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SIUE to become Division I

by **Holly Meyer and Catherine Klene**
Alestle News Reporters

It's official; SIUE athletics is moving to NCAA Division I.

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees approved the reclassification of all SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I at Wednesday's board meeting.

SIU President Glenn Poshard spoke in favor of the move.

"This is a natural progression to

develop a level of athletics that is at the same par as academics," Poshard said.

Poshard said SIUE has excelled in academics for quite some time and believes the university will be as successful in athletics.

SIUE Student Trustee Jesse Phelps was one of two members who did not vote. Trustee Samuel Goldman also did not vote.

Phelps said tuition is a reason he opposed the move.

"I am concerned about the continuing rising cost of education," Phelps said.

Phelps explained that the state of Illinois is not providing any more money to the university though many unavoidable costs such as "deferred maintenance" continue to rise. Phelps said he worried the addition of an optional cost would place a financial burden on some students.

However, now that the move is official, Phelps said he will support the decision and help to make it as smooth a transition as possible.

Poshard said he saw many benefits and changes for SIUE over the next five

years. He said many aspects of university and community life will change.

"Changes at first will be more subjective and intangible," Poshard said.

Moving to DI will increase alumni participation and create a better sense of community on campus and in the city of Edwardsville, according to Poshard.

"You can't discount the economic factor," Poshard said.

He said the move will bring more people into Edwardsville as opposing

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Flanked by members of local veterans organizations, the Army Ranger Honor Guard escorts U.S. Army Ranger Spc. Ryan Garbs' casket out of the Morris University Center.

Salute to a soldier

More than 400 attend services for Spc. Ryan Garbs

by **Kyle Wiese and Kevin Eagan**
Alestle News Reporters

SIUE and the surrounding community gathered in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Tuesday to pay their respects to fallen U.S. Army Ranger Spc. Ryan Garbs.

The funeral was presided by the Rev. Christopher M. Ritter of the Garbs' church, New Bethel United Methodist Church in Glen Carbon.

Members of Garbs' company, the 75th Ranger Regiment, also told of Garbs' courage and character.

"Part of the Ranger Creed is setting and achieving high standards. He heard the call and answered it," Maj. R. Paul Lasley, Regimental Chaplain said. "Ryan met and exceeded expectations."

Brig. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux presented the Bronze Star Medal for service in a combat zone and the Meritorious Service Medal for completing training in a

combat zone.

Garbs' family said he not only served the country with enthusiasm, but he also had a way of helping new soldiers adjust to the combat zone.

"Ryan Garbs was a motivated ranger, and he was always great at making the new rangers comfortable. He always had a grin on his face," said Col. Paul LaCamera, Cmdr. of the 75th Ranger Regiment, while reading a letter from Staff Sgt. Jerry Goldsmith, Pvt. Durant Yazzie and Sgt. Patrick Hardy.

One of Garbs' platoon friends, Spc. Mike Kuhns, delivered the eulogy for the service with many impressions of what Garbs was like while he was serving the country.

"My first impression of him was that he would be gone after six months," Kuhns said. "But in the next few weeks he would show that he deserved to be there and he wanted to be there."

Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn spoke of his appreciation of

Garbs' service.

"It's Ryan Garbs and his life that we need to model our lives after," Quinn said. "He loved his country more than self."

The homily for service, presented by Ritter, focused on Garbs' courage and will to succeed.

"Fear didn't seem to be in his vocabulary. He wasn't afraid of failure, but he certainly hated to lose," Ritter said. "For him, failure was not an option."

Ritter said early in Garbs' high school career, he knew that he wanted to serve in the military. He set a goal to serve in the Army Rangers.

After his sophomore year, Garbs quit playing baseball and began intensive training and preparation for the Rangers.

"He was a soldier in the making," Ritter said. "Ryan's spirit was in exact accordance of being a ranger."

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"Part of the Ranger Creed is setting and achieving high standards. He heard the call and answered it."

-Maj. R. Paul Lasley, Regimental Chaplain

Police Reports

2-21

Police took a report of a missing camera at the Commons Grill.

Police issued Lauren Griffith a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jessica Whaley a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Seth Kruenegel a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jessica Harper a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Amy Million a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to a report in Lot C of a vehicle with a stolen hangtag. Police arrested Rudie Brown for alleged theft of a hangtag under \$300 after Brown was found during a routine traffic stop. Police issued Brown citations for disobeying a stop sign and driving with a suspended driver's license on North University Drive. Brown posted \$100 bond and was released with a pending court date.

2-22

Police issued Samantha Jimerson a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive at Supporting Services Road.

Police issued Rebecca Nurnberger a citation for speeding on Circle Drive at Lot E.

2-23

Police issued Tim Drazen a citation for failure to yield at a pedestrian crosswalk on South University Drive.

Police responded to a call from an employee at Tract 144 after a report that someone broke down a gate at Lot 4D.

Police issued Eric Silmon a citation for failure to yield at a pedestrian crosswalk on Circle Drive at Lot A.

Police issued Elizabeth Linton a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Ashley Federico a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

2-25

Police issued Eric Taylor a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on

Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued Amanda Rellergert a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive.

Police issued Brian Schmidt a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Matthew Harris a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Brandon Fish a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Hans Henseler a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Barbara Miller a citation for driving on the sidewalk after her vehicle was stuck in the grass on Hairpin Drive sidewalk.

2-26

Police issued Ashley Pallante a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident on South Circle Drive.

Police responded to a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle in the softball field parking lot.

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According to close family friend Aleana Hiles, the Garbs family has received "an outpouring of support."

"The community has been absolutely wonderful," Hiles said. "Even though they didn't know Ryan, a lot of people were here to show respect for a man that sacrificed everything for his country and the courage it took."

In addition to speaking of his commitment to the military, family friends also said Garbs devoted himself to his family. Ritter told of the affection shared between Garbs and his mother, Jill Anne Garbs, a professor at Lovejoy Library.

"Jill remarked that she would always get a hug and a kiss from Ryan," Ritter said.

Following the ceremony, members of the Patriot Guard led the funeral procession to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the Special Operations Warrior Fund or to the Metro East Humane Society.

Garbs was killed Feb. 18 after his helicopter crashed while returning from a mission. He was serving in Afghanistan with Company B, 3rd battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from Fort Benning, Ga.

Garbs was born in Maryville and raised in Edwardsville. After graduating from Edwardsville

High School in 2005, Garbs joined the U.S. Army and completed basic training at Fort Benning. He continued military training after basic training and graduated from the Army Airborne School in February 2006. He also graduated from the Ranger Indoctrination Program in March 2006.

He is survived by his parents Douglas and Jill Anne Burkard Garbs from Edwardsville, his sister Melanie Neely and her husband Staff Sgt. Matthew Neely of Fairfield, Calif. He is also survived by his grandparents Lawrence and Geneva "Jean" Garbs of Edwardsville, and A.A. "Bill" and Vera Burkard of Springfield.

As an Army Ranger, Garbs traveled the world in support of the U.S. global war on terrorism, and received awards and decorations including the Army Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Posthumously, Garbs was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Garbs was also promoted posthumously from Private 1st Class to Specialist.

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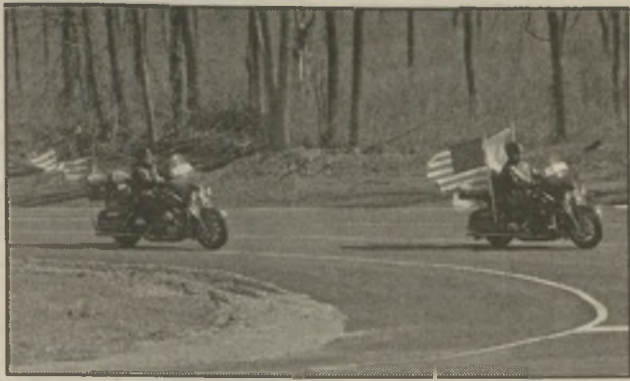
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Veterans, law enforcement officials and military personnel escort the casket from the Morris University Center to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Students, residents gather to honor Garbs

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

Hushed groups of students, news crews, police officers, bikers and members of the military stood in the bright Tuesday morning sun, waiting for the black funeral coach carrying fallen soldier Spc. Ryan Garbs to make its way down South University Park Drive.

