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## VP candidate admits to spraying Rock slur

Rardin apologizes,  
Dean of Students  
handling matter

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by Kyle Wiese  
Alestle News Reporter

Student Senator Brandon Rardin has admitted his involvement in spray-painting a slur against the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity on the Rock in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Police responded to a call on March 13 reporting the phrase, "Who is queer? AKL," was painted onto the Rock on the Stratton Quadrangle.

Rardin, one of two candidates for

Student Government vice president, is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the Student Senate. He is also the 2006 SIUE Homecoming king.

"It was a bad move on my part, and I am really sorry about it," Rardin said. "I have taken the necessary steps to apologize to anyone that may be offended."

The Rock is frequently painted by Greek organizations on campus as part of tradition for friendly rivalry between fraternities and sororities.

The police decided not to seek legal

action, and the investigation was turned over to the school administration.

According to Coordinator of Greek Life John Davenport, the punishment Rardin could receive from the university would come directly from the dean of students.

Dean of Students Jim Klenke was unable to comment specifically on matters of student discipline, but he did say that Rardin's apologies "speak for themselves."

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### Exploring Southern Illinois



Climbing out of the cave, sophomore Megan Upperman participates in Campus Recreation's trip to Illinois Caverns Saturday.

Steve Berry/Alestle

by Holly Meyer  
Alestle News Reporter

Wearing helmets and headlamps, a group of 12 people cautiously descended into a small opening in the ground on steep, narrow steps covered in leaves and wet foliage. Gripping the handrails for support, the members of the group echoed each others' words of excitement and uncertainty of what awaited them at the bottom. With each step down, the sounds of flowing water became clearer as daylight slowly disappeared from their view.

At the bottom, the cool, damp air enveloped the group as they smelled the musty mixture of water and mud. Light beams from their flashlights and headlamps revealed shiny, wet walls and tiered vaulted ceilings. Without the sources of light they brought with them, their exploration of the Illinois Caverns would be dark and dangerous.

To demonstrate the darkness of the cave, Campus Recreation student employee Steve Bux instructed the group to turn off their lights. As the lights flicked off, the darker the cave became. When all of the lights were turned off, the members of the group were not able to see one another even though they were standing close together.

Once the lights were turned back on, the group started walking the cave's pathways. They used their lights to guide them over the wet, muddy terrain and aimed them at stalactites, stalagmites and crevices.

Sponsored by SIUE Campus Recreation, the caving trip gave this novice group the opportunity to experience a cave in its natural state.

"I think it is really cool to see all of the different forms of the rocks and how everything is natural," freshman Maggie Couri said.

With the exception of a few metal ladders and a narrow metal bridge, the cave appeared untouched by humans. As the group walked through the cave, they discovered that it conveniently had its own set

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## Unemployment rates decreasing across state

by Emily Siemer  
Alestle News Reporter

Soon-to-be SIUE grads can rest easier: unemployment figures are low and employers are hiring at increased rates.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security released January data on unemployment on March 8, revealing a statewide 0.3 percent drop in the jobless rate compared to this time last year.

Illinois' unemployment rate stands at 5.2 percent.

While this may be good news for Illinois, its relevance to future job-seeking college grads may be misleading.

"It's not a good indicator for college students," SIUE Career Development Center Director Jean Paterson said. "They're looking at all employment across the board, not just college graduates and how they're getting hired."

The Career Development Center relies on data from the National Association of Colleges and Employers to help determine what the market will look like for students seeking employment after graduation.

"This looks like a good year again, from the NACE report we received," Paterson

said. "There has been an increase in hiring by employers – about 17 percent (nationally), and 10 percent in our region."

But this does not mean the unemployment rate is entirely meaningless to college students looking to secure a job after graduation. Paterson explained that when unemployment is high, there are likely more college grads out there vying for the same positions.

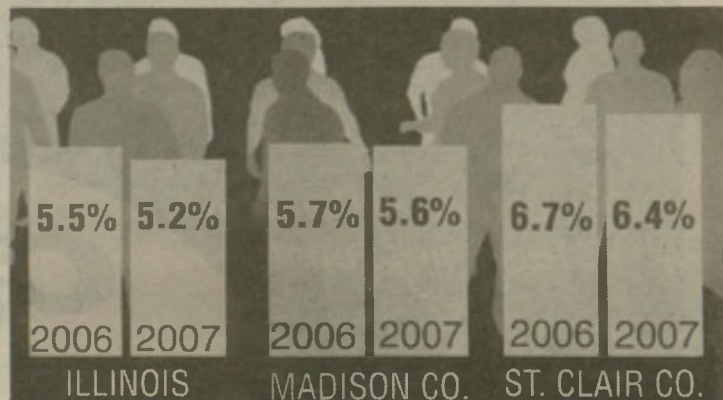
So with the Illinois unemployment data on par with the relatively low national data, it appears that it is only good news for SIUE students.

In fact, if seasonally adjusted, the Illinois unemployment rate falls to 4.6 percent. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 4.5 percent.

Seasonal adjustment "removes the effects of the events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year," according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"We report with the raw rates, and do the seasonal adjusting once per year," Belleville labor market economist Vickie Niederhofer

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source: Illinois Department of Employment Security  
graphic by Molly Maurer/Alestle

## INTO the DEPTHS

Students explore  
the underground  
world with  
Campus  
Recreation



## Police Reports

### 3-20

Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen authorized felony criminal charges against Joseph Wooten for unlawful possession of cannabis. Bond was set for \$10,000.

Police issued Kanise Hamilton a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in Lot 5A.

### 3-21

Police issued Larry Brown a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South Circle Drive.

Police issued Stephanie Amann a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued William Parker a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of a two-car collision in Lot 8. No injuries were reported.

Police issued Mary Woodside a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive.

Police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle at Woodland Hall Lot. A car stereo was reported stolen.

Police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle at Woodland Hall Lot. Police attempted to contact the owner without any results.

## Campus Scanner

### The Life of Prophet Muhammad:

Hear guest speaker Mufti Minhajuddin speak on the life of the prophet Muhammad, followed by a question-and-answer session. The event is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room. For more information, contact Zahid Siddiq at zsiddiq@siue.edu.

### SIUE Softball vs. Central Missouri:

Show support for the SIUE softball team as the Cougars face Central Missouri in a non-conference match from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cougar Field. For more information, visit siue.edu/ATHLETIC.

**Blood Drive:** Donate blood any time from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the CICBC Blood Bus on the Stratton Quadrangle. For more information, contact John Davenport at jdavenp@siue.edu.

**Food Chat:** Eat a free meal while learning more about current campus issues and resources from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the University Club on the second floor of the Morris University Center. For more information, contact Chris Worrick at cworric@siue.edu.

**SLDP Leadership Module #20 - Analyzing Public Perception:** Fulfill a module requirement for the

Student Leadership Development Program or just stop by to learn about public perception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Board Room. For more information, contact Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt at skutter@siue.edu.

### Starbucks Late Night Espresso:

Sip coffee and savor live performances from 8 to 11:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Morris University Center's Starbucks. For more information, contact Mathias at makuoko@siue.edu or Debbie at 650-2305.

### SIUE Baseball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan:

Cheer on the SIUE baseball team as they take on Kentucky Wesleyan from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Roy Lee Field/Simmons Cooper Complex. For more information, go to siue.edu/ATHLETIC.

### Volunteer Project - St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

Sign up in advance in the Kimmel Leadership Center to sort and arrange donated items and help clients from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in East St. Louis. Volunteers will depart from Visitor Parking Lot B at 8 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt at skutter@siue.edu.

## ROCK

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Since Rardin admitted his involvement to the dean of students, he is no longer eligible for an appeal process.

Student Government Election Commissioner Meredith Burkart said Rardin will still be able to run for Student Government Vice President if there are no stipulations handed down by the administration.

"As long as he is not put on any probation from the administration, he will still be able to run," Burkart said.

Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto, who is also an adviser for Student Government, could not be reached for comment.

Rardin will not receive separate punishment from the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity because that is handled through the fraternity's national office.

"Less than one percent of cases for dismissal of a brother heard by the national office end up with a removal from the fraternity," Phi Kappa Psi Vice President Bill McMillan said.

According to McMillan, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity cooperated fully with Klenke's investigation.

"It was an error in judgment on his part and we do not condone it," McMillan said.

Rardin has written a letter of apology to the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity as well as to the university administration.

"This is something that we can forgive, but obviously we will not forget," Alpha Kappa Lambda president Chris Mueller said. "Now that it is all reconciled, we can try to get back to rebuilding our relations."

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## CAVING

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of natural steps that made climbing around easier.

In addition to carrying three sources of light, cavers were required to wear hard hats in the Illinois Caverns. After hitting her head on a low cave ceiling, junior Beth Revell experienced the benefit of a hard hat.

"Well, at least I am cracking my helmet against the rock and not my skull," Revell said.

Group leaders, Bux and Campus Recreation student employee Kevin Beehner, gave the group members the option to choose how they wanted to explore the cave.

On some parts of the path, the cavers had two options of travel.

"You can either go down or you can go up. Both ways will lead to where we're going," Bux said. "Feel free to take which way you feel more comfortable."

Beehner explained what the cavers would encounter if they chose to go up or down.

