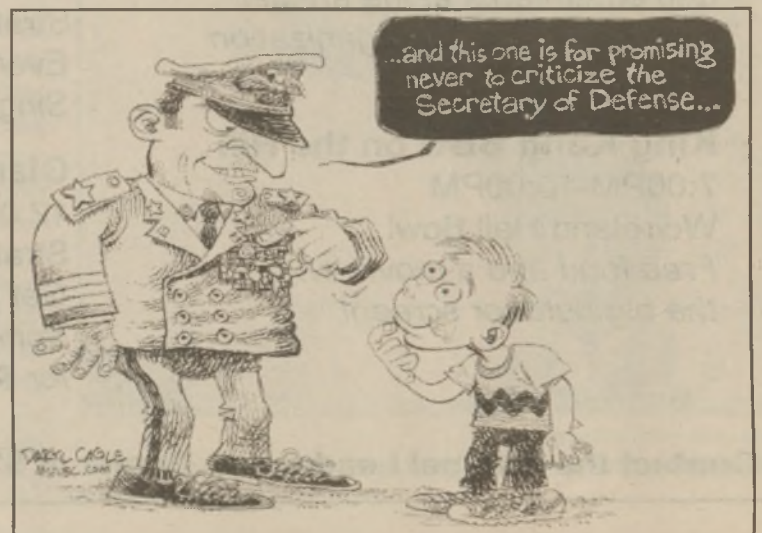
On the way to the library, I came upon a common sight around these parts, a goose in the middle of the path. I panicked, but in my mind I knew what I had to do. Using skills born of the racquetball courts, I juked left to avoid the creature not knowing that my failure to yield to the beast would be a regrettable decision. The goose didn't move and actually acted satisfied that I had walked on its left side instead of the right. Walking twenty paces more between the library and Science Building, I met my destiny. Playing the role in a western showdown fit for John Wayne, I saw under the glaring Wednesday sun my mortal foe. Apparently I somehow offended the goose gods with my disrespectful left pass, and the mate of that said goose was there for vengeance.

At first I thought that the rapid, forceful opening of his mouth was normal behavior. Then it struck me ... this goose wants to "bring it." As someone who appreciates most of my feathered brethren, I did not want to fight this avian assassin. However, he did not give me much of a choice. He accelerated toward me with scaly claws and a piercing war cry began as he flapped his wings like none had flapped before. It was then that the "fight or flight" response kicked in. I can do many things, but flying is not among them and surely I wasn't going to throw down with this misguided ne'er-do-well. Instead I ducked and narrowly escaped the swooping wrath of the bird.

As I continued my dangerous trek to the library, I realized this goose was relentless. Scaring me

wouldn't injure the bird. I fought my way to the welcoming doors of the Science Building where I was granted sanctuary. I had made it! As I cleaned myself from the wounds of battle, I swore never to pass on the left of any goose again.

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ASHLEIGH STRINGFIELD/ALESTLE

Male members of the "Pirates of Penzance" cast practice a scene during rehearsal.

ASHLEIGH STRINGFIELD
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Tickets are still available for "The Pirates of Penzance," which opens Tuesday.

The SIUE Theater and Music Departments are bringing

the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta "The Pirates of Penzance" to SIUE. The production will run at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with a performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Dunham Hall Theater.

The show will feature singing pirates and cheerleading virtuous maidens as well as a young couple in love. If that is not enough, there is buried treasure and savage swordplay.

"Despite the scheduling conflicts that can arise with such a large cast and such a variety of students from different programs, the show is coming together quite well and everything looks good for opening night," theater professor James Dorethy said.

With a 25-plus person cast, not to mention the full orchestra, it is easy to see how such a thing could be an issue but the artistic staff seems like it is well at ease.

"It will be great!" Director and Choreographer J. Calvin Jarrell said.

Tickets are free to students, \$6 for faculty and staff and \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts box office in Dunham Hall. For further ticket information, contact the box office at 650-2774.



ASHLEIGH STRINGFIELD/ALESTLE

Cast members put on their best sad faces as opening night gets closer.

SIUE supports Earth Day by planting trees

JUSTIN GIBSON
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The Gardens at SIUE is sponsoring an event for Earth Day in which participants can hike through The Gardens, explore proper gardening methods and speak with different conservation experts.