Few, if any, of the SIUE students knew Garbs personally. He never attended the university as a student, although his mother, Jill Anne Garbs, is an associate professor at Lovejoy Library.

Still, approximately 150 students gathered between the Morris University Center and Rendleman Hall, watching in respectful silence as Army soldiers in full dress uniform bore the flag covered casket into the Meridian Ballroom.

Senior psychology and studio art major Veronica Ashbaker did not know Garbs but wanted to be there

for his family.

"Everyone just decided to show our respect," Ashbaker said. "We wanted the family to know there are people here who support them."

Ashbaker said the mood of the day was somber, but reverent. She felt SIUE handled the situation extremely well.

"It was a very nice gesture for the university to have it here," Ashbaker said.

Ashbaker waited outside during the funeral, as did several members of the Patriot Guard Riders.

Sunlight glinted off of chrome motorcycles bearing small American flags. The owners of the bikes, decked out in leather and denim patriotic jackets bearing phrases such as "Defend those who defend us!" mingled with police officers and students outside Starbucks.

Illinois State Captain of the Patriot Guard Riders Chris Brocksmith said they attended the service at the family's request.

"Our main goal is to honor

veterans, families and current warriors overseas," Brocksmith said.

The Patriot Guard Riders' mission is "to attend the funeral services of fallen American Heroes as invited guests of the family."

Brocksmith said the PGR does not care about political affiliations, only that people respect fallen soldiers.

The PGR escorted the procession to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said no issues arose during the funeral services.

"The students were very respectful," he said.

Twenty SIUE police officers were present at the service, while 20 Illinois State police officers were sent to Interstate 255 to block entrance and exit ramps so the funeral procession could travel without interruption to Jefferson Barracks.

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Women's history Month 2007 WEAVING THE PAST INTO THE FABRIC OF THE FUTURE

March, ongoing

Women's History Month exhibit, Lovejoy Library

March, ongoing

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Curated by Laura Strand, assisted by Alicia Pigg and Yvette Booker

March, ongoing

25% off books from Women's Studies section (excluding textbooks and sale items)
University Bookstore, MUC

Thurs. March 1, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Date Rape and Sexual Assault Informational Panel
Presented by Robin Pokojski, Call for Help, Inc./Counseling Services
Oak/Red Bud Room, MUC

Fri. March 2, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Women's History Month Kickoff Reception
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MUC Art Gallery, 2nd Floor

Tues. March 13, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Gender, Fairness, and the Public School Classroom
Brown Bag Discussion
Laurie Puchner and Barbara O'Donnell
Peck Hall 2415

Tues. March 13, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Mask-ularity: Revealing the Man Behind
Presented by Richard Avdoian
Peck Hall 3417

Wed. March 14, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Social Work Pioneers: Women in Social Welfare History
Brown Bag Discussion
Social Work Faculty & Students
Peck Hall 3117
Wed. March 14, 6:00 pm
Tough Guise
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Jason Stacy
Peck Hall 2304

Thurs. March 15, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION: A VISUAL DIARY OF JAMIE CURRIER'S JOURNEY WITH CANCER, Photography Exhibit and Reception
Jane Floyd-Hendey and Jamie Currier
Peck Hall 3117

Mon. March 19, 4:30-5:30 pm

Good Work Sister! Women Shipyard Workers of World War II: An Oral History
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Laura Perkins
Peck Hall 0408
Tues. March 20, 12:30 - 1:45 pm
Does Work Pay?: Experiences of Women Moving from Welfare to Work
Presented by Lisa Welch
Peck Hall 3417

Wed. March 21, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

A Jury of Her Peers
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Sue Cataldi
Founders Hall 1408

Thurs. March 22, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

The DEVIL is in the Details: Why THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA is one of the Best Films of 2006
Presented by Jan Lisa Huttner
Organized by American Association of University Women, SIUE Branch
Alumni Hall 0206

Thurs. March 22 and

Fri. March 23, 7:00 pm

LunaFest Film Festival*
Making Waves
Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library
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Tues. March 27, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Policing Women
Presented by Trish Oberweis
Science Building 0209

Wed. March 28, 7:00 pm

The Vagina Dialogues: Sex and the College Woman
Florence Maatita and Wendy Cook-Mucci
Peck Hall 0412

Fri. March 30, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Teaching About Gender and Artifacts
Brown Bag Discussion
Laura Fowler, Laura Strand, Allison Thomason, and Cory Wilmott
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Students fill first spots in Evergreen

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

The new Evergreen Hall may not be completed, but students are already lining up to get inside.

The housing reservation process has been underway for the past two weeks with a record number of students hoping to secure a spot for fall 2007.

Associate Director of Housing Scott Gluntz coordinated the Evergreen Hall and Cougar Village reservation process.

"A little over 1,200 students indicated they wanted to participate," Gluntz said. With so many students, spaces are filling quickly.

As of Wednesday, one studio space remained in Evergreen and approximately 100 in Cougar Village.

"I know there's a lot of student frustration (because) Evergreen filled up really, really quickly," Gluntz said. "We understand that."

With 511 total spaces in Evergreen and 1,500 in Cougar Village, Gluntz explained the lottery process that decides who gets which room.

"It's called a weighted lottery process," Gluntz said.

Everyone who signed up for a place in Evergreen or Cougar Village was issued a lottery number based on cumulative GPA, academic class ranking and number of semesters in University Housing, he said.

The reservation forms were divided into groups of three or more and groups of two or less. In the process for groups, Gluntz said,

the best lottery number out of the group members was used.

"(This way) I'm not comparing you and scoring you against larger groups," Gluntz said. "Our ultimate goal is to make the process as fair and as balanced as possible."

Lottery days and times were assigned according to the designated number. Students attended on Feb. 21 and 22, and again on Feb. 27 and 28.

Freshman Merry Baldwin attended the lottery on Feb. 27 in hopes of securing a private room in Evergreen Hall.

"I feel pretty confident I'll get in," Baldwin said.

Baldwin said she visited some Cougar Village apartments in the past, but is keen on getting into the new residence hall.

"It's a new dorm," Baldwin said. "I want to see what it's going to be like."

Some students were not as confident as Baldwin when it came to Evergreen.

Juniors Casey Hatch and Derek Poci planned to live in the new residence hall, but ended up searching for a private Cougar Village apartment instead.

"(Evergreen) was my first choice, but nothing can be done about it," Poci said.

Other students opted for Cougar Village over Evergreen.

Sophomore Garrett Reigel said his friends chose to stay in their current Cougar Village apartment, leaving him to hunt for an off campus apartment or a Cougar Village space.

"I was the one who drew the short straw," Reigel said.

Both Reigel and Poci said they

appreciated the order and organization of the reservation process.

"It's better than I expected it to be," Reigel said. "I thought it was going to be a 'pull numbers out of a hat' kind of thing."

Gluntz said he was pleased with the reservation process, but added that there is always room for improvement. He said he encourages students to offer any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the reservation process.

"I'm open to a lot of different ideas," Gluntz said. "If an idea a student gives me is implementable, and it can be applied to everyone, we will more than likely use it."

For those students who did not get into Evergreen, Gluntz said University Housing will try to be as accommodating as possible. Groups have the option of putting their name on a waitlist and securing a spot in Cougar Village, or they can break up the group and place them in the remaining spaces in Evergreen.