"Down you'll be doing a lot of crawling. Top is not quite as wet, but really muddy and really narrow," Beehner said, "whereas on the bottom, you're on hands and knees or (doing) some kind of crawling around."

"You're going to get dirty," Beehner said.

"Yeah, no matter what, you're going to get dirty," Bux added.

When going up was not an option, the group was forced to walk in the stream that flowed throughout the cave. In the beginning of the cave, the water was at

most as high as the middle of a caver's calf muscle. However, the deeper into the cave the group went, the higher the water they walked through.

"I don't care about being dirty," Hanifeh Khodaparasty, a first-year pharmacy student, said. "I just don't want to be wet all over."

Unfortunately for Khodaparasty, she fell into the water multiple times. However, she said she did not mind the discomfort of water-soaked clothes.

"I am having too much fun to notice," Khodaparasty said.

When sophomore Megan Upperman decided to go up instead of down, she encountered the only bat seen in the cave by the group Saturday.

"I was waiting on the other people. I was the first one to go through, and we were crawling in a really tight space and there was a big open space," Upperman said. "I was like 'Turn to your right,' and I turned back and all of a sudden I see this thing flying toward my face."

At 11:15 a.m., the group stopped to eat lunch in the cave. While the cavers munched on their sandwiches and granola bars, they rested and talked to each other. Since they were no longer moving about the cave, the group started to feel the effects of the cave's cool temperatures.

"It seems colder now," Adam Mayhew, guest of graduate student Jamie McGee, said.

"I think hypothermia is setting in," he later joked.

After the lunch break, the group started to walk back the way they came.



Steve Berry/Alestle

**Hanifeh Khodaparasty, Steve Bux, Megan Upperman, and Beth Revell prepare to enter Illinois Caverns.**

On the way to the exit, part of the group decided to go with Beehner to explore an offshoot of their original path. The other half went with Bux to find the exit.

As they climbed the stairs out of the cave, the first half of the group waited for their eyes to adjust to the sunlight. As they came closer to the top, the heat and humidity was a shocking difference to the cool temperatures of the cave.

"I thought it was like nine o'clock at night," McGee said.

"I am more of an above-ground kind of guy," Mayhew said.

As the second half of the group climbed out of the cave, they adjusted to the new elements.

"I feel like I was just in another world for about four hours," Upperman said.

They shared their extra caving experience with the rest of the group.

"Kevin (Beehner) almost got us killed," Dan Gauen, senior Matt Gauen's guest, said jokingly. "He lost us for about 30 seconds."

"I freaked out and then I dropped my flashlight," Matt Gauen said.

Every member of the group said they enjoyed the caving trip.

"Coolest part is how spooky it is, and also that you could get lost," Matt Gauen said. "So, there is kind of a fear factor involved, which basically gives you a thrill the whole time. You never know what could happen."

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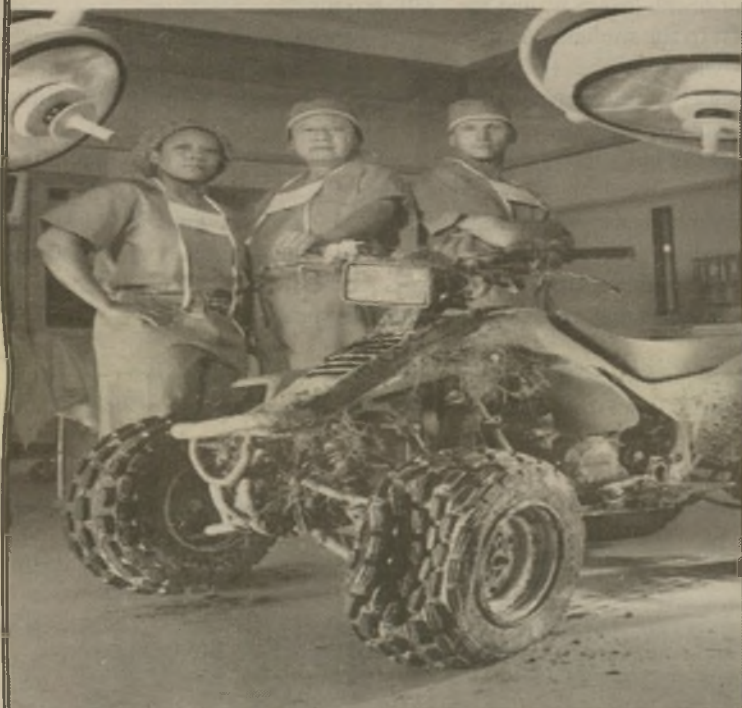
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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel addresses the Student Senate during Friday's meeting in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

## Student Senate fills slate

by Holly Meyer

Alestle News Reporter

As of Friday's Student Senate meeting, all 12 senator seats are full once again.

Student Body President Carl B. Mitchell appointed sophomore Kevin Starks to the one vacant Senate seat.

According to Mitchell, the seat was left vacant by the removal of Senator Jordan Sallis, who was removed after missing two consecutive meetings.

Mitchell said that all applicants for the vacant position possessed the necessary qualities to be a student senator. However, Starks was not planning to run for a 2007-2008 student government position.

"I didn't want to give anyone the advantage of being appointed," Mitchell said.

The Senate moved to executive session to discuss the presidential appointment. After moving out of executive session, the senators voted by secret ballot. Starks was appointed to the Senate by a 9-1 vote.

Mitchell said Starks was not present at Friday's meeting because he had a family emergency.

The Senate also approved personnel appointments. Ceaira Simmons was appointed to the School Spirit and Pride Committee and Senator George Ladd was appointed to the Finance Board.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel addressed the Student Senate to show support for his staff in the Kimmel Leadership Center.

Mitchell said Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo will be a guest speaker at the April 6 Student Senate meeting.

Vanzo will be discussing the recent increase in parking permit prices.

Mitchell said Vanzo will take questions from students at the meeting.

The next Student Senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 6 in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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## Police investigating antique thefts

by Kevin Eagan

Alestle News Reporter

SIUE Police are investigating a theft of an Austrian bronze statue valued at \$400 after the sculpture went missing March 18 at SIUE's annual antique show, sponsored by Friends of Lovejoy Library.

The 4-inch statue portrays a man, a horse and five dogs on a foxhunt, and is dated from the 1860s through 1880s.

Roy Hayes, a dealer from the Eureka Antique Mall in Eureka, Mo., said he was at the booth at

the time of the incident, but did not see anyone take the item.

"A gentleman came into my booth asking to look at some Austrian bronzes, but after I spoke with him, the statue was missing," Hayes said.

Hayes said he will probably not get the statue back.

"It's pretty much gone," he said. "I don't expect to see it again."

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said police have not found anyone in connection with the statue theft.

In addition to the statue,

wheels and a beam to a goat wagon were reported stolen March 17. The theft related to the goat wagon occurred at a different booth and is not connected with the statue theft.

The wagon is dated from the 1880s and valued at \$500.

According to Schmoll, the wheels to the wagon were returned to the owner.

"We had a person bring them in and (say) they had taken them by accident," Schmoll said.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

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said.

Thus, local and regional seasonally adjusted rates are not yet available.

In Madison County, the raw unemployment rate for January 2007 was 5.6 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percent from one year ago, but an increase of 1.4 percent from December 2006.

St. Clair County experienced a slightly larger decrease over the

year, from 6.7 percent in January 2006 to 6.4 percent this year. Their raw December 2006 jobless rate was 4.8 percent.

Since January 2004, IDES reports more new jobs have been created in Illinois than in any other Midwest state. The department estimates more than 166,000 jobs have been added to the Illinois economy.

"By working with companies

and communities, both large and small, throughout Illinois, we are strengthening our regional and state economies, while helping people build better lives," IDES Acting Director James P. Sledge said in a press release earlier this month.

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# Thursday classes canceled for BRIDGE meetings

by Catherine Klene  
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE students can hit the snooze button Thursday morning and catch a few extra hours of sleep.

Thursday's day classes are canceled so faculty and staff can participate in the Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education discussions and vote. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 5:30 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

Evening classes will still take place.

Faculty Senate President Susan Breck said the meeting is open to all members of the SIUE community.

"It's an all-faculty meeting, but we have also invited staff," Breck said.

The Faculty Senate formed the BRIDGE committee two years ago to design and evaluate a new general education program for SIUE. Since then, designs were drawn up and narrowed down to three proposals: the distribution model, the learning communities model and integrated core model.

BRIDGE Committee Chair Eric Ruckh said Thursday's meeting and vote allows for the faculty to provide a sense of direction for general education reform.

"It provides the faculty one more critical opportunity to review the existing proposals and to improve the proposals on the table," Ruckh said.

This is just one of many opportunities the SIUE community had to take part in the BRIDGE process. Over the past few months, each design team presented their models individually, and the SIUE community provided feedback to the teams.

"It's important the faculty as a whole give us their advice," Ruckh said.

Ruckh said the day will be divided into two parts. The morning will be devoted to presentations from each design team, round table discussions and a keynote speaker, Paul Gaston, provost at Kent State. Gaston is a former English professor at SIUE and a noted general and liberal education expert.