The event is free and will take place at The Gardens at SIUE from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Director of The Gardens Doug Conley hopes to accomplish much with the event.

"We hope to raise awareness of The Gardens here at SIUE and provide information on proper planting techniques,"

Conley said. "In addition, we want to celebrate the splendor of the Earth and enjoy the outdoors with the company of new friends."

At 11 a.m. Rick Essner, who is part of the biology faculty at SIUE, will put on a bird-watching and habitat enhancement activity.

redstarts," he said. "I am also planning on bringing representative museum specimens from the Department of Biological Sciences so that people are guaranteed to see something new."

After the bird-watching, Essner will take participants on a walking tour in which he will point out different species and resources that can attract birds to each person's own backyard.

"Many times people choose plants as landscape based solely on how they look without any regard to wildlife," Essner said. "In many cases, native plants are just as showy and equally beneficial."

At noon, Steve Black, who is also with the SWIRCD, will talk about conservation easement.

"He will be talking about the benefits of the conservation easement process, including what it specifically is, how it benefits and how to participate in it," Conley said.

At 1 p.m., Nancee Krueschek, co-owner of Naturescapes Nursery and Landscaping, will talk about the benefits of landscaping with

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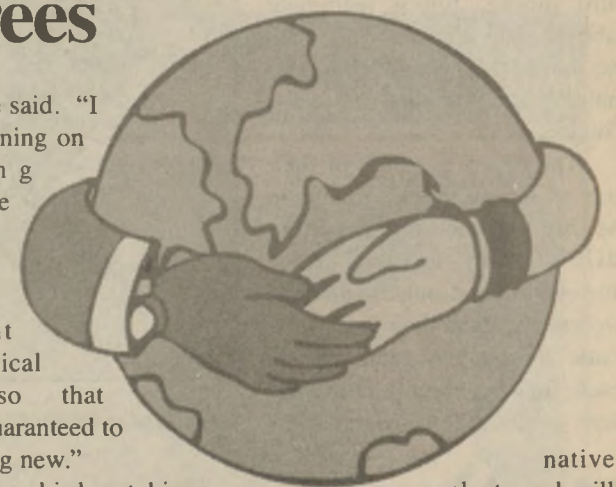
The program will begin with Paul Wierzbicki, an Urban Forester from the Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation and Development, giving a lesson on how to appropriately plant trees.

"Paul will be planting many trees that are native to North America, such as sourwood, yellowwood, fringe tree, white oak and Carolina silver bells," Conley said. "Additionally, he will be planting perennials in the Edward Chase Garvey Memorial Foundation garden."

"During our walk through The Gardens, we will encounter many of the resident backyard birds that people are generally familiar with, such as cardinals, bluebirds, chickadees and many more," Essner said. "The trail is also a very good place to see woodpeckers and the restored prairie is an excellent place to see grassland birds."

In addition to the many different common birds of the area, Essner is hoping for some more rare sightings.

"The ultimate goal is to catch glimpses of the spectacular Neotropical migrant birds moving through our area at this time of year, especially brilliantly colored warblers like parulas and



native plants and will answer questions from participants.

Even though this is the first Earth Day event at The Gardens, Conley believes that it will be a success.

"This is the first one and I am not quite sure on how many will attend, but judging from e-mail responses and phone inquiries, I would have to say many people are interested in the event," he said.

The Gardens is located at the intersection of East University Drive, North University Drive and Cougar Lake Road.

"One of the greatest assets of the Gardens is its diversity of habitat types including deciduous forest, wetland and prairie," Essner said. "That range produces a good mix of wildlife and increases the great potential of The Gardens."



Sports Quote of the Day

"Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalised for too many players on the field."

~Jim Boulton



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SIUE sweeps Easter weekend games