"We're trying to empower the students with the options of choice," Gluntz said.

Move-in day is still a long way off, according to Gluntz.

"It's February," he said. "We're planning for six months down the road in August. A lot will change between now and August."

Waitlists will be used to fill any vacancies as they arise.

For questions or comments about University Housing, e-mail housing@siue.edu.

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teams come to play and hotels and restaurants will see an increase in revenue because of this.

Poshard said the move will also benefit students academically.

"It actually helps academically because it creates more pride on the academic end," Poshard said.

Media attention is another benefit, according to Poshard.

"SIUE will command a pretty good chunk of the St. Louis media market," Poshard said.

The only other DI school in the St. Louis area is Saint Louis University. Poshard said since there are so few DI schools in the area, he thinks other nearby DI schools will want to play SIUE for the increased media coverage.

SIUE is hunting for DI conferences, but Poshard could not say which ones at this time.

"The chancellor and I cannot reveal what the conferences are," Poshard said. "To do so would be very premature."

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Entrepreneurship Week



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Junior business major Liz Perica is in the process of obtaining a patent for her invention, which she hopes to sell to a company.

Spark of inspiration

Nightmare provides junior Liz Perica with idea for invention

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Reporter

At 3 a.m., SIUE junior business major Liz Perica woke from a nightmare that sparked the idea for her first invention.

After writing down her idea, she woke her father, explained her invention and had him witness the event with his signature and the date.

"I can't really tell you exactly what it is or what it has to deal with," Perica said. "The invention itself is just a simple device."

It can be manufactured in the St. Louis area and used across the U.S. and the world.

"It is a universal tool," she said.

For the curious, the mystery and suspense of what the invention actually is could be ending soon.

After she finishes her U.S. patent application this week, she will be sending it to her lawyer for review, and he will eventually file it with the U.S. Patent Office.

"If it gets approval, then I get an official patent number," Perica said. "Hopefully it will be open to the public within the next month to a year."

The release time depends on how long it will take to file for a patent and how soon she can sell it to a company.

Perica does not foresee any major trouble with

patenting her idea.

"From what I understand and from what my lawyer, my family and people in the business world told me, it is a pretty good idea so it will probably be patented," Perica said. "The only conflict that I would have is if someone else had come up with something extremely similar, and so far we haven't found anyone like that."

Currently, Perica is taking an independent study course to find out just how marketable her invention is.

"I have learned by using some online sources and online stats how useful it can actually be and how much it could possibly be used," Perica said.

She thinks the data she collects will give her bargaining leverage with companies when she starts trying to sell her idea.

"You want to show numbers to people," Perica said.

One of the prospective manufactures she plans to approach with her patented idea is the Anheuser-Busch Co.

"They have the funds to promote particular items like this on a whim," Perica said. "They can start making it pretty quickly."

Perica said she wants to sell her first patent

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Module 18, 5:30 p.m.
Motivating Others
Pat Rzewnicki, The "Speech Teach"
Let's Talk
Board Room, MUC

3/20/07
Module 9, 2:00 p.m.
Cross Cultural Awareness
Kate Howell, Volunteer Relations Specialist
International Institute St. Louis
Board Room, MUC

3/20/07
Module 19, 6:30 p.m.
Understanding the Organizational Climate
Jack Holcomb, HR Specialist
Stifel Nicolaus Co., Inc.
Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects
March 4-8 - Spring Break Trip Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma
March 24 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL
March 31 - St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL
April 14 - Angel Food
April 14 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL
April 14 - St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL
April 21 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL

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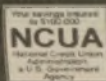
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Senate schedules Friday meeting

Alestle News Staff Report

The Student Senate will meet one last time before students are dismissed for spring break.

The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

The senate will discuss constitutional revisions to student organizations for Eta Sigma Gamma and the Psychology Club.

Also, Student Body

President Carl B. Mitchell will make an appointment to the election commission.

There will be no other personnel appointments during this meeting; however, appointments will be made at the next meeting Friday, March 23.

The meeting will not feature any guest speakers or funding requests, but there will be an open forum.

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Group places fifth at College Bowl tourney

Alestle News Staff Report

Among the ranks of such schools as the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University and the University of Illinois, SIUE placed fifth out of 16 teams in College Trivia Bowl.

Members of the Political Science Association competed Feb. 23 and 24 at the University of Notre Dame in the Association of College Unions International Regions 8 and 9 Tournament.

The team consisted of seniors Tony Keeley, Zach Knebel and Sean Aluoto, junior Dan Prengel and sophomore Chris Stroot.

The team ranked behind teams from Purdue, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois and Valparaiso University. The PSA

team finished ahead of the sponsor school, Notre Dame.

Competitors were asked various trivia questions in the categories of math, science, humanities and pop culture.

Achievement from the PSA team came from a team effort, according to Stroot.

"Without a diverse and well-rounded team, we would have been unable to get as far as we did in our first year of competing in the tournament," Stroot said.

He added that the team plans to compete in the future.

For more information about the Regional Trivia Bowl, contact the PSA or Campus Activities Board Web site, siue.edu/CAB.

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because it will provide her with the funds to start her own invention business.

Since her first inventive idea, she has already come up with two other ideas.

"It kind of sparked a flame," Perica said.

Although she has other ideas, she is going to focus on one at a time.

"I'm going to do this patent first," she said.

She said she will pursue other ideas if this invention is successful.

"The other two ideas are actually better," Perica said.

Perica said she realizes that selling her first patent could cause her to lose some influence in the business world; however, she is looking at it as an investment.

"It's just expensive to do patents one after the other," Perica said. "To give yourself a foundation, it is great to sell off

your first one. In the end, you have that in your bank account. You can always depend upon that later for future inventions."

Perica said she is eager to see her first idea patented and being used.

"I want to see anyone and everyone using it," Perica said. "I actually want it made so that I can use it."

Inventing has opened up self-employment opportunities for Perica that she has wanted since she was young.

"Way back when I was probably in grade school, my father always told me to use the tools that school gives you and try to think outside the box," Perica said. "So that eventually when you're 18 to 25, you won't have to work for someone else."

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Student has issue with global warming

As a somewhat avid reader of the Alestle, I have read time and time again the oft-misguided words of its writers. My problem arises when the reporters fail to do research on a topic they are writing about, the latest being the global warming article written by Justin Gibson. While I fully respect most of his writings, I had to point out the glaring contradictions of the propaganda film known as "An Inconvenient Truth," and other panic inducing statements in the article including words such as "could" and "if."

The Antarctic Ice Shelf may be melting in one area, but in other areas it has been growing

and is even larger than previously thought. The Peruvian glaciers that are "disappearing" are again growing in other regions of the country. There have also never been any true correlations made between so-called global warming and the size, strength or frequency of hurricanes.

Most scientists either have not seen the movie or have seen it or harshly criticized the validity of any of the movies' arguments or claims. Those scientists quoted in the movie are also recipients of grants from groups begging the question of global warming.

I am in no way supporting our society's often wasteful ways. Being an avid outdoorsman, I am simply pointing out the alarmist nature

of the article and how it tends to misguide the reader into the true nature of global climate change.

There has even been a small ice age within the last 200 years, beginning in 1500 and ending around 1850. From the early 1940s through the 1970s, the world saw temperatures decline again, and if you can believe it, the fear mongering media of the time would lead us to believe we were doomed for another ice age.

My urge to the writers and readers alike is that our eyes stay open, and for all of us to step back and to personally look into the subject before we jump on this rickety wagon.

Joshua Bozue
Senior
Nursing

JetBlue flies over struggle

(MCT) JetBlue canceled more than 250 flights on Valentine's Day because of bad weather and, far worse, somehow managed to strand several loaded planes on taxiways for more than six hours. In some instances, passengers went without food, water or clean bathrooms during the extraordinary delays.