Breck said two groups will vote: the tenure-track faculty and non-tenure track faculty who are not associated with the IEA/NEA union. Union members have already voted through the union.

"Non-tenure-track faculty who are represented by IEA/NEA were asked to give feedback though IEA/NEA," Breck said.

Breck said all feedback will be taken into account and divided into categories to provide better information to the faculty senate.

"The voting begins that evening and will end on Friday," Ruckh said.

Ruckh said it was important for faculty to understand that this vote is not final for general education reform.

Rather, the vote will help the BRIDGE committee when compiling their final report and presenting it to the faculty senate.

"Everybody's feedback is advisory," Breck said.

The faculty can choose one of the three proposals, or they can choose a fourth option.

Should the faculty decide they do not have a strong preference for any one proposal, Ruckh said the BRIDGE committee will still present a report based on other feedback from the SIUE community.

"It's important that faculty come and participate so that they can have an impact," Ruckh said.

Students have had opportunities to add input as well. Mass communications graduate students organized student focus groups comprised of students from different majors, ages, ethnicities and lifestyles.

Ruckh said the students felt the current general education program did not have enough "real world value."

The students evaluated the three proposals and gave feedback for each. Students felt the distribution model was very organized and provided freedom to choose courses, Ruckh said.

Students said the learning communities proposal could be potentially limiting, but some of the courses were intriguing. The integrated core plan provided a good educational base, students said, but they were not sure if all the information could be included in just one semester.

Ruckh said the students felt "none of the plans provided enough exposure to technology, and technology's impact on society." They also wanted more health components in the plans.

Breck called Thursday's vote "the first step" to ensure that Faculty Senate makes the best possible decision concerning general education reform.

After that, the feedback is processed and the Faculty Senate makes their decision, Breck said they will most likely create a committee to design a plan to implement the general education reform.

However, this decision is a few years down the road, Breck said.

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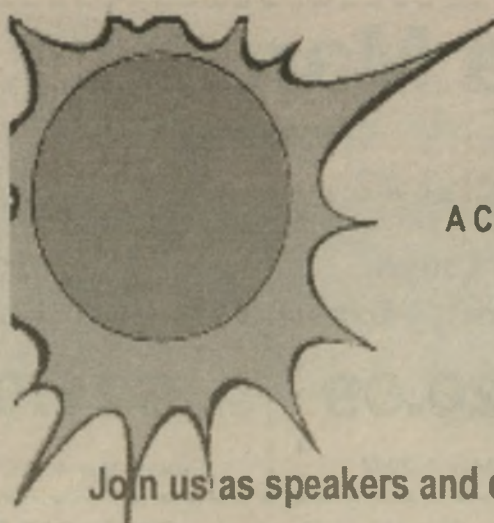
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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM MUC, Meridian Ballroom

Discussion: *An Inconvenient Truth*

### Schedule for Thursday April 5, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MUC, Goshen Lounge

Panel: *Greening SIUE* Concurrent Sessions

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MUC, Hickory Room

Papers: *A Healthy World for the Next Generation* Concurrent Sessions

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM MUC, Hackberry Room

Papers: *Poetry & Plumbing* Concurrent Sessions

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM MUC, Maple Room

Panel: *Wake Up & Smell the Ethanol* Concurrent Session

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM MUC, Upper Floor

Poster Session

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM MUC, Goshen Lounge

Performance: *Sesame Street Tackles the Environment*

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM MUC, Maple Room

Panel: *Africa's Environmental & Corporate Social Responsibilities* Concurrent Session

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM MUC, Redbud Room

Presentation: *The Gardens at SIUE* Concurrent Session

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM MUC, Hackberry Room

Papers: *Ecological Footprints* Concurrent Session

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM MUC, Oak Room

Papers: *Waste Not, Want Not* Concurrent Sessions

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM MUC, Dogwood Room

Papers: *Life on the Edge: Habitat Transformation* Concurrent Sessions

### Schedule for Friday April 6, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM MUC, Redbud Room

Papers: *Environmental Education* Concurrent Sessions

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM MUC, Dogwood Room

Papers: *Moral Considerations About the Environment* Concurrent Sessions

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MUC, Goshen Lounge

Panel: *Green Building on Campus* Concurrent Sessions

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MUC, Maple Room

Papers: *The Environment of Communication* Concurrent Sessions

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM MUC, Hackberry Room

Papers: *Seeking Environmental Solutions from the Dao in Chinese Thought & Painting* Concurrent Sessions

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM MUC, Redbud Room

The *Equity of Transportation* Concurrent Session

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM MUC, Goshen Lounge

Panel: *Lead Contamination of Southwest Illinois & Its Impact on People* Concurrent Session

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM MUC, Meridian Ballroom

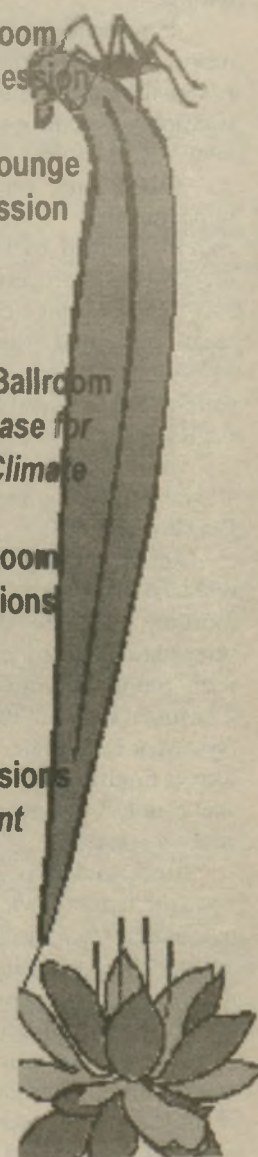
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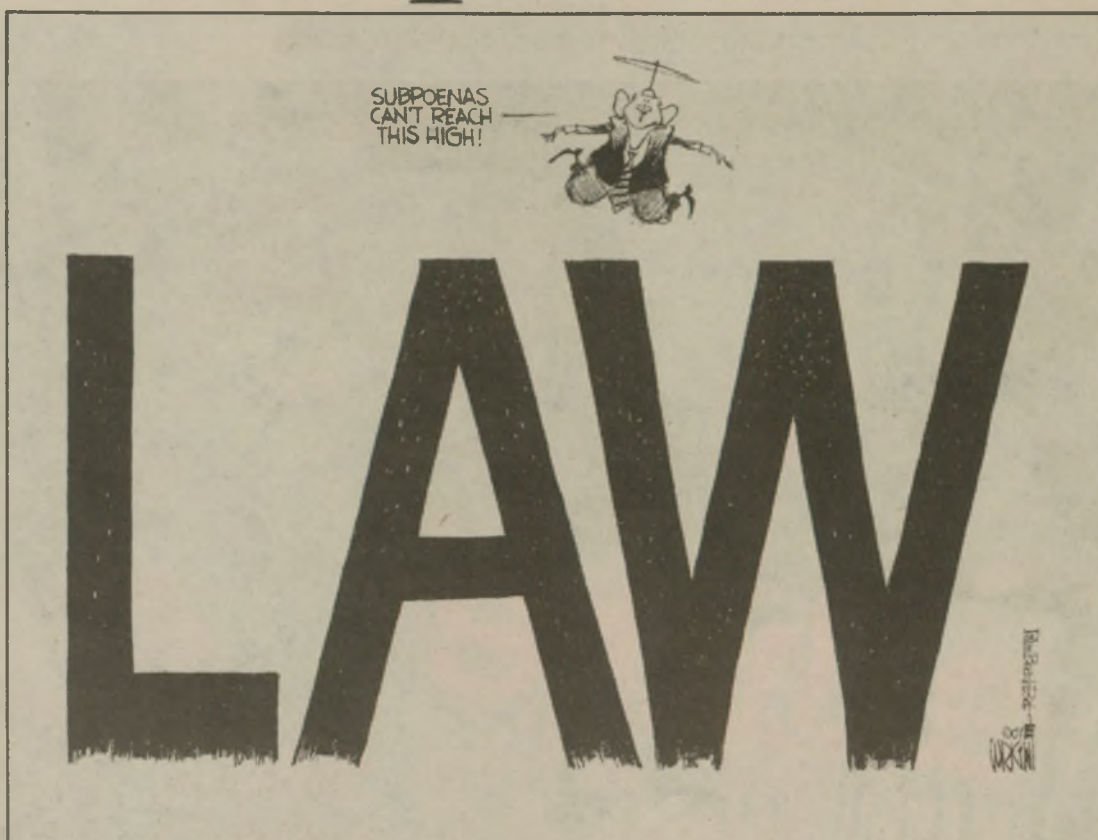
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## Fraternity reacts to slurs on Rock

There is a bigot sitting in the Senate. A member of Phi Kappa Psi recently wrote a slur against Alpha Kappa Lambda calling them "queer." His name is Senator Brandon Rardin.

I am disgusted by his act of immaturity and am beginning to wonder what is the outcome, if any, of the police investigation.

This was a hate crime. He was apparently reacting to AKL for bubble-wrapping the rock. You cannot honestly justify calling a whole fraternity "queer" because of that. He is a student senator and vice-presidential hopeful. I urge all

students to not stand for this and not vote for Rardin on April 2.