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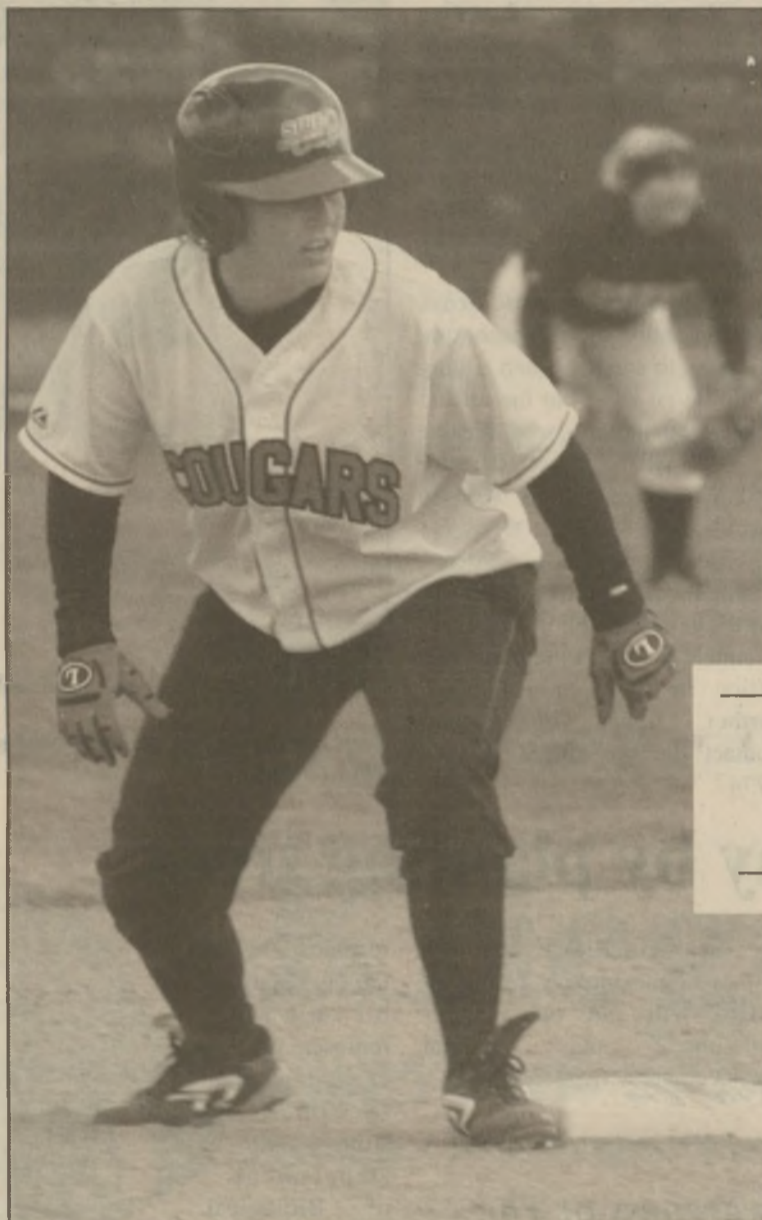
The SIUE softball team did some spring-cleaning at Cougar Field this weekend, breaking out the brooms on Lewis University and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in a set of doubleheaders.

Behind an arsenal of powerful pitchers and banging bats, the Cougars picked up four more wins, improving their record to 37-5 overall and 13-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

On Friday night, SIUE matched up with Lewis University, which is now 24-8 overall and 10-4 in the GLVC.

Behind junior star hurler Sabra McCune, the Cougars took game one by a four-run advantage of 6-2. McCune blasted a three-run homer in the third inning. Junior teammate Libby Lenart drew a walk with the bases loaded in the next inning to add another run in the Cougars' favor.

The Flyers got both of their runs off Kristy Vanek's double in the top of the sixth, cutting SIUE's lead to two runs. However, the Cougars notched two more runs in their half of the frame to put the game out of reach for the Flyers. The RBIs were attributed to sophomores



JEFF RULE/ALESTLE
SIUE junior Emily Lenart gets set to take off from second base.

Kaeleigh Rousey and Mallory Ruggles.

"Rousey is playing outstanding defense, aside from hitting the ball well," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "She's playing a great game right now. Ruggles came in partway through the first game and put a sacrifice bunt down to get an RBI"

McCune struck out seven of the 28 batters she faced, giving up two runs on four hits. Her record improved to 19-4 with the win.

Freshman Kaitlin Colosimo took over pitching duties for SIUE in game two, giving up one run on nine hits. She struck out

freshman, she is very mature."

The Flyers came back to score their only run of the game two innings later. In the third, the Cougars reclaimed their lead when Holly Neuerburg scored off a sacrifice fly by fellow senior Alicia DeShasier. It was all the offense the Cougars needed as the game was decided at 2-1.