So what does a CEO facing a crisis of consumer confidence do?

If he's David Neeleman, CEO of JetBlue, he goes to extraordinary personal lengths to make public apologies, to appear on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" and to unveil the airline's passenger bill of rights.

From now on, JetBlue will reimburse travelers for excessive delays and canceled flights - starting with \$25 to passengers on planes that sit on runways from 30 minutes to one hour.

Most major airlines experienced similar delays that same day.

JetBlue, however, is the only one that has squeezed a lemon of a public relations crisis into fresh lemonade.

That's the way free markets should work. A company takes a hit, makes it right and promises a different outcome next time. Customers can give the business another chance or take their money elsewhere.

Passengers have put up with a lot of guff from airlines for quite a while, so it's time that other airlines follow JetBlue's lead.

Passengers already pay extra for most everything they get on flights; the least airlines can do is raise the bar on how they treat customers.

Reimbursing passengers for badly busted schedules is just responsible business.

The alternative is for Congress to mandate a bill of rights, which lawmakers attempted in the late 1990s after heavy snowstorms played havoc with the industry. The airlines dodged that mandate, and post-9/11, the emphasis has been on security more than passenger frustration.

Unlike average air travelers, lawmakers can write the rules. And if airlines don't step forward, Congress should.

A little courtesy and customer service isn't too much to ask.

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Women's History Month celebrates gender

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

March and Women's History Month go hand and hand, but that doesn't mean same-old, same-old. And Women's History Month festivities at SIUE are no exception, with the annual celebration shaking things up a bit.

This year's Women History Month events are taking a new approach, with two programs focused on masculinity in society. While masculinity may not immediately come to mind when thinking of women's issues, Women's Studies coordinator Anne Valk said it's still a relevant

topic.

"Women's studies as a discipline has been as much focused on gender, and how gender gets constructed, as it is about women in particular," Valk said. "Thinking about masculinity lets us understand culturally what it means to be a man, and what it means to be a woman."

Masculinity isn't the only subject coming up. While a major goal of Women's History Month is to raise awareness of issues facing women and create opportunities to learn, Valk said it's also about sharing experiences. "The Vagina Dialogues: Sex and the College Woman" is tailored specifically to

the students.



"They're also tapping into things that relate to people's lives," Valk said. "The opportunity is not so much for

people to learn new information, as it is to think about their own experiences in a new way."

The program "The Devil is in the Details: Why 'The Devil Wears Prada' is One of the Best Films of 2006" will address the changing roles of women on the silver screen and behind the scenes as directors and screenwriters.

Some events, like "Policing Women" will explore the expanding role of women in the criminal justice system.

Some programs may bring students to tears. "How I Spent My Summer Vacation: A Visual Diary of Jamie Currier's Journey with Cancer," is a series of photographs documenting an

SIUE graduate's fight with breast cancer.

"I've seen some of the photographs," Valk said. "It's really moving."

The photographs will be on display for one day, March 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 3117.

Women's History Month doesn't have a long history of observance on campus. The most recent efforts date back five years. Before that, there was a time when Women's History Month wasn't observed at all.

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Alumnus challenges Facebook with localized alternative

by Maggie Willis
Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

MySpace.com and Facebook.com might be getting some competition from the newest community Web site around —www.MySkoolDaze.net.

In many ways, MySkoolDaze is similar to MySpace and Facebook. All three sites are online communities that allow members to communicate from the comfort of their homes. They all have features like profiles, private messaging, blogging, e-mail and chat.

However, SIUE alumnus and creator of

"I thought, 'Wouldn't it be good to have an online community where students could work together?'"

-Andrew Carrington,

MySkoolDaze.net creator and SIUE alumn



Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Andrew Carrington created the web site MySchoolDaze.net to connect students locally

free," Carrington wrote on the MSD Web site.

Just like MySpace.com and Facebook.com exploded seemingly overnight, MySkoolDaze has the potential to be the next big thing, but it took many years for it to evolve from an idea to reality.

It began several years ago when Carrington was still an SIUE student, before he graduated with a master's in computer science in 2000.

"I was the only person from my country, Barbados, and I watched other ethnic groups, like the Indian students or the Asian students, collaborate," Carrington said, "but I spent a lot of time doing stuff by myself."

This lack of sense of community eventually spawned the idea of an online community geared toward specific colleges.

"I thought, 'Wouldn't it be good to have an online community where students could work together?'" Carrington said.

Carrington excitedly talked about his idea with friends, but never found the time to build the site.

Then, he began building a site for a group of friends who wanted to write a book.

"I built the site so we could message back and forth and store stories," Carrington said.

And he just kept adding onto it.

"Over the years, I saw a lot of online communities

grow and mushroom, and finally I thought, 'MySkoolDaze could do that,'" Carrington said.

Along with jumpstarting this new online community, Carrington also runs his own company, Aceitnow, which provides information technology consultation.

Carrington has been building Web sites, building computer networks and repairing computers through his business for five years now.

"Some days it's good, some days it's not so good," Carrington said.

However, Carrington said the five-year window is critical for self-started businesses, and Aceitnow is almost through that window.

"I'm responsible for the marketing, the accounting, everything," Carrington said. "It's like a one-man show and you're responsible for all the acts."

For more information on MySkoolDaze, go to www.myskooldaze.net. For more information on Aceitnow, go to www.aceitnow.com or e-mail Carrington at acarrin@aceitnow.com.

MySkoolDaze Andrew Carrington said MSD also offers a few features unique to the online community scene.

"MySkoolDaze is more locally focused," Carrington said. "The other Web sites are more scattered. Even if they can be localized, it starts at the other end of the spectrum."

Right now, Carrington is devoting MSD's focus to only two communities: SIUE and the School of Life, a community for those who are not attending college but still wish to contribute resources like stories and music.

Carrington also said the site only allows users that are at least 18 years old to join the community.

"It gives it more of a college feel," Carrington said. "Web sites like MySpace let high school students join, and then there are issues with inappropriate conduct."

Where MySpace has caused many parents concern for their children's safety from stalkers and pedophiles, Carrington said he hopes the age limit will sidestep that issue.

Other features MSD offers include games, video uploading, classifieds, story uploading and featured artists.

While the MySkoolDaze Web site and its many features are up and running now, the site is still in the beginning stages, waiting for users to join—and those who join now will escape any kind of membership fee.

"Sign up for MySkoolDaze now while it's totally

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"It's something that used to happen here in a much smaller form, and seemed to have died out," Valk said.

The Women's Studies program is primarily responsible for organizing and promoting speakers, displays and discussions. But it is the students, student groups and faculty who take charge of each event.

Next year, with the help of a new faculty member, the Women's Studies program hopes to explore topics like women in politics. With presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi making waves in Washington, Valk said women's roles are changing in society.

"They speak to the importance of thinking about women historically. How opportunities for women today are different than in the past," Valk said.

Events begin with a display titled "Quilting as a Women's Tradition" at 4 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center Art Gallery. The quilts will be on display for the remainder of March.

For more information on Women's History Month events, email Anne Valk at avalk@siue.edu.

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Celebrating 40 years



Steve Berry/Alestle

Rozina Coleman performs during the Morris University Center's 40th anniversary celebration Wednesday. Various groups performed throughout the day.



Steve Berry/Alestle

Head baker Michelle Taylor cuts a cake celebrating the Morris University Center's 40th anniversary Wednesday.

The Morris University Center celebrated its 40th anniversary Wednesday. Events held throughout the day included music, theatrical performances, photographs and speakers. Additionally, Union Station, Center Court and Cougar Lanes offered special pricing in honor of the event.

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SIUE sophomore forward Becky Tenholder, 11, goes up for a bucket as Becca Kueny, 30, pressures her from behind during the Cougars' 71-51 loss to the University of Missouri-Rolla Feb. 22 at the Vadalabene Center.