Here is an excerpt of a letter from Delta Lambda Phi to the Dean of Students: This is a shock to our organization as well as the rest of campus. The word "queer" has been used for decades in discrimination against gays and lesbians. We feel that this incident is detrimental to the university, as it has come far to accept diversity on this campus.

The university has never stood for discrimination and must address this issue with the utmost urgency. This chapter has been informed of its importance to the campus community and will continue to thrive even in the face of discrimination. We feel that Brandon Rardin and his

fraternity should be dealt serious consequences, sending a clear message that the university does not discriminate based upon any factor, whether it be race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

We hope this matter will be dealt with in a prompt and sincere manner in hopes of preventing an incident like this happening again. Student Senator? He needs to be stopped before he spreads more hate.

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## Support shown for Tony La Russa after DUI

Throughout history, people in the spotlight have made mistakes.

Now we find legendary St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa in trouble for getting a DUI. La Russa is known by many as a man who not only knows baseball more than anybody else, but is also a humanitarian with rescuing abused animals.

Well, there is a possibility he may have to do more than that to win back fans after this most recent incident in which he was allegedly found asleep at the wheel at a Jupiter, Fla., stoplight with his right foot on the brake. He apparently failed a sobriety test and spent the night in jail.

But should we scorn him for this mistake, just because he is Tony La Russa? People have criticized this guy for years because, while the Cardinals have been to the playoffs six out of the last seven years, he has so far only brought one world championship home. Multiple bloggers, especially this last season, have called for his firing.

Having interviewed La Russa multiple times during the season as a reporter for WSIE 88.7-FM, I have found that he is an honest, straightforward guy. While his actions should not be dismissed by any means, he should not be pushed around like he is the worst person in the world.

Don't forget the popular Bible phrase, "he without sin cast the first stone."

Also, don't forget that he admitted his actions and said he is willing to take full responsibility. However, while La

Russa should not be scorned as an "alcoholic" because sources indicate otherwise, he should not get off the hook, either.

A recent Palm Beach Post article highlighted fans supporting him and saying that the police should have "let him go."

His celebrity status does not mean he should get a free pass. Why don't we give all the other criminals a reprieve, like the convicted murderers or thieves who, while on a much higher scale, broke the law like he did?

While La Russa did not hurt anybody, he very well could have. To paraphrase Bryan Burwell of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, his actions were awfully close to Rams Pro Bowl defender Leonard Little, who in 1998 drove while drunk as well and killed a motorist.

Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and served 90 days in a workhouse

## Senator apologizes for actions

I would like to apologize to the faculty, staff and student body for my actions on March 13 concerning the Rock.

I had a terrible lapse of judgment. I made a rash decision that I regret. I could have just left the subject alone and many, maybe even most, of the population here at SIUE would have forgotten about it.

That is the problem, though. I want everyone to know that I am truly sorry for my actions and I have taken the necessary steps to correct my wrong.

I hope that you can see, like the others I've spoken to about this, that I am sorry and that I want to mend any bitter feelings that I may have brought upon myself.

Brandon W. Rardin  
Business  
Junior

**Corrections:** In Thursday's issue of the Alestle it was incorrectly stated that Laurie Estilette is a member of the Student Government recognition task force. Rather she offered ideas to the task force. Additionally, it was incorrectly stated in the same article that Christine Williams was in attendance at the Student Government election open forum. She was not in attendance.

The Alestle regrets the errors.



Zach  
Groves

with four years probation.

Had La Russa let go of the brake, a major car accident could have happened and he might have lived with more severe consequences than he does now.

Legend or not, La Russa only deserves a fitting punishment for a first offense. According to Florida law, this entails not having your license for six months to one year after the conviction date and taking a license reinstatement exam after completion of DUI school and treatment. Additionally, a \$115 administrative and \$60 reinstatement fee are required, all in order to get the license back.

From what is seen in LaRussa, he is showing what the difference is between making a mistake and how to react to it. He should be fine down the road.

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Laura Lengyel/Alestle

## “Dialogues” out to destroy myths, change perceptions about sexuality

by Catherine Klene  
Alestle News Reporter

True or false: women cannot get pregnant while menstruating.

Believe it or not, the answer is false.

The second annual “The Vagina Dialogues: Sex and the College Woman” will give women and men the opportunity to have a frank and open discussion about this and other myths of female sexuality.

Making Waves President Katrina Boogerd said a member of Making Waves recently heard a group of SIUE men debating the aforementioned pregnancy myth.

“This is something that just came up on our campus,” Boogerd said.

Wendy Cook-Mucci, a sociology and criminal justice professor, is organizing the discussion along with Florence Maatita, a professor in the same departments, as part of Women’s History Month.

“We’ll spend some of that (time)

unpacking our ideas about sex, where they come from, how influential they are and how sometimes we believe stuff even if we don’t want to,” Cook-Mucci said.

Cook-Mucci said the idea for an open dialogue first came from a lecture she dubbed her “Blue Balls Lecture” in her Women, Gender and Society course.

“In the U.S., we look at sexuality from a very male centered perspective,” Cook-Mucci said.

Cook-Mucci said men and women alike evaluate sex from the male’s point of view. For example, Cook-Mucci said women often analyze other women’s appearances and their own by what men think. Women are often faced with these perceptions from many sources.

“(It goes) all the way from a teenage girl who picks up a Young Miss magazine to find out how to get a boyfriend to the freshman college student who is eyeing up Cosmo to look to see what sex tips will turn him on,” Cook-Mucci said.

According to Cook-Mucci, we really don’t have conversations about women’s desires and this discussion will deal with why and how it is related to our culture.

Cook-Mucci said the dialogue will also look at “consciousness raising” and described this as the idea that as a person becomes aware of oppression, they then have the freedom to change those ideas.

“We’re trying to change a lot of ideas about sexuality,” Maatita said, such as the man’s “duty” to oppress and control a woman. “Sexuality can be an empowering device for women.”

Maatita said the discussion is geared toward college students who might have questions about female sexuality.

“We wanted to provide something that was accessible to college students...something that gets at more personal issues,” Maatita said.

Cook-Mucci and Maatita encouraged both men and women to attend the discussion, even if sexuality isn’t

something they are used to talking about.

“Although we do want it to be a dialogue, we’re not going to put people on the spot,” Maatita said. “We want to encourage as many people, male and female, to just come and listen.”

Boogerd said Making Waves members will attend to ask questions about popular myths concerning female sexuality.

Boogerd said talking about the sometimes taboo topic will educate and make students more at ease with female sexuality.

“The more you know about something, the better off you are,” Boogerd said.

Pharmacy professor Cathy Santanello and mass communications professor Elza Ibroscheva will also speak at the event.

“The Vagina Dialogues: Sex and the College Woman” will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 0412.

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## Short story writer speaks for ELLA

by Kevin Eagan  
Alestle News Reporter

Award winning author Brad Watson will give advice on the finer points of fiction writing to students and aspiring authors alike Tuesday.

Watson has published several short stories, including his short story collection “Last Days of the Dog-Men,” which won a prize for first fiction from the American Academy of Arts & Letters. His first novel, “The Heaven

of Mercury,” was published in 2002.

His visit, a part of the English Language and Literature Association speaker series, will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center’s Illinois/Missouri Room.

Some of Watson’s short stories and fiction have also appeared in “Story,” “Black Warrior Review,” “Greensboro Review” and “Dog Stories.”

Watson was born in Meridian, Miss. where he received his Bachelor’s in English at Mississippi State

University. Watson also received his Master’s in Fine Arts from the University of Alabama.

Watson teaches creative writing at the University of Wyoming. Watson has also served as Director of Creative Writing in the Department of English and American Literature and Language at Harvard University from 1999-2002.

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# Morris gets Superfun

One man band Corey Goodman, also known as Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship, gets close with listeners Monday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.



Steve Berry/Alestle

## Environment center of attention for annual colloquium

by Sarah Byer

Alestle News Reporter

Science, art, movies, puppet shows. These are all events that will be included in the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium April 4-6.

This is the fourth year for the Colloquium, a three day long event that is intended to get everyone – students, faculty and staff alike – to discuss a broad topic. This year's topic is "Thinking About the Environment."

Each year, a new topic is chosen based on input from people who attended the events of previous years. Dean Wendy Shaw said that a broad topic is selected so that everyone can participate.

Shaw said that the Colloquium is an academically focused event and that the goal is dialogue. Since the topic is so broad, Shaw said that there is something of interest for everyone on campus.

"There's no area of the university where no one can participate," Shaw said. "Everyone has something to say."

Science will not be the only focus of the event.

"We can look at the environment as depicted through art or science," Shaw said.

The program will start Wednesday with the film "An Inconvenient Truth" at 2 in the Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom sponsored by the student organization Raise Your Voice.

After its kick-off, the program includes a large variety of activities including speakers, papers, panels, a performer, a Sesame Street puppet show and a poster session.

Some topics of activities on the program are Moral Considerations About the Environment, The Environment of Communication, Wake Up and Smell the Ethanol, Greening SIUE and Life on the Edge: Habitat Transformations.

Many of the festivities will take place in the Goshen Lounge. Shaw said she hopes students will come out and participate because audience participation is key for an event like this to be successful.