Both DeShasier and junior Emily Lenart were 3-4 at the plate on the day. DeShasier scored two runs and notched one RBI. Libby Lenart drew four walks, going 1-3 and hitting in two of her teammates.

The Cougars returned to action on Saturday when they took on Parkside. SIUE's pitchers

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~SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery

nine and walked one batter. The Cougars jumped out to an early lead, scoring thanks to a double to center field from Lenart.

"Kaitlin threw against Lewis. She's having a great year as a freshman. Hopefully, she's learning something new every day," Montgomery said. "She has got a lot of control and good command of her pitches. For a

held the Rangers to four hits on the day.

The Cougars, however, scored seven runs off 12 hits in the first game alone.

SIUE split their runs up in the first, second and third innings. McCune struck out 10 UWP batters and walked none,

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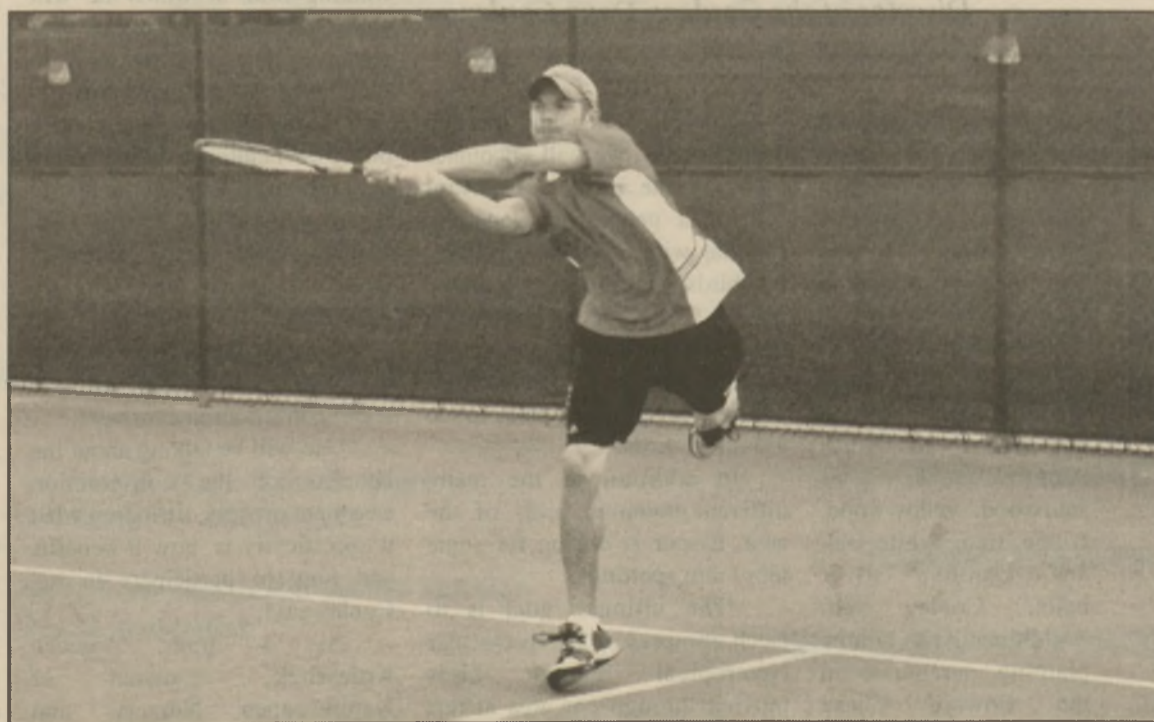
Men's tennis eliminated from conference tournament on coin toss

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

Controversy surrounded the SIUE men's tennis team Monday. The Cougars missed making the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, which will be held at home this weekend.

Their fate was decided in part by a coin toss. SIUE, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Southern Indiana went into Monday engulfed in a three-way tie for the final two spots in the tournament.

The Cougars had the fewest points in the head-to-head matches among the three teams that were tied with a 2-3 GLVC record. UMSL had 11 points, USI had nine and SIUE had seven. As a result of having the fewest points, the Cougars were



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE
SIUE freshman Nicolas Garrison swings through a return during a recent home match for SIUE.

knocked out of the third seed. Southern Indiana beat UMSL and won the coin toss for the third seed. This meant that SIUE and UMSL were fighting for the fourth seed. Since the Cougars lost to UMSL 7-2 over the weekend, they lost the playoff spot.