Pete Ridens/Alestle

Playoff bound

Cougars get ready for Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE women's basketball team will be looking to carry its winning ways into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament this weekend at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

The Cougars, who just completed their first 20-win regular season since the 2000-2001 campaign and are seeded No. 2 in the GLVC West, will play GLVC East No. 3-seeded Bellarmine University in the quarterfinals at noon Friday.

"Bellarmine is very good," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We're going to have to rebound against them. That's kind of been a point of emphasis the past few days. Play defense obviously, we will have to tighten up a little bit. They play just as good as we have all season. Then hope the ball falls for us offensively."

The Cougars faced Bellarmine Nov. 30 in Louisville, Ky., and handed the Knights their first loss, prevailing 71-61. Bellarmine pulled down 22 offensive rebounds in the game, but shot 32 percent from the field. But Hedberg did not make much from the victory.

"I think we, with some of our new players, snuck up on some people early," Hedberg said. "Everybody is making

adjustments. You look at Northern Kentucky who started out slow then turned it on. I think both teams are going to be playing hard. Obviously we beat them in the first game so they are going to be coming back looking, and there are obviously some regional implications with it as well."

All-GLVC junior forward Amber Shelton and second team all-conference junior guard Whitney Sykes will likely pace SIUE in the eight-team playoff. Shelton, who led the Cougars' offense, averaging 19.5 points per game during the regular season, poured in 20 points in SIUE's victory over Bellarmine. Sykes, who leads the GLVC with 79 3-pointers made on the year, added 19 points against the Knights. Senior Julianne McMillen turned in 16 points in the win.

"We are going to need that from those three plus a little bit of help from others giving us what they can," Hedberg said. "Allison Fogle is going to start for us in place of Julie Sweetin and we need her. She's a scorer, she's very capable. Hopefully we'll see her knock down a couple shots early to give her confidence."

If SIUE breaks through against Bellarmine, it could square off with GLVC East top seed Lewis University, which is ranked No. 9 in the latest USA Today/ESPN NCAA Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll with a 24-3 mark.

Northern Kentucky University is also coming into the tournament hot, having won 13 of its last 14 games, and

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SIUE wrestling team wraps up season, Ficht qualifies for national tournament

by Marty Jenkins
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE wrestling team wrapped up its season this past weekend at the Kates Gymnasium in Ashland, Ohio, grappling at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regionals.

The results were not favorable for the Cougars, who had 23 points and finished in last place at the nine-team tournament Saturday.

The University of Central Oklahoma captured the crown over the weekend with 153 points.

The highlight of the weekend for SIUE came from senior John Ficht. Ficht, from Burbank, placed fourth in the 165-pound division and earned a spot in the NCAA Division II Championships.

"This is by far the best season that

I've ever had and I'm excited to move on," Ficht said. "It is sad that the rest of my teammates are done, but I think that they ended the year with good attitudes and they gave great effort as well."

Ficht said the Cougars were in a tough position from the beginning because of their tough draw.

"A lot of our guys had to wrestle the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds and it really put us in a tough place," he said.

The tournament did not start off as intended for Ficht, who dropped his first match to Truman State's Blake Peterson by a score of 5-1. In his next match, Ficht started his winning streak by defeating Justin Shannon of Findlay University 3-1.

Ficht iced his invitation by defeating Vince Bertucci from Central Missouri University. He won by a score

of 12-2 in a major decision.

SIUE assistant coach Ron Bessemer was happy with the way Ficht performed in Ohio.

"I think he has a chance to be an All-American if he wrestles like he did last weekend," Bessemer said.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, only three other wrestlers posted wins in the regional.

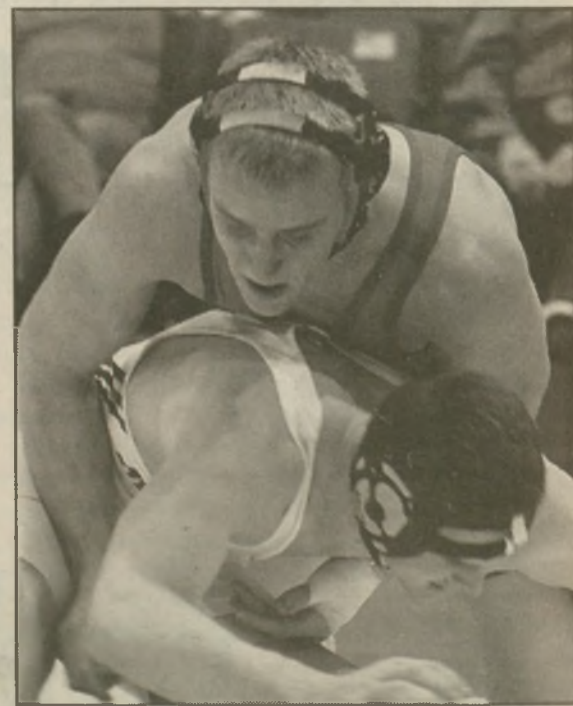
Senior Jed Lewis defeated Chad Swagman from Truman University by a score of 11-2.

Junior Daniel Midgett won by forfeit over Dean Schultz from Truman University.

Senior Sean Tyus defeated Justin Cooper from Indianapolis University 9-5.

Besides Lewis and Tyus, Joe Rujawitz is the third and final senior

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Pete Ridens/Alestle

SIUE senior John Ficht, top, wrangles with McKendree College's Rick Cook during a match Feb. 8 at the Vadalabene Center. Ficht finished fourth at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regionals Saturday and earned a berth at the national championships March 9 and 10.

Cougars get back into swing of things this weekend

by **Lindsay Stuart**
Alestle Sports Reporter

Hopes are high for the SIUE baseball team as they start their season at 6 p.m. Saturday against St. Joseph's College in Savannah, Ga.

The Cougars, who were 40-19-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference last year, are excited to get started. Because of the weather, preseason practices have been confined to the gym at SIUE's Vadalabene Center, so the team is eager to get outdoors.

said. "But our bullpen is the same old bullpen."

Among the new faces on the team is Australia native Luke Vine. Vine, a junior at SIUE, can pitch with an 89 to 92 mile per hour fastball. He was 7-3 last season at Illinois Valley College and struck out 99 batters and walked 16 in 74 innings pitched.

Junior third baseman Ben Bartley has also been added to the SIUE line-up. Bartley held a .382 batting average and a .933 fielding percentage in 2006. According to Collins, one can

"The games are always a surprise...
but I think we will be a pretty
good ballclub."

-SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins

"This has probably been the longest extended time we have been stuck inside. We are all excited to get outside," SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins said on the SIUE Athletics Web site.

With so many new players on the team this year, it's hard to guess exactly what the season may look like.

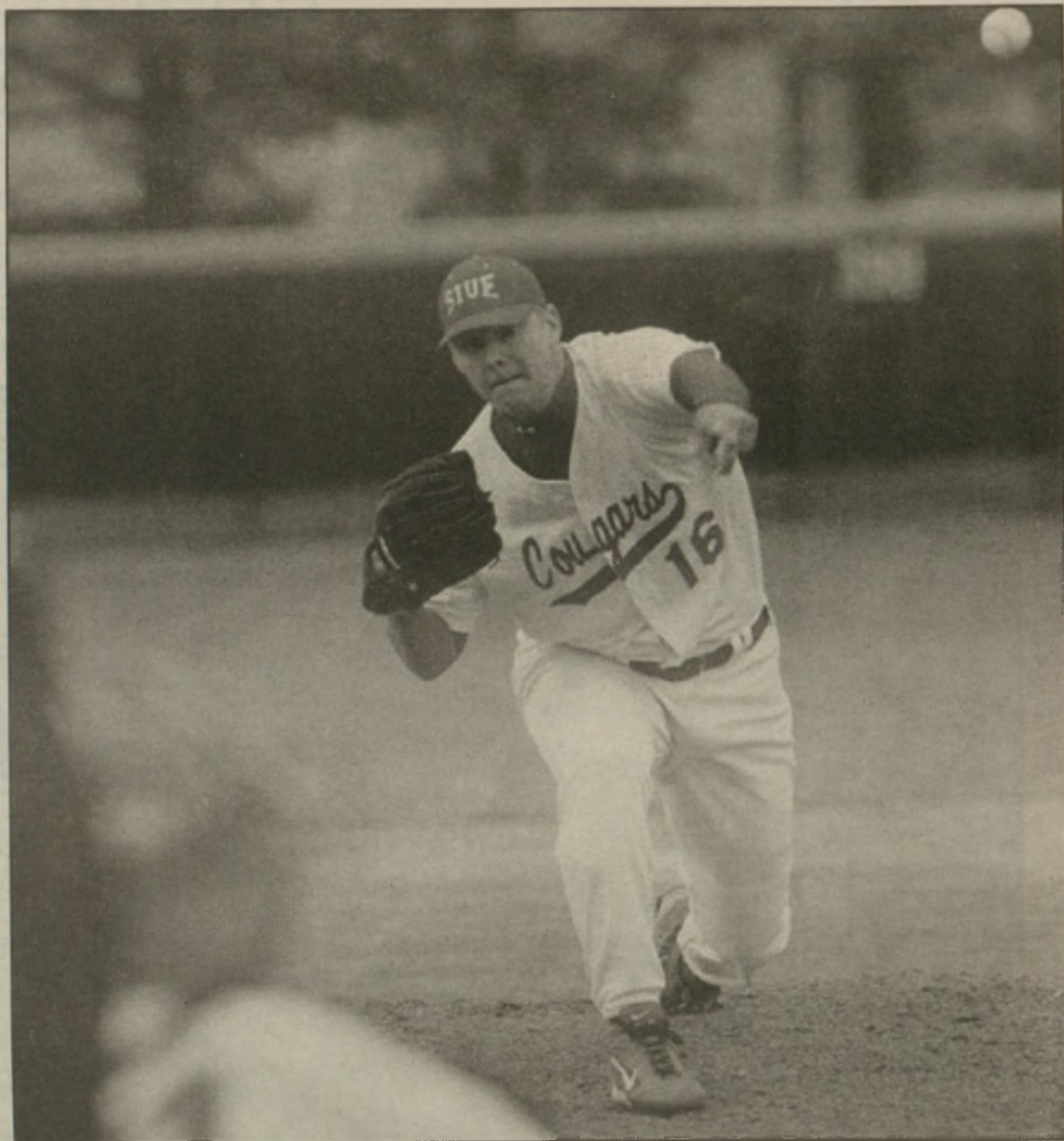
"The whole middle of our line-up is new. Our three, four, five and six hitters are new, as are our four starting pitchers," Collins

expect Bartley to have a great season.

"It's just a coach's gut feeling," he said. "But we've got several candidates that could go off and have big seasons."

And with so many returning seniors, the Cougars will have experience and maturity on their side.

"I expect our seniors like Adam Tallman and Ryan Czyn

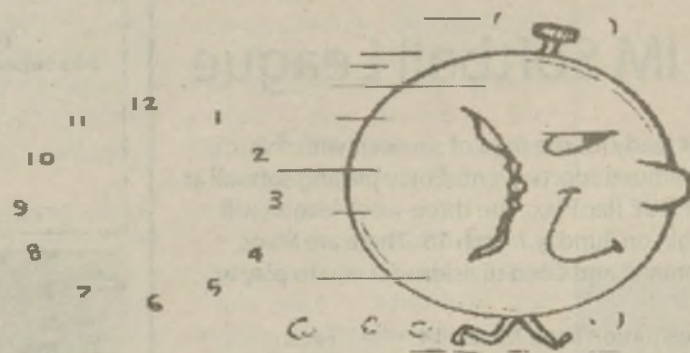


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SIUE junior Cody Litteken pitches during a game last season at the SimmonsCooper Complex.

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The Cardinals are champions, but now it's time to move on

by Larry Stone
The Seattle Times

(MCT) – It is absolutely not true that Tony La Russa began orchestrating the St. Louis Cardinals' title defense while Detroit's Brandon Inge was waving at Adam Wainwright's 0-2 slider for the final out of the World Series.

Nah, he had the decency to wait until the Cardinals got to the

clubhouse.

"Shortly after the season – and when I say shortly, I mean like 20 minutes after we got done popping champagne – he looked at me and said, 'Now all we got to do is figure out if you're a starter or reliever,'" said Wainwright.

La Russa is not one to leave anything to chance, particularly not something as weighty as the potential for post-dramatic stress

disorder. Many a team has been seduced into failure by the trappings of a title – including La Russa's 1983 American League West champion White Sox, who plummeted to fifth in '84.

"I thought in '84, complacency set in," La Russa said Saturday, addressing the media while longtime friend Bill Parcells waited patiently nearby.

"As a manager, I poorly responded and prepared them.

Ever since then, you try to learn from it, and we've generally gone about it different and better."

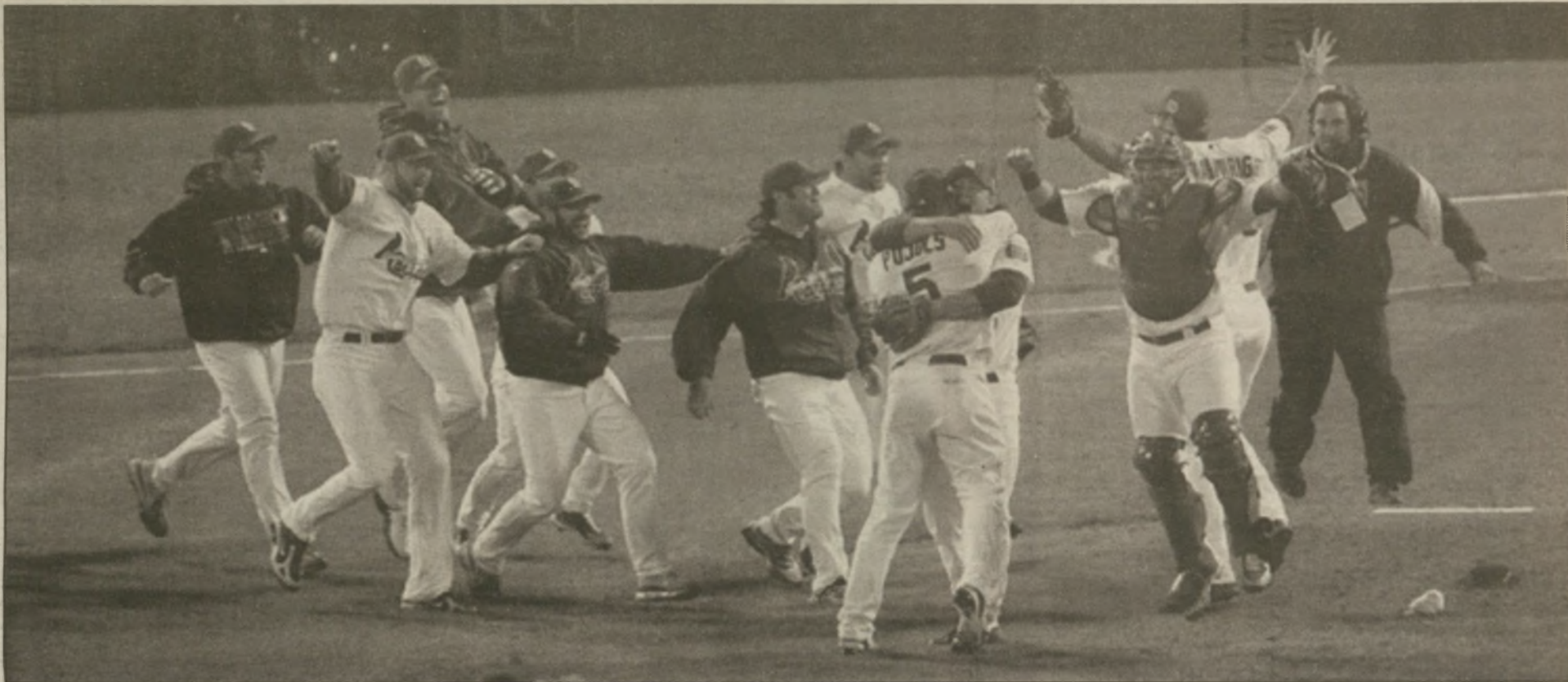
Obviously, part of the Cardinals' challenge was reconstructing the roster amidst the standard free-agent defections, which cost them two of their top postseason pitchers, Jeff Suppan and Jeff Weaver.

Provided that closer Jason Iiringhausen is recovered from his hip injury, Wainwright will

move into the rotation along with ace Chris Carpenter and probably Anthony Reyes, former reliever Braden Loooper and free-agent signee Kip Wells. Adam Kennedy slides into the second-base job in place of departed Ronnie Belliard.

But La Russa feels that his far bigger challenge will be getting the Cardinals in the

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The St. Louis Cardinals celebrate winning Game 5 of the World Series at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Oct. 27. The Cardinals defeated the Detroit Tigers, 4-2, in Game 5, and took the Series four games to one.

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Hockey takes second at MACHA

by Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

As the SIUE Hockey Club ended their season last weekend, the Cougars fell just short of winning their fifth consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference championship. The team made it to the finals for the fifth straight year, only to be defeated in their last game of the year.

The Cougars opened up the Mid-American Collegiate Hockey Association tournament with a 10-1 victory over Northern Illinois University. A hat trick by senior Jason Walker, along with two goals from seniors Austin Jones and Matt Kaiser, helped advance the Cougars into the finals.

In the finals of the MACHA tournament, the Cougars faced the Missouri State University Ice Bears. The Cougars jumped to a quick three-goal lead early in the game, after two goals by Kaiser and a third goal from Mike Dolan. The Ice Bears quickly fought back, tying the score heading into the third period. After the Ice Bears netted the go-ahead goal in the middle of the third period, their defense shut down the Cougars and gained the victory 5-4.

The Cougars just missed the chance of setting yet another GLVC record of winning five

consecutive conference championships. This would have broken the previous record set by the Cougars last year.

Though the Cougars season ended with no trophies in postseason play, the year was not a disappointment. With one of the top records in SIUE hockey history, the team has advanced year-by-year since the creation of the program eleven years ago.

"This year's team was the absolute best team I've seen since I've been here," assistant coach Scott Cloin said. "These guys are more than just teammates, they're a family."

After losing only one game in conference play, and only losing five games all season, the team's success was led by a key core of senior players.

"If you look at the season by taking away the records and final scores," Cloin said, "this team played hard, fast, and with heart every time they stepped on to the ice."

Leading the team to many of these victories were those senior skaters. Kaiser, Jones and Walker led the Cougars on a charge that had them finishing their season with a record of 23-5 overall.

"The guys we had this year really meshed well," Kaiser said. "I think that this is one of the best teams that I've played with. Everyone played for the other

guys on the team.

As the next generation of SIUE players enter onto the ice, new leaders must step up and fill the shoes of the departing seniors. Five seniors will be leaving the team this year, with the possibility of one senior, Casey Kicielski, returning as a goaltender as a graduate student.

"Every year we've lost some key seniors and people have counted us out," Jones said. "Every time we've proved them wrong and won."

SIUE sophomore Danny Brynildsen and juniors D.J. Schwab and Matt Steward have already been credited as the future leaders of SIUE hockey. This year, they have shown on and off the ice that they could be a part of a leading member of the team, according to Cloin.

"Matt Steward has already been a leader in the locker room," Jones said. "I'm sure he will transfer that to the ice next year."

The Cougars will now take a rest during the offseason and hope that next year will bring the same accomplishments the team earned during this season.

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CARDS

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proper mental state. That is always a challenge for defending champions in any sport. In the last 28 years, the only World Series champs to repeat have been the Yankees (1998-2000) and Blue Jays (1992-93).

Upon arriving in Florida to open camp, La Russa read comments in a local newspaper from Pat Riley about how the Miami Heat was not ready to start the season. La Russa seized upon those remarks, reading them to the squad at the first meeting.

Throughout the winter, La Russa had consulted with various coaching and managing friends, such as Bill Parcells and Bob Knight, about the best way to approach a title defense. He decided to tell the players that they weren't defending their title at all.

"It's all about a brand-new competition," he told them. "We're exactly where we were last year."

La Russa remains wary of the allure of self-congratulatory basking. On Saturday, the Cardinals practiced for the first time in their spring stadium here after working out to this point on various practice fields. As they entered the ballpark, fans hailed them with kudos over the franchise's first World Series win since 1982.

"It's wonderful," La Russa said. "At the same time, you have to be sure it works for you and not against you. If it distracts, if you start feeling you've got your pet on your lap, that's not a good feeling."

Cardinals shortstop David Eckstein and reserve Scott Spiezio saw firsthand in 2003 the potential pitfalls awaiting St. Louis. After a thrilling World Series win over the Giants in 2002, their Angels squad fell to third place at 77-85, 19 games out of first.

"Just because we won last year doesn't mean jack squat for this year," said Spiezio. "I think in 2003, we just didn't have a game plan as a team. A lot of guys did the shows and autograph signings and things like that. Before you know it, the season was upon you, and a lot of guys weren't ready. We got off to a slow start, and then I think we started panicking."

"The one difficult thing, when you go through it for the first time, is all the extra outside stuff that comes into it," added Eckstein. "Everyone wants to make you think you're better than you really are."

La Russa says he's relying on the Cardinals' "core leadership" to prevent that from happening.

"We have a terrific clubhouse," he said. "Whatever

we're facing - mistakes we're making, adversity - they handle it."

That core includes Albert Pujols, arguably the game's premier player, as well as Jim Edmonds, Scott Rolen, Eckstein, Carpenter and Isringhausen, among others.

Significantly, Rolen and La Russa settled their long feud Friday with a handshake and friendly conversation outside the manager's office. The two had not spoken since La Russa benched Rolen for Game 4 of the Division Series against the Padres.

"Everyone knows what our job is," Carpenter said. "Just because we won last year doesn't mean anything now."

Well, it means something, as the Cardinals will find out April 3 when they get their rings at Busch Stadium before a game against the Mets.

"I'll spend quite a bit of time with my ring," Wainwright mused dreamily. "I'm preparing myself. Maybe I'll make a little bed for it."

La Russa would approve. He wants the Cardinals to say good night to their World Series championship and start facing the new day.

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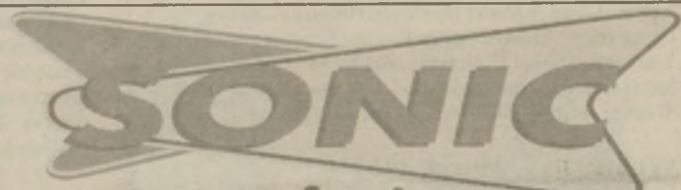


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Monday, March 12, 2007

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Description: Washington Internships in Foreign Policy - The Embassy and Diplomatic Scholars Program
Peck Hall 3117, 12:00 pm

Event: Student Discussion with Xuanmin Luo, Fulbright Scholar from China

Peck Hall 2310, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Event: Xuanmin Luo Fulbright Scholar from China

Description: Translation and Globalization - Reconsider Lu Xun in the Context of China and the West
Peck Hall 3417, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Event: Gene Schmiel (US Department of State)

Description: The Changing Foreign Service: Transformational Diplomacy and its Practitioners
Internship opportunities with US Department of State.
Science Building 0226, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Event: International Music

MUC, Goshen Lounge, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Event: Peace Corps Presentation

Description: Regional Peace Corps coordinator will provide current information on Peace Corps and its application process. Faculty will discuss their host country and how Peace Corps affected their lives.
Peck Hall 2304, 11:00 am

Event: Study Abroad Student Panel

Description: Returnee study abroad students share their experiences in a panel discussion led by SIUE International Programs Director. Hear stories from students who studied in Israel, Malta, Senegal, Sweden, and more. All SIUE students are welcome! Free Pizza and soft drinks will be provided
Bluff Hall, Multipurpose Room, 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Event: "A West Africa Journey"

Description: Hear the story of Ian Williams and his 2 month journey through West Africa. An SIUE student majoring in Political Science and French, Ian started in Morocco, crossed the Sahara Desert and traveled through Mauritania and Mali. When he arrived in Dakar, Senegal, he studied and lived with a traditional Senegalese family during the Fall semester 2006.
Maple/Dogwood Room, MUC, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Event: Fulbright & Peace Corps Panel

Description: SIUE faculty will describe their international experience, their expectations of academic life in their host country and how their international experience affected their academic careers.

Goshen Lounge, MUC, 2:00 pm

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BASEBALL

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and Mike Dalpozzo and Cory Bunner to be big contributors," Collins said. "They've all been here, they're all experienced."

Last season was the Cougars' best since 2001. They had their fourth 40-win season and advanced to the NCAA tournament. The 2006 Cougars also broke the NCAA Division II record for shutouts in a single season with 21.

The Cougars were picked fourth in the GLVC coaches' preseason poll, behind Northern

Kentucky University, Rockhurst University and Quincy University. They were also among four GLVC teams in the Collegiate Baseball Preseason Top 40. SIUE is ranked No. 37, Northern Kentucky 23rd, Quincy 27th and Rockhurst 34th.

"The games are always a surprise, that's why we play them," Collins said. "But I think we will be a pretty good club."

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SIUE junior forward Amber Shelton is fouled while taking a shot during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center.

BASKETBALL

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revitalized by a recent 12-game winning streak.

"Any teams going to the conference are quality teams. It could be anybody's, it just depends," Hedberg said. "You get to tournament time and it's who's going to put together a string of three good games. That's what you're looking at."

The tournament champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament, which begins March 9.

The top eight teams in each

region earn at-large bids. Currently, SIUE is ranked fifth in the Great Lakes Region.

"I don't know if we will hold or if we will drop or what will happen there," Hedberg said. "I'd like to think if we could win one game we could have a shot at it. If we lose, I don't know what would happen there. But again, it's still very tight for the region."

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WRESTLING

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on the Cougars roster.

"I'm going to miss wrestling with Lewis and Rujawitz and the rest of the guys on the team," Ficht said. "It would have been nice to see Joe win because he wrestled hard, but he got a couple of bad calls against the No. 1 seed."

The Cougars finished with an overall record of 3-10 on the season.

Ficht knows that it is going to be a challenge for him as soon as he steps on the mat. He drew an unfavorable seed and as a

result he has to face a No. 1 seed in his first match.

"A lot of the guys on the team are helping me right now and I am going to be confident going into the matches," Ficht said. "I faced this guy earlier in the year and only lost by one, so I think I have a good chance."

Ficht has two weeks to prepare for Nationals, which begin at 11 a.m. March 9 in Kearney, Neb., and will conclude the following day.

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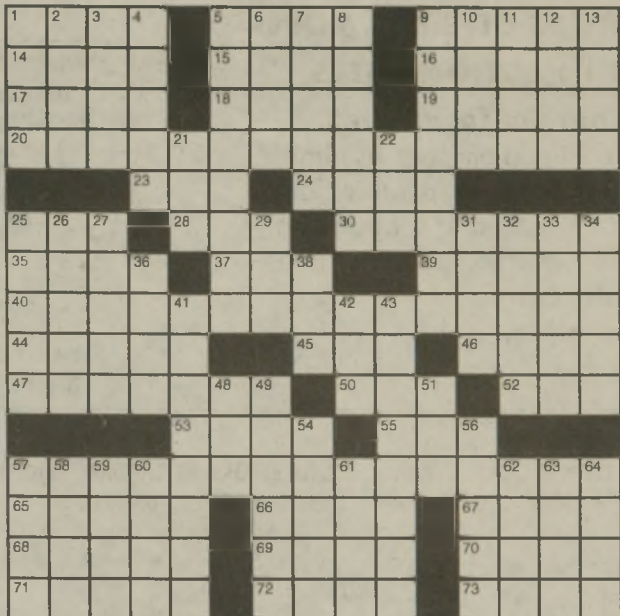
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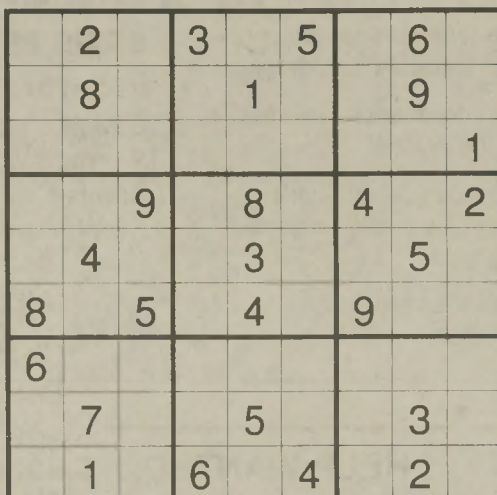


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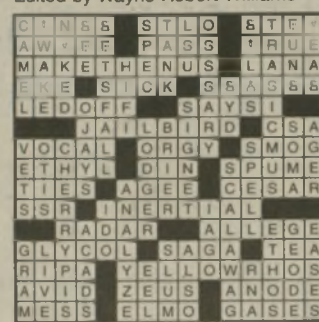
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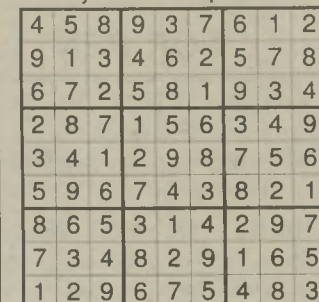
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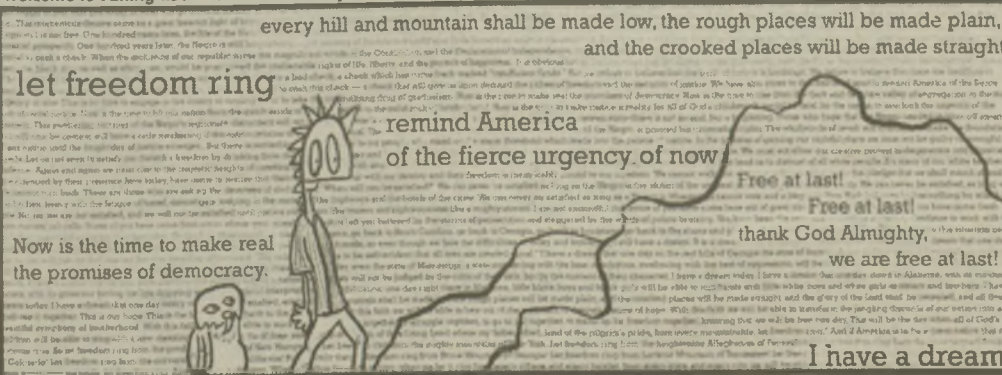


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