For more information on the Colloquium, visit [www.siu.edu/CAS/COLLOQUIUM](http://www.siu.edu/CAS/COLLOQUIUM).

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## You can get hooked on "soft addictions" in so many ways

By Julie Deardorff

Chicago Tribune  
(MCT)

CHICAGO – When Rich and Gertrude Lyons first admitted they were powerless, television was the first thing to go. Then they weaned themselves from mail-order catalogs, electronic gadgets and sugar.

Today, the Chicago couple is still grappling with their "soft addictions," or ordinary behavior that, if overdone, can wreak havoc on your life. Unlike hard addictions, which are usually related to a chemical substance, you don't die from soft addictions.

"But you don't really live, either," said self-help guru Judith Wright, who labeled the phenomenon more than a decade ago.

People have always had ways to zone out, but experts such as Wright say soft or mild behavioral addictions are escalating, partly because there are so many new things to get addicted to, and many have the disposable income to do it. But identifying and treating a soft addiction is difficult. Because whether it's watching the NCAA tournament, checking e-mail, editing Wikipedia entries or walking into Starbucks, the activities are seemingly harmless behaviors. The problem is that when even healthy habits such as exercise are used too often or for the wrong reasons, they sap our time, money and energy and prevent us from living the life we want, according to Wright, founder of the Chicago-based Wright Institute, a personal development and training center, and author of "The Soft Addiction Solution."

Rich Lyons, 41, for example, habitually zoned out in front of the television at night, staying up far later than intended and waking up crabby the next day. That resulted in another soft addiction, he said, to a grumpy mood. His wife, Gertrude, 41, meanwhile, found she had a soft addiction to shopping for adorable but overpriced baby clothes that, ultimately, her children didn't want to wear. She also had a bad habit of paging through mail-order catalogs

when she had better things to do.

"It wasn't an overspending issue as much as it was buying stuff you knew you didn't need," Gertrude said. "It was like buying something felt like it would make me feel better."

The affliction strikes men and women of all ages and races. A poll conducted for the Wright Institute found that 91 percent of us have a soft addiction that keeps us from feeling satisfied. "And the other 9 percent of people are in denial," Wright said.

Procrastination, watching too much television and overworking are the top three. But a new study shows college undergraduates might be addicted to tanning under UV lights. The Internet, meanwhile, is being blamed for a host of compulsive behaviors.

Though there is still controversy over whether compulsive Internet use and videogame playing merit a medical diagnosis, treatment centers have opened up around the world, including

**"If you can't remember what you did, ate, saw or bought, that's a sign."**

—Judith Wright, founder of Wright Institute

Korea, China and the Netherlands. The Priory Clinic in London is treating "texting addicts," or those who might spend up to seven hours a day writing and receiving text messages on their cell phones.

One of eight Americans exhibited at least one possible sign of problematic Internet use, a Stanford study showed. Psychological symptoms include an inability to stop using it, craving more time online, neglect of family and friends and feeling depressed and irritable when not at the computer. Physical signs can be carpal tunnel syndrome, sleep deprivation, backaches, eye strain and increased

agitation.

"Job loss, financial loss and marital loss can all be associated with the disorder," said Kimberly Young, founder of the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery, who has seen everything from young children who withdrew from life for online gaming to couples who divorced because of online affairs.

But others say spending large amounts of time behind the computer doesn't necessarily constitute an addiction.

"It's more of a process of control and losing control," said psychologist Chris Stout, an executive director at the Timberline Knolls, a Chicago-based women's residential treatment center. "It's easy to confuse an addiction with a compulsive behavior. An addiction involves deception, denial and dishonesty. A compulsive behavior is more apparent such as repetitive behaviors and is a way to cope with anxiety."

Unlike a bad habit, a soft addiction also has an identifiable cost of money, time, energy or intimacy associated with it, according to Wright. Feeling numb, high, buzzed or in a trance when you're doing an activity could mean you have a problem.

"If you can't remember what you did, ate, saw or bought, that's a sign," she said. "But if you're doing the activity and feel more alive and vital, and you're learning, growing, clear, grounded and present, that's a passion. We shouldn't confuse the two."

The first step to beating a soft addiction requires making a commitment to higher quality of life, Wright said, whose next "One Decision" weekend seminar begins April 13. Then you have to recognize the deeper need or hunger under the soft addiction.

"Make the distinction between what you want and what you hunger for," Wright said. "You might want a new designer dress, but you're really hungry to feel good about yourself."

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## Colosimo leads Cougars to four wins

### SIUE hurler has perfect outing and no hitter

by Lindsay Stuart  
 Alestle Sports Reporter

It was an exciting weekend for SIUE softball as it shut out Quincy University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis in four consecutive wins Saturday and Sunday at Cougar Field.

"We were coming off of really not playing a whole lot since Florida so we wanted to make sure that we came out of the gate strong," SIUE softball coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We're picked number one in the conference, so we were expected to beat Quincy and UMSL and we did a pretty good job."

The Cougars beat QU 5-1 and 10-2, winning the second game in just five innings. UMSL was beaten 4-2 and 8-0.

SIUE, who is ranked 7th in the NFCA/NCAA Division Two national poll, used the two doubleheaders to improve their overall record to 21-4 season and 5-1 in the GLVC. But according to Montgomery, the Cougars should be 6-0.

"We shouldn't have lost to

Kentucky Wesleyan. That was a tough game. It was a ten inning 4-3 loss and our first game back from Florida. That was definitely a game we shouldn't have lost. We're 21-4 so I can't really complain a whole lot other than we need to continue to get better everyday."

Sophomore Kaitlin Colosimo had an exceptional weekend, throwing the 22nd no-hitter in SIUE softball history.

"She had a no-hitter through four [innings] in the Quincy game," Montgomery said. "So she threw very well in that game and she threw a no hitter against UMSL, so obviously she's throwing the ball really well and has great movement. She's tough to hit and we play good defense behind her."

Colosimo got 15 outs in a row, including six strikeouts, leading the Cougars to their eight-run win. The game was called in the fifth inning due to the eight-run slaughter rule.

"We hit the ball well and it's always nice when you can get out of there with that big of a run differential," Montgomery said. "We're capable of scoring a lot of runs."

SIUE junior Kaeleigh Rousey and senior Libby Lenart both had a productive weekend

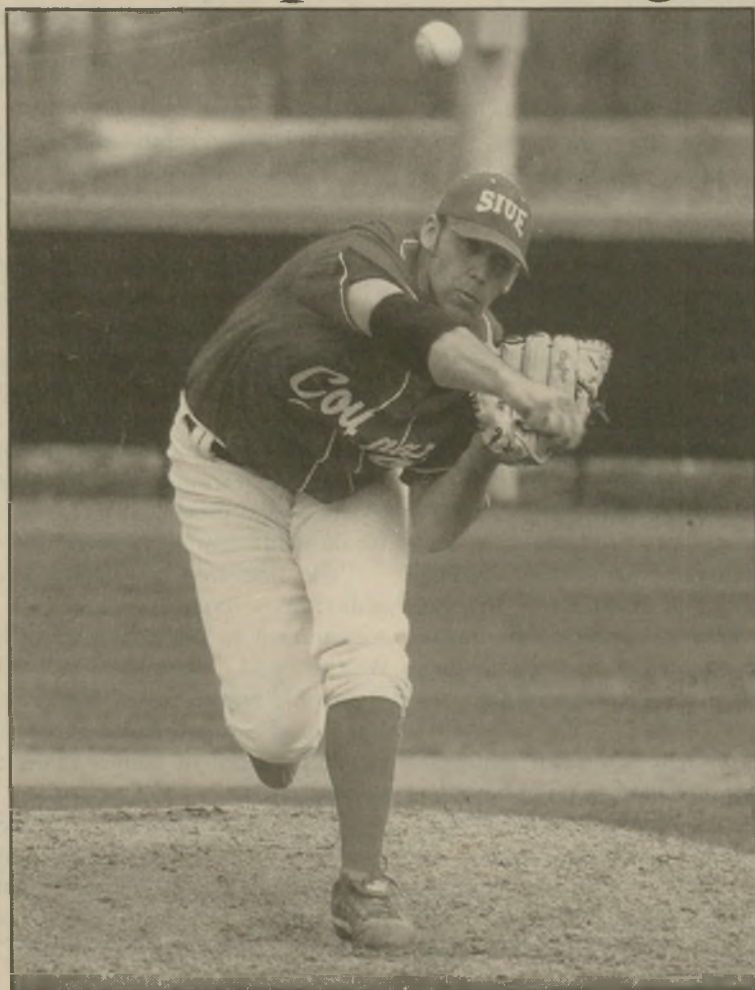


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SIUE junior Haylee Eubanks, 15, junior Kaeleigh Rousey, back left, sophomore Nicole Beecher, back right, senior Emily Lenart and senior Sabra McCune meet in the infield after an out during SIUE's 5-1 victory over Quincy University in Game 1 of their doubleheader Saturday at Cougar Field.

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## SIUE splits four-game set with Northern Kentucky



Katy Hartwig/Alestle

SIUE junior pitcher Nick Taylor throws a pitch during the Cougars' 7-0 loss to Northern Kentucky University in Game 1 of their doubleheader Saturday at Roy Lee Field.

by Anthony Patrico  
 Alestle Sports Reporter

The No. 30-ranked SIUE baseball team welcomed in Northern Kentucky University this weekend for a four-game series against the fellow Great Lakes Valley Conference member.

SIUE, 12-7 overall and 7-5 in the GLVC, split the series by losing a doubleheader on Saturday and getting both victories of Sunday's two-game set. On Saturday, the Cougars fell 7-0 and 2-1. Sunday's

and play baseball," SIUE senior outfielder Ryan Czyz said. "This game is about having fun with the guys you are with. We needed to just play."

The Cougars dropped a tight contest in the nightcap as the NKU leadoff batter sent a homerun over the wall putting the Norsemen on top of the leader board early. The Cougars then tied the game on an RBI double by junior shortstop Cory Bunner.

NKU scored the go-ahead run and sealed the victory in the

he's constantly keeping us up and loose," Bunner said. "I believe that his major contributions aren't at the plate but in the field. He's taken away his share of runs with great diving catches."

Czyz went in the first game 3-for-3, only short of a homerun for the cycle. Czyz would get his chance in the second game against the two.

"We know we can do it and we know we can hit in crucial situations," Czyz said. "Other teams see this so they may tend to pitch tentative to us and put us on base even more."

As Czyz stepped up to the plate during the 3rd inning of the nightcap, he sent a drive over the wall to put the Cougars on top. During the two games on Saturday, Czyz went 5-for-7 at the plate.

After a six-run 6th inning for the Cougars, the Norsemen put another run on the scoreboard bringing the final score to 8-3 and a victory for the Cougars.

"We can be a major threat down the road in conference," Czyz said. "Also, Regionals, and maybe even the World Series."

### "We all just needed to relax and play baseball."

-Senior outfielder Ryan Czyz, on the Cougars' two losses to Norther Kentucky on Saturday

contests were a turnaround as the Cougars won 4-3 in the opener and 8-3 in the second game.

During the first game on Saturday, NKU pitcher Matt Marksbury tossed a two-hit complete game shutout. Senior Adam Tallman was given the loss.

"We all just needed to relax

top half of the 8th inning. The Cougars could not come back and fell to the Norsemen 2-1.

The next day, the Cougars had the chance for redemption. The first and only game counting toward the GLVC standings, the Cougars won 4-3, led by Czyz.

"Czyz is a spark plug for us,

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# Putting the charity in charity stripe

## Men's tennis grounds Flyers

by Matthew Bruce  
Alestle Sports Editor



A group of children watch and wait for a shot to knock a ball stuck in the net loose during the Regional Free-Throw contest for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 hosted by the SIUE Knights of Columbus Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

Laura Lengyel/Alestle

Weather finally permitted the SIUE men's tennis team to hit the courts over the weekend and the Cougars took advantage, swatting out a dominant 8-1 victory over Lewis University Saturday at the SIUE Tennis Courts.

"It was a good win," SIUE junior Thibaud Chevalier said. "That was very important to win this match before the conference matches begin. The conference matches will be next week. So we took a lot of confidence from this and I think that's essential."

The Cougars had three home matches cancelled by rain last week - a Mar. 19 date with Washburn University, an affair against Northwest Missouri State University Thursday and a Friday battle with Olivet Nazarene University.

"We were waiting for good weather so we could get back on the court and play tennis again," Chevalier said. "We had a pretty nice weekend the week before and we just wanted to play. That was good to have nice weather and to be able to play again outside, especially at SIUE because we don't have a lot of home matches."

SIUE, winning the fourth contest in its last five dual

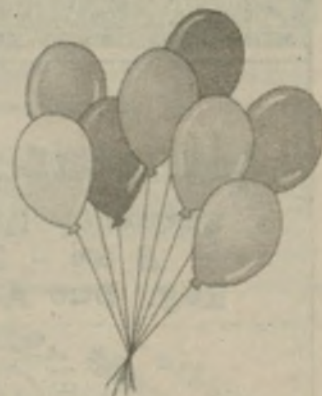
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# Cubs' new manager hopes to shed fiery reputation



Former Tampa Bay Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella argues with umpires Derryl Cousins and Joe Brinkman in the Oakland A's 4-3 victory Sunday, August 31, 2003. Piniella agreed to a three-year deal to become manager of the Chicago Cubs on Oct. 16.

by Paul Sullivan  
Chicago Tribune

(MCT) — With one week to go before the start of the 2007 season, the celebrated temper of Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella has remained under wraps.

No flying bases. No mini-meltdowns. No Cubs players thrown under the proverbial bus.

This obviously is a case of

false advertising, giving Cubs fans "Sweet Lou" when they specifically asked for the scorched-earth version.

"The season hasn't started yet," argued San Diego center fielder Mike Cameron, who played for Piniella in Seattle. "Wait until someone starts messing up over there. You media guys are in for it too."

"Sure, he's calm now. With the team he has, you'd be calm,

too. But I'm sure Kerry Wood is going to drive him crazy."

In truth, Piniella has handled the latest circus surrounding Wood's status with aplomb, and he hasn't let the Mark Prior saga get to him either. At 63, Piniella hopes he finally can overcome an image melded by a few videotaped episodes he would like to forget: Lou vs. umps. Lou vs. Dibble. Lou vs. bases.

All of that, Piniella insists, is

in the past.

"Temper has always been a little bit of a problem for me," he said. "Probably expended way too much energy when I played, and early in my career, managing-wise, I was probably more confrontational. I'm not any longer."

At what point did Piniella decide to change?

"I think it has been more of an evolution than anything else," he said. "At the same time, everybody wants to be liked. It's human nature to want to walk into the clubhouse and everybody says, 'Boy, what a nice guy,' and all 25 players like you."

"That's not going to be the case all the time. All I ask for is respect. I'm going to give respect back. I'm going to be fair, but I am going to demand, and I demand a lot of myself."

Cameron, who played four years under Piniella, credits him for making him into a major leaguer and thinks most Cubs players will enjoy the experience. But he also warned it can be difficult for a young player who isn't used to being told things he may not want to hear.

Piniella's blunt talk can cut like a knife, so thick skin is a necessity.

"For some guys it's a gift," Cameron said. "And for some guys, it's a curse. I've seen both sides of the fence. For me, it was a blessing. It made me the player

I am today. He taught me a lot about the game, and he's one of the ultimate field generals, probably the best manager I've ever had."

"The curse is that some kids, they sometimes can take some of the things he says the wrong way," Cameron added. "I've seen it happen to (Jeff) Cirillo. I've seen it happen to a lot of guys. Some things you may not like, what he's going to say, and I'm pretty sure a lot of guys have some pretty hefty egos over there."

"And if they get out of line? He doesn't (care who you are)," he said. "I heard he already has gotten on (Aramis) Ramirez for loafing down to first base."

Piniella called Cameron one of his favorite players, but said he was mistaken about his alleged discussion with Ramirez.

"I never said anything," he said. "I haven't gotten on him."

Still, Piniella's longtime sidekick, first base coach Matt Sinatro, insisted the famous Piniella temper is only in hibernation.

"At the right time, you'll see it," Sinatro said. "But he does it because he cares. I haven't seen so many guys who have played so hard for one man. I don't care if you like him or dislike him. They play for you. And that's why we're here - to get guys to play."

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## TENNIS

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matches, completed a clean sweep in singles competition, taking all six matches in straight sets.

The Cougars' lone loss of the day came at the No. 1 double, where John O'Neill and Ben Karas teamed up to drop SIUE

Maretich and Doug Fritz 8-1. Senior Eduardo DeLaCruz and sophomore Blake McKinney pulled off the same feat for SIUE on Bret Mega and Chris Meyer of Lewis in the No. 3 doubles match.

Allison, who leads the

record to 8-2.

"My opponent didn't have a good match at the beginning and it was easy for me to keep him under water," Chevalier said.

In the No. 3 match, Garrison backhanded Karas 6-4, 6-1 and Jolly walloped Fritz 6-0, 6-1 in No. 4 action. Jolly is now 10-7 on the year.

DeLaCruz prevailed 6-1, 6-1 at No. 5 and McKinney blasted Meyer 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 6 match.

SIUE jumped to 7-4 with the win. The Cougars return to the courts at 4 p.m. Thursday for a bout with Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

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**"We took a lot of confidence from this and I think that's essential."**

-Thibaud Chevalier  
SIUE junior

freshman Zach Allison and Chevalier 8-5.

At the No. 2 doubles seed, SIUE sophomore Nicolas Garrison and junior Mike Jolly trumped Lewis' tag team of Mike

Cougars with 12 wins on the season, had little trouble fending off O'Neill 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles match. Chevalier trounced Maretich 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 to improve his season

## SOFTBALL

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at bat for the Cougars with Rousey going 6-for-8 with five runs batted in and Lenart going 4-for-9 with four RBIs.

"Kaeleigh Rousey hit the ball really well and Libby Lenart came up with some timely hits," Montgomery said. "Those girls played very well defensively and hit the ball."

In game one against QU the Cougars hit four of the five game runs in two hits in the fifth inning and in game two they hit seven runs in the first inning alone. Senior Jodie Ohlau hit a two-run home run in the third inning, her third of the season.

**"Obviously she's throwing the ball really well."**

-Sandy Montgomery  
SIUE Head Coach

In game two against UMSL, the Cougars hit four runs in the third and fourth innings each, earning the eight runs needed to call the game early.

With the season going so well for the lady Cougars, it's hard to find things to improve on, but Montgomery isn't reveling in total victory just yet.

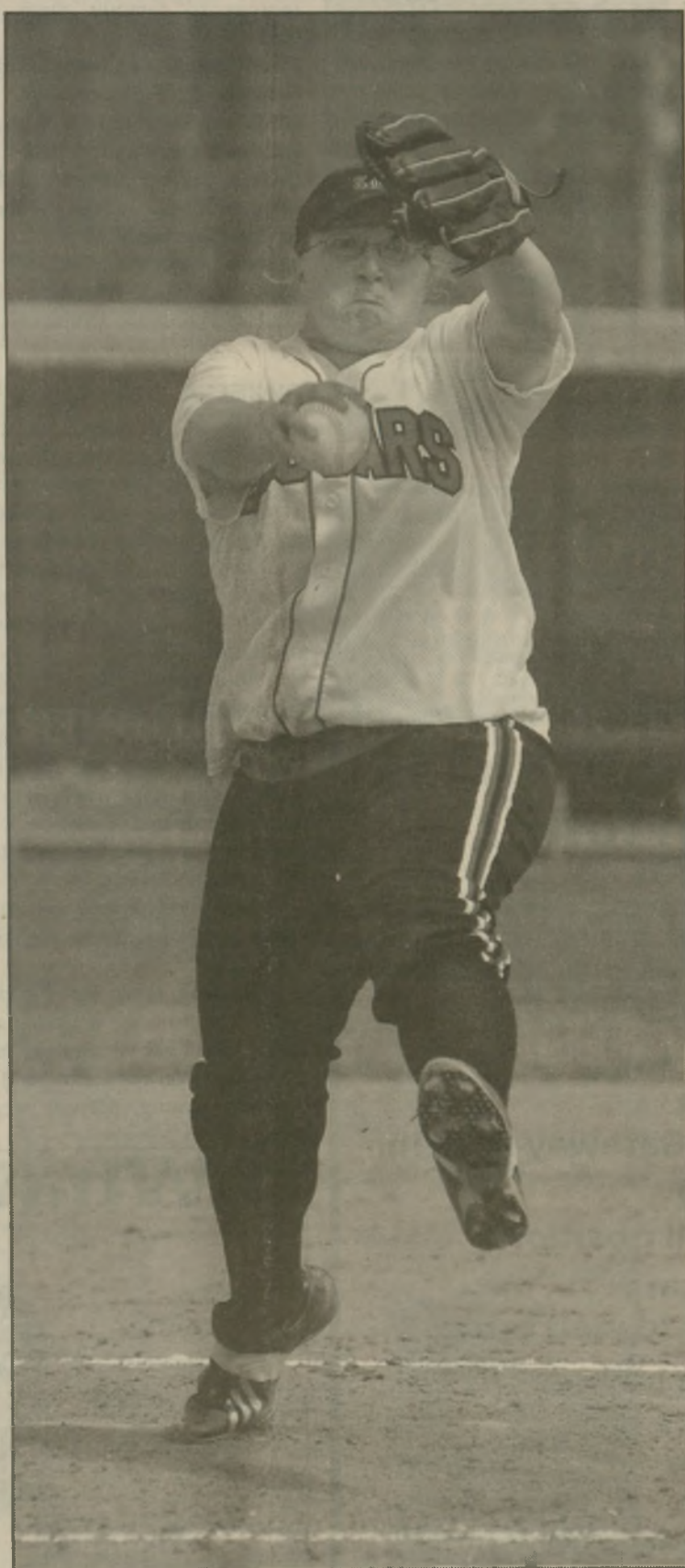
"We tend to get a little over-anxious when we're not facing a real good pitcher," Montgomery said. "Sometimes we get ourselves out instead of taking what the pitcher gives us."

The Cougars' season continues Wednesday as they face off against Central Missouri in a non-conference game.

"They are always a good team," Montgomery said. "I think they are 14-12 right now, but they've got some home-run power and will give us a tough game, I'm sure."


The pitch is set for 3 p.m. at the Cougar Fields.

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Katy Hartwig/Alestle

SIUE senior Sabra McCune, who tossed a complete game, allowing one run on six hits while striking out three against Quincy University, throws a pitch during SIUE's 5-1 victory over the Hawks in Game 1 of their doubleheader Saturday at Cougar Field.



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SIUE junior right fielder Daniel Thomson beats out a throw for an infield hit as Northern Kentucky University first baseman Evan McDole stretches out to make the catch during the Cougars' 7-0 loss to the Norse in Game 1 of their doubleheader Saturday at Roy Lee Field.

### BASEBALL

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Bunner knows that the Cougars cannot rely on big innings to catapult them to victory every game.

"Well I don't know if it's the best thing," Bunner said. "I would much rather be consistent and score every inning. We just need to set up big innings by getting on base anyway and then having some big hits."

The Cougars will head to Kenosha, Wis., Wednesday to face off against the University of

Wisconsin-Parkside in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

"Well, we are tied with them in the conference standings so they're important games to move us up in the standings and also to keep some momentum going as we get into the middle of our conference season," Bunner said.

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### PINIELLA

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"I remember Bret Boone, who loves Lou, in his first year (in Seattle), he had a guy on second base with nobody out. Lou said, 'Son, I don't care what you do to hit the ball to right field...' He pulled the ball down the left-field line.

"Lou says, 'Go down to the minor leagues for a week or two and learn how to do it.' He shipped him out. But then he came back a better player. If you want to call that a curse... I thought it was pretty good, after the career he has had."

Does a player have to have a really tough exterior to play for Piniella?

"I don't think so," Piniella said. "I try to make it a point all spring that I like young kids, and I like them on my team. So if I thought young players were

tough for me to handle, or I was difficult on them, I wouldn't be speaking that way.

"I am demanding. But I am fair. I give everybody opportunities. The problem is, especially with young kids, they're not ready. So what do you do?"

"I enjoy players. I like to win. And I'll give people many, many chances. No doghouses. We make it fun, but we make it challenging, and the purpose is to go out and play a good baseball game and win.

"Is everybody going to like you? No. But if you can play baseball, you'll enjoy playing for me."

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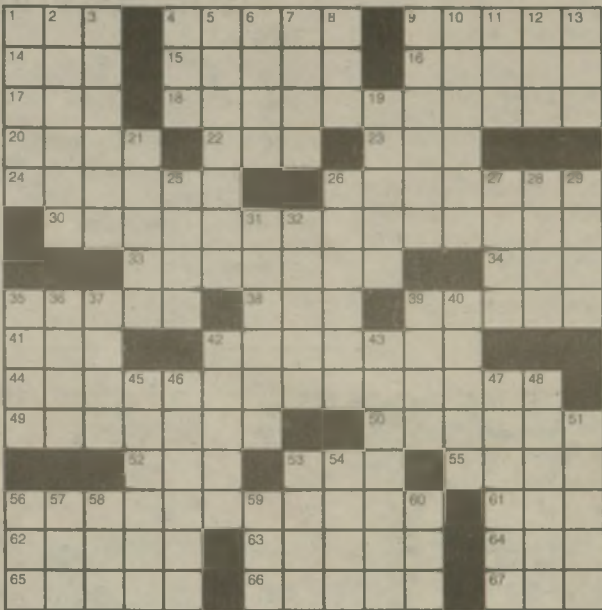


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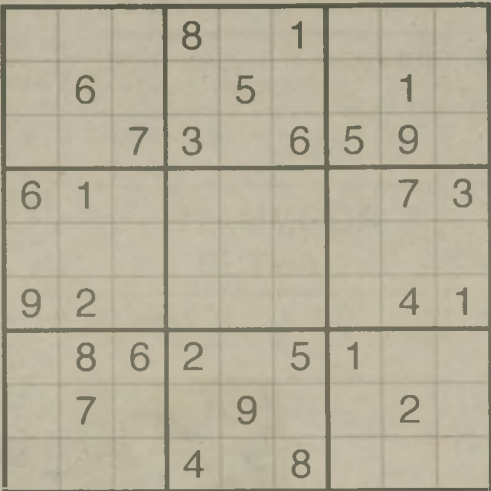
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  - 24 Former Scottish county
  - 26 Miraculous cure shrine
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  - 34 Afore
  - 35 Persian rulers
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  - 39 "The Body" Ventura
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  - 44 Monongahela's partner
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  - 50 Battery parts
  - 52 Exec. order
  - 53 Orange seed
  - 55 Arizona city on the Colorado
  - 56 Puzzle theme
  - 61 Pullman or sleeper
  - 62 Central Park canine statue
  - 63 Hard liquor
  - 64 Heart-chart letters
  - 65 Of bees
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  - 67 Told ya!
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- 1 Domesticated guanaco
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  - 3 Santa's vehicle
  - 4 Like some apts.
  - 5 Plays a flute
  - 6 Bear in the air



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- 8 Down Under bird
- 9 Exit
- 10 Strong attempt
- 11 Our star
- 12 Also
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- 26 Repetitive recital
- 27 Membership payments
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- 37 Wheel connector
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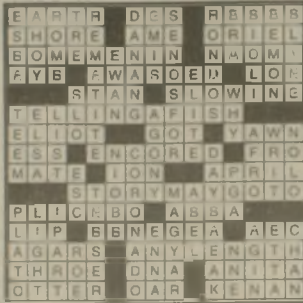


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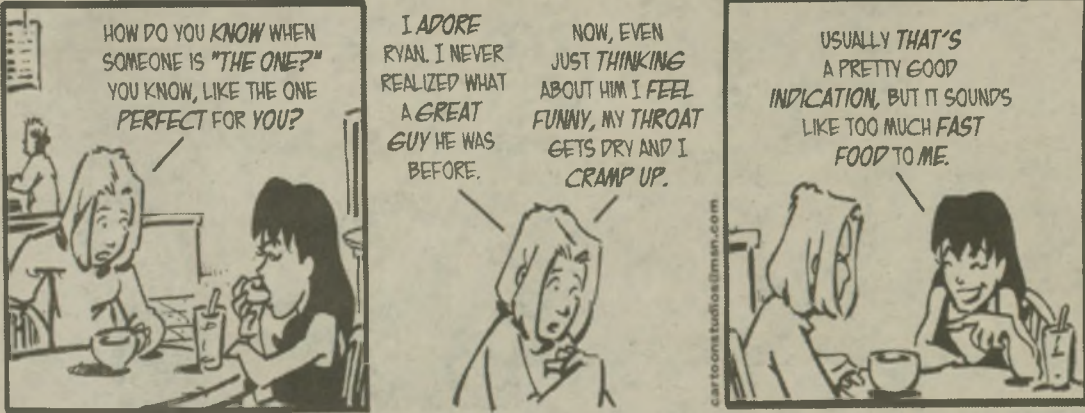


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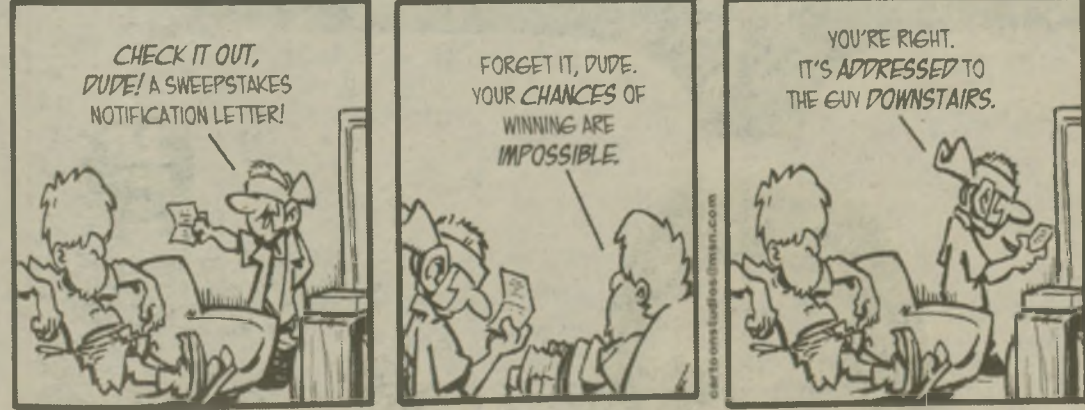
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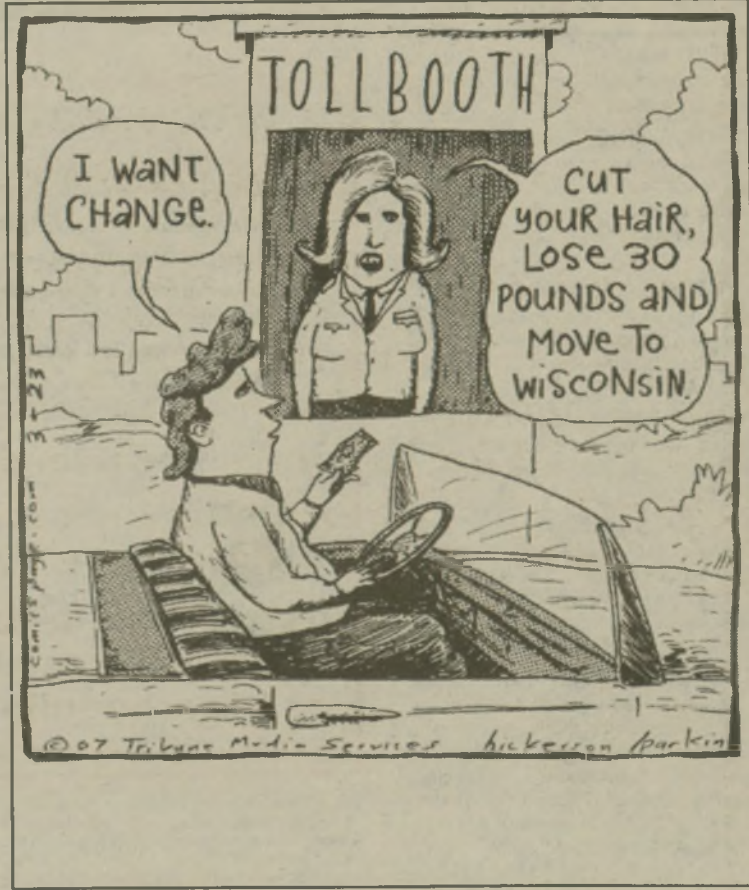
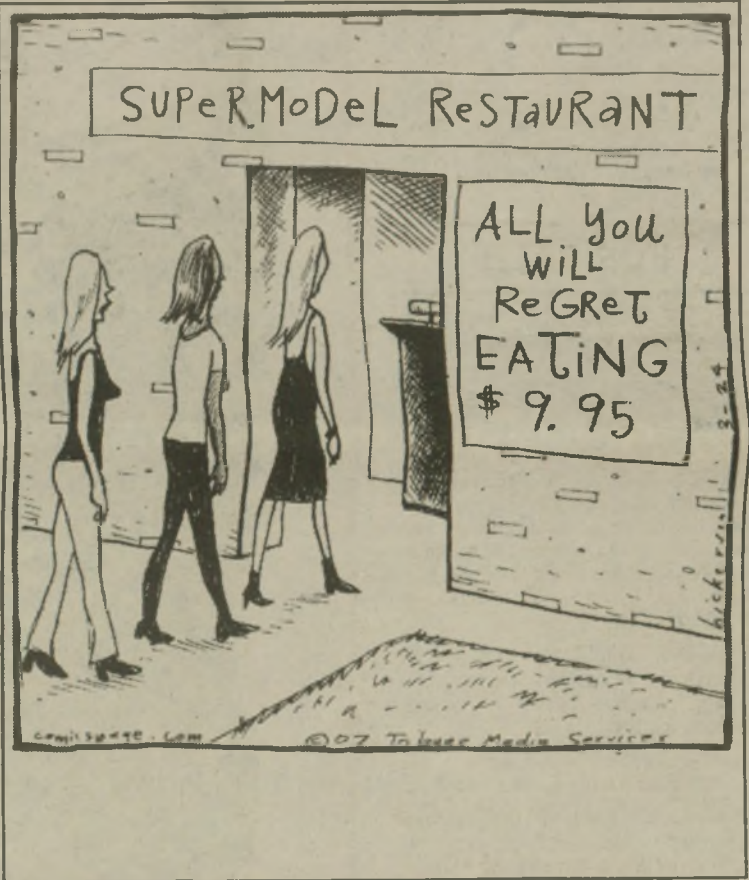
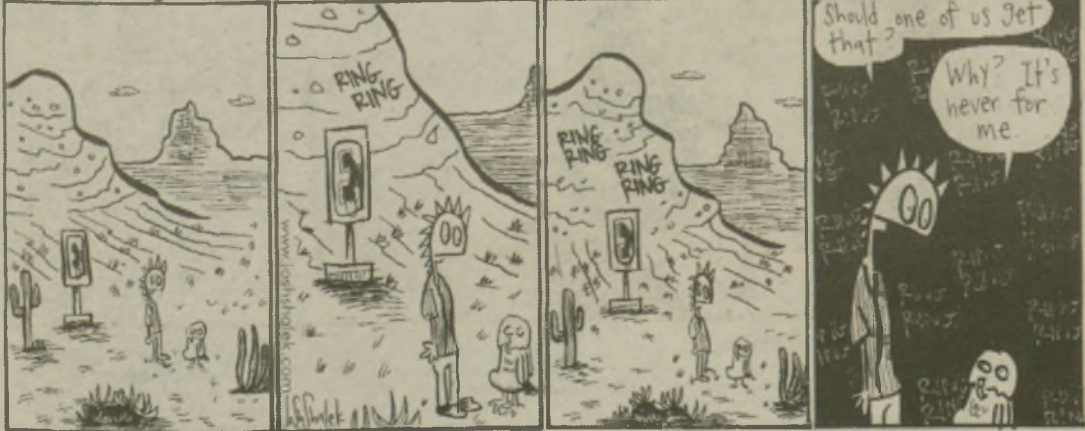


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