"It's tough, we gotta get up and come back next year," SIUE Head Coach Bryan Belt said.

The Cougars had two GLVC matches over the weekend against Quincy University and the Rivermen. The Cougars were able to win against Quincy, but lost to UMSL.

SIUE hosted Quincy on Friday and the Cougars needed a win in order to have a chance to make the playoffs and they did just that, taking the match 7-2.

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throwing her fifth shutout of the season. Rousey and senior Shanna Waldo powered SIUE as they both went 2-2 in the game, while Libby Lenart and senior Amy Rogers went 2-3.

"We came out and dominated Parkside in the first game. Everything was just clicking. We were hitting the ball very well. McCune was throwing hard," Montgomery said. "A lot of people got in that game. It's nice to get contributions throughout the lineup. It was a good game."

Sophomore right-hander Lindsay Laas split pitching duties with Colosimo in the second game, allowing three hits in the combined effort. Going into the bottom of the sixth, Parkside was

up 1-0. Rousey came up huge for the Cougars as she homered over the left-field fence to tie the game. In the final inning, birthday-girl DeShasier singled up the middle, allowing Jodie Ohlau to score the game-winning run.

Parkside ended up on the short end of a 2-1 decision. The Rangers now sit in eighth place in the GLVC.

At press time, the Cougars were scheduled to take on Lincoln University for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. Monday at Cougar Field. SIUE returns to action tomorrow in a doubleheader. The team travels to Evansville, Ind., to take on Southern Indiana University, starting at 2 p.m.

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They swept the doubles with junior Andrew Reznack and freshman Thibaud Chevalier winning 8-5 in the No. 1-spot.

The matches only got easier. Freshman Nicolas Garrison and junior Eduardo DeLaCruz added to their two-match winning streak with an 8-2 victory at the No. 2-slot. Sophomore Mike Jolly and junior Doug Kim who struggled as a team earlier in the year got it together with an 8-0 slaughtering at the three position.

The only losses for the Cougars were at the four and six spots, and they went to super tiebreakers.

Kim won at the top position 6-3, 6-2. Reznack, who has only won one of his last seven matches, was able to pull out an easy victory 6-0, 6-3. Chevalier won his match 6-2, 6-2 and extended to a three-match winning streak. Jolly has been

solid in the fifth spot and continued to win and is now 3-0 after his 6-0, 6-1 slamming.

Garrison continued to lose tight matches with another loss in a super tiebreaker. He is now 1-4 in super tiebreakers after his 6-4, 4-6, 10-7 loss.

Senior Daniel Lipe was close to winning his first match of the season, but couldn't pull it off in the super tiebreaker or the match, losing 6-3, 7-6, 10-8.

The Cougars were riding a three match winning streak, their longest such streak this season.

Unfortunately they had it snapped at the wrong time at home against UMSL, losing what proved to be a costly match 7-2.

The only victories the Cougars gained were at the three spot in doubles and the six spot in singles.

In doubles, it was the unstoppable pairing of DeLaCruz and Garrison winning a tough battle 9-7. They improved their record to 10-4 and are the only singles or pairs on the Cougars to win double-digit victories.

Kim and Jolly were unable to win back-to-back matches, losing a close one 9-7. Lipe and Chevalier teamed up for the first time this year and couldn't find the chemistry, losing 8-5.

The Cougars struggled in singles as Jolly was the only winner. His 6-4, 6-3 victory improved his record to 9-3 on the

season. Kim and DeLaCruz both lost nail-biters in super tiebreakers. Kim had his three-match winning streak snapped after UMSL's Stephen Probst clipped him 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 in a close battle. DeLaCruz was unable to continue his winning ways, losing his match 3-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Garrison continued his struggles at the four spot and after his 6-4, 6-3 loss is 4-12 on the season.

Reznack just couldn't figure out his opponent and lost both sets 6-2. Chevalier was in the one spot and faced Francis Lam who is 8-6 at the one spot and has a rocket for a serve. Chevalier put up a fight but lost the match 6-4, 6-2.

The Cougars are now 7-9 overall and 2-3 in GLVC play. They take on Washington University at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. Louis for their season finale.

"With this year of experience and bringing in some transfers or freshman, we should be better next year," SIUE Head Coach Bryan Belt said.